



January 2008

# Clear Hills County

“Clearly an Area of Opportunity”

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*Clear Hills County proudly presents*

*14th Annual Agricultural Trade Show*

**“Clearly a Place to Grow”**



Saturday

April 12, 2008

Dave Shaw Memorial Complex

Hines Creek

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**Exhibitor packages are now available.**

## Council Corner

### A YEAR IN REVIEW—submitted by Reeve Davis

How time flies. Here we're already well into January. The past year in Clear Hills County was busy as usual.

The development of housing lots in Cleardale was completed and several of them are now occupied. We are still in the process of developing our subdivision in Worsley and hope to have some lots available in the fall 2008.

The Clear Creek Fire Commission was created and working well overseeing both Worsley and Hines Creek Fire Departments. Our County donated \$25000.00 towards the "STARS" Heli-pad at the QEII in Grande Prairie with a 3 year commitment of \$25,000.00 per year for the operation of the "STARS" ambulance service.

Our Agriculture Trade Show and Farmers Appreciation evening was well attended as usual in 2007, and will be held April 12, 2008.

Our County continued to fine tune our Municipal Development Plan and it should be completed soon.

We continue to support our many community services and recreation groups with various grants.

A big step forward was the purchase of electronic and video equipment for teleconferencing and electronic meetings. Through inter-municipal co-operation with Hines Creek, we applied for Municipal Sponsorship Program funding to purchase this equipment.

We had our first transfer station completed at the Hines Creek Landfill site.

Various road projects including the Clear Prairie road re-alignment and installation of McLean and Sweeny bridges were undertaken. We also had 27 miles of roadside brushing completed. All the grader beats were tendered out with new 3 and 4 year contracts.

We hosted our County BBQ at George Lake with over 800 people in attendance.

I am pleased to welcome 3 new councilors to Clear Hills Council; Bonnie Bigam, Brian Harcourt, and Charlie Johnson. Also, one new member to the Agriculture Service Board—Ilene Gellings.

I wish each and everyone of you a Happy New Year for 2008.

Frances Davis

## WANTED BY MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup> ARTWORK BY LOCAL ARTISTS

Clear Hills County is once again looking for framed, finished artwork with an Alberta Theme from local residents.

Bring your original paintings to the County office between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. no later than March 7<sup>th</sup>. The paintings will be viewed by Council and a decision made on March 11<sup>th</sup> as to which pieces will be purchased. If required, the art may be picked up March 12 - 14<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions please contact Christine at the County office: (780) 685-3925.



## INVITATION TO TENDER

Clear Hills County has the following tenders available for pick up during regular office hours at the County Office in Worsley:

### LOADER WITH PRINT-OUT SCALE

Tender closes at 12:45 p.m. on Monday, February 11, 2008.

Loading gravel from County stockpiles during the 2008 gravel program.

### BRUSHING

Tenders close at 12:45 p.m. on Friday, February 29, 2008.

**Tender #1: West**

**Tender #2: Central**

**Tender #3: East**

### ANNUAL EQUIPMENT REGISTRY

Contractors wishing to be included in the Clear Hills County Annual Equipment Registry must contact the County Office at (780) 685-3925 to obtain a registration package.

Registration packages must be returned to the County Office in a sealed envelope and clearly marked "Equipment Registry" by 4:30 p.m. on March 31, 2008.

Contractors who miss the opportunity to submit their "Equipment Registry" package by March 31, 2008 will not be eligible to have their equipment hired on short-term hourly projects in 2008.

For equipment purchased after March 31<sup>st</sup>, please contact the office to add it to the registry.

**NEW – Contractors will be required to provide a bid rate for equipment.**

For more information, contact Allan Rowe, Public Works Manager, at (780) 685-3925.

### NOTICE

**EFFECTIVE JANUARY 12, 2008**

The Bear Canyon Landfill will be opened new hours from 10:00 am to 5 pm on Monday.

### Come Join the Team!

Peace Country Health is looking for caring individuals who like working and helping people. We are seeking Personal Care Aides for Worsley and area home care. Please contact Pat Dodd at 835-6158 for information.

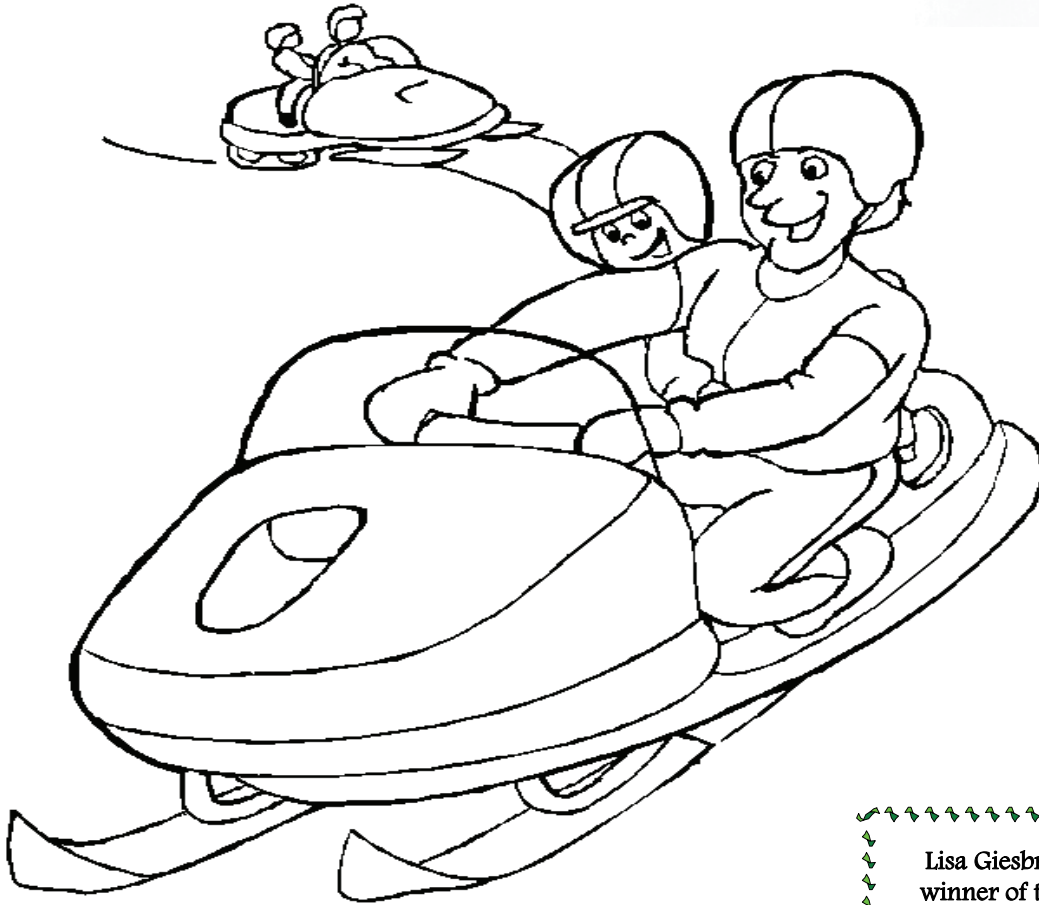
### The Art of Peace Challenge

An arts challenge for the prevention of family violence and bullying....

Let your creativity lead the way...

If you are between the ages of 14 and 20 and have an interest in dance, film/video, music, theatre, writing, visual or multidisciplinary art, take *The Art of Peace Challenge*. Create an artistic work that motivates Albertans to reach out and help people living with family violence or bullying. Enter for a chance to receive fantastic awards and opportunities to showcase your artistic work. Artwork will be accepted from February 1st to 29th, 2008. For entry information, check out [familyviolence.gov.ab.ca](http://familyviolence.gov.ab.ca) or [b-free.ca](http://b-free.ca).

# Snowmobile Safety Week



Lisa Giesbrecht was the  
winner of the December  
Fire Safety Contest.  
Congratulations!!

## Snowmobile Safety Tip:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Category:  Preschool  K-1st grade  2nd-3rd grade  3rd-4th grade  5th grade and above

Can you find the hazards?

Please color the picture and write a snowmobile safety tip at the bottom then mail by January 20, 2008 to:

Clear Hills County Box 240 Worsley, AB T0H 3W0

## Nominations Are Now Open For the Alberta/NWT Region of Canada's Outstanding Young Farmers' Program 2008

Celebrating its 28th year, Canada's Outstanding Young Farmers' Program is an annual competition to recognize farmers that exemplify excellence in their profession and promote the tremendous contribution of agriculture, and rural Canada. Demonstrating leadership in the agricultural industry, nominees are judged according to the following criteria:

- Progress made in their agriculture career
- Environmental and safety practices
- Crop and livestock production history
- Financial and management practices
- Contributions to the well-being of their community, province, nation

Nominations are now open for the 2008 Outstanding Young Farmers Program within the Alberta/NWT Region. Nominees may be an individual, couple or managing partner/shareholder of a farm group. To qualify, the nominee must derive a minimum of two-thirds of their gross income from farming and not have reached the age of 40 as of January 1 in the year of competition.

The Alberta/NWT Regional event for Canada's Outstanding Young Farmers' program will be hosted in conjunction with the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede on July 6-8, 2008. One farmer or farming couple will be selected to represent the Alberta/NWT Region at the National Awards Program to be held in Calgary, AB from November 18- 23, 2008.

Nominate someone you know in Alberta/NWT by calling (780)674-6713. Closing date for nominations is January 31, 2008.

For more information contact:

Sharon Mueller, Alberta/NWT Region Nominations Committee

Phone: (780)674-6713

Fax: (780)674-5959      Regional Website: [www.oyfalberta.com](http://www.oyfalberta.com)      National Website: [www.oyfcanada.com](http://www.oyfcanada.com)

### Increasing Crop Yield with Shelterbelts

If there was a way to improve your crop yields while also protecting your farmyard from harsh winds, would you be interested? If the answer is yes, then the solution is to start planting rows of trees, known as shelterbelts, around your home.

Crop yield increases in fields adjacent to shelterbelts have been reported in many studies. These increases occur because of reduced wind erosion of topsoil and wind damage to crops, improved microclimates and better snow (moisture) retention.

"Studies from Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and North and South Dakota reveal that fields protected by mature shelterbelts develop an average yield increase of three and a half per cent for wheat and up to six and a half per cent for alfalfa," explained Laura Poppy, shelterbelt specialist with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's (AAFCs) Shelterbelt Centre in Indian Head, SK.

"These figures include land taken out of production for shelterbelt planting and the competition of the shelterbelt with the crop, two factors which can partially offset gains in yield," Poppy continued. "Percentage yield increases due to shelterbelts are usually higher in drier regions or in drier years as well. Yield increases can be optimized by the selection of appropriate tree species, good shelterbelt design and maintenance, and the use of responsive crops."

Poppy said that mature shelterbelts should occupy less than five per cent of the total field area. Land requirements can be minimized by selecting tree species with upright, narrow growth, such as green ash. These trees give the most protection relative to the area of land occupied. If sprawling shelterbelts are already present, the overhanging branches can be pruned to limit land occupation.

Competition from tree roots with adjacent crops can be reduced by avoiding tree species with extensive, shallow root systems. Green ash, caragana, pine and Siberian larch are relatively noncompetitive, while poplar is more so. Competition can also be minimized by regularly cutting roots (root pruning) at a distance from the shelterbelt of approximately the height of the tree, to a depth of 60 cm.

"The primary purpose of the shelterbelt must be determined before it is designed," Poppy explained. "Ideally, shelterbelts should trap snow in wide, shallow drifts, reduce soil erosion and create a microclimate that increases crop yield. Very porous shelterbelts are required for even snow trapment, while denser belts are necessary for effective reduction of erosion and to create a better microclimate. Generally, tall, long-lived trees planted in rows perpendicular to prevailing winds and combined with fields that are narrow can be expected to provide the greatest yield increases."

Crops differ in their responsiveness to shelter. Winter wheat, barley, rye, alfalfa and hay are highly responsive to protection, while spring wheat, oats and corn respond to a lesser degree. By combining proper tree species selection, good shelterbelt maintenance and responsive crops, shelterbelts can be expected to improve yields and increase profits. (taken from PFRA website)

Order your trees before March 15<sup>th</sup>. Trees arrive in May. Pick up an application at the County office or go online to ([www.agr.gc.ca/pfra/shelterbelt\\_e.htm](http://www.agr.gc.ca/pfra/shelterbelt_e.htm)) .

# Community Bulletin Board

## Hines Creek Seniors Club

The Hines Creek Seniors Club meet the 1st, 2nd, & 4th Tuesday of the month from 1-4 pm. **Potluck suppers** are held every 3rd Tuesday @ 5:30 pm. Activities include **floor curling, shuffle board, card games, horseshoes, and socializing.** Coffee and lunch are provided.

## Worsley Pioneer Club

The Worsley Pioneer Club is hosting a Seniors Social every Wednesday afternoon from 1-4 pm. Activities include: card games, floor curling and more. Join us for coffee and conversation!

**Screen Test** will be providing screening mammography and education on breast health free of charge. The Screen Test Mobile is coming to:

Fairview Hospital  
January 14, 15, 16 & 17

Screen Test is for women who are over 50 years of age and who:

- Have no breast problems (such as a new lump or bloody nipple discharge);
- Have not had a mammogram within the last 12 months;
- Do not have breast cancer, and;
- Do not have breast implants.

Appointments are required. Please make your appointment by calling: 1-800-667-0604 (toll free)

Now is the time to start thinking of things to do in the coming months. NPCALC is once again offering winter course.

January 19—Dealing With Arthritis  
1—4 pm

Please pre-register before January 17th

Double Entry Accounting  
Excel  
Creative Writing  
Food Safe

Wills and Estate Planning

If you are interested in any of the above courses or have suggestions for others, please contact Margaret Morgan at 685-3793 (after 6 pm)

## Worsley Arena Schedule

### Public Skating

Tues 3:30 pm—5:30 pm  
Sat 6:00 pm—8:00 pm  
Sun 1:00 pm—5:00 pm

### Shinny Hockey 10 years Old & Under

Tues 3:30 pm—5:00 pm

### Men's Drop In Hockey

Sat 8:00 pm—10:00 pm

### Curling Bonspiels

January 11-12, 2008  
January 25-26, 2008  
February 8-9, 2008  
February 17, 2008 Family Spiel

### Skating Rates

Day Rate  
\$3.00 per person  
Annual Fees  
\$20.00 Student  
\$30.00 Adult  
\$50.00 Family (Parents & children under 18)

### Rental Rates

\$40/hr—Family functions & Non Profit Organization Rate  
\$60/hr—Business Rate  
If you would like to rent the arena, please contact Audrey at 685.3921.



## Is Senior's Housing Needed In Our Community?

A community meeting is planned for:  
February 8, 2008  
7:30 pm  
Menno Simons School

Bring your concerns and ideas.

Also looking for committee members.

Representatives from all communities are invited and welcome.

For further information, please contact Dallas at 685-3323.

## 2008 Hines Creek Curling Club Bonspiels

Ladies—January 18, 19 & 20

Farmer's/Merchants—  
February 8, 9 & 10

Men's—February 22, 23 & 24

Resources—March 14, 15 & 16

Closing—March 23, 29 & 30

Bonspiels will be held regardless of number of teams. To enter your team(s) contact Ernie Brauer at 494-3684.

## Winter Wellness for Women

Sponsored by Clear Hills County

Four Monday evening seminars will be presented to celebrate and encourage women's wellness. Each seminar will include:

1. Fitness—gentle stretching, breathing and a 12 minute aerobic portion
2. Learning strategies to increase well-being
3. Art—don't worry, no talent required.
4. Nutritious snack and social time

**Mondays, January 21, 28, February 4, 11  
Worsley Health Centre**

**7:00—9:00 pm (wear comfy clothing)**

All ladies and teen daughters welcome! No charge, however, please register with Joanna at 685-2950

**Gift Bags for participates. Prizes too!**

# Clear Hills County Community Calendar

To have your meeting or event included in the February Calendar, please contact Dallas at the Municipal Office.

## January 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Council Meeting 9:30 a.m. Council Chambers Worsley	9	10	11	12
13 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Pioneer Club Worsley	14	15 Breast Screening clinics January 14, 15, 16, & 17 see page 6	16 Agricultural Service Board Meeting 10:00 a.m. Council Chambers Worsley See bottom of page	17	18	19
20	21	22 Council Meeting 9:30 a.m. Council Chambers Worsley	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Worsley Fire Department Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.	31	January 16 continued Worsley Fire Department Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.	

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Office Hours: 8:00 -4:30 Monday to Friday

**We're on the Web**  
[www.clearhillscounty.ab.ca](http://www.clearhillscounty.ab.ca)

## Ray Coad

Chief Administrative Officer

## Wendy Schmaltz

Corporate Services Manager

## Allan Rowe

Public Works Manager

## Audrey Bjorklund

Community Development Manager

## Public Libraries

*Please contact them directly for library times.*



**Menno Simons Community Library**  
685-2340

**Worsley Central School Community**  
685-3842

**Hines Creek Municipal Library**  
494-3879

**Bear Point Community Library**  
595-3771

## North Peace Regional

### Landfill Hours

Tuesday to Saturday

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Closed Sunday and Monday

Phone: 835-2576

## Church Services

### Worsley Baptist Church

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Services - 11:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday Night Service - 7:30 p.m.

### Worsley United Church

Sunday Service - 11:00 a.m.

### Cleardale Gospel Chapel

Sunday Service - 11:00 a.m.

### Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Catholic Church

Sunday Service 12:00 p.m.

### All Saints Ukrainian Catholic Church

Every second Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

### St. Paul Lutheran Church

2nd & 4th Sunday @ 3:30 p.m.

If you would like your church services listed here, please contact Dallas at the County Office.

## Worsley Health Centre Hours

Clinic will be closed  
January 1st

Treatment Clinic  
(usual hours)  
Monday to Friday  
8:30 am to 12:00 pm

Worsley Immunization Clinic  
January 15th  
9:30 am-3:30 pm

Menno-Simons Community School  
January 8th  
1:00 pm-3:00 pm

Bear Canyon  
January 22nd  
1:00 pm-3:00 pm

Please phone (780)685-3752 before coming to the Health Centre. For 24 hour a day health advice, please call Health Link Alberta at 1-866-408 LINK (5465).

For further information, please contact Shona Burton, Manager, Public Health at (780) 618-3441.

**Have your children immunized at the next clinic.**

Provisional Chartered  
Psychologist  
Mental Health Therapist  
**Bill Prince**

Mr. Prince is available for appointments at the Worsley Health Centre on a weekly basis. If you have questions or to book an appointment, please call 835-6128.

## County Landfill Hours

October 1-April 30

### Clear Prairie

Thursday

1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

### Worsley

Friday

10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

### Eureka River

Wednesday

10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

### Cleardale

Saturday

10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

### Bear Canyon

Monday

10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

### Royce

Thursday

10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

### Whitelaw

Saturday

10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

### David Thompson

Friday

10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

### Hines Creek

Saturday

10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

## Forest Fires 427-FIRE (3473)

### Fire, Ambulance & RCMP 911

#### Fire Trailer Locations

#### Bear Canyon

Bear Canyon Water Plant  
NW 22 83 12 W6M

#### Cleardale

Cleardale Water Plant  
SW 11 85 10 W6M 685-3670

#### Clear Prairie

Jim Evans  
SW 34 87 10 W6M 685-2610

#### Deerhill

Ken Knoepfli  
NW 9 84 2 W6M 596-2259

#### Eureka River

Lee Franklin  
NE 24 86 6 W6M 685-2552

#### Royce

Melvin Worobetz  
SE 16 83 6 W6M 494-3420

#### Whitelaw

Bill Wald  
SW 28 83 1 W6M 596-2121

#### Montagneuse Valley

Percy Stephenson yard  
SE 36 85 5 W6M Jim 494-2458