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Rosalind Ag Society Newsletter

March 2021

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ThunderStars Minor Hockey ran a fundraiser which featured two sides of Beef and a Smoker. The fundraiser was a sellout within days; it was like 50/50 tickets at a Oilers game! We would like to thank the sponsors: Eric and Cristin Zimmer, Doug and Larene Zimmer (beef), and Dayna and Lesley Oberg (smoker). The success of this fundraiser was huge and happened because of Spring Lake Simmentals (Eric and Cristin Zimmer, Doug and Larene Zimmer) who donated a beef to our fundraiser. Please help me in thanking our sponsors by supporting them.



Rosalind Ag Society has had to get with the times and change how we do things. Our meetings are being done by Zoom.

We have sent it up with the bank so that we can accept E-Transfers

Having said that, your membership fees can be paid this way. I have emailed some that are behind but have not heard back, if you are not sure give me a call and I will confirm your status. If you are a 12 year member for an extra \$30 you can have a Life Membership.

E-Transfer—rosalindagsociety@gmail.com

Please write in the notes section what the money is for.

E L K S Rosalind Elks are reminding all Rosalind Students who are graduating this fall and are planning to further their education that they can apply for a scholarship to help them with their finances.

The Rosalind Elks are offering up to three \$1500 scholarships. The application forms are available through the career counselor at the Bawlf School

A Note of Thank You to EMBER RESOURCES for a generous donation for helping with expenses because of Covid.

Subscribe via email, email news and events to whitingmuff@hotmail.com
Deadline is the 20th day of each month. Rosalind Ag Society newsletter is delivered to approximately 255 mailboxes in Rosalind and Kelsey.

Your Next Councillor...

It's me again! As you know, I resigned as County Councillor for Division 3 on late October, 2020. This newsletter is a very important way of keeping in touch with Division 3 residents and so I asked Reeve Cindy Trautman to keep writing columns. She has done so admirably and I thank her for that.

Some of you have reached out to me to write a column encouraging you to begin thinking about your next Councillor. So here goes.

The next Municipal Election will be held October 18, 2021. Camrose County voters will be electing Councillors in all 7 Divisions for a four year term. The Reeve is elected by Councillors at the Organizational Meeting held after the election and then annually.

Deciding to run as a Candidate in a Municipal Election is no small decision and one not to be considered without considerable thought. Information published by Municipal Affairs outlines in detail the steps to becoming a candidate and the responsibilities of an elected Councillor.

You can obtain this information by going to the County website and clicking on "Election 2021". Or, you can go to the County Office and ask CAO Paul King for paper copies of the same information which includes:

- *Municipal Affairs Candidate Guide to Running for Municipal Office in Alberta*
- *Nomination Paper & Candidate's Acceptance Form*
- *Council Electoral Boundary Map*
- *Camrose County Municipal Election - Candidate Information Guide 2021*
- *Candidate Financial Information Form 5*

I encourage you to gather this information even if you are not considering running because it will help you understand the election process and the responsibilities of the successful candidate.

So now you know the mechanical side of becoming a candidate but there is more to being a County Councillor and that is where I have some opinions to pass along based on my experiences.

- Being a Councillor will expose you to new ideas and new information; it is a wonderful learning experience.
- You will need to read more than you have done in years. Being a knowledgeable Councillor means learning facts and background information.
- A Councillor has ONE employee and that is the CAO; you do not give instructions to any County employees, be on good terms with them.
- It will take you a year to "learn the ropes".
- Do not be afraid to ask questions at a meeting; chances are good that others are wondering the same thing.
- Drive over as many division roads as you can.
- Diligently record your mileage and time spent on County business.
- Keep notes on every phone call or conversation; do not discard them-ever.
- People may call at odd hours; some callers are respectful, some are not.
- Don't be a knee jerk artist, what seems like the proper instant response may be incorrect.
- Try to make your cell phone your main contact number vs your landline. Your spouse is not your secretary.
- You will never please everyone with your decisions or opinions.
- There is a great deal of satisfaction to be gained by serving your community.

In closing, some final observations...

- There is no reason why the Division 3 Councillor cannot be a woman.
- Some say “save the beavers”; some say “shoot the beavers”, all live along Dried Meat Creek.
- Beware of people who begin a sentence with “you know what” before they rant and rave.
- Acreage owners are important in that they bring new life into thinning rural populations.
- Know the answer to the question “what do I get for my taxes”.
- Expect calls about plugged culverts, wrong sized culverts and flooded roads, as spring begins.
- Farmers need to spread manure and there will be a smell; it will dissipate.
- Expect some farmers to wait though the winter to start hauling grain during road ban season.
- MLA’s and MP’s can retreat to offices in Edmonton and Ottawa; you never leave home.
- Call residents for their opinions on issues.
- Announce your intentions to run as soon as possible and talk with people.

Division 3 has previously been served by excellent Councillors, including Theo Thirsk, Vic McCarroll and Jim Hillaby. Talk with them. Talk with present Councillors for Camrose County. All are approachable and will be happy to answer your questions.

Camrose County, is in some way, a part of your lives. The 2021 County election is important; now is your chance to be involved for the next four years whether it be as a candidate or a responsible citizen.

Sincerely,

Don Gregorwich

A special thank you to Don Gregorwich for adding to this Newsletter for those interested in the position of Councilor for Division 3



Good day,

The Kelsey community society is excited to be hosting our first ever Facebook auction.

For the past 20 years the small but vibrant hamlet of Kelsey has been supported and funded by the drama club with the dinner theater.

A new page has been turned and new funds need to be found. We are seeking donations from anyone to help us achieve our goal of auctioning off over 100 items. The more items we can auction off, the more money we can put back into the community to serve our greatest needs (hall expenses such as heat, water, lawn mowing in the town and the ball diamond expenses).

Donating is as simple as choosing a new or used item and texting a couple of pictures and a few details of the item along with a possible value to Tina Sroka. Please try to donate before March 10, 2021. The auction goes live on our Facebook page, “Kelsey Community Society” March 22-26. You can begin to follow our page now to see the items. Please like and follow. Get ready for an exciting week of bidding on all sorts of items.

There will also be a large community garage sale in the Kelsey Hall Friday and Saturday March 26-27 from 12:00- 5:00pm. We are accepting donated garage sale items at any time. We will be following Covid restrictions in the hall so patience might be required.

For any questions or to make a donation please contact

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Trevor Cunningham - 780-678-0870

Reg Baumle - 780-608-9579

The Rosalind Ag Society would like to thank Battle River Community Fund for the grant money that we received.

Money will go towards stocking our Shelf Help Shelf that is in the entry of the Rosalind Post Office Building.

Self Help Shelf

Suggestion Box

A box will be placed beside the shelf and we are looking for suggestions of items that are needed.

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After enduring the miserable cold weather of early February, spring must be around the corner!

Did you know that Camrose County has a drone? It was purchased along with a tablet for operating, ground school training, a Civil tracking subscription and items needed to store it for transportation etc. at a total cost of \$8500. This cost was shared by the Agriculture Services Board and the West Dried Meat Landfill Authority. Surveying aggregate material piles before, during, and after gravel crushing has been reduced from a survey taking upwards of 4 hours to a ½ hour. This improves the ability to control the amount of material produced, keeping costs on budget. Beaver dam locations and water flow issues can now be identified, many of these locations do not have easy access, needing a quad or on foot. At the West Dried Meat Landfill, they monitor and measure the volume of waste and the progress of each cell with this drone. The drone video footage has also been used by the Public Works Manager to present information to Camrose County Council, the fly over of the roads in question brought council members to the road without leaving the building. The purchase of the drone has been a great investment at a relatively lost cost.

Have you wondered why you see trucks spreading gravel during the winter months? Each year, winter gravel hauling and distribution is completed throughout the County road network to maintain the highest level of serviceability of the roadways possible. This is further reinforced in Policy 17.21 wherein it states all roads will be graveled at least once every three (3) years. This work is annually planned to occur over the winter months as the impact of the heavy gravel loads is not as damaging to haul routes due to the frozen roadways. As of February 16th, 65% of the hauling has been done, that is 352/540 miles have been completed. The winter hauling was on hold during the extreme cold weather.

I have received a couple phone calls and emails asking for an update on the Camrose County/City of Camrose Recreation Agreement. So being the optimist my comment would be we theoretically are close to an agreement, both councils have voted to accept in principle the agreement presented. Our respective Recreation Committees are meeting to continue the “fine tuning” of the agreement. Does that sound like a political answer, you bet!

Just recently I participated in what was named “Presidents Summit on Policing, presented by AUMA and RMA” AUMA represents cities, towns & villages, and the RMA represents Municipal Districts & Counties. This virtual presenta-

tion was given to at least 360 members of the two association as well as the media. Deputy Commissioner Commanding Officer Alberta R.C.M.P. Curtis Zablocki, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General of Alberta, President Paul McLauchlin and AUMA President Barry Morishita were the presenters. This was addressing the issue of Government of Alberta investigating forming an Alberta Provincial Police force. This is an important issue that we all need to pay attention to, just like the Assessment Model Review, we cannot afford to let this one slide under the radar.

Congratulations to Kelsy Moch and Natalie Stepanova for receiving the Augustana Community Awards, Camrose County is proud to sponsor the awards to these two students from our county.

The Camrose County Recycling program is up and running at the Kelsey and Kingman transfer sites, the West Dried Meat Lake Landfill, and the Camrose County Seed Cleaning Plant. You can take flattened cardboard, newspaper, magazines, catalogues, clean tin cans, aluminum containers, aluminum cans, plastic containers (no plastic bags or filmy plastic). A new addition to the program is an oil filter and oil jug recycling at all transfer sites. The following photo is the recycling bins at the Camrose County Seed Cleaning Plant.



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