



Winter Transfer Station Hours

Transfer station winter hours of operation are now in effect as seen below:

Transfer	Location	Day	Hours
Woking	SW-18-76-5-W6	Tuesday	12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Blueberry	SE-3-80-8-W6	Wednesday	12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
		Saturday	1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Bonanza	NW-33-79-12-W6	Friday	12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
		Saturday	8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Gundy	SW-32-76-13-W6	Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Council Declares County an Agricultural Disaster Area

At their November 10th, 2009 meeting, Saddle Hills County Council declared the municipality as an Agricultural Disaster Area. Based on the new information presented by the County's Agricultural Services Board in relation to poor harvest conditions for the month of October; the lack of quality hay; the prices being charged for bales and the poor pasture conditions causing producers to begin their feeding operations earlier than usual, County Council agreed to bring the matter back for further discussion.

Council received information relating to growing season precipitation, forage production potential, forage supply and the local crop conditions. The weather that occurred across the municipality as a whole during the month of October has been viewed as detrimental to an already shaky year for agricultural producers. All agricultural producers have experienced financial hardship due to the recent weather developments. Excessive amounts of crops remain unharvested and cattle producers who had previously experienced a cold spring and dry

summer, now are faced with further feed supply shortages where grains would be used as supplemental feeds. Also shortages of straw further hinder beef producers ability to adjust to forage shortages. The Agricultural Disaster Area declaration puts agricultural producers in line for any Agricultural relief that could be announced by the Provincial or Federal Governments.

Reeve Tim Stone has stated "I can't recall ever having seen a more challenging October for harvesting which has added to the total overall condition in our County for all farmers."

Council will now be presenting this information to MLA Hon. Hector Goudreau with the desire to have him bring the information forward to the Honorable Minister of Agriculture, George Groeneveld in hope of taking Alberta's disaster situation forward to the Federal Minister of Agriculture & Agri-Food. For further information, please contact Dianne Nellis, Chief Administrative Officer at 780-864-3760.

Age Verification Workshop



Pre-Register Now

The Peace Country Beef & Forage Association is offering a workshop that will help local producers enter their livestock information into the Age Verification computer system.

Producers are encouraged to bring their info (tag numbers, birth dates, legal land description) to the workshop where staff on hand will help them enter it into the database.

The service is free for all Peace region cattle producers.

Savanna School

Wednesday December 16, 2009
7:30 p.m.

**Only 25 seats are available,
so pre-register now!**

To register and find out what information to bring along contact one of the following:

Akim Omokanye	Jaime Borduzak
780-835-6799	780-523-4033
780-835-1112	780-835-0381

New Year's Eve Family Social

WOKING HALL

On New Years Eve, Woking Willing Workers will be sponsoring a family social potluck supper to begin at 7:30 p.m. A cash bar will be available. Activities will include children's games, fireworks, and musical "Jam" sessions so bring your musical instruments! See you there!

Woking Skating Rink

Come with the kids and help us get the Woking rink winter-ready as we build the frame work to flood the ice for this winter's skating season. We start Saturday, December 12 at 10:00 a.m. For info call Pam at 780-933-2542 or sign up at the Woking Store.

Now Renting

WOKING COMMUNITY HALL

After recently receiving a facelift of renovations, the Woking Community Hall is now available for rent. For bookings call Norma at 780-774-2552 or Pam at 780-933-2542. You can also send an email to the following address: wokingwillingworkers@gmail.com

Christmas Eve Service

St. John's Lutheran Church of Northmark is welcoming everyone to a Christmas Eve Service to be held Thursday December 24 at 2:30 p.m. at the Woking Community Hall. Come and celebrate Christmas Eve with us!

Wildlife Damaging Stacked Hay

COMPENSATION OPTIONS FOR PRODUCERS

With winter on its way, livestock producers are thinking about their options to keep wildlife out of their stack yards. The best solution is prevention, through fencing, dogs and hunting. However, if depredation is occurring, producers may be eligible for the Wildlife Damage Compensation on Stacked Hay program, which is facilitated by both AFSC and Fish & Wildlife. There is no premium paid in order to be eligible for this program; however, only stacked hay that is being protected will be considered for compensation. Compensation is determined by multiplying the quantity of damaged feed by the crop insurance high price option.

In order to file a claim under this program, contact your local Fish & Wildlife office as soon as possible after depredation has occurred. A Conservation Officer will inspect the damage and provide recommendations to prevent further damage.

If the stacked hay is sufficiently protected and monitored, the claimant may then contact AFSC to be considered for compensation.

For more information on this or other compensation programs, contact your local AFSC office at 780-864-3896 or Fish & Wildlife at 780-864-4101.