

# STARLAND COUNTY LINE

FALL/WINTER  
2023



# COUNTY CONTACTS

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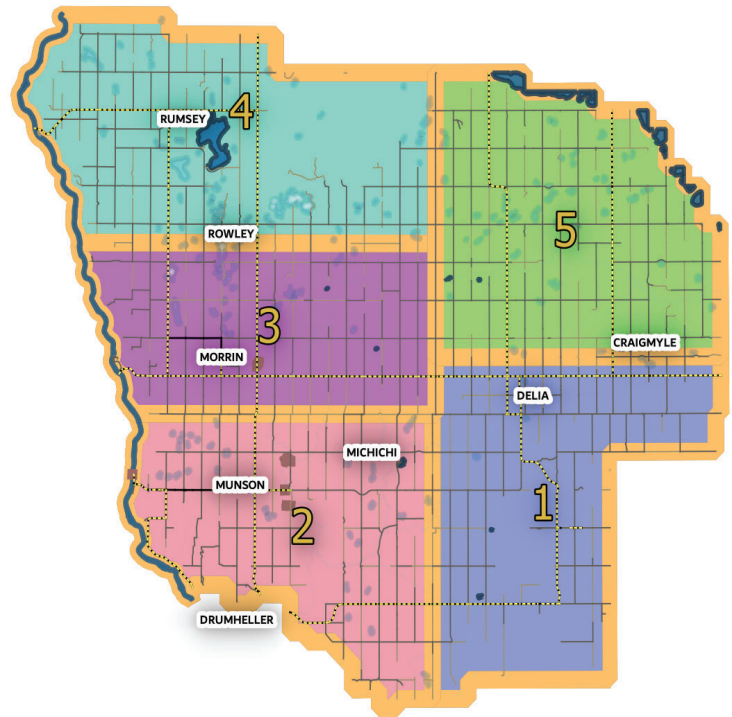
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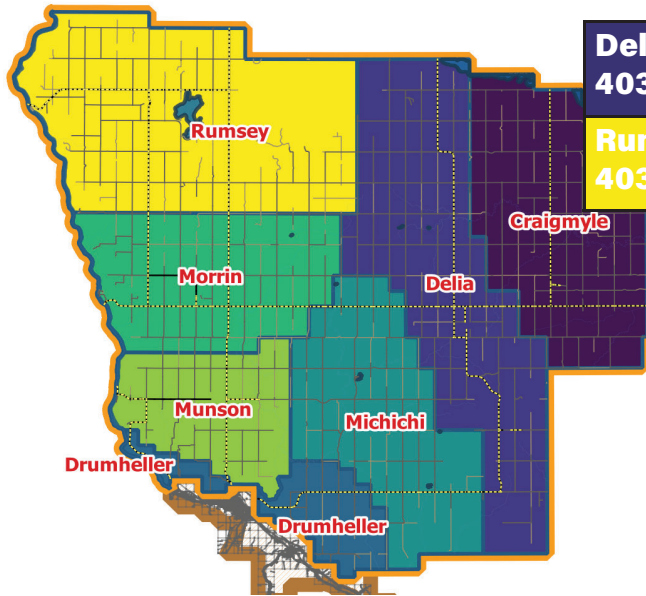


2023 Starland County Council

L to R: Bob Sargent, John Rew, Jackie Watts, Mark Landry, Steve Wannstrom

# COUNTY CONTACTS

## FIRE SERVICE REGION MAP



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403-820-4074

**Morrin**  
403-820-0204

**Munson**  
403-820-2355

**Rumsey**  
403-334-4640

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403-854-6508

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Fire permits can be obtained free of charge by submitting a request at the County Office. Failure to obtain one can result in charges, or being charged with the cost of a fire truck visiting the scene of a fire where no permit was issued.

### Emergency Contacts

In the case of a major emergency or disaster event this page will contain important contact information. For Starland County's 24/7 Emergency line please call 1-403-772-3793. If calling outside business hours please wait for the answering service.

## STARLAND COUNTY WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME OUR NEWEST TEAM MEMBER, DAN TREMBLAY



Dan Tremblay, Municipal Services Director

Dan Tremblay is a native of the breathtaking Canadian Badlands near Drumheller, Alberta. He embodies a unique blend of rural charm and professional acumen. With roots tracing back to his mother's family in the quaint Village of Carbon, Alberta, he developed a deep appreciation for the region's rich heritage and natural beauty.

Establishing his roots in Three Hills, he kickstarted his career in the municipal domain, leaving an indelible mark at Kneehill County before transitioning to a pivotal role in the heart of the Town of Three Hills. Despite eventually delving into the oilfields, his passion for sustainable water and wastewater management led him back to the public sector. An avid enthusiast of motorcycles and the great outdoors, he finds solace and joy in his homesteading endeavours amidst the serenity of Starland County.

# COUNTY GREETINGS

**THANK YOU TO ALL THE  
FIREFIGHTERS AND OTHER  
EMERGENCY SERVICE  
PERSONNEL THAT KEEP US  
SAFE.**

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# COUNTY GREETINGS

## REEVE'S MESSAGE



Reeve Steve Wannstrom

As we move into winter, I hope this message finds you well. Starland County has had a busy summer, with many new faces in the building. The County has been working on some previously mentioned projects in tandem with beginning others. Below is an update on some key initiatives in our County.

### *Purchase of Land*

Starland has begun the process of buying land to develop a Business Park. Due to the decrease of Oil and Gas development in our area, Council sees this venture as a necessary action. It will bring in outside investment and revenue, allowing the County to have a more diverse tax base. Once an Area Structure Plan (ASP) is complete, the administration plans on having an open house to discuss this exciting new project.

### *SMRs*

During the Land Use Bylaw Public Hearing, some ratepayers brought up concerns they had about nuclear energy. Council heard these concerns and wants to address them. This technology implementation is a decade away, but we believe public engagement and education on the matter should be the starting point. Inside this newsletter is a more in-depth look into the subject and includes a QR Code that will provide you with additional information about SMRs and nuclear energy.

### *Broadband*

Council and Administration have been working on the issue of poor internet connection/service in the County. Starland has entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Connect to conduct a study on how to increase connectivity in the County through Broadband technology.

### *Rumsey Library*

This project is nearing completion and will soon be open to the public. Although it has taken longer than planned, it will be a great upgrade for the community while repurposing our old public works office.

### *Starland Recreation Area*

Council has given directive to administration to begin replacing the outhouses at Starland Recreation Area. Over the winter they will be building six outhouses that will serve as prototypes for possible upgrades to our other campgrounds.

We hope you enjoy this edition of Starland County Line.

Steve Wannstrom

Reeve

*Steve Wannstrom*

*Season's  
greetings*

# PUBLIC WORKS

## 2023 CAPITAL ROAD AND BRIDGE PROJECT UPDATE

PROJECT TYPE	LOCATION	WORK DESCRIPTION
Road	Gartley Road. East of Munson, 2-4 miles.	Turned coldmix surface back to gravel
Bridge	BF#06918, Located on Range Road 16-0, North of Highway 9	Replaced existing 3 span bridge with a new single-span bridge
Road	Walker Road	construction completed in 2021, fencing completed 2 years later for grass establishment
Bridge	BF#08593	Costruction completed in 2021, fencing completed this year for grass establishment
Bridge	BF#70286	Costruction completed in 2021, fencing completed this year for grass establishment
Gravel	Morton Pit	Completed archaeological study, recieved approval to move forward with next mining stage
Bridge	BF#13417 Located on Township Road. West of 19-2	Replaced existing culvert with a new bridge sized culvert
Gravel	Starland Pit	Reclaimed County gravel pit
Road	Mrtin Larson Road	Re-established North property line



BF#13417



BF# 06918, The "Lenfesty" Bridge

# PUBLIC WORKS

## SAFELY PASSING PUBLIC WORKS GRADERS IN WINTER

Winter driving can be challenging and sometimes dangerous, especially when you encounter Public Works graders clearing the snow from the roads. Here are some tips to help you drive safely when passing these vehicles:

- Slow down and keep a safe distance behind the grader. Do not tailgate or try to pass too quickly. The grader may have to stop or change direction suddenly, and you may not be able to see the road conditions ahead.
- Be patient and wait for a clear and safe opportunity to pass. Do not pass on curves, hills, bridges, intersections, or near oncoming



traffic. The grader may have a wing blade that extends beyond the vehicle, which can pose a hazard to passing vehicles.

- Signal your intention to pass and make eye contact with the grader operator if possible. Do not assume that they can see you or hear your horn. Pass on the left side of the grader and give it plenty of room. Do not cut in front of the grader or slow down abruptly after passing.
- Be courteous and respectful to the grader operators. They are working hard to keep the roads safe and clear for everyone. Do not honk, flash your lights, or gesture rudely at them. They are following the rules and regulations of their job and have the right of way on the road.

By following these tips, you can help prevent accidents and injuries and make winter driving safer for yourself and others.

The Public Works Department of Starland County works to build and maintain the local road system of Township and Range Roads in addition to hamlet road networks. In addition to major road rebuilding, services such as grading, dust control, road graveling, pothole repair, snow removal, and surfacing are provided throughout the year.

For more information on local road maintenance or construction please review the Public Works section of this site or contact us through the **Starland County Office at 430-772-3793**.

Alberta Transportation is responsible for maintaining all of the highways within Starland County, including Highways 9, 27, 56, 576, 585, 838, 839, 849, and 851.

Information about these highways, including maintenance, construction and snow removal, can be obtained from Alberta Transportation: **Alberta Transportation, Hanna Field Office**

**403-854-5557**

# COUNCIL MESSAGE

## WHAT IS AN SMR AND HOW CAN IT CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA?

A Small Modular Reactor is the next generation of nuclear reactors. These reactors are smaller than traditional reactors and can vary in size, design and cooling types. They can be deployed in remote areas and on small grids where power generation is needed. They are usually 300 megawatts or less. SMRs are usually built off-site and transported to the housing facility for installation.

SMRs have the potential to add power to the grid, take heavy industry offline, and assist in net zero power generation. Currently, Ontario Power Generation (OPG) is in site preparation for the first grid-scale SMR at the Darlington nuclear site. It will be a GE reactor producing 300 megawatts of power that will power 300,000 homes. The Canadian Nuclear Laboratories has selected Chalk River as the location for the first microreactor that will generate under 15 megawatts.

Currently, the Government of Alberta and the Oil and Gas Industry are working on technologies such as Carbon Capture and Underground Storage (CCUS) as well as Hydrogen Projects to help reach a net zero grid. These technologies will be needed; there is also room for SMRs to assist in this process as well.

An SMR can take heavy industry offline while providing them with the high heat needed and the amount of electricity to operate their current process for oil and gas technologies. As more CCUS and hydrogen conversion from natural gas comes online, the electricity needed for these processes will also have to be added to the grid.

Right now, in Alberta, there have been several renewable energies, solar and wind, constructed and can play a role in power generation. The idea that these two technologies are the only answer to a net zero grid within the province is a very narrow vision. They are known to be intermittent at times and cannot be deployed in every part of the province for reliable electricity. Currently, the footprint of such operations is large and possibly being deployed in ways that can harm agricultural production.

An SMR provides constant generation, does not rely on the wind blowing or the sun shining, and has a much smaller footprint on the landscape than the current renewable sources.

While nuclear can be a scary idea, it is regulated from start to end of life and must fulfill many safety regulations in Canada, as well as a community being accepting. The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) is the regulator in Canada and works with communities to consult and build relationships for the possible deployment of nuclear technologies. The Canadian Nuclear Association (CNA) advocates and educates for the nuclear industry.

Nuclear technologies are here in the province and are at many of our large hospitals for cancer treatments. Canada has had a very successful track record for nuclear uses, and the idea needs to be explored and how it can be used for future uses discussed.

As the demand for electricity continues to increase, so must exploration of technologies in all sectors to generate



# COUNCIL MESSAGE

reliable power. How we get there can be divisive, but we do need to get there no matter what our view is. Nuclear can be a part of the idea, but education needs to be pursued so that communities can understand its potential advantages and disadvantages (this should be the case for every form of power generation). It is a technology that can extend the life of the Oil and Gas sector while providing Albertans with a reliable and efficient path for energy transition.

As many landowners can attest, the collapse of Trident affected many families and the county. While many of the leases were picked up, it also came at a cost to the residents, and many of these lease sites have been turned over to the Orphan Well Association (OWA) to be reclaimed. The fields located in the county are old and low-producing and will not be replaced with new wells.

The county currently has three renewable projects within its boundaries: When such projects are proposed, the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) approves these projects with little to no consultation with the municipality or residents. These new developments do benefit the county through taxation. Council does see the benefits that will come with the new tax dollars. However, there are still concerns about these developments.

Currently, there is advocacy going on through the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) on reclamation regulation, protection for landowners, and proper consultation with municipalities, which has led to the current moratorium on renewable projects. The Counties and MDs currently have very little say in how these projects will be developed or how to mitigate issues for

adjacent landowners.

In August 2020, the UCP government signed a memorandum of understanding with Ontario, Saskatchewan, and New Brunswick, supporting the advancement and deployment of SMRs. Alberta's energy grid differs from the three other provinces because we have private power generation, but as more companies move towards this technology, Council feels it is best to be engaged in the conversation. This was when Council took an active role in advocacy starting in the fall of 2021 with a resolution for an awareness campaign to engage the public related to nuclear technologies. The RMA membership passed it.

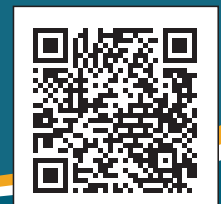
Ontario and New Brunswick have nuclear reactors in their provinces, so residents understand the benefits and risks, and Saskatchewan has been running education regarding nuclear technologies for over ten years. Council felt that if the Alberta Government would sign a memorandum, then they should start talking and educating about nuclear within the province and how it could assist our energy needs.

Council and Administration are working on information and hope to be able to have nuclear education and conversations regarding all aspects of SMRs one day. This Council chooses to be as educated on SMRs as possible.

**For more information on Small Modular Reactors see our website for a list of informative websites:**

<https://www.starlandcounty.com/news/smr-information/>

**Or scan the QR code**



# COUNTY NEWS

## IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR TIPPS!!



TIPPS Application Link

Starland County has implemented a TIPPs (Tax Installment Payment Plan) program. Eligible taxpayers are now able to pay their current year taxes over twelve equal pre-authorized monthly installments, penalty-free, from January to December of each current tax year. Taxpayers wishing to enroll in the program after the January deadline of each year will be required to pay the total amount of the monthly installments missed prior to enrollment. Then, the regular monthly pre-authorized direct debit payments will commence. A taxpayer is not eligible to enter this plan if there is any outstanding amount owing on the tax roll. The monthly installment amount shall be one-twelfth of the previous year's tax levy until such time the

current year's tax levy is calculated. An adjustment shall be made to this monthly installment amount to ensure that the current year's taxes will be paid in full by the end of the year. Pre-authorized automatic withdrawals/debits from the taxpayer's bank account shall be made on the last business day of each month. Once a taxpayer is enrolled in the plan, the plan will automatically renew each year. A taxpayer can opt out of the plan at any time with fifteen days' written notice to the Administration of Starland County. If a taxpayer fails to make one payment, the taxpayer shall be notified that a second payment attempt will be made in fifteen days. If the second attempt fails, the plan shall be automatically cancelled, and penalties shall accrue. If you would like to sign up for the TIPPs program for the 2024 tax year or for more information on this plan, please visit the Starland County website, [www.starlandcounty.com](http://www.starlandcounty.com) or phone the County Administration office at 403-772-3793.

## 2023 FISHING DERBY

There was a great turnout of 56 people for this year's Fishing Derby on the Michichi Reservoir. It was a beautiful, sunny day, but the fish were not biting for most. However, a young angler by the name of Arlie Leonhardt wrestled a 3.34 lbs. trout out of the pond to win the day!



Fishing Derby Winner, Arlie Leonhardt

## 2023 LEADERSHIP OF TOMORROW SCHOLARSHIP

The Council and Staff of Starland County would like to congratulate our 2023 Scholarship Recipients and thank all of our applicants for their hard work. Our future is in great hands!

The recipients of the 2023 Leadership of Tomorrow Scholarship are  
The Academic Scholarship was awarded to:

**Alyssa Wilkins**

The Agricultural Scholarship was awarded to:

**Kasen Wilson**

- a special thanks for the generous bursary provided by Sarge's Oilfield. The recipient is:

**Nicole Wolf**

# COUNTY SERVICES

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE		
	Description	Fee
Aerial Photos		
	Landowners	No Fee
	Others: 11" x 17" (per property)	\$1.00 each
	Others: 22" x 34" on the plotter (per property)	\$10.00 each
Assessment Appeal Fees		
	Assessment Appeal Fee for Farmland and Residential (Refundable if Successful or Withdrawn Prior to Hearing)	\$50.00 per tax roll *GST Exempt
	Assessment Appeal Fee for Non-Residential (Refundable if Successful or Withdrawn Prior to Hearing)	\$650.00 per tax roll *GST Exempt
Assessment Roll Report		
	Assessment Roll Report of Individual's Assessment	Free to Landowner
	Complete Assessment Roll Report	\$100.00
Assessment Sheets		
	Assessment Summary or Detail Sheets	Free to Landowner
	Assessment Summary or Detail Sheets for Others i.e. ADC, Farm Credit, Banks, Mortgage Companies, Real Estate Firms	\$15.00 per parcel
CEMETERIES		
	Description	Fee
Purchase of Cemetery Plots in All County Cemeteries:		
	Purchase of Cemetery Plots	\$100.00 + GST per plot
Purchase of Columbarium Niche (where available)		
	Purchase of Niche & Plaque (Niche opening and internment included)	\$1300.00 + GST
Purchase of Memorial Wall Plaque (Placed on Columbarium Side Wall)		
	Purchase of Plaque for Memorial Wall	\$300.00 + GST
Grave Site Preparation:		
	Full Service - During regular weekday working hours - Grave site preparation and backfilling	\$650.00 + GST
	Winter Grave Preparation (Frozen Ground Conditions)	Additional \$200.00+GST
	Full Service on Weekend, Holidays or After Regular Hours - Grave site preparation and back-filling on any portion of a weekend or holiday day	\$900.00 + GST
	Winter Grave Preparation (Frozen Ground Conditions)	Additional \$200.00+GST
	Cremation Services - During regular weekday working hours - Preparation for a cremation burial	\$100.00 + GST
	Winter Burial Preparation (Frozen Ground Conditions)	Additional \$75.00 + GST
	Cremation Services Weekend, Holidays or After Regular Hours - Cremation burial site preparation on any portion of a weekend or holiday day	\$150.00 + GST
	Winter Burial Preparation (Frozen Ground Conditions)	Additional \$75.00 + GST
	Additional Charges - Eg. Tree removal, cement cover removal, snow removal to facilitate burial	There may be additional charges added to the regular fees

## CHANGES TO THE CONTAINER RECYCLING PROGRAM & TRANSITION PLAN FOR COLLECTING JUGS AT RETAIL OUTLETS

**BETWEEN 2022 AND 2024, THE <23L CONTAINER COLLECTION PROGRAM WILL UNDERGO A GRADUAL CHANGE THAT WILL ALIGN IT WITH OTHER PROVINCES, ENABLING FARMERS TO BRING BACK THESE CONTAINERS TO THEIR LOCAL RETAIL OUTLETS.**

In January 2022, Cleanfarms announced that over the next three years, the <23L pesticide & fertilizer container recycling program would transition from a municipal-based collection model to a retail-based collection across the province of Alberta in conjunction to be consistent Canada wide.

The transition has involved phasing out a portion of the municipal locations each year.

The lowest-volume municipal sites in the province will close at the end of 2022, medium-volume municipal sites will close by end 2023, and the highest-volume sites will operate through to the end of 2025. (See chart below)

**Please help promote 100% recycling of pesticide and fertilizer jugs through the Cleanfarms program. The chart below shows closing dates for landfill locations throughout the area including where items are accepted for recycling.**

Across Canada, farmers now return used Ag items like jugs to the Ag retailers so with this implementation it streamlines the process and brings it into alignment with other provinces. It simplifies the program since your ag retailer may already be accepting Cleanfarms materials and it makes it easier for your municipality to soon not have to look after extra items. Most of all, when you're thinking about which materials you want to bundle up to recycle, you know they're all going to the same place: your local ag retailer.

**The process still stands in cleaning and bagging the <23L jugs. You can receive bags (1 bag holds 45 jugs) from the retailer for your chem jugs and we do still have some at our Starland County yard and transfer stations, as well as twine bags. Please call and ask if requiring bags and Starland would be glad to help. 403-772-3793**

Please adhere to the following:

**1. Rinse & remove**

- Use chemical handler/ triple rinse/ pressure rinse
- Remove paper booklets, and discard

**2. Fill bag & close**

- Place rinsed containers in bag and securely close
- Only one material type per bag (i.e., jugs)W

**3. Seed treatment containers**

Place in a separate collection bag (note – this is preferred for collection at municipal sites and required at retail sites and it make it easier for storage and transportation).

**4. Return for recycling.** Check with your retailer to see when you can begin returning to retail.

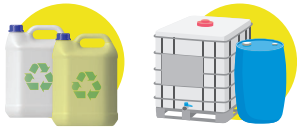


# ATTENTION

PLEASE FIND BELOW THE TRANSITION DATES AND WHAT IS ACCEPTED AND NOT AFTER THE INDICATED CLOSING DATE

LOCATION	COUNTY	CLOSING DATE	<23L JUGS	TOTES & DRUMS	LARGE TOTE BAGS	SEED & PEST	TWINE & GRAIN BAGS
Michichi Transfer Site	Starland	January 01, 2024	<del>✓</del>	<del>✓</del>	<del>✓</del>	<del>✓</del>	✓
Rumsey Transfer Site	Starland	January 01, 2024	<del>✓</del>	<del>✓</del>	<del>✓</del>	<del>✓</del>	✓
Drumheller Regional Landfill	Drumheller	January 01, 2025	<del>✓</del>	<del>✓</del>	<del>✓</del>	<del>✓</del>	✓
Stettler Regional Landfill	Stettler	January 01, 2025	<del>✓</del>	<del>✓</del>	<del>✓</del>	<del>✓</del>	✓
Byemoor	Stettler	January 01, 2025	<del>✓</del>	<del>✓</del>	<del>✓</del>	<del>✓</del>	✓
Big Valley	Stettler	January 01, 2025	<del>✓</del>	<del>✓</del>	<del>✓</del>	<del>✓</del>	✓
Hanna	Special Areas 2	January 01, 2025	<del>✓</del>	<del>✓</del>	<del>✓</del>	<del>✓</del>	✓
Handhills Transfer Site	Special Areas 2	January 01, 2025	<del>✓</del>	<del>✓</del>	<del>✓</del>	<del>✓</del>	✓
Three Hills Transfer Site	Kneehill County	January 01, 2025	<del>✓</del>	<del>✓</del>	<del>✓</del>	<del>✓</del>	✓
RETAILERS	LOCATION						
Nutrien	Delia & Rosedale	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Westview Co-op	Drumheller & Hanna	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kneehill Soil Services	Drumheller	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

\*\*SEED & PEST BAGS MUST BE SEPARATED FROM HERBICIDE JUGS DUE TO THE DYE IN THE SEED TREATMENT. DYE WILL CONTAMINATE THE OTHER PLASTIC AND COULD MAKE LARGE BATCHES OF PLASTIC UNRECYCLABLE. THESE CONTAINERS NEED TO BE MANAGED SEPARATELY. PLEASE RINSE IF POSSIBLE OR CLOSE CAP SECURELY, THEN PLACE IN A SEPARATE BAG. BE SURE TO CLOSE THE BAG SECURELY AS WELL.



## Why is rinsing important?

- It meets the requirements of the Pest Control Products Act.
- It ensures no product is wasted.
- It improves health and safety practices in the community.
- Only clean plastic can be recycled efficiently.

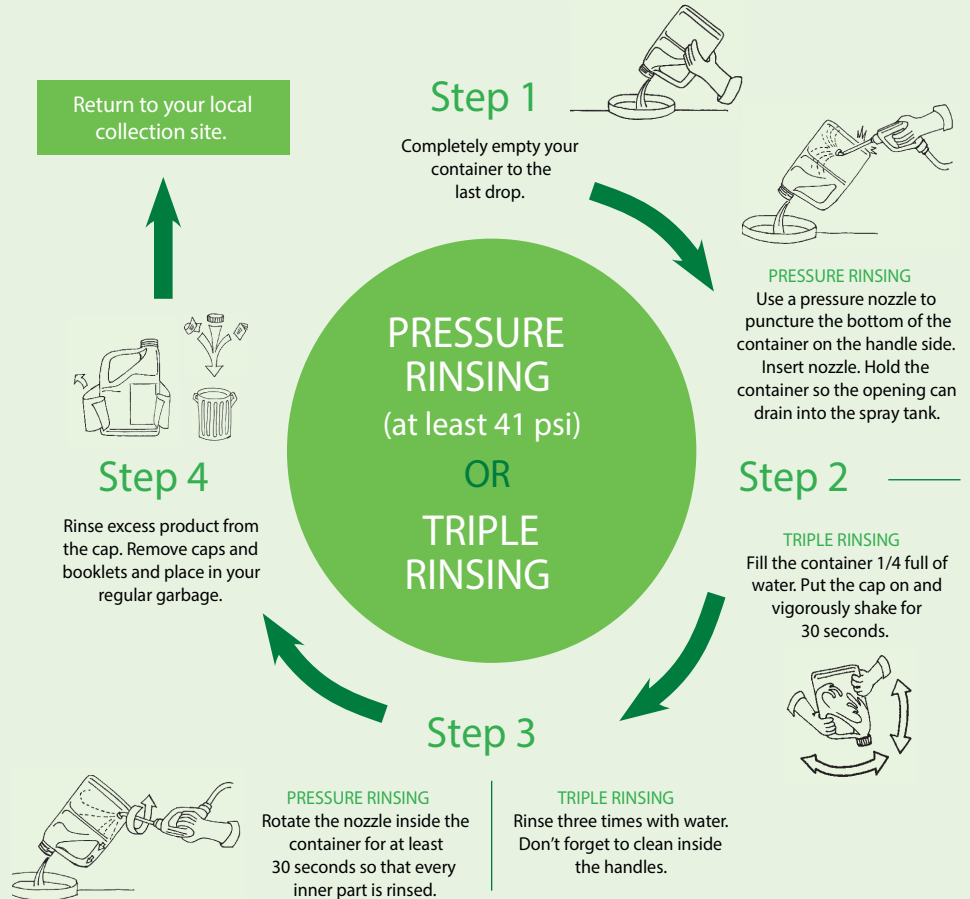
## Please note

Before containers can be accepted for recycling, they must be rinsed of **all residue after use**. Only dry, rinsed containers that are residue-free can be accepted at collection sites.

## Important: Instructions for Seed Treatment Containers

- 1 Rinse, if possible.
- 2 If rinsing is not possible, close cap securely and place unrinsed jugs together in a separate collection bag.
- 3 When the bag is full, securely close with a tie wrap, rope or knot and take the bag to your local collection site for proper disposal.

## Container rinsing made easy



# Ag Drone School



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# AGRICULTURAL NEWS

<b>STARLAND COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD</b>		
<b>2023 EQUIPMENT RENTAL &amp; SERVICE RATES</b>		
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>RATES</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
2011 Brillion Grass Seeder - 10 foot	\$10.00 / acre	Minimum charge \$150.00
12 foot 1206NT Land Pride No-till Drill	\$15.00 / acre	\$250.00 minimum charge
Livestock Water Transfer System	\$395.00 / dugout	\$250.00 If set up by landowner
Kirchner Grain Bag Roller	\$50.00 / day	\$250.00 Charge for ASB Staff Assistance (Optional)
Rawhide Portable Corral System	\$200.00 / day	\$100.00 Deposit Required
Portable Loading Chute	\$50.00/day	\$100.00 Deposit Required
Magpie Traps	No Charge	\$100.00 Deposit Required
Back Pack Sprayer	No Charge	\$100.00 Deposit Required
Measuring Wheel	No Charge	\$100.00 Deposit Required
Skunk Traps	No Charge	\$100.00 Deposit Required
Transit	No Charge	\$100.00 Deposit Required
Forage Probe	No Charge	\$100.00 Deposit Required
Grasshopper Bait Spreader	No Charge	\$100.00 Deposit Required
Dannville No-Drift Chemical Applicator	No Charge	\$100.00 Deposit Required
Grass Seed Belly Grinder	No Charge	\$100.00 Deposit Required
Solar-Powered Water Pumping System	No Charge	\$250.00 Deposit Required
<b>SERVICES</b>	<b>RATES</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Shelter Belt Spraying Program (Insecticide)	\$125.00 / hour + chemicals	150 gallon tank, \$125.00 Minimum Charge
Weed Spraying Program	\$50.00 / hour + chemicals	1150 gallon tank, less 60% on Toadflax and Scentless Chamomile Incentive Program
ATV Sprayer - Spot Spraying Program	\$50.00 / hour + chemicals	Less 60% on Toadflax and Scentless Chamomile Incentive Program
RTV Spot Spray Program	\$100.00 / hour + chemicals	Less 60% on Toadflax and Scentless Chamomile Incentive Program
Shelterbelt Fabric Roller	\$20.00 / hour + fabric costs	\$50.00 minimum charge
<b>SUBSIDIZED SERVICES</b>	<b>INCENTIVE</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Water Well Decommissioning	\$200/Well	Must be performed by approved technician, contact for details
Rozol Applicator (Gopher Control)	No Charge	Must purchase Rozol to use with applicator
Backsloping Program (Fence line Topsoil work)	40% Off Construction Rates	Contact for program requirements and rates
Tree Planter	No Charge	Contact for program requirements

# AGRICULTURAL NEWS

## SECURING SUCCESS: FUNDING & GRAZING STRATEGIS FOR YOUR OPERATION

Join FFGA at one of the workshops on local funding opportunities. At these workshops, producers will have a chance to network with experts from the programs and other local organizations. In the afternoon, choose to work hands-on with experts and technicians in 1 of 3 breakout sessions: Environmental Farm Plans, RALP Funding Support, or How to Build Your Grazing Plan.

January 10, 2024 - Acme Community Centre  
January 30, 2024 - Patricia Community Hall  
9:00am - 4:00pm

Cost (lunch included)

FFGA Member \$25 / Non-member \$30

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Ducks Unlimited Canada's new Marginal Areas Program increases your profits while farming fewer acres. It provides a financial solution to unproductive land within annually cropped fields by seeding perennial forages.

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## **ATTENTION FARMERS!**

**Starland County is hosting a  
FARMERS PESTICIDE CERTIFICATION COURSE  
Endorsements for EXTERIOR RODENT CONTROL & STORED GRAIN  
(or can to be taken separately)**

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FEBRUARY 8 & 9, 2024

Morrin Community Hall

9:00AM—4:00PM each day

Lunch and refreshments will be provided

**\$150/PERSON FOR FARMERS PESTICIDE COURSE**

**\$75/PERSON PER ENDORSEMENT MODULE (1/2 DAY EACH)**

**OR ALL THREE COURSES FOR \$275**

Farmers who wish to use restricted pesticide, such as Phostoxin, are required to have a Farmers Pesticide Certification. The Stored Grain Endorsement is required to fumigate with aluminum phosphide & the Exterior Rodent Control is required to use restricted rodenticides. When registering provide name, phone number and your current pesticide certificate number, if applicable. You may pay by credit card (online or at office) cash, and or cheque, made payable to Starland County.



**Maximum of 20 attendees!**

**For more information and to register, contact:**

**Marcia Raymond**

**Email: [marcia@starlandcounty.com](mailto:marcia@starlandcounty.com) or phone 403-772-3793, Ext 325.**

## COMMUNITY APPRECIATION INITIATIVE

Starland County is grateful for the work of community groups and their volunteers. They help make Starland County a better place to live. The County wants to support these groups by giving them money for their events through the Community Appreciation Initiative. Each year, the Community Appreciation Initiative funds one project per County Division with donations of \$500 each. Community groups should tell their area councillor about their events. The councillor will decide how to share the money among the groups. The County will inform people about this program in its newsletter, website, and social media.



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This year, Division 1 Councillor Mark Landry gave his donation to the Delia Fire Department Chief Jeff Stel. The \$500 will go to emergency equipment for their department.

Reeve Steve Wannstrom, Division 2 Councillor, presented Deputy Chief Dan Lawrence of the Munson Firefighters Association with a check for \$500. The Firefighters held their 24th Annual Fire Prevention Week Pancake Breakfast fundraiser on October 8.



2

Here is Bob Sargent giving the Ward 3 donation to Don Yavis and Jaime Foesier of the new Morrin School for their Breakfast and Lunch Programs.



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The Rumsey Fire Department received the Division 4 Community Initiative money. They will purchase a CPR Mannequin for training on the Zoll Autopulse AED unit.



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For Division 5, Councillor John Rew donated \$500 to the Craigmyle Civic Centre Association.



August 15, 2023 Ride for Stars Photo by Matthew Kiemele

Starland County would like to congratulate the Rumsey and District Agricultural Society on the success at this years' Ride for Stars!

The **MILLION DOLLAR** total raised mark has been achieved at this years Ride for STARS,

**REACH A MILLION!**



## THE PALLISER GRAZING CLUB

The PGC held their first Annual General Meeting in Rumsey on November 1, 2023. During the A.G.M., we recapped the 2022/2023 grazing season, the workshops and tours the club held, and we initiated the planning for 2024.

The Palliser Grazing Club's goal is to host 1-2 producer tours each year, workshops with guest speakers, and collaborate with other grazing associations to deliver information and resources producers seek.

We will be hosting an evening the first week in December on "The Value of Feed Testing and Fall Vaccination Protocols for Livestock," and plans are underway for a full-day Grazing Workshop in February. The details of both events will follow.

The PGC membership includes producers from the County of Starland and the County of Stettler but would welcome producers from all areas. Membership in the Palliser Grazing Club is \$20 per year.

If you would like more information about The Palliser Grazing Club, please contact Kent Holowath at 403-820-6352, Justine Berry at 403-857-8016 or Terri Mappin at 403-916-4217.

## Did You Know?

The Palliser Triangle, identified by John Palliser in 1860, consists of much of what we now consider the brown and dark brown soil zones of the Canadian prairies. John Palliser initially determined this area unsuitable for growing crops due to arid conditions. Homesteaders and modern producers have proved that while dry conditions arise occasionally, proper management allows agricultural producers to thrive.

-Ryan Hallett

