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Open Farm Days theme ‘Water, the Lifeblood of every farm’

Patricia Harcourt

With the dry weather this summer creating the conditions for wild-fires in Alberta, and across the country, this year’s 2005 Open Farm Days theme is most appropriate: “Water, the lifeblood of every farm.”

This year, people are invited to “come meet your rural neighbours,” with dates set for Saturday, Aug. 16 and Sunday, Aug. 17.

Alberta Open Farm Days is called a “province-wide open house,” and an “incubator for agri-tourism and rural sustainability,” according to the Farm Days website.

“We bring Albertans together through educational and experiential agriculturally-based activities to learn about where your food comes from,” explains the website for the province-wide event.

This will include some farm-to-table style culinary events held around the province using Alberta farm products.

And these days the emphasis has turned to supporting Alberta food producers with this being Local Food Week to coincide with the upcoming weekend’s Open Farm Days.

Albertans can enjoy rural life throughout the province during this time as farms, ranches, and agri-tourism operators bring people together to participate in educational, agricultural-

based initiatives and learn where their food comes from.

The Alberta government has released information under the brand, “See the farms, taste the flavours,” stating: “Alberta is known around the world for producing premium-quality great tasting food with the highest standards of food safety, animal care, biodiversity and environmental stewardship.”

So everyone is being invited to support Alberta food producers during Local Food Week and participate in Farm Days activities.

Open Farm Days is the perfect time to showcase hard working farmers, ranchers and food processed for this province, Canada and the world.

That could include picking fresh fruits and vegetables at a u-pick farm, buying locally grown products or taking part in activities to learn about where the food we eat comes from. So there are many ways to support local producers and processors this week and beyond.

“This week, Albertans can help celebrate the farmers and entrepreneurs that put safe, high quality food on our plates,” said RJ Sigurdson, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation.

Sigurdson also stressed that the Open Farm Days’ theme (of water being the lifeblood

of every farm is “recognizing the essential role water and irrigation have in our agriculture sector and for the entire province.”

These special events help to continue the growth of agri-tourism. It’s increasing popularity has many travellers seeking authentic experiences such as farm to table dining, culinary adventures and farm stays.

They help support local economies by driving business to local shops, restaurants and nearby attractions.

The province funds local agricultural societies to help them support Alberta Open Farm Days to aide in the growth of agri-tourism and culinary tourism on a local basis and across

the province.

“Alberta’s rural and agri-tourism sectors play a vital role in the continued growth of our economy,” says Andrew Boitchenko, Minister of Tourism and Sport.

“Initiatives like Open Farm Days showcase Alberta’s rich agricultural heritage and invite visitors to discover the unique experiences, innovative farms and

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BEAVER COUNTY



IMPORTANT DATES

August 20

- 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM - Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting
- 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM - Regular Council Meeting



WHATS HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

Book Club

Location: Ross Creek Community Hall, 531041 Rge Rd 191

Rural book club that meets the first Tuesday of each month. Meetings run from 7PM - 8PM, all ages welcome!

Tofield AA - Thursdays, 8 - 9 PM

Basement of Bardo Lutheran Church, 4737 57 Ave, Tofield.

Viking AA - Wednesdays, 8 PM, Zoom option also available.

Golden Valley Lutheran Church, 5327 56 Ave, Viking.

<https://area78aa.org/meetings/147-3>

Submit your event/s, meetings and/or gatherings to the events calendar on the website! Just head to the website, under the Explore menu click on County Region Events Calendar. We have partnered with Go East to share local events on our website!

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

The following Development Applications have been APPROVED (except where otherwise noted) by the Development Authority under the provisions of Land Use Bylaw No. 98-801, subject to the right of appeal to the relevant appeal body - Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) or Land and Property Rights Tribunal (LPRT).

APPEAL DEADLINE	SEPTEMBER 10, 2025
Appeal Body	LPRT
Application No.	020020-24-D0041
Applicant	ANNE KLINGEBIEL
Landowner	DANE BOHUSH
Location	Lot 3, Plan 762 1240 in SW 8-50-20-W4
Development	Discretionary Use – Horse Boarding (Equestrian Facility and Rodeo Arena)

Any person wishing to appeal an application may do so by serving written notice on the prescribed form (stating reasons for the appeal) to the relevant appeal body. For information on how to appeal can be found our our website under **Services > Planning & Development > Appealing Planning Decisions**

Further information regarding the above decisions may be obtained from the County Office, Ryley, Alberta.



CANDIDATE ORIENTATION

Thinking about running for Council? Join us for a **Pre-Election Orientation** designed for anyone considering a run in the 2025 Municipal Election. Learn what it really means to serve your community - from roles and responsibilities to time commitments and decision-making.

17 Choose the date and location that works for you:

- Sept 2 – Viking Seniors Centre**
- Sept 3 – Ryley Community Centre**
- Sept 4 – Tofield Community Hall**

 All sessions run from **6–8 p.m.** | Light refreshments provided

Led by municipal experts Strategic Steps, this session will cover:

- ✓ Council roles & responsibilities
- ✓ Decision-making & governance
- ✓ Service delivery & partnerships
- ✓ Workload, expectations & balance
- ✓ Common challenges and how to avoid them

Those interested from both urban and rural settings are welcome! No registration required!

Get prepared, informed, and inspired to lead.



Music Jam / Open Mic



Admission - \$ 5 per person

Musicians/Participants - No Charge

Come Dance to the Music!

SATURDAY
AUGUST 16, 2 PM

HOLDEN COMMUNITY HALL
4919 - 49 Ave. HOLDEN, AB

For more info:
Dave 780-720-5839
or beaverhillplayers17@gmail.com

Musicians and spectators welcome!

Beaver County | 5120 - 50th Street, Box 140, Ryley AB, T0B 4A0 | 780-663-3730 | beaver.ab.ca

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE FOR THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- TWP RD 490 between HWY 857 and RGE RD 142
- TWP RD 490 between HWY 870 and RGE RD 120

The soil stabilizing for the road base with soil cement is now complete. We will soon be starting the first layer of chip seal and there may be delays as work crews direct traffic in order to work safely. There will be many loose rocks after the chip seal layer is applied and speed limits will be reduced on these roads once opened until the project is complete.

During this construction phase, portions of the road may be closed to allow crews to work safely please use another route, detours will be posted or be cautious when you need to drive through construction zones (local traffic only). Beaver County's goal is to provide a healthy, injury free work environment for all employees, contractors, visitors and general public. Already this year we have had people exceeding the posted speed limit through our construction zones, endangering staff, contractors and the public.

There are potential hazards to the public and vehicles during the construction process. This can include heavy machinery, dust or mud, road material such as gravel, asphalt coatings and rock chips.

We apologize for the inconvenience that road maintenance and upgrading causes, but the same roads that receive the most traffic also need the most maintenance. Thank-you for your patience and understanding during construction. If you have any questions, please call the Beaver County Service Centre at 780-663-3730.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE FOR THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

Over the summer, County construction crews have been working to upgrade the following roads:

- Kingsway Estates
- Beaver Creek Estates North 50514 RGE RD 202
- RGE RD 200 from Secondary HWY 630 to Hoopers Drive and Campground Entrance
- Whispering Hills
- RGE RD 200 between HWY 630 & Blackfoot Grazing Reserve Entrance
- TWP 492 Approximately 1.72kms east of RGE RD 170

These locations will soon begin to receive the second layer of chip seal and there may be delays as work crews' direct traffic to work safely. There will be many loose rocks after the second chip seal layer is applied and speed limits will continue to be reduced on these roads until the final sweep is complete. Beaver County's goal is to provide a healthy, injury free work environment for all employees, contractors, visitors, and general public. There are potential hazards to the public and vehicles during the construction process. This can include heavy machinery, dust or mud, road material such as gravel, asphalt coatings and rock chips.

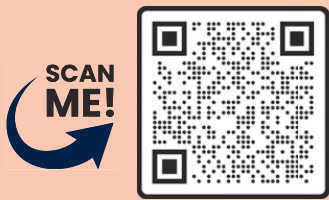
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JOIN OUR TEAM!

We're looking for dynamic, motivated superheroes to join our team! What's your superpower?!

- Administrative Assistant - Corporate Services
- Tradesman - Heavy Duty Mechanic

For more information, and details on how to apply, visit our website > Government > Careers



Municipal Election 2025



Nomination Deadline is September 22, 2025

41 days



Election Day is October 20, 2025

69 days



Mailing list

Get news, meeting highlights, the road construction schedule, the Chronicle, and more - direct to your inbox!

Website

Information on County programs and services can be found on our website, along with the latest news.

Social media

Find us on Facebook, X (Twitter), Instagram, YouTube, and LinkedIn.



2025 COUNTY CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

****ALL DATES ARE APPROXIMATE AND WEATHER DEPENDENT****

START DATE

EST. END DATE

AS OF AUGUST 13

Culvert Maintenance	April 1	Nov 1	
Patching oil roads	May 1	Sep 29	
Hard-Surface Locations Constructed in the following phases: Phase 1 (P1): Cement, Phase 2 (P2): Chip Seal 1st Lift, Phase 3 (P3): Chip Seal 2nd lift, Phase 4 (P4): Final sweep of Chips.			
Kingsway Estates - 501	May 12	May 16	P1, P2
Rge Rd 202 between Twp 502 & 504	May 19	May 30	P1, P2, P3
Beaver Creek Estates North - 50514 Rge Rd 202	Jun 2	Jun 4	P1, P2
Rge Rd 200 from Hwy 630 to campground entrance & Hoopers Dr	Jun 5	Jun 9	P1, P2
Whispering Hills Estates - 51308 Rge Rd 195	Jun 10	Jun 14	P1, P2
Rge Rd 200 from Hwy 630 to Blackfoot Grazing Reserve Entrance	Jun 16	Jun 24	P1, P2
Twp 492 approx. 1.72kms east of Rge Rd 170	Jun 26	Jun 27	P1, P2
Twp 490 between Hwy 857 & Rge Rd 142	Jul 2	Jul 25	P1, P2
Twp 490 between Hwy 870 & Rge Rd 120	Jul 28	Aug 22	P1
Twp Rd 512 from Rge Rd 191 to HWY 834	Aug 25	Sep 3	
Shoulder Pulls (Location TBD)			
Backsloping (location TBD)	Oct 2	Nov 1	
Bridge Replacement (RGE RD 171 from TWP 484 - 490)	Jun 26	Jul 26	
Gravelling	Mar 13	Dec 22	
Dust Control- 1st Application	May 13	May 30	
Dust Control- 2nd Application	Aug 8	Aug 15	
Completed In Progress Scheduled Delayed			

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE: TWP RD 512 FROM RGE RD 191 TO SECONDARY HIGHWAY 834

Over the coming weeks, TWP RD 512 from RGE RD 191 to SEC HWY 834 will undergo a significant road repair to a durable, all-weather hard surface. This improvement includes stabilizing the existing road base with soil cement, followed by the application of two layers of chip seal. Although this process differs from traditional asphalt paving, residents and motorists will enjoy a similar finished surface - dust-free when dry and mud-free when wet. During construction, sections of the road may be temporarily closed to allow crews to work safely. Detours will be clearly marked. Please plan alternate routes where possible or drive cautiously if you must travel through the construction zone (local traffic only). Beaver County is committed to maintaining a safe, injury-free work environment for all staff, contractors, and the public. We kindly remind all drivers to respect posted speed limits in construction areas. Excessive speed poses a serious risk to workers and others in the area. Construction sites can present potential hazards such as heavy equipment, dust, mud, gravel, chip seal materials, and other debris. We urge everyone to stay alert and travel with care. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to improve your roads. These upgrades are essential to maintaining safe and reliable infrastructure in high-traffic areas. For more information, please contact the Beaver County Service Centre at 780-663-3730.

Grain safety important to remember as harvest nears

Patricia Harcourt

The Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA) is again raising awareness about the importance of prioritizing safety when working around grain with the fifth annual BeGrainSafe Week, taking place Aug. 11-17, 2025.

The public safety campaign is part of CASA's BeGrainSafe program, which launched in 2017 in response to increased

grain entrapment fatalities.

The BeGrainSafe program provides prevention education, rescue training for firefighters, and on-site workplace training to heighten awareness about grain hazards.

According to Canadian Agricultural Injury Reporting data, there were 27 fatalities due to asphyxiation from grain or soil on Canadian farms between 2011 and 2020.

"Grain entrapment is a significant safety risk anywhere that grain is stored - and it can happen in the blink of an eye," says Sandra Miller, CASA's Executive Director.

"But while grain entrapments often have devastating outcomes, they are preventable through proactive safety measures.

"That's why the BeGrainSafe program is committed to providing essential grain safety

training and resources to Canadian farming communities in order to highlight the hazards associated with grain and, ultimately, save lives."

Longtime safety champion Corteva Agriscience, a proud supporter of the BeGrainSafe program for several years, is the presenting sponsor of this year's BeGrainSafe Week.

"Safety is a core value at Corteva and we're

proud to partner with CASA to raise awareness about the importance of grain safety in our farm communities," said Lorelee Orr, Vice-President, Canada Commercial for Corteva.

"By supporting local first responders and initiatives like BeGrainSafe, we can help protect those who work in agriculture and ensure they get home safe every day."

In support of BeGrainSafe Week,

CASA has developed various resources, including infographics and safety advice articles, with information on how to be safe around grain.

These resources are available for both the media and the general public to download and share to help spread the message about grain safety.

To access these resources and for more information, visit casa-acsa.ca/BeGrainSafe-Week.

Open Farm Days

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local business that lie outside the province's top tourist destinations."

During Open Farm Days host farms will open their gates to tours, and participants can buy Alberta grown products. Many hosts also organize culinary experiences featuring some of the finest chefs in rural Alberta.

"These farm to table experiences are a unique way to enjoy fresh, homegrown dishes while supporting the livelihoods of local ag operators," the participant is promised.

Blair Lebsack, chef and co-owner of RGE RD and the Butchery states: "A lot of locally grown ingredients really resonate with Albertans and Canadians," he said. "Our wheat and Alberta beef are known around the world, helping to highlight Canadian cuisine.

"I love working with local producers who skillfully cultivate what the land can offer us."

Local Food Week takes place from Aug. 11 to 17 to encourage the buying of local products as a way of supporting our producers.

This year, more than 155 Alberta farms will host Albertans during Open Farm Days.

The province has an ongoing "Buy Local" initiative that encourages

consumers to eat, drink and buy local as a way of showing that support for its agriculture and food industry.

This summer, Albertans can support local producers and processors at more than 150 farmers' markets and meet the people who make, bake or grow food.

In fact, Alberta is Canada's biggest producer of honey, beef, and processed potatoes, and the second biggest producer of wheat and canola. The province is also "a substantial exporter of oats, barley and pork."

More than 1.5 million arable acres are irrigated within Alberta's 11 irrigation districts with an additional 300,000 acres irrigated through individual or private irrigators.

The Open Farm Days water theme is an important one, as the land being irrigated in these 11 districts produces 28 per cent of the provincial agricultural gross domestic product.

And irrigation infrastructure also provides water to processors, intensive livestock operations, 50 towns and villages, wildlife habitat and recreation facilities in southern Alberta.

This brings us to the fact that an estimated 21 million travellers from the U.S and overseas are interested in experiencing agri-tourism in Alberta over the next two years alone (Source: Destination Canada's 2023 Global Traveler Research Program).

Food Trucks All Day and Evening!

Kids Zone! Balloon Art, Games, Petting Zoo and more!



gathering of the clans
HIGHLAND FESTIVAL
2025

Saturday, August 23, 2025
Wild Rose Co-op Recreation Centre
5301 - 51 st., Sedgewick, AB

- 10am Gates Open with Artisan Vendor Village, Old Time Demonstrators, Kids Zone, Food Trucks Clan Tents and Craft Liquor Tasting.

11am Welcome Performance of Battle River Pipes and Drums with Visiting Pipe and Drum Bands

12pm 2 Stages of Music and Dance Entertainment, Heavy Events with Local and Professional Competitors, Scottish Beastie Demonstrations

3:30pm Live Auction of Highland Steer

4pm Closing Mass Band Ceremony

5pm Ceilidh Begins with our Opening Entertainment

7pm Cabot's Crossing Begins

Battle River Pipes and Drums 50/50 Cash Raffle



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