



JULY 2025 NEWSLETTER

# CLEAR HILLS COUNTY

A Place to Live, Work, and Grow

## VEGGIE GROWING CONTEST RETURNS!

Plant now, grow big, and join the fun this fall!

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## THINKING ABOUT RUNNING FOR COUNCIL?

The 2025 Municipal Election is NOW OPEN

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# CLEAR HILLS COUNTY BBQ

Thursday, July 24, 2025

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### County Office Information Office Hours

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
and  
1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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# WHAT'S INSIDE

## Dear Residents,

Welcome to the July 2025 edition of the Clear Hills County Newsletter. Inside, you'll find important updates, key dates, grant opportunities, and upcoming community events. We look forward to seeing many of you at our annual County BBQ and encourage everyone to participate in this year's growing contest!

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## Sudoku

The goal is to fill all empty cells with digits from 1 to 9, ensuring that each digit appears only once in every row, column, and 3x3 subgrid.

# ATTENTION

## IMPORTANT NOTICE!

### **Clear Hills County Newsletter Distribution Update**

Clear Hills County is exploring alternate ways to distribute our monthly newsletter to improve overall efficiency and service to residents. In the past, a printed copy of the newsletter was mailed to every household. Going forward, we are asking residents to sign up if they wish to continue receiving the newsletter, either by Canada Post or by email. The newsletter will continue to be available online at [www.clearhillscounty.ab.ca](http://www.clearhillscounty.ab.ca).

#### **TO SIGN UP**

to receive the newsletter, please contact:  
Bonnie Morgan Phone: **780-685-3925 ext. 120**  
**Email: [bonnie@clearhillscounty.ab.ca](mailto:bonnie@clearhillscounty.ab.ca)**

An online sign-up form is also available on our website see link below!  
**<https://www.clearhillscounty.ab.ca/livehere/newsletter>**



# Clear Hills County Council

## Clear Hills County Meetings

- Council meetings are held on the second and the forth Tuesday of each month at 9:30am at the Clear Hills County office.
- Policy and Priority Committee (Council as a whole) meetings are held as required.
- Municipal Planning Commission meeting's are scheduled in the second and forth Tuesday of each month, as required.
- Agriculture Service Board meetings are held on the third Tuesday of most months

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Want to book a delegation with Council?  
Contact Bonnie at 780-685-3925 ext: 120  
or email [bonnie@clearhillscounty.ab.ca](mailto:bonnie@clearhillscounty.ab.ca)

**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CLEAR HILLS COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025**

PRESENT	Amber Bean David Janzen Jason Ruecker Danae Walmsley	Reeve Deputy Reeve Councillor Councillor
ATTENDING	Allan Rowe Bonnie Morgan	Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Executive Assistant (EA)
ABSENT	Susan Hansen Abe Giesbrecht	Councillor Councillor
CALL TO ORDER	Reeve Bean called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.	
<u>ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA</u> C312-25(6-10-25)	<b>RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen to adopt the agenda governing the June 10, 2025 Regular Council Meeting, with the addition of 7.a.6. Range Road 43, and table 7.b.2 Hines Creek Funding Request. CARRIED.</b>	
<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u> Previous Council Meeting Minutes  C313-25(6-10-25)	<b>RESOLUTION by Councillor Ruecker to adopt the minutes of the May 27, 2025, Regular Council Meeting, as amended. CARRIED.</b>	
<u>DELEGATIONS:</u> Cleardale Library	Cleardale Library was in attendance to report on the previous year.  Cleardale Library was not able to attend.	
<u>NEW BUISNESS:</u> <u>COUNCIL</u> Management Team Activity Report  C314-25(6-10-25)	Management activity report was reviewed.  <b>RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen that the management activity report for May 27, 2025, be accepted, as presented. CARRIED.</b>	
Councillor Reports	Council submits the meetings attended in the previous month and a report, if applicable.	
C315-25(6-10-25)	<b>RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen to receive the Councillor Reports for information, as presented. CARRIED.</b>	
Charter Schools/ Trades Training Invoice & Report	Council is presented with information regarding Charter Schools in Alberta as well as the PRSD Trades Training invoice & Report.	

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025

C316-25(6-10-25)	<b>RESOLUTION by Councillor Ruecker that Council approves the 2025 funding request and authorize the release of \$70,000.00, as budgeted under Motion C408-24(7-23-24), to the Peace River School Division in support of the Trades Training Programs at Worsley, Menno Simons, and Hines Creek Schools, as previously committed and presented.</b> <b>CARRIED.</b>
Muni 101 Training	<p>Council is presented with information regarding the Muni 101 Training course being offered in Grande Prairie, Alberta on Saturday, November 1, 2025.</p> <p>Reeve Bean recessed the meeting at 10:29 a.m. Reeve Bean reconvened the meeting at 10:36 a.m.</p> <p>No action at this time.</p>
Advocacy Letters	Council is presented with the requested advocacy letters addressed to ministers.
C317-25(6-10-25)	<b>RESOLUTION by Councillor Walmsley that Council approves the advocacy letters addressed to the Ministers, as amended, and that Northern Transportation Advocacy Bureau and Peace Regional Economic Development Alliance be included in the cc list.</b> <b>CARRIED.</b>
Range Road 43	Council requested a discussion regarding Range Road 43.
C318-25(6-10-25)	<b>RESOLUTION by Reeve Bean to table and bring back more information on the maintenance history of Range Road 43 to a future meeting.</b> <b>CARRIED.</b>
<u>CORPORATE SERVICES</u> Accounts Payable May 15, 2025 to June 10, 2025	<p>A list of expenditures for Clear Hills County for the period of May 15, 2025 to June 10, 2025 is provided for Council's review.</p>
C319-25(6-10-25)	<b>RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen that Council receives for information the Accounts Payable report for Clear Hills County for the period of May 28, 2025, to June 10, 2025, for a total of \$803,015.91, with funds to be transferred from Long Term Investments.</b> <b>CARRIED.</b>
C320-25(6-10-25)	<b>RESOLUTION by Reeve Bean that Council approves the transfer of \$776,334.66 from Long Term Investments for the second quarter Alberta School Foundation Fund Requisition payment.</b> <b>CARRIED.</b>

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
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2024 Surplus  
Reallocation

The amount of \$4,311,725 was transferred to our Rate Stabilization Reserve at year end. This is the amount of the 2024 surplus which now needs to be reallocated to the appropriate reserve account(s).

**C321-25(6-10-25)**

**RESOLUTION by Reeve Bean that Council approves the amount of \$53,266.00, remain in the Rate Stabilization Reserve to cover expenditures made in 2024, \$2,000,000 be transferred to the Fire Reserve, \$1,000,000 be transferred to the Bridges Reserve and \$1,000,000.00 be transferred to the Road Construction & Upgrades Reserve and remaining \$258,459.00 be transferred to the Recreation Reserve. CARRIED.**

Sponsorship Request  
Fairview Agricultural  
Society

The Fairview Agricultural Society has submitted a sponsorship request to assist with the RCMP Musical Ride that is taking place on August 26, 2025.

**C322-25(6-10-25)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Walmsley to approve sponsorship in the amount of \$250.00 to the Fairview Agricultural Society to assist with the RCMP Musical Ride expenses. CARRIED.**

Worsley & District  
Library Update

Council is presented with a report from the Worsley & District Library.

**C323-25(6-10-25)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Ruecker to receive the report from the Worsley & District Library for information, as presented. CARRIED.**

COMMUNITY  
SERVICES  
2025 Trade Show  
Analysis

Council is presented with the 2025 Trade Show Analysis for review.

Councillor Ruecker left the meeting at 11:03 a.m.  
Councillor Ruecker entered the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

**C324-25(6-10-25)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Walmsley to accept the 2025 Trade Show Analysis review, as presented. CARRIED.**

Clear Hills County  
Agricultural Service  
Board

The Clear Hills County Agricultural Service Board was in attendance to give Council a report of 2024.

**C325-25(6-10-25)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Walmsley to receive the Clear Hills County Agricultural Service Board delegation and 2024 report for information, as presented. CARRIED.**

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TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025

Bylaw No. 285-24  
Fire Ban

Council is presented with Bylaw No. 285-24 Fire Ban.

no action taken

Reeve Bean recessed the meeting at 11:58 a.m.  
Reeve Bean reconvened the meeting at 12:34 p.m.

County BBQ

Council is presented with a discussion regarding the Clear Hills County 20th Annual Community BBQ that will be held at the Clear River Rodeo Grounds on July 24, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**C326-25(6-10-25)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Ruecker to accept the discussion regarding the Clear Hills County 20th Annual Community BBQ.**  
**CARRIED.**

Purchase of a Water  
Truck

Council is presented with information regarding the purchase of a 1997 Freightliner water truck to be used during fire-related call outs.

**C327-25(6-10-25)**

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen to proceed with the purchase of a 1997 Freightliner water truck, for the price of up to \$65,000.00, funds to be allocated from the Rate Stabilization.**  
**CARRIED.**

PUBLIC WORKS

No Items

WRITTEN REPORTS

Chief Administrative  
Officer's Report

Chief Administrative Officers Report

**C328-25(6-10-25)**

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen to receive the Chief Administrative Officers report for information, as presented.**  
**CARRIED.**

Corporate Services  
Manager's Report

nothing to report

Public Works  
Manager's Report

Public Works Manager's Report

**C329-25(6-10-25)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Walmsley to receive the Public Works Manager's report for information, as presented.**  
**CARRIED.**

COUNCIL  
INFORMATION

Information for Councils review.

**C330-25(6-10-25)**

**RESOLUTION by Reeve Bean to receive the Council information for information, as presented.**  
**CARRIED.**

CALENDARS

Council is presented with a calendar of upcoming meetings. This will aid administration in maintaining records and serve as a reminder for upcoming meetings for both the Council and administration.

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C331-25(6-10-25)

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen to accept for information June, July and August 2025 calendar updates of Councillor meetings for information, as presented. CARRIED.**

Date	Meeting	Attendee
July 14	NPRL	Ruecker
June 24	CRAA	Bean
July 7	NWSAR	Bean, Walmsley
July 26	PLS Exec	Bean
July 2	NPHF	Walmsley

Reeve Bean recessed the meeting at 1:34 p.m.  
Reeve Bean reconvened the meeting at 1:39 p.m.

CLOSED:

C332-25(6-10-25)

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Walmsley that Council closes the meeting to the public as per Section 27, of FOIP at 1:39 p.m. CARRIED.**

C333-25(6-10-25)

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen that Council opens the meeting to the public as per Section 27, of FOIP at 2:22 p.m. CARRIED.**

ADJOURNMENT

Reeve Bean adjourned the June 10, 2025 Regular Council Meeting at 2:23 p.m.

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY  
POLICY & PRIORITY MEETING  
CLEAR HILLS COUNTY COUNCIL ROOM  
TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2025**

PRESENT	Amber Bean David Janzen Susan Hansen Jason Ruecker Danae Walmsley	Reeve Deputy Reeve Councillor Councillor Councillor
ATTENDING	Allan Rowe Bonnie Morgan Lori Jobson	Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Executive Assistant (EA) Corporate Services Manager (CSM)
ABSENT	Abe Giesbrecht	Councillor
CALL TO ORDER	Reeve Bean called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.	
<u>ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA</u> P334-25(06-17-25)	<b>RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen to adopt the agenda governing the June 17, 2025 Policy &amp; Priority Meeting, as presented. CARRIED.</b>	
Newsletter Update	Council is provided with an update on the Clear Hills County newsletter.	
P335-25(06-17-25)	<b>RESOLUTION by Councillor Hansen to receive the discussion regarding the Newsletter for information. CARRIED.</b>	
Incinerators	Council requested a discussion regarding incinerators be added to today's meeting.	
P336-25(06-17-25)	<b>RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen to have administration look into arranging a tour for Council to the St. Isidore Peace Regional Waste Management Company and Long Lake Landfill. CARRIED.</b>	
	Reeve Bean recessed the meeting at 9:56 a.m. Reeve Bean reconvened the meeting at 9:58 a.m.	
DELEGATION: In Camera	one labour item was discussed	
P337-25(06-17-25)	<b>RESOLUTION by Reeve Bean that Council closes the meeting to the public as per Section 27, of FOIP at 9:59 a.m. CARRIED.</b>	
P338-25(06-17-25)	<b>RESOLUTION by Councillor Ruecker that Council opens the meeting to the public as per Section 27, of FOIP at 12:24 p.m. CARRIED.</b>	
	Reeve Bean recessed the meeting at 12:26 p.m. Reeve Bean reconvened the meeting at 12:49 p.m.	

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Village of Hines Creek Funding Request	Council requested the request for funding from the Village of Hines Creek be added to the meeting.
<b>P339-25(06-17-25)</b>	<b>RESOLUTION by Councillor Hansen to recommend Council approve a 2-year commitment of \$300,000.00 for 2026, and 2027, to the Village of Hines Creek to assist with operating expenses.</b> <b>CARRIED.</b>
<b>P340-25(06-17-25)</b>	<b>RESOLUTION by Reeve Bean to recommend Council approve a Conditional Grant to the Village of Hines Creek, to be used toward a 25% tax rebate incentive applicable to the Commercial Assessment Code (CN) for the Municipal portion of the Village of Hines Creek property taxes in 2025, with funds to be allocated from the Rate Stabilization Reserve.</b> <b>CARRIED.</b>
Highway 64 Alignment	Council is presented with information regarding the Highway 64 Realignment in the Clear River Valley.
<b>P341-25(06-17-25)</b>	<b>RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen to recommend Council approve the proposed plan from Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors on the Highway 64 Alignment of the Clear River Valley, as presented.</b> <b>CARRIED.</b>
Policy 7001 Operational Grant for Recreation Boards	Council is presented information on Policy 7001 Operational Grant for Recreation Boards.
<b>P342-25(06-17-25)</b>	<b>RESOLUTION by Reeve Bean to bring back the discussion regarding Policy 7001 Operational Grant for Recreation Boards to a future Policy &amp; Priority meeting.</b> <b>CARRIED.</b>
Policy 7011 Community Support Services Grant	Council is presented with information on Policy 7011 Community Support Services.
<b>P343-25(06-17-25)</b>	<b>RESOLUTION by Councillor Ruecker to bring back Policy 7011 Community Support Services Grant to a Regular Council meeting with amendments for allowances.</b> <b>CARRIED.</b>
Return for Service Grant	Council requested a draft policy for a Return to Service Grant to review.
<b>P344-25(06-17-25)</b>	<b>RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen to recommend Council approve the Return to Service Grant for Health Care and bring back to a future Regular Council Meeting.</b> <b>CARRIED.</b>

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POLICY & PRIORITY MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2025

ADJOURNMENT

Reeve Bean adjourned the May 6, 2025 Policy & Priority Meeting at 2:04 p.m.

DATE

REEVE

DATE

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



**FIRE BAN  
IN EFFECT  
CLEAR HILLS COUNTY**



**PROHIBITED:**

- All open burning (e.g., burn barrels, brush piles, debris)
  - Fireworks and exploding targets
- Fires outside of designated fire pits or approved devices
  - Fires using charcoal briquettes
    - Turkey fryers
    - Tiki torches

**ALLOWED:**

- Small, supervised wood campfires (must be contained within designated fire pits)
  - Only in designated campgrounds, day-use areas, or on private land
  - Must follow Safe Wood Campfire rules
    - Portable propane fire pits
- Gas or propane stoves and barbeques designed for cooking or heating

Burning, or otherwise failing to follow the conditions set out in this Fire Ban Order, will result in fines as well as **All** costs of managing, controlling, or extinguishing the fire incurred by the County shall be charged back to the landowner.

This order is issued under the Clear Hills County Council Bylaw No. 285-24.





# Thinking About Running for Council?

## Now's Your Chance to Get Involved – Nomination Period is OPEN

The Nomination Period for the 2025 Municipal Election is NOW OPEN and runs until noon on September 22, 2025!

If you're passionate about making a difference in Clear Hills County, this is your opportunity to step up and represent your community.

Important to Know: For all the details and to find out how to book your appointment, visit <https://www.clearhillscounty.ab.ca/government/elections>.

Take the first step today and shape the future of Clear Hills County! Contact Bonnie Morgan for more information @ 780-685-3925 Ext:120

### Why Run for Council?

- Make a positive impact on local issues.
- Help guide county planning and services.
- Represent your neighbors and local priorities.
- Be part of shaping Clear Hills County's future.

*"The future depends on what you do today."*  
— Mahatma Gandhi



# Northwestern Alberta Foundation Grants & Awards

## Reimagining Community Together

The Northwestern Alberta Foundation (NAF) supports local students, charitable organizations, and community projects that make a lasting impact across our region. Through the generosity of donors, NAF invests in building vibrant, resilient communities throughout Northwestern Alberta.

### Student Awards – Apply Now

Are you a post-secondary student needing help with tuition, textbooks, or other expenses? The NAF Student Award Portal is now open. These awards are here to help you focus on your education—not your budget.

**Deadline to Apply: August 15, 2025**

Apply online: [grantinterface.ca/Home/Logon?urlkey=cfnwascholar](https://grantinterface.ca/Home/Logon?urlkey=cfnwascholar)

### Community Grants – Supporting Local Projects

NAF also offers annual grants for charitable projects that improve quality of life in our region. In 2024, the Foundation invested over \$1 million into initiatives that matter—thanks to contributions from donors through endowed and flow-through funds.

**Applications Open: May 12, 2025**

**Deadline: September 25, 2025, at 11:59 p.m.**

To learn more about eligibility or how to apply, visit the Northwestern Alberta Foundation website and click “More Info” on the granting portal.

From helping students reach their goals to funding meaningful community work, the Northwestern Alberta Foundation is making a real difference across the region.



# Public Works Programs & Services

## **Driveway Snow Removal**

Clear Hills County provides Driveway Snow Removal to:

- Senior Citizens: Must provide one item for proof of age, i.e., birth certificate, driver's license or other document which includes date of birth.
- Special Needs: must be in possession and provide proof of a current Provincial Handicap Sticker.
- Full Time Bus Drivers: Must provide proof of full-time employment, annually letter from employer.

## **Regional Water Line Tie-In**

Clear Hills County has a Regional waterline that transfers water from the Hamlet of Worsley Water Treatment Plant to the Hamlet of Cleardale Water Distribution Facility. Clear Hills County is committed to allowing residents to connect to the Regional potable Water Line for potable residential water supply.

- Clear Hills County will install the Waterline tie-in and the curb stop valve to the edge of the County Right of Way or the entry point to private land.
- The County will contribute a maximum of \$2000.00 (two thousand dollars) towards the installation of each approved Regional waterline tie-in and curb stop valve installation.
- Water Rates and Meters prices are set out as in current Bylaw: Water Works Distribution and Waste Water Collection System bylaw

***For more information on this contact 780-685-3925***

## **Annual Equipment Registry**

The intent of the equipment registry is to obtain an annual working list of available equipment and attachments to perform work on short-term projects.

Annually the County will advertise for contractors wishing to be included in the 'Annual Equipment Registry.' The packages are to be returned to the County office on the first Friday the office is open for business, after the New Year.

Any trucks wishing to be on the list for hauling gravel must submit their truck information with the 'Annual Equipment Registry' by the deadline.

## SENIORS SUMMER DRIVEWAY GRADING

Clear Hills County offers to grade driveways for senior citizens and/or surviving spouse, as county operations permit, at no charge once per summer season.

Once signed up, you must contact the county to request the service. To qualify you must be 65 years of age or older. sign a waiver and provide proof of age. For more information or to request a form, call the clear hills county office at 780-685-3928 ext. 108

## Fire Permits

Fire permits are required for all burning activities, except campfire, in the Forest Protection Area of Alberta during wildfire season, from March 1 to October 31.

To get your FREE fire permit please call the Peace River Forest Area Office at 780-624-6190 or go to <https://www.alberta.ca/get-a-fire-permit> and request a permit.

To know which area you are planning to burn is, you can call the county office at 780-685-3925.

When burning in the Non-Permit area, please call the County office with the location, date, and contact information related to the burn so that a Burn Notice can be sent out informing correct people of the burn



## NOTICE OF INSPECTIONS.

Notice is hereby given that under the provision of the Municipal Government Act, Reliance Assessment Consultants Ltd. will be in Clear Hills County performing inspections for the period of **June 30, 2025 to July 6, 2025.**

-Allan Rowe, Chief Administrative Officer

## NOTICE: 2025 Property Tax Notices

Clear Hills County Property Tax Notices have been mailed or emailed to all landowners on May 8, 2025.

**The deadline to pay property taxes is July 17, 2025.**

If you have not received your notice by mail or email (if subscribed), please contact the County office at 780-685-3925.

## REPORT A WILDFIRE

Calling 310-FIRE (3473) is quick and easy and is available toll free, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



# THE ENVIRONMENTAL FARM PLAN (EFP)

**WHAT IS AN EFP?** The Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) is a free, voluntary, whole farm, self-assessment tool that helps producers identify their environmental risks and develop plans to mitigate identified risks.

**WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS TO COMPLETING AN EFP?** Maintaining a healthy environment is essential to the success of Alberta's agricultural producers. The Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) program helps you identify and address environmental risks\* in your operation. It will also increase your understanding of legal requirements related to environmental issues. \*The risks are environmental but many relate to personal health (e.g. wells) .

**WHEN/WHY AM I REQUIRED TO DO AN EFP?** An EFP is a prerequisite for certain Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (SCAP) grants. It may also be a requirement if you wish to sell to some purchasers who have decided to use EFP as a sustainable sourcing tool.

**IS AEFP RUN BY THE GOVERNMENT?** No, EFP is run by the non-profit organization, Agricultural Research & Extension Council of Alberta (ARECA). The program is grant-funded by the provincial government.

**HOW DO I START?** You can register to start an EFP by filling out this form: <https://webbook.albertaeefp.com/register/>

**DO I COMPLETE AN EFP FOR THE LAND I RENT OR OWN?** The EFP is a whole-farm assessment, so it should include all land that you manage. It should include both owned and rented land.



## Various campgrounds throughout Clear Hills County

### Many Islands

40 Sites \$30.00/night

Open May 15 – October 15

[manyislandscampground@gmail.com](mailto:manyislandscampground@gmail.com)

Located off Highway 64, 24km Southeast of Worsley.

Shelter, stage, group area, non-potable water, boat launch (on the Peace River), fishing, RV Sani Station, playground, hiking trails and horseshoes.



### Clear River Campground

8 Sites \$20.00/night

780-834-7844

[cleardaleag@live.com](mailto:cleardaleag@live.com)

Located off Highway 64, 20km East of the Alberta and British Columbia border.

Shelter, two group areas, and non-potable water.



### Carter's Camp

20 Sites \$20.00/night

780-835-0731 or 780-835-8565

Located off Highway 685, 25km West of Hines Creek.

Shelter, non-potable water, boat launch (on the Peace River), fishing, RV Sani Station, hiking trails and playground.

Hunting Rate: \$50.00/night + Boat Launch Fee of \$20.00/day



### Running Lake

22 Sites \$20.00/night

780-685-3925

[info@clearhillscounty.ab.ca](mailto:info@clearhillscounty.ab.ca)

Operated by Clear Hills County

30km Northeast of Worsley.

Boat launch, fishing, shelter, swimming, playground, and hiking trails.



### George Lake

35 Sites \$30.00/night

780-494-3684

Located off Highway 64, 4.5km East of Hines Creek.

Stage, boat launch, horseshoes, swimming, power sites, hiking trails, shower facilities, and playground. Home of the Annually George Lake Music Festival.



### Stoney Lake

15 Sites \$20.00/night

780-685-3925

[info@clearhillscounty.ab.ca](mailto:info@clearhillscounty.ab.ca)

Operated by Clear Hills County

34 km Northeast of Hines Creek.

Boat launch, fishing, swimming, playground, and hiking trails.



## Ole's Lake

18 Sites \$15.00/night  
780-595-2155

Located off Highway 64, 9 km East of the Alberta and British Columbia border.

Boat launch, playground, fishing, swimming, and hiking trails.

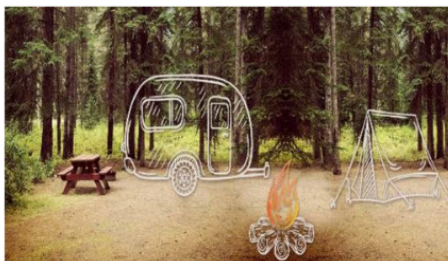


## Sulphur Lake

11 Sites \$15.00/night  
780-685-3925

info@clearhillscounty.ab.ca  
Operated by Clear Hills County

74km Northeast of Hines Creek.  
Boat launch, fishing, playground, and hiking trails.



## Burnt Lee Park

Located South of Highway 685 on Highway 735.

Picnic shelter, horseshoe pits and playing field.

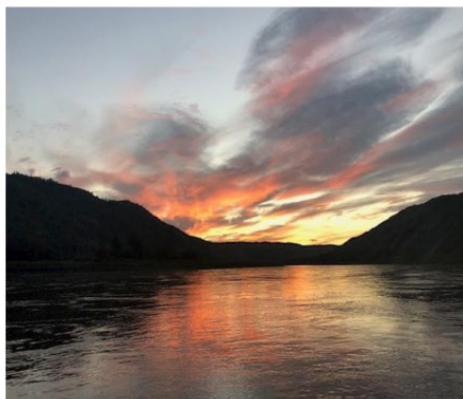


## Cleardale Golf Course

7 Sites \$20.00/night  
780-834-7844

[cleardaleag@live.com](mailto:cleardaleag@live.com)

Located off Highway 64, 20km East of Cleardale.



## Cleardale Campground

11 Serviced Sites \$30.00/night  
7 Un-serviced \$20.00/night  
780-834-7844

[cleardaleag@live.com](mailto:cleardaleag@live.com)

Located off Highway 64, ## km East of Cleardale.

Kitchen shack, stage, group area, playground, and volleyball area.



## Worsley Heritage Park

7 Sites \$25.00/night  
780-835-8336

Located in Worsley.

Power sites, playground, and RV Sani Station.



# Campfire Safety

## Enjoy the Outdoors Responsibly

Campfires are a great part of camping, but they must be handled responsibly. Whether you're in a campground or the backcountry, following basic fire safety can help prevent wildfires.

### Choosing a Safe Site

Use designated fire pits, stoves, or rings in campgrounds. If you're outside of one:

- Choose a site clear of dry grass, bushes, leaves, branches, and peat moss
- Avoid areas with overhanging branches
- Use an existing site if available
- Pick level ground, sheltered from wind
- Have water nearby (or a large container if you're far from a water source)

### Preparing Your Campfire

Have these essentials ready:

- A shovel or spade
- An axe or hatchet
- Enough water to fully put out the fire

If there's no fire ring:

- Clear a 1-metre area
- Dig down to mineral soil
- Remove all flammable material around the fire zone

#### SAFE CAMPFIRES



### Putting Your Campfire Out

*Soak it. Stir it. Soak it again.*

- Let the fire burn to embers
- Spread them out, then soak with water or dirt and stir
- Repeat until there's no smoke, steam, or heat
- The fire is out only when it's cool to the touch

Never bury a campfire—it can smoulder and reignite later.

Help protect our forests. Stay safe, stay smart, and always fully extinguish your fire.



# CLEAR HILLS COUNTY BBQ

**THURSDAY**

5:30 P.M. TO  
8:00 P.M.

**24**

**JULY**

2025

**CLEAR RIVER RODEO GROUNDS**

EVERYONE WELCOME  
FIRE FIGHTER YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS, LOONIE  
PIT FOR KIDS AND MORE!

# Navigate Your Adventure Along Peace River

Explore the Peace River with confidence using the Peace River Boat Guide—a full-color, waterproof, and tear-proof publication packed with everything you need to plan the perfect outing. Whether you're boating, paddling, or simply enjoying the views, this guide is your essential tool for discovering northern Alberta's natural beauty.

## What's Inside the Guide?

- Scenic points of interest
- Historical landmarks
- Wildlife spotting locations
- Boat launch sites and travel tips
- Interactive itinerary planning ideas
- Insider recommendations from locals

Perfect for outdoor lovers, families, and anyone looking to explore the Peace Region.

## Get Yours Today

Now available at the Clear Hills County office for just \$30. Call 780-685-3925 or visit in person to pick up your copy.



Clear Hills County has a variety of agricultural equipment and other items available for rent.

Advance booking is required.

Rental deposit is due at the time of pickup and must be paid before the item can be transported.

A return day and time **must** be arranged prior to the return rental items. Failure to do so may result in delay in drop off or may cause the renter to have to take the item back home.

Payment of the rental fee is due when item(s) are returned.

## Rental Equipment

EQUIPMENT	DEPOSIT	AG RATE	COMMERCIAL RATE	COMMUNITY RATE
<b>BBQ Trailer</b>	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$100.00	No Charge 2 days
<b>Chem Wipe Applicators</b>				
<b>Quad Mount</b>	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 days
<b>Hand Held</b>	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 days
<b>Roller Applicator</b>	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 days
<b>Rotowiper</b>	\$150.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 days
<b>Community Centre</b>	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	No Charge 2 days
<b>Corral Panels</b>	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	No Charge 2 days
<b>Eco Bran Applicator</b>	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 days
<b>Extra Hose</b>	\$50.00 (if rented by itself)	\$1.00	\$5.00	\$1.00
<b>Grain Bag Extractor</b>	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$700.00	No Charge 2 days
<b>Grain Bag Roller</b>	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge
<b>Grain Bagger</b>	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$700.00	No Charge 2 days
<b>Grain Vac</b>	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$400.00	No Charge 2 days
<b>Grills</b>	\$50.00	\$5.00	\$25.00	No Charge 2 days
<b>Land Leveller</b>	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$300.00	No Charge 2 days
<b>Loading Chute</b>	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	No Charge 2 days
<b>Manure Spreader</b>	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$400.00	No Charge 2 days
<b>Mulch Applicator</b>	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge
<b>Post Pounder</b>	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$300.00	No Charge for 2 days
<b>Roller Mill</b>	\$50.00	\$20.00	\$40.00	No Charge 2 days
<b>Scales</b>				
<b>Bale Spear</b>	\$100.00	\$30.00	\$150.00	No Charge 2 days
<b>Scare Cannon</b>	\$50.00	No Charge	\$50.00	No Charge
<b>Signs</b>	\$60.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge
<b>Sprayers</b>				
<b>Backpack</b>	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge
<b>Quad Mounted</b>	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 days
<b>Quad Pull Type</b>	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 days
<b>Skidmount</b>	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 days
<b>Truck Mount</b>	\$200.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 days
<b>Steam Table</b>	\$50.00	\$5.00	\$25.00	No Charge 2 days
<b>Tables &amp; Chairs</b>	\$50.00	\$1.00/table & \$.50/Chair	\$1.00/table & \$.50/Chair	No Charge 2 days
<b>Toilets</b>	\$100.00	\$40.00	\$100.00	No Charge 2 days
<b>Wash Station</b>	\$50.00	\$10.00	\$25.00	No Charge 2 days
<b>Water Pumps</b>				
<b>Summer (APR-SEPT)</b>	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$300.00	No Charge 2 days
<b>Winter (OCT-MAR)</b>	\$1,000.00	\$200.00	\$500.00	No Charge 2 days
<b>Wire Roller</b>	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	No Charge 2 days

Round Plastic Tables: 12  
 Rectangle Plastic Tables: 22  
 Wooden Rectangular Tables: 31  
 Folding Chairs: 150

For more information on these programs contact Greg at 780-685-3925 ext. 115.

# Rural Fire Trailers

For More information contact:

**Clear Hills County**

Box 240

WORSLEY, Alberta

T0H 3W0

Phone: (780) 685-3925

Fax: (780) 685-3960

e-mail: [info@clearhillscounty.ab.ca](mailto:info@clearhillscounty.ab.ca)



**911**

**Fire, Ambulance & RCMP**

Forest Fires Call 427-FIRE (3473)

## FIRE TRAILER LOCATIONS

Line 1: AREA & PLACE

Line 2: LEGAL LOCATION & PHONE

**Bear Canyon** Bear Canyon Water Plant  
NW 22-83-12-W6M

**Cleardale** Cleardale Water Plant  
SW 11-85-10-W6M 780-685-3670

**Clear Prairie** Kade Helgesen  
SW 34-87-10-W6M 780-835-9569

**Deerhill** Ken Knoepfli  
NW 9-84-02-W6M 780-596-2259

**Eureka River** Eureka River Truck Fill  
NW-12-86-6 W6M 780-685-3925

**Royce** Melvin Worobetz  
SE 16-83-06-W6M 780-494-3420

**Whitelaw** Bill Wald  
SW 28-83-01-W6M 780-596-2121

**Montagneuse Valley** Jim Stephenson  
SE 36-85-05-W6M 780-494-2458

## Each fire trailer contains:

- ☐ 9 x 100-foot lengths of hose
- ☐ 2 x 50-foot lengths of hose
  - ☐ 1 gated Y with seals
  - ☐ Honda 2" pump
- ☐ 2 x 10 ft lengths of hard suction hose
  - ☐ check valve
  - ☐ 2 hose wrenches
  - ☐ 1 tool bag
  - ☐ 1 fire axe
  - ☐ 1 fire shovel
  - ☐ 2-gallon fuel tank
  - ☐ canvas bucket
  - ☐ 2 – 1 ½ inch nozzles
  - ☐ 2 extra hose seals
  - ☐ 4-litre antifreeze
  - ☐ 2" x 3" camlock adaptor
  - ☐ 2 wajax Spray Bags
  - ☐ 1 pipe wrench
  - ☐ 1 crescent wrench

**Requires 2 5/16 ball.**



# Apply Now: 2025 Community Support Services Grant

Is your organization working to empower individuals and build a stronger community? Clear Hills County is now accepting applications for the 2025 Community Support Services Grant!

Complete the fillable application form on our website here:

2025 Community Support Services Grant Application  
<https://www.clearhillscounty.ab.ca/.../download/files/253166>

and submit it to [Lori@clearhillscounty.ab.ca](mailto:Lori@clearhillscounty.ab.ca).

*"Strong communities are built by individuals who care, act, and empower one another."*

## Eligible programs should aim to:

- Foster independence, strengthen coping skills, and promote crisis resilience.
- Increase awareness of social needs in the community.
- Develop interpersonal and group skills for better connections.
- Support community members in taking responsibility for impactful decisions and actions.
- Provide resources that encourage active community participation.



## **IHeARTh Social Profit Company is HIRING – Community Support Worker**

HeARTh Social Profit Company is a small and growing agency currently expanding and looking to add members to our amazing team. We support individuals in their homes and communities to live fulfilled lives. At HeARTh, you're part of a team that encourages growth and development, using a strength-based, creative, and team-oriented approach to care. Our focus is on meaningful change—to help our participants live their best lives.

We are seeking skilled, committed, and passionate individuals to join us. This role includes a rotation of weekday and weekend shifts, both day and evening (8–12 hours). Positions are based in rural Hines Creek and Clairmont, offering a peaceful, country-living experience while supporting individuals who enjoy that lifestyle.

The successful candidate will support individuals funded by PDD with complex needs including mental health challenges (such as Schizophrenia and Borderline Personality Disorder), addictions, medical issues, behavioral support, and justice involvement. Experience in these areas is required.

Responsibilities include: supporting daily life activities, life skills, personal care, appointments, programs, emotional support, employment, and community access. Additional duties include team and caseload planning, and daily documentation.

We are looking for someone who is reliable, organized, dynamic, a strong communicator, and able to work independently and within a team. Leadership skills, initiative, attention to detail, and adaptability are essential. Assets include experience in outreach roles, running a home, and rural or community-based support work. Must have a valid driver's license, clean driving record, and access to a vehicle.

Job Types: Full-time, Part-time, Permanent

Pay: From \$21.00/hour (based on experience)

Benefits: Extended health care, paid holidays, mileage reimbursement

Local applicants preferred, but travel-based staff may be considered and housed.

Potential for growth and leadership opportunities.

To apply, send your resume to Denine Rodger at [drodger.hearth@gmail.com](mailto:drodger.hearth@gmail.com)

## **DID YOU KNOW? CLEAR HILLS COUNTY EDITION**

Discover more about the region you call home! Here are some unique facts and stories from around Clear Hills County:

### **Agriculture**

Clear Hills County is one of the most northern grain-producing regions in Alberta! Many family farms here have been passed down for generations.

### **History**

The area was originally settled in the early 1900s, with many pioneers arriving via wagon trails.

The historic Peace River played a major role in trade and travel for early settlers.

### **Nature**

Moose, elk, and even black bears are common sightings in our forests.

Clear Hills is home to rare wildflowers like the wood lily and northern anemone.

### **Local Landmarks**

The Clear Hills Lookout Point offers a panoramic view of valleys, rivers, and forests

Running Lake is not only a camping spot — it's also a fantastic birdwatching location in spring.

### **Photo Challenge:**

Send in a photo of your favorite Clear Hills County place and we might feature it in the next issue! **Email: [newsletter@clearhillscounty.ab.ca](mailto:newsletter@clearhillscounty.ab.ca)**

### **Quick Challenge – TRUE OR FALSE?**

- Clear Hills County was incorporated in 1995.
- Running Lake is man-made.
- There are 25 km of County-maintained trails.
- "Worsley" was named after a surveyor.

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members." – Coretta Scott King

Answers: 1 – T, 2 – F, 3 – T, 4 – T

# >>> DO YOU HAVE LIVESTOCK? <<<



## VSI PROGRAM



### ARE YOU AWARE OF THE VSI (VETERINARIAN SERVICES INCORPORATED) PROGRAM?

- Aids in the development of livestock expansion with a long term goal of the producer and veterinarian services sustainability.
- The VSI program supplies a cost-share support to livestock producers, whereby Clear Hills County covers 50% of the cost eligible veterinary procedures.
- Membership is \$52.50 for a five year term.

### DO YOU KNOW THE COUNTY HAS A BSE TESTING INCENTIVE PROGRAM? <<<

The BSE testing program is to encourage producers to participate in BST Testing and assist in realizing the target of 30,000 beef cattle annually being tested to keep Canada's status as a controlled BSE risk country.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,  
CALL 780-685-3925 EXT.  
108**

[community@clearhillscounty.ab.ca](mailto:community@clearhillscounty.ab.ca)

**Eligibility:** must be a VSI member and resident/landowner in Clear Hills County with livestock.

**Restrictions:** Only Veterinarian Clinics (and livestock owners) will have access to the BSE test results.

**Process:** VSI services provides the County with a list of members that had beef cattle tested in the quarterly report. The County then pays the member.

# Measles - General Information

- Measles can be dangerous, especially for babies and young children. It can cause serious health complications like pneumonia, encephalitis and even death.

## Measles symptoms typically include

- High fever (may spike to more than 104°F)
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Red, watery eyes
- Rash breaks out 3-5 days after symptoms begin



## Measles is very contagious.

Measles spreads through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes. You can get measles just by being in a room where a person with measles has been. This can happen even up to 2 hours after that person has left the room.

If one person has it, up to 9 out of 10 people nearby will become infected if they are not protected. An infected person can spread measles to others even before knowing they have the disease. You can spread measles to others from 4 days before through 4 days after the rash appears.

## Protect yourself with the vaccine.

The best way to protect against measles is with the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine. MMR is safe and effective. Two doses of MMR vaccine are about 97% effective at preventing measles; one dose is about 93% effective.

## Possible exposure:

If you think that you have measles or have been exposed to someone with measles, isolate yourself from others and call your healthcare provider, urgent care, or emergency room before arriving to be tested. Do not arrive at a health care facility without giving advance notice.

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Agency of Canada

Agence de la santé  
publique du Canada



## Measles - General Information – Low German Language (Plautdietsch)

### Mauslen – auljemeene Informazion fa Plautdietsche

- Mauslen kjennen jefäadlich sennen, besondasch fa Bäbes un kjliene Kjinja. Daut kaun sea schwieeje Krankheit met brinjen soo aus: Lungen Enzindunk, encephalitis (daut Vestaunt woat fierich), un een Mensch kaun soogoa doavon stoawen.

#### Waut Mauslen derchwajch met sikj brinjen

- huagen Feeba (kaun soo huach gonen aus 104°F)
- Hoost
- Schnoddaje Näs
- Roode, wotaje Uagen
- Daut dieet 3-5 Doag bat de fiene roode Plaken un fieeja Jääkj utbrääkjen



#### Mauslen sent sea utbrääkjent

Wan Menschen hoosten ooda prusten, soo streit de Enzindunk enne Loft wieda. Wan doa wää enne Stow es dee Mauslen haft, dan kjennen aundre de Mauslen oppschlafen. Wan uk 2 Stund lota, es de Jefoa von Mauslen noch enne Loft.

Wan ne Persoon Mauslen haft, ut jieda 10 Menschen wudden noch mol 9 de Mauslen oppschlafen. Mauslen kjennen vestreien ea de Persoon krank es ooda weet, daut dee Mauslen haft. Daut äwaschlonendet kaun 4 Doag verhää anfangen un bat 4 Doag nohää von don waut de fieeja Jääkj utbrakjt.

#### Beschitzt junt met de Impfunk

De basta Wajch junt to beschitzen es junt impfen loten jääjen Mauslen, met de Mauslen, Mumps, un Rubella (MMR) Impfunk. MMR es secha un wirkjent. Wan doa wää 2 MMR Impf jekjrääjen haft, es daut 97% wirkjent; wan doa wää 1 MMR Impf jekjrääjen haft, es daut 93% wirkjent om Mauslen väätoabeejen

#### Wan jie veleicht Mauslen haben

Wan daut soo sitt, daut jie met Mauslen krank sent ooda jie met wäm toop kjeemen dee Mauslen haud, bieft von aundre Menschen wajch. Wan jie nom Dokta foaren, foont jun Dokta, Klinnikj ooda Krankenhaus/Hospital ea jie doahan foaren. Opp disen Wajch kjennen see sikj fa junt reed moaken.

Bitte foat nich nom Hospital ooda Krankenhaus ea jie an weeten loten daut jie oppem Wajch sent.

# The Clear Hills County Biggest Vegetable Contest is back!

## Ready to grow something big?

Ready to grow something big? The Clear Hills County Biggest Vegetable Contest is back — and now's the perfect time to start your garden!

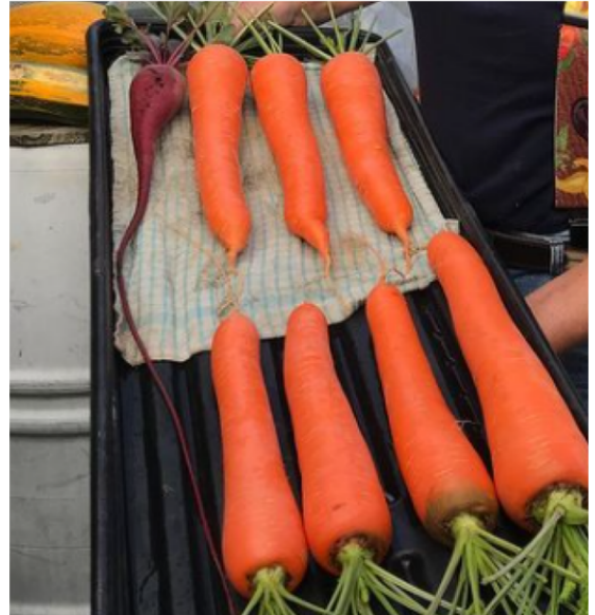
Plant your seeds, tend your soil, and get growing for your shot at \$50 prizes.

Participants will have the opportunity to compete in various categories, including:

- Beets
- Cabbage
- Carrots
- Corn
- Onions
- Potatoes
- Pumpkins
- Tomatoes
- Turnip
- Zucchini
- Other Squash
- Most Unique

With categories for both kids (12 & under) and adults (13 & over), there's something for everyone. Gardening is a great way to get outside, learn something new, and be part of a fun community challenge.

***For details, call 780-685-3925, ext. 116***



# Many Islands River Fun Days! August 2-3

Hey everyone! Get ready for an amazing weekend filled with fun, laughter, and unforgettable memories at the Many Islands Campground!

Mark your calendars because from August 2th to August 4th, we have an incredible lineup of activities planned that will cater to everyone's interests!



## STONEY, SULPHUR & RUNNING CAMPGROUNDS

Summer & Winter Camping Seasons

**Stoney, Sulphur & Running Lake Campgrounds**

Summer Camping – May 15–September 30 – \$\$ to camp  
 Winter Camping – October 1– May 14th (No Charge Camping)  
 Limited Access





[www.clearhillscounty.ab.ca](http://www.clearhillscounty.ab.ca)



"Food coloring doesn't turn mac-n-cheese into a vegetable, but at least it gets kids used to eating something green."



"A vegetarian diet is good for stress. If you crunch loud enough, you can't hear your kids bicker during dinner."



# JUNIOR AGRARIANS

### Activities Include ...

- Understanding where our food comes from
- Weeds, Plants & other Invasive Species
- Soil Health & Sustainable Agriculture
- Gardening Techniques
- Riparian & Water Management
- Wildlife Risks
- Farm & Outdoor Safety
- Animal Health
- Public Speaking
- ... & More!

**This program runs July 9, 16, & 23 from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM, with a final presentation on July 31<sup>st</sup> at our Field Day.**

Maximum 10 Students | Ages: 10 - 14  
 Priority Will Be Given To First-Timers  
 Must Attend All Sessions  
 Registration Deadline: June 27, 2025

**Inquire Today**  
[alaina@pcbfa.ca](mailto:alaina@pcbfa.ca)

With Support From...






**\$60**  
 Per Student



## Many Islands Campground 2025 50/50 Cash Raffle

SEnter the Many Islands Campground 2025 50/50 Cash Raffle for your chance to win cash — while supporting one of our region's favourite summer destinations!

Ticket Sales Close: Tuesday, September 30, 2025

Draw Date: Tuesday, September 30, 2025



### Agricultural Service Board Members

**David Janzen – Chair**  
780-834-0197

**Jason Ruecker – Deputy Chair**  
780-835-0398

**Stacy Johnson – Member at Large**  
780-834-0334

**Garry Candy – Member at Large**  
780-494-2055

**Ron Jensen – Member at Large**  
780-835-0020

**Julie Watchorn – Member at Large**  
780-685-3035

**Baldur Ruecker – Member at Large**  
780-835-7785

## WHAT DOES COMMUNITY MEAN TO YOU?



Hans and Lily  
Peters

"Community is when you can do something together and have each other then that will always make your life better. You can work towards peace and good understanding."

# Congratulations

## Hans & Lily Peters Regional Legacy Award

Hans & Lily were recognized as 1 of 7 recipients of the Northwestern Alberta Foundation's 7 Over 70 Award, celebrating extraordinary individuals over the age of 70 who have made a lasting impact in our region.

For decades, Hans and Lily Peters have poured their hearts into creating opportunities for families and youth. Their efforts have turned simple ideas into lasting institutions that continue to bring people together, foster learning, and build community pride.

From transforming their backyard pool into a public swim lesson space for 49 years to dedicating more than 40 years to the Whispering Pines Ski Hill—where they still volunteer tirelessly—Hans and Lily have quietly shaped their community through leadership, generosity, and selfless service. Their dedication has not only enriched Worsley, but has also impacted families from across the region who have benefited from their vision and perseverance. Humble, hardworking, and united in purpose, Hans and Lily are a remarkable team whose legacy will be felt for generations to come.



Sign up for Clear Hills County's FREE communication tool to stay informed about emergencies and upcoming events via text or automated voice recording to your landlines

Forms can be accessed on our website or by contacting Bonnie Morgan at the Clear Hills County office - [bonnie@clearhillscounty.ab.ca](mailto:bonnie@clearhillscounty.ab.ca)



## CONGRATULATIONS CLASSES OF 2025!



Worsley

Hines Creek

Menno Simons



Clear Hills County Council and Staff extend their sincere congratulations to the 2025 graduates and wish you every success as you embark on the next chapter of your journey.



*"In small towns, success isn't measured by fame or fortune — it's built on community, hard work, and the difference you make in the lives around you."*

# **Stay Safe and Enjoy Summer: Tips for a Fun and Safe Season**

Summer is a time for fun and relaxation, but it's important to keep safety in mind. Here are some essential tips to ensure you make the most of the season while staying safe.

## **1. Stay Cool and Hydrated**

High temperatures can lead to heat exhaustion and sunstroke. Stay hydrated with plenty of water and non-caffeinated, non-alcoholic beverages. Increase your vitamin C intake to help defend against heat-related issues. Wear light-colored clothing, seek shade, and never leave children or pets in parked vehicles.

### **Additional Tips for Beating the Heat:**

Open windows and use fans to circulate air, but keep blinds closed.

Eat light, fresh foods and avoid using the oven or stove.

Turn off extra heat sources like computers and incandescent bulbs.

Take cold showers or baths, and use ice packs or wet towels on pulse points.

Cool your bedding in the freezer before sleeping.

Visit air-conditioned public places like libraries and malls.

## **2. Practice Sun Safety**

Avoid sunburn by using broad-spectrum sunscreen with at least SPF 30. Apply it 20 minutes before going outside and reapply regularly. Wear a hat and UV-certified sunglasses. Protect children from sunlight, even during short outdoor periods.

## **3. Prevent Forest Fires**

Alberta faces a severe fire season. Most wildfires are human-caused and preventable. Use designated fire pits while camping, ensure fires are fully extinguished, and dispose of cigarette butts properly. Stay updated on fire bans and report wildfires to 310-FIRE (3473).

## **4. Water Safety**

Drowning is a serious risk. Equip yourself and your family with Transport Canada-approved life jackets. Supervise children closely around water, as they can drown in just one inch of water.

## **5. Play Safe**

Ensure backyard and playground equipment is secure. Supervise children, especially around trampolines, which should have safety net enclosures. Always watch children under 12 playing outdoors.

## **6. Wear a Helmet**

**Protect yourself by wearing a helmet when biking, skateboarding, or using motorized off-road vehicles. Alberta law requires helmets for motorcyclists and ATV operators. Ensure helmets fit properly.**

## **7. Protect Your Pets**

**Provide pets with fresh water and shade. Walk them during cooler parts of the day, and avoid hot surfaces. Keep pets up to date on medications to prevent diseases from fleas, ticks, and mosquitoes.**

## **8. Respect Nature**

**Give wildlife plenty of space and never feed them. Dispose of waste properly to protect habitats. Follow park rules and respect trail closures. Drive carefully in wildlife areas.**

## **9. Monitor the Weather**

**Summer weather can change rapidly. Stay informed about the weather forecast and have a plan for shelter during severe weather conditions.**

## **10. Avoid Bug Bites**

**Wear light-colored clothing and insect repellent to protect against mosquitoes and ticks. Check for bites after being outside and treat them promptly to prevent infection.**

## **11. Keep Food Fresh**

**Practice safe food handling, especially when barbequing. Keep food at safe temperatures and discard any that has been at room temperature for more than two hours.**



**Worsley & Hines Creek  
Volunteer Fire  
Departments want you!!**

**Getting involved with a volunteer fire department is an incredibly rewarding way to make a positive contribution to your community. Contact Clear Hills County for more info!**

# Growing Strawberries in Alberta

## Where to Plant Strawberries

Choose a sunny spot with at least 6 hours of sunlight. Strawberry plants thrive in nutrient-rich, well-drained soil. Add compost before planting. For soil improvement tips, read “How to Improve Your Garden Soil.”

## Strawberry Varieties for Alberta

**June Bearing:** Produce one large crop in late spring or early summer. Best varieties for zone 3 include Kent, Honeoye, Bounty, Cavendish, Cabot, and Clooscap.

**Ever Bearing:** Produce two crops annually, one in early summer and another in early fall. Ideal for pots and fresh eating. Varieties include Fort Laramie and Ogallala.

**Day Neutral:** Produce fruit continuously throughout the season. Good for fresh eating. Varieties include Tristar, San Andreas, Seascape, Albion, and Fern.

## Planting Strawberries

Plant from late April to late May in zone 2/3 Alberta. Plant crowns just above the soil surface and space 10-12 inches apart. Mulch with straw or use black plastic mulch to retain moisture and prevent rot.

## Increasing Strawberry Yield

Pinch off blossoms in the first month to strengthen roots. Remove runners to increase yield. Replace plants every 4-5 years with new ones from runners.

## Fertilizing Strawberries

Use fertilizer tea or fresh compost each spring.

## Watering Strawberries

Water well, especially during fruit setting. Avoid wetting leaves to prevent mold.

## Harvesting Strawberries

Harvest when fully red. Store in the fridge for longer shelf life.

## Deterring Pests

Use straw mulch, beer traps, or Slug-B-Gone for slugs. Use decoy rocks or netting to deter birds. Place decoys early to train birds to avoid the area.



**What do you call a sad strawberry?**  
A blueberry!



### **"Just for Fun" Days**

July 11: International Town Criers Day

July 17: National Hot Dog Day

July 22: Spooner's Day

July 23: National Day of the Cowboy

July 27: Take Your Houseplants for a Walk Day

July 30: National Cheesecake Day

**Happy Canada Day!**



### **What does Canada Day celebrate?**

Canada Day celebrates the anniversary of the Constitution Act which was signed on July 1, 1867. This was the day that the three British colonies of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Province of Canada united to form a single country.

### **When is Canada Day celebrated?**

Each year on July 1st

### **Who celebrates this day?**

Canada Day is celebrated throughout the country of Canada. It is a national federal holiday.

### **What do people do to celebrate?**

Since Canada Day takes place in the summer, there are plenty of outdoor celebrations and activities. These include fireworks, musical concerts, and parades. A lot of people like to have a cookout or barbecue with a gathering of friends and then head to one of the celebrations such as a free concert or a fireworks show.

### **History of Canada Day**

On July 1, 1867 the British North American Act united the British colonies of North America into one federation called Canada. Later the act would be renamed to the Constitution Act. This is the day that many Canadians mark as the birth of their country.

At first the day wasn't widely celebrated as most Canadians still considered themselves to be British. In 1879 the day became a national holiday called Dominion Day. This was because the country was called its own "dominion" in the Constitution Act. However, it still wasn't a widely celebrated holiday. Over time the day became more popular in Canada, especially during the 100 year celebration in 1967.

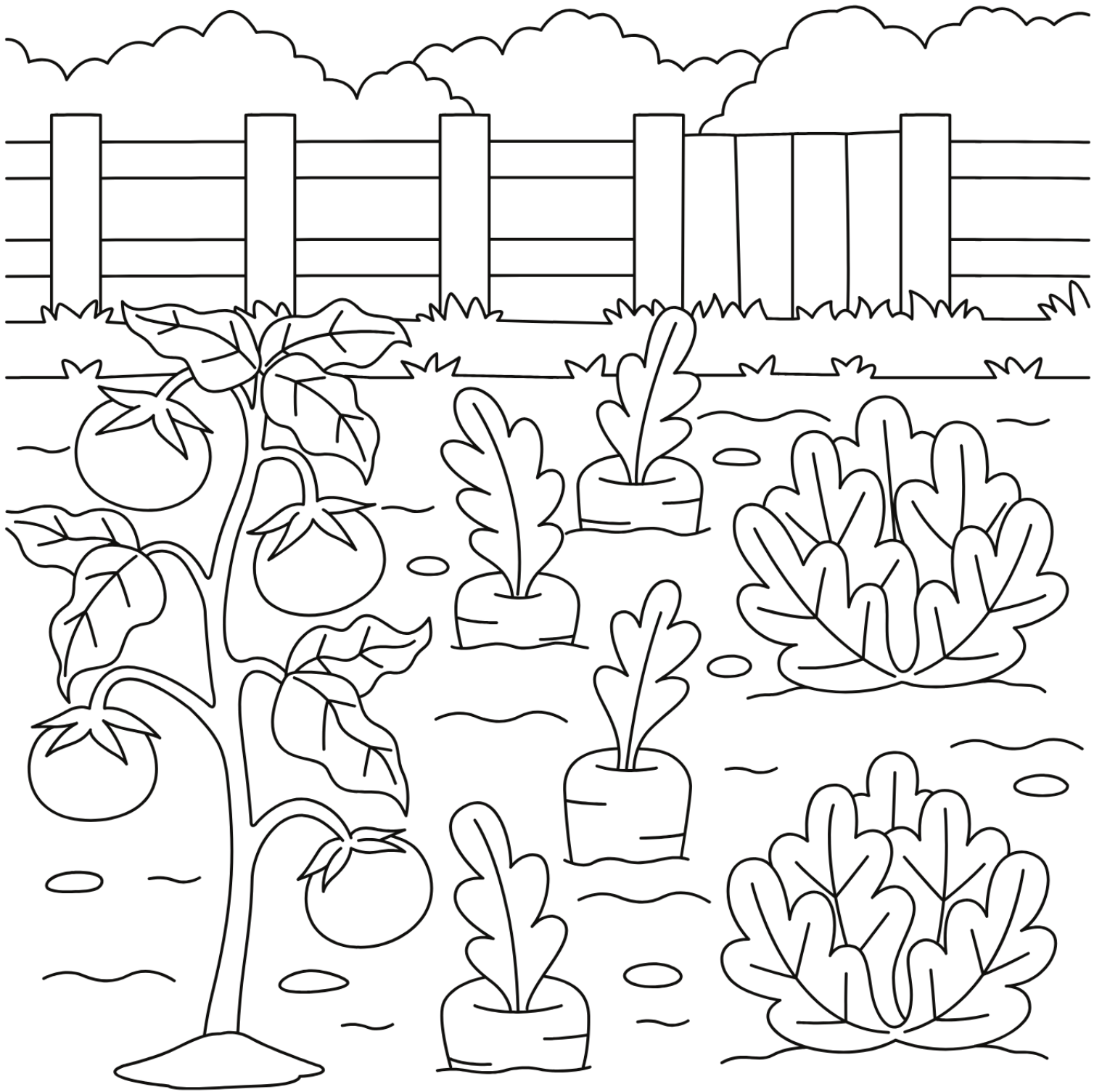
The day was officially renamed to Canada Day in 1982. There was actually a lot of debate. Some people wanted to stay with the old name, but eventually the name was changed.

It was on this day in 1980 when the song "O Canada" was officially made the national anthem of the country.

The first color television broadcast in Canada was made on this day in 1966.

Sir John A. MacDonald was the first Prime Minister of Canada. He also wrote a significant portion of the Constitution Act.

Official celebrations are held on Parliament Hill in the capital city of Ottawa, Ontario.



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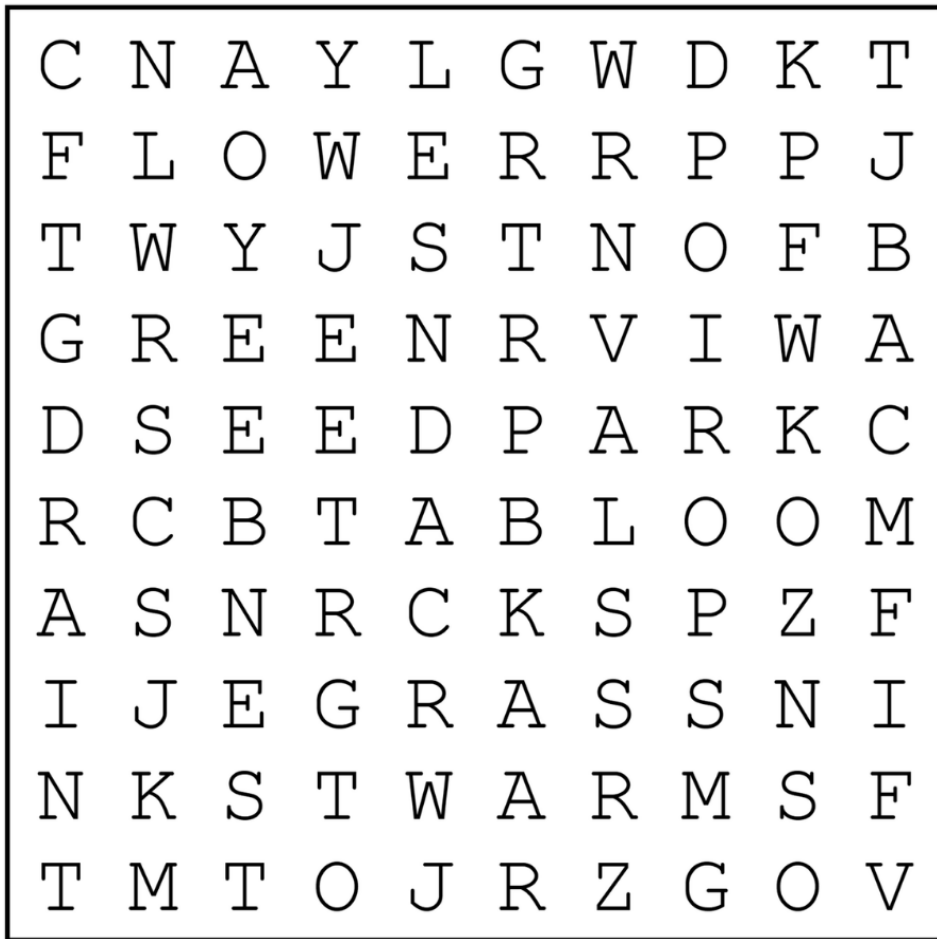
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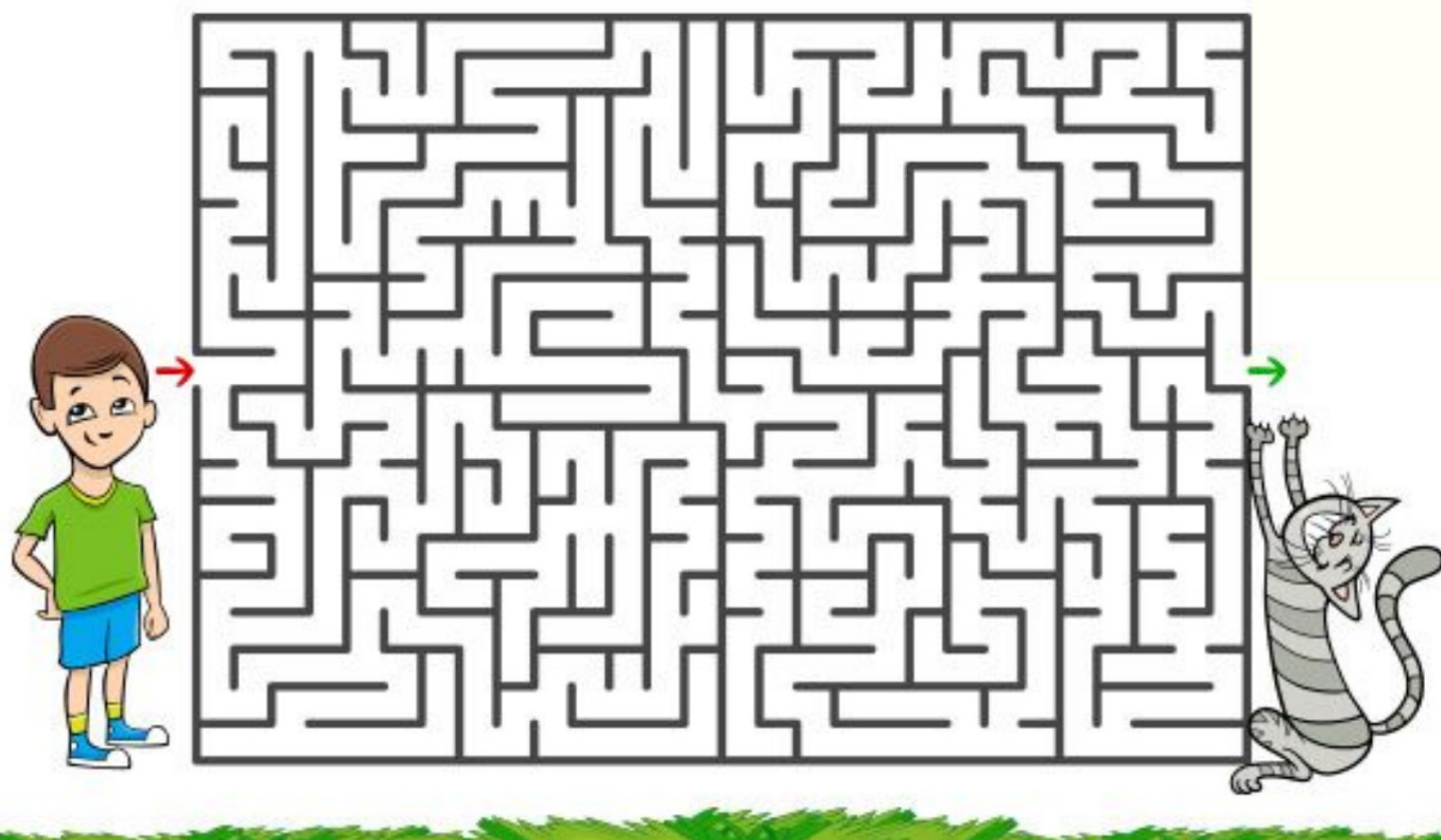
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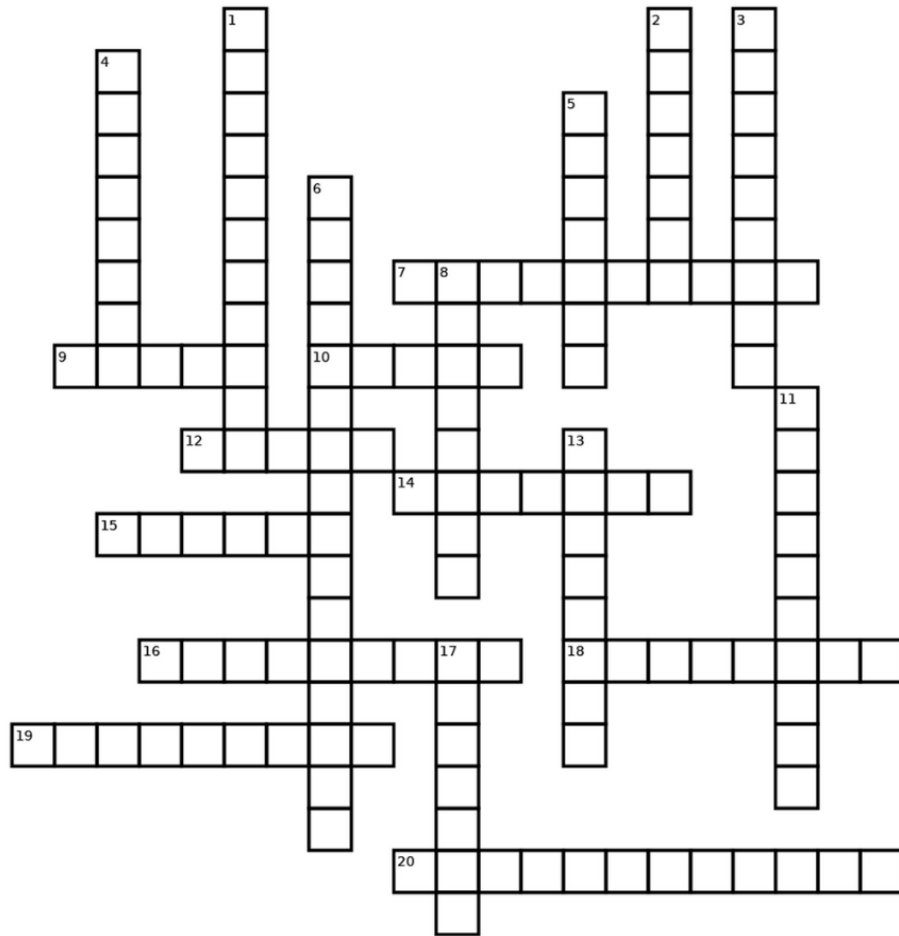


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GREEN  
GROW  
NEST  
PARK  
RAIN  
SEED  
WARM





# Clear Hills County



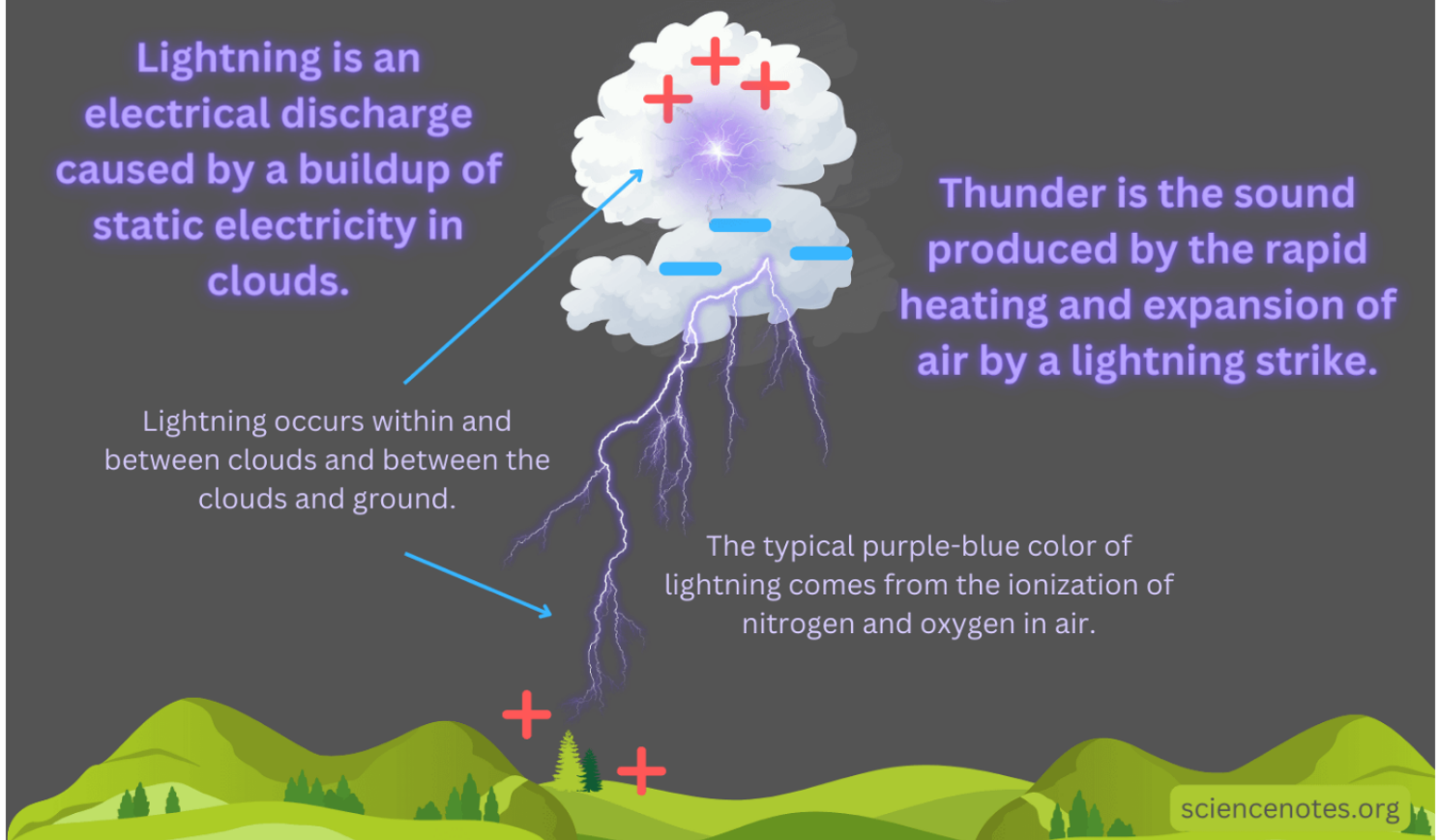
## Down:

1. They respond to emergencies — and get recognized at the County BBQ.
2. Celebrated in the fall — the season for combining and gathering.
3. Clear Hills County fire services depend on these generous people.
4. Type of station where you take your household waste.
5. The location of Clear Hills County's administrative office.
6. The best place to live, work, and explore in northern Alberta!
8. Municipal one coming this September — are you running?
11. A County campground with picnic sites and trails.
13. The County is hosting one on July 24 — see you there!
17. Elected group that governs Clear Hills County.

## Across:

7. What you're reading right now!
9. You can apply for this to support your community program.
10. The BBQ is hosted at the Clear River \_\_\_\_ Grounds.
12. You'll find over 25 km of these recreational paths in the County.
14. Grab a book or join the summer reading challenge here.
15. Common material used on rural County roads.
16. Sent out to all landowners; due July 17 this year.
18. You must fully extinguish this before leaving your campsite.
19. Popular summer activity — and part of the County's biggest veggie contest!
20. A fun summer adventure — use the Peace River Guide!

# What Causes Thunder and Lightning?



## Thunder & Lightning: What's the Difference?

**Lightning** is a powerful electrical discharge caused by the buildup of opposite charges in storm clouds. When these charges connect, energy is released as a bright flash — lightning.

**Thunder** is the sound lightning makes. The air around the bolt heats instantly, then explodes outward, creating a shockwave.

You see lightning before hearing thunder because light travels faster than sound. To estimate distance, count the seconds between flash and boom — divide by 5 to get miles.

Types of Lightning:

- Cloud to ground (most common)
- Cloud to cloud
- Intra-cloud
- Rare positive lightning travels from ground to cloud

**Safety Tip:** When thunder roars, go indoors — and stay there for 30 minutes after the last sound.

LOCATED AT  
HINES CREEK GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

# HOLE IN ONE CHALLENGE "SHARP SHOOTOUT"

**18 Chances  
to win Hole  
in one prizes!**

SATURDAY

**July 19th  
2025**

Check-in: 9:30am  
Shotgun starts 10:00am

**\$200**

- Includes 18 Holes - Par 3 Style
- Includes Dinner
- Amazing Door Prizes
- Stroke Play

**Do You Have What It Takes?**

TO REGISTER CONTACT HUNTER BURNS

(780)-834-8615 or [Burnsyssharpshop@gmail.com](mailto:Burnsyssharpshop@gmail.com)

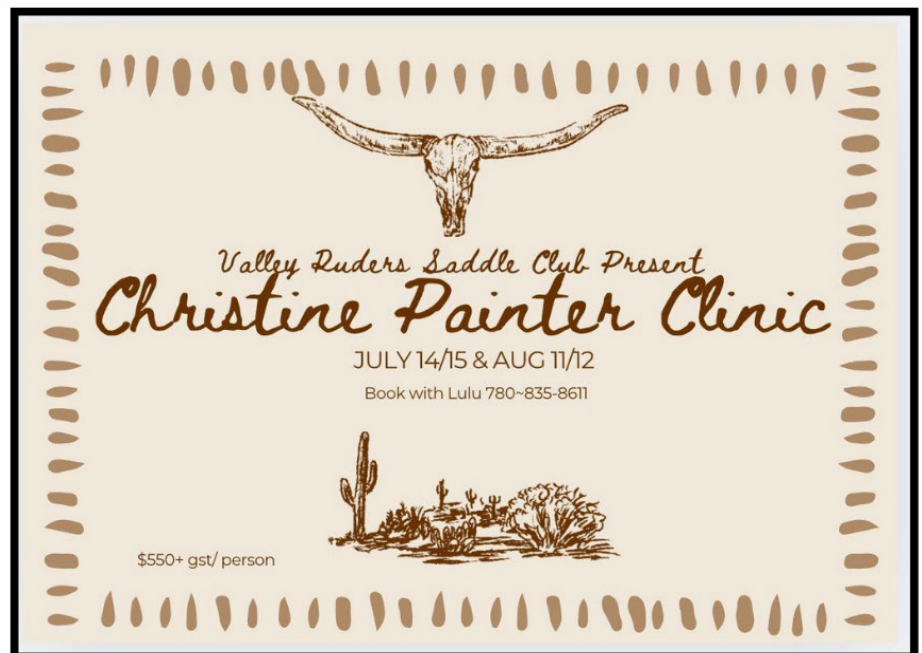
PRESENTED BY BURNSY'S SHARP SHOP

## Clear Hills County Business Directory

There are numerous business gems hidden within the borders of Clear Hills County. The County requests your assistance as business owners in aiding in the development of a business directory that will promote awareness of local businesses.

If you would like your business advertised in the Clear Hills County Business Directory please contact

Bonnie at 780-685-3925 ext. 120 or  
[bonnie@clearhillscounty.ab.ca](mailto:bonnie@clearhillscounty.ab.ca)



# Local School Contact Numbers

**Worsley Central School**  
780-685-3842

**Hines Creek Composite**  
780-494-3510

**Menno Simons Community School**  
780-685-2340

All have a full school program from kindergarten to grade 12. The schools are operated under the jurisdiction of the Peace River School Division. For more information contact 780-624-3601 or visit [www.prsd.ab.ca](http://www.prsd.ab.ca)

**Clear Hills County**  
Box 240, Worsley, AB  
T0H 3W0

Email: [info@clearhillscounty.ab.ca](mailto:info@clearhillscounty.ab.ca)

Phone: 1-780-685-3925

Fax: 1-780-685-3960

Office Hours:

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Monday to Friday

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Emergency Contact Phone Numbers

**Police, Fire, Ambulance- 911**

**Health link (non-emergency)- 811**

**Report-A- Poacher- 1-800-642-3800**

**Wildfire-310-FIRE (3473)**

## Clear Hills County Administration Extension Directory

Accounts Payable– Dawn Morgan	101	Corporate Services Manager– Lori Jobson	105
Agricultural Fieldman– Greg Coon	115	Executive Assistant– Bonnie Morgan	120
Chief Administrative Officer– Allan Rowe	121	Public Works Manager– Terry Shewchuk	119
Community Services Clerk– Natasha Gillett	108	Utility Operator -Sandra Luka	111
Community & Agricultural Extension Services Clerk	116	Road Foreman– Martin Schmidt	110
Payroll Clerk, Development & Subdivisions, Taxation– Kelsey Lund	103	WTP Operator– Catherine Cox	107

# *Community Groups & Organizations, Facilities & Contacts*

## **Menno Simons Community Library**

Tuesday  
8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Wednesday & Thursday  
8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Closed Monday & Friday  
Contact the librarian at  
780-685-2340 during Public  
Hours for more information

## **Church Services**

### **Worsley Baptist Church**

Sunday School - 10 a.m.  
Sunday Services  
11 a.m. & 7 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Service  
7 p.m.

### **Cleardale Gospel Chapel**

Sunday Service 11 a.m.

### **Immaculate Heart of Mary**

#### **Parish Catholic Church**

Sunday Service 1 p.m.

#### **All Saints Ukrainian**

#### **Catholic Church**

Every second Sunday  
2:00 p.m.

#### **Lighthouse**

#### **Christian Fellowship**

Sunday Service 11 a.m.

## **Hines Creek Municipal Library**

Monday 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Tuesday & Wednesday  
10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Thursday 1:00 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
Located in the Village of  
Hines Creek office building.  
780-494-3879

## **Worsley Pioneer Club**

### **New Members Welcome**

Cards Wednesday  
1 p.m. - 4 p.m. at the  
Worsley Pioneer Club Hall  
For rental information call:

Sandra Wasylciw:  
780-834-7363  
Come and enjoy an  
afternoon of visiting.

## **Hines Creek Senior's Drop in Rental**

For bookings call:  
780-835-0729

## **Bear Point Community Library**

Monday-Friday  
10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

## **Worsley & District Library**

[www.worsleylibrary.ab.ca](http://www.worsleylibrary.ab.ca)  
780-685-3842

### **Facebook:**

[www.facebook.com/  
WorsleyLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/WorsleyLibrary)

Located in the Worsley  
Central School, we offer  
library services to the public  
by appointment Monday to  
Friday

1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

We offer free library  
memberships that gives  
access to books, movies,  
audiobooks, and computers  
in the library, plus access  
to books and eBooks from  
around the province through  
[www.tracpac.ab.ca](http://www.tracpac.ab.ca) as well  
as eBooks, audiobooks,  
movies, etc. from online  
apps (Overdrive, Hoopla,  
etc.)

## **Hines Creek Arts & Craft Meeting Room**

To book the room call  
Olive Hrab 780-494-2255

# JULY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	01	02	03	04	05
06	07	08 Council Meeting 9:30 am	09	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Council Meeting 9:30 am	23	24 Clear Hills County BBQ	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	01	02

## NOTES

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## CLEAR HILLS COUNTY CALENDARS

TO GET YOUR PICTURE INCLUDED IN  
THE 2026 CALENDAR, ENTER THE  
COUNTY PHOTO CONTEST BY  
EMAILING YOUR PHOTOS TO  
[BONNIE@CLEARHILLSCOUNTY.AB.CA](mailto:BONNIE@CLEARHILLSCOUNTY.AB.CA)

# County Transfer Site Hours

May 1st—September 30

All Transfer Sites are closed on Sunday

Transfer Site	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Bear	12 p.m. - 8 p.m.	closed	closed	closed	closed	closed
Clear Prairie	closed	closed	closed	4 p.m. - 8 p.m.	closed	closed
Cleardale	closed	11 a.m. - 3 p.m.	closed	closed	closed	12 p.m. - 8 p.m.
David	closed	closed	closed	closed	12 p.m. - 8 p.m.	closed
Eureka River	closed	closed	12 p.m. - 8 p.m.	closed	closed	closed
Hines Creek	closed	closed	closed	closed	closed	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Royce	closed	closed	closed	12 p.m. - 8 p.m.	closed	closed
Whitelaw	closed	closed	closed	closed	closed	12 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Worsley	closed	4 p.m. - 8 p.m.	closed	closed	12 p.m. - 8 p.m.	closed

## County Office Information Office Hours

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
and  
1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**313 Alberta Ave  
Box 240**

**Worsley, Alberta  
T0H 3W0**

Phone:  
780-685-3925  
Fax:  
780-685-3960

**info@clearhills  
county.ab.ca**

## TRANSFER STATION LOCATIONS

Whitelaw- SW 12-84-02-W6M	Eureka River- SW 17-86-05-W6M
Cleardale- SE 13-85-10-W6M	Worsley- SE 25-87-08-W6M
Deerhill- SW 12-84-03-W6M	Bear Canyon-NW 15-84-12-W6M
Royce- SE 11-83-06-W6M	Clear Prairie- NE 24-87-10-W6M
Hines Creek- SE 12-84-5-W6M	