



Attention Canola Producers!



There will be a Peace Canola Production Workshop held at the Best Western Inn in Dawson Creek on Wednesday, February 24 beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Speakers include Les Hill from the Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute on harvest losses; Denise Maurice, Vice President of Crop Production for the Canola Council, on the Export Ready program

and the Canola Council's 2015 goals; and Doug Moisey, Senior Agronomy Specialist for the Canola Council on early season stand diagnostics and crop establishment.

The cost will be \$50/person, which will include lunch. For more information or to register, please call Erin Brock at 780-568-3326.

Thinking about a Shelterbelt?

If you own 5 acres of land or more, you can get free shelterbelt trees from PFRA. Application forms are available at the County office or online at www.agr.gc.ca/pfra.

Applications are being accepted now for delivery in May of 2010. When you apply early, you increase your chances of receiving the trees you want, so get your applications in now! Deadline for applications is March 15, 2010.

Meeting Rescheduled

The January 19th regularly scheduled Agricultural Services Board meeting has been re-scheduled and moved up to January 15th.

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.

WOKING Communities in Bloom

Woking Communities in Bloom will be holding a meeting at the Woking Fire Hall January 21 at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Access to Water IN CASE OF FIRE

With the recent snow fall it is important to maintain clear access to your dugout for fire fighting. If a structure fire occurs on your property firefighters will need to get a vehicle to your dugout in order to pump the volume of water that may be required. Adequate room to turn vehicles around is also essential for fire fighting operations. And remember, dial 911 for emergencies.

Recreation Capital Grants

Community Organizations within Saddle Hills County or serving Saddle Hills County residents are invited to submit applications for 2010 recreation and cultural capital grant funds. Applications forms are available at the County Office. Deadline for applying is February 28th.

Eligible projects must be completed within two years of receiving funds and the facility must be accessible to the general public.

Eligible projects include renovations and repairs to existing structural, electrical or mechanical systems, upgrades to existing facilities to improve operations efficiencies or to comply with current building codes, or to enhance program delivery at

the facility. If cost feasibility dictates the rebuilding of a facility, funds may be available for that purpose.

Those organizations that provide a five year capital plan may receive preferential consideration of their application.

Non eligible projects include retirement of debt, cost of developing a proposal, ongoing services and studies to assess existing facilities or to help assess the need for a new or renovated facility.

For further information contact Faye Kary, Director of Corporate Services, Saddle Hills County.

Wild Boar Bounty Program Extended

Wild boar was declared a pest under the Agricultural Pests Act in 2008. Saddle Hills County and Alberta Agriculture are pleased to announce that the Wild Boar Bounty Program of \$50/pair of ears has been extended until March 31, 2011.

How do I participate in the program?

In order to be eligible for the program, the wild boar killed must meet the following conditions:

- Was found at large when it was killed;
- Was not, to your knowledge, intentionally released;
- Was killed by hunting or trapping, and not slaughter;
- Was killed humanely;
- Was killed at the location you reported;
- Was not killed in a manner that contravened any law.

Failure to meet the above conditions will render the claimant ineligible for payment.

I've killed a wild boar. What do I do now?

Remove both ears from the animal. The ears must be whole and undamaged and you must have both of them in your possession in order to receive payment. Call the Manager of Rural Development, Amy Kaut, at 780-864-0053 to make arrangements for the ears to be dropped off or picked up. The ears will be notched and returned to you to

dispose of how you wish, and the County will then issue payment. In order to speed up payment, please have the legal land description where the animal was killed with you.

Do I have to kill the wild boar in Saddle Hills County in order to collect the bounty?

The boars must be killed within Saddle Hills County and you must submit the correct legal land description of where the animal was killed. You must have landowner permission to enter and hunt on their land. Lack of or false information will render you ineligible for payment. If you kill a wild boar in another municipality, you must contact them to inquire about payment for your ears.

Is there a limit on how many wild boars I can receive the bounty for?

There are no limits on the number, gender or age of boars that are eligible for payment. These animals are legislated pests that have caused millions of dollars in agricultural and structural damages elsewhere in North America. Through this proactive bounty program, Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development and the Alberta Agricultural Service Boards hope to prevent wild boar from establishing in Alberta.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Manager of Rural Development at (780) 864-3760.