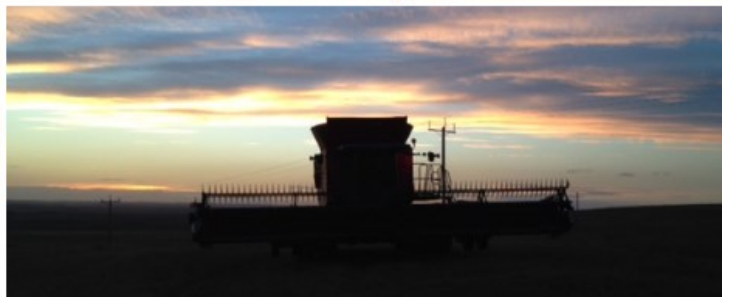
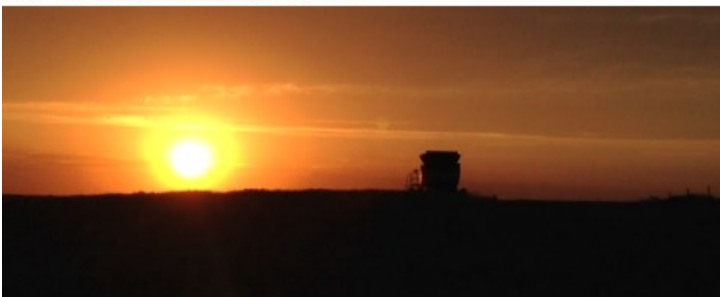


STARLAND COUNTY

AG Talk NEWSLETTER



Starland County ASB Members

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Council Member: Robert Sargent

Farm Member: Ray Trout
Farm Member: Tracy Nelson
Agricultural Fieldman: Alan Hampton
Assistant Ag Fieldman: Dara Calon
Recording Secretary: Ross Rawlusyk



AG Talk NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

Rumsey Fall Supper

November 1st. Come out for a community turkey supper with all the fixin's. Pay at the door.

Crime Watch Meeting

The Drumheller and District Rural Crime Watch Annual Meeting will be held on November 20th in the banquet room of the Diana Restaurant in Drumheller. Dinner starts at 6 pm with the meeting to follow. (There is a cost for dinner) Everyone is welcome to attend.

To pre-register call John Neill at (403)772-3847 or email crimewatch@starlandcounty.com

Community Basketball Team Alberta Avalanche Fundraiser

Nov 29th at the Rumsey Hall Delia, Morrin, and Rumsey girls are putting on a fundraiser for their tournament in Hawaii! Come on out for a great night of entertainment and support these girls!

Cocktails 7:00pm

Atomic Improv Company 8:00pm

Suit Jacket Society 9:30pm-1:00 am

Tickets \$25, or \$250/table

Midnight Lunch. For Tickets Call:

Melanie Nelson 772-0000

Betty Primrose 368-3726

Christine Demille 334-0037

New ASB Board Members

Welcome to Brian Heck from Division 1 And Kerry Sharpe from Division 2 . We look forward to working with you on the Agricultural Service Board.

Big thanks to Ray Trout and Tracy Nelson for being active, contributing members the past 7 & 6 years. Brian and Kerry you have big shoes to fill!

These Kitties Need a Home!

8 kittens ready to go at the end of October. Litter Trained. Call Amber at (403) 915-2443



Ordering Trees

Trees can be ordered through the basic bulk seedling program run by the County, or order trees directly from Alberta Nurseries (more variety). Visit www.marketland.net to order your trees online. See Page 6 for more info on the County bulk seedling program.

THAT SPLIT SECOND YOU REACH FOR A SNACK



AND ALL HELL BREAKS LOOSE

Grain Prices From the December 3rd, 1925 Delia Times

Dec. 1, 1925.

Local Grain Prices.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 2, 1925.

Wheat—

No. 1 Northern	\$1.30
No. 2 Northern	1.27
No. 3 Northern	1.22
No. 4 Northern	1.15
No. 599
No. 680

Outs—

No. 2 C. W.32
No. 3 C. W.28
No. 4 C. W.28
Feed26

Barley—

No. 3 C. W.43
Extra No. 1 Feed38
No. 1 Feed32

The mineral output of British Columbia this year will, it is estimated, reach a total value of \$60,000,000, approximately one-fourth more than last year.



NEW Weed Id App is Easy to use!

A new iPhone application developed by the City of Edmonton is taking the guesswork out of weed identification. Alberta Weed Spotter is an easy-to-use application designed to help Albertans identify and report weeds to provincial authorities. The application includes all 75 species currently regulated under **Alberta's Weed Control Act**. The goal of the app is to help improve strategic weed management decisions and allow for quicker responses to new weed infestations across the province.

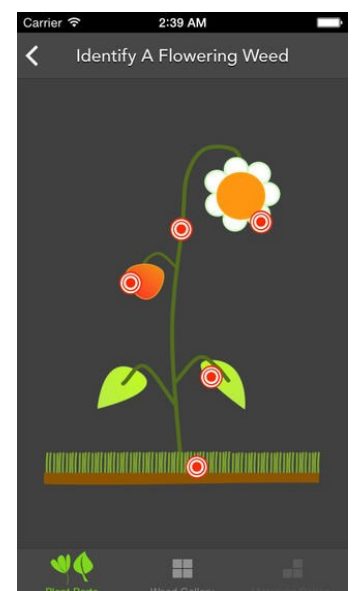
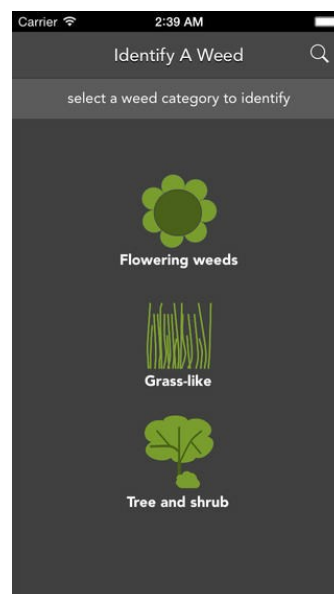
“Public awareness is vital to minimize the number of new invasive species and to reduce the spread of existing weeds.”

The application contains images of weeds separated into categories such as flowering, grass-like, and tree or shrub. This will allow Albertans to easily identify

weeds they come across and accurately report them to weed managers across the province.

For weed complaints, citizens should continue to contact the local authority in their area responsible for municipal weed enforcement. A mobile application to file weed complaints is planned to be implemented in the future. To download the app just search “AB Weed Spotter”.

Also in development is an Android-compatible version of the app, as well as plans for the information to be available to residents via open data.



Canola Storage Considerations in November

By Neil Whatley

Continued attentiveness with regard to potential grain storage problems is necessary as winter approaches, especially with canola, due to the rapidity with which damage can occur. Due to its high oil content, canola seed is more susceptible to deterioration in storage than cereal grains; thus canola is stored at a lower seed moisture level to prevent spoilage. Safe, long-term canola storage is at or below 8% moisture content and cooler than 15 degrees Celsius, however declining outside air temperatures need to be properly dealt with to ensure safe storage.

Canola respire or goes through a 'sweat' period for up to 6 weeks after being binned. Therefore, even if it is initially binned dry, canola should continue to be monitored. Respiring canola generates additional heat and moisture, creating an unstable condition. This instability can potentially result in hot spots or mould growth and when mould begins to form, it creates more heat that accelerates the spread of more mould growth. Therefore, aerating stored canola during respiration is important and spoilage can be eliminated if the canola is sufficiently conditioned to the point where the aeration cooling front moves entirely through to the top of the grain mass.

Changing outside air temperatures in the spring and fall cause repeated moisture cycles in a bin, permitting moisture to concentrate in certain bin areas, potentially leading to spoilage and heating. As outside air temperatures decline during October and November, the grain nearest to the outside bin edges cools first and this cooling system migrates downward along the bin edge, then upward through the central core. As this cooling system migrates, it gathers moisture and warmth which creates a pocket of humid and warmer air at the top of the central grain core where spoilage and heating can begin. So, as outside air temperatures decline, aeration fans should be

operated again until canola at the top of the bin is cooled to the average daily temperature. Due to continuously declining outside air temperatures, it is wise to aerate repeatedly until the whole bin of canola is between 0 and 5 degrees C. Therefore, November is an important month to check canola bins again to realize if they are stable going into winter as temperatures drop below zero degrees C and stay there. Attention should be given to any area of the bulk that is not cooling at this time of the year because spoilage could begin in this area.

Producers may also consider turning one third of the canola bulk out of a full bin by truck in November. This would be the method used if aeration is not possible, but may be an important task to complete in November even if aeration is used. Moving the grain disrupts the moisture cycle created by declining outside temperatures, cooling the grain mass and reducing the risk of spoilage. Even if a bin temperature is being monitored with sensors, this may not provide a complete reading of the whole bin because problems may emerge in pockets away from the sensors. So turning the grain ensures cooling as well as allowing producers to be able to smell the grain as they are moving it to realize if any grain is in the first stages of spoilage.

Extra caution is required in unique circumstances. Canola that was stored with a higher green seed count this fall has a higher moisture content than your average mature canola seed, potentially increasing spoilage risk. Such canola should be delivered as soon as possible to prevent spoilage, which could result in further price reduction. Extra attentiveness is also required when canola is stored in large bins, especially tall and narrow bin types that can reduce aeration air flow due to increased compaction.

Stored canola requires continued watchfulness as seasonal air temperatures decline. November is the month to ensure canola is stable going into winter.



Enjoying the Fruits (and Vegetables) of Their Labour

The Delia School has had a very successful gardening season. We planted several fruit trees, assorted vegetables in raised beds and some flowers. During the summer we had a few faithful families that were very helpful in keeping plants watered and weeds pulled. After coming back to school, harvesting began. Potatoes, onions and carrots are in storage waiting for future cooking projects. Refrigerator pickles and beet pickles are made and students have periodically enjoyed cucumbers, tomatoes and borscht soup being served during lunch time. Presently the CTS class is building us a compost bin and garden shed. We are excited about the

future plans and watching our garden grow. Our school Health Champions have done an awesome job at undertaking and promoting their edible green space. We look forward to the next new crop! Many thanks to all our supporters.

-Barb Marshall & Donna Johnson



BULK SEEDLING PROGRAM FOR FARM SHELTERBELTS

All orders must be placed through Starland County.

To place an order call (403) 772-3793, email dara@starlandcounty.com or drop off your form.

Name:

Phone Number:

Address:

Minimum Order is 1 Bundle (10 Trees)

DECIDUOUS TREES	\$/Bundle (10 Trees)	\$/Tree	Quantity (# of Bundles)
Green Ash	\$15.00	\$1.50 each	
Manitoba Maple	\$15.00	\$1.50 each	
Caragana	\$15.00	\$1.50 each	
Laurel Leaf Willow	\$17.50	\$1.75 each	
Sharp Leaf Willow	\$17.50	\$1.75 each	
Northwest Poplar	\$17.50	\$1.75 each	
Chokecherry	\$17.50	\$1.75 each	
Trembling Aspen	\$17.50	\$1.75 each	
Hybrid Poplar	\$22.50	\$2.25 each	
DECIDUOUS SHRUBS			
Dogwood	\$15.00	\$1.50 each	
Villosa Lilac	\$17.50	\$1.75 each	
Common Lilac	\$17.50	\$1.75 each	
Saskatoon	\$27.50	\$2.75 each	
Prickly Rose	\$27.50	\$2.75 each	
Silver Buffalo Berry	\$27.50	\$2.75 each	
CONFIEROUS TREES			
Scots Pine	\$15.00	\$1.50 each	
Colorado Spruce	\$15.00	\$1.50 each	
White Spruce	\$15.00	\$1.50 each	

Orders **MUST** be placed by March 27th, 2015

In order to provide low pricing we do not offer any replacement warranty

Bulk tree seedlings can be ordered through Starland County again this year.

To submit your order you can find a form at the County office, go to www.starlandcounty.com or email dara@starlandcounty.com to have one sent to you. Orders must be in by March 27th. Trees will be delivered to the County shop and ready for pick up in May.

STARLAND COUNTY LANE SNOWPLOWING AGREEMENT - NOTIFICATION

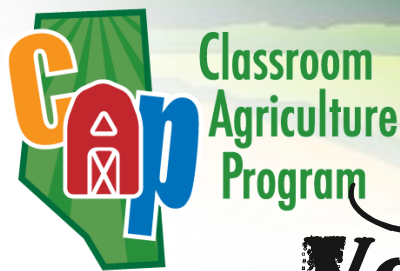
The Council of Starland County has continued their policy for private laneway snowplowing operations. The intent of the policy is to streamline the private laneway snowplowing operations with local roadway snow removal. The area Grader Operator will provide laneway snow removal operations to all ratepayers who have signed up for the laneway snow removal program. Each time the operator plows the local roadway, he will also clear the laneways of participating ratepayers. The landowner will automatically be invoiced the minimum fee of \$50.00. If the landowner requires additional private work to be carried out (clearing bins, etc.) he/she will be charged any additional time at the full hourly rate of \$90.00 per hour. The county will not provide snow removal services to any ratepayer who has not signed the lane snowplowing agreement with Starland County.

To be placed on the list for private snowplowing operations, a lane snowplowing agreement must be completed. The lane snowplowing agreement can be completed at Starland County's office in Morrin, or sent out by fax or mail. Snowplow agreements are also available for download on our County website, at www.starlandcounty.com. To avoid a delay in service, all agreements should be completed as soon as possible. Individuals who participated in the Lane Snowplowing Program last year will receive a copy of the agreement in the mail, which can be completed and returned to the County office.

Renters who would like to take advantage of the private laneway snowplowing service will need to submit a \$100.00 deposit to Starland County in advance of getting the service. A deposit balance must be in place before snow removal can be completed on rental properties.

If you have any questions about the laneway snowplowing agreement, please feel free to contact the Administration Office.

Ross D. Rawlusyk
Chief Administrative Officer
Telephone: (403) 772-3793
Fax: (403) 772-3807
www.starlandcounty.com



Volunteers Needed

Bringing Agriculture into the Classroom

Many children today think that milk, eggs, and vegetables come from the grocery store. They don't connect these common products to the cows, chickens and crops in Alberta and they don't understand the role that agriculture plays in their daily lives.

The Classroom Agriculture Program (CAP) helps children learn about the food they eat, where it comes from and the importance of agriculture in this province. Volunteers with an interest or experience in agriculture deliver these messages to grade four students across Alberta. With strong growth in requests from schools for CAP presentations, more people connected to the farm are needed to share their knowledge and experience with these children.

CAP was launched as a way to bring a strong, positive message about agriculture into classrooms. CAP has been presented to students since 1986, and has reached hundreds of thousands of students during that time. Demand for the program continues to grow, this year we have close to 22,000 students already registered for CAP. We are struggling to find the volunteers to meet this increased demand for the program.

The hour long presentations are delivered by dedicated CAP volunteers. These volunteers are farmers, ranchers, agri-food experts, government members or other individuals who have agriculture experience. This network of volunteers delivers the program between February and June of each year. Presentations include story-telling, hands-on props and fun activities. CAP provides training, ideas, resources and guidance to all volunteers.

"The prep work was not excessive and lots of latitude in content is encouraged. The presentations went terrific and we both (the students and myself) got a lot out of the sessions." Darold Niwa, Key Account Manager UFA and CAP volunteer.

CAP is a not-for-profit organization. Program success relies on the involvement of people who are dedicated to preserving and promoting agriculture. CAP is endorsed by both the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development and the Minister of Education.

If you are interested in becoming a CAP presenter, or if you are interested in finding out more about the program, please go to www.classroomagriculture.com.

For more information you can also contact:

Don George
587-877-2544
don.george@classroomagriculture.com

**Are you interested in becoming
a CAP volunteer? Schools in
our area need your help!
You can also contact
Starland County for more
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**SEALED TENDERS
FOR STARLAND COUNTY OWNED EQUIPMENT**

Starland County is offering for Sale by *Sealed Tender* the following used equipment located at the Starland County Public Works Yard, 301 - 2nd Street North, Morrin, Alberta (Sale items located along the SE fence of County Yard)

3 Days Viewing
From October 29th to 31st, 2014 - Wednesday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sealed Tenders will be accepted at the Starland County Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta until 3:00 p.m. on Friday, November 7th, 2014

Unit	Year	Make / Model	Description	Bid Price
310	2008	14' Ezee-On Model # 1375	Offset Breaking Disc 12" Spacing / 28" Discs	
23	1998	Chevrolet 1500 ½ ton truck	½ ton extended cab truck Approximately 341,444 km	
26	1998	Ford F 150 4X4 ½ ton truck	½ ton 4X4 truck Approximately 275,765 km	
27	1995	Ford F250 XL 4X4 ¾ ton truck	¾ ton 4X4 truck Approximately 370,000 km	
41	2000	Ford 750 3 ton service truck	Service and Lube truck Approximately 232,658 km	
210	1986	1986 Ford E350 Rescue Van	Munson Fire Department Rescue Van Conversion Approximately 170,000 km	

CONDITIONS OF SALE (GST WILL BE ADDED TO THE BID PRICE)

The above mentioned equipment is being sold "**as is where is**" and may be viewed **October 29th to 31st, 2014 - Wednesday thru Friday**, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

NO guarantee is offered on the above equipment. Equipment may be withdrawn by Starland County at anytime.

Sealed tenders will be accepted at the Starland County Administration Office, 103 Main Street, P.O. Box 249, Morrin, Alberta T0J 2B0 in a sealed envelope marked "**USED EQUIPMENT TENDER**", no later than **3:00 p.m., Friday, November 7th, 2014**. Bid Sheets are available at the County office or on www.starlandcounty.com. Highest or any bid will not necessarily be accepted. No Bid Deposit is required.

TERMS: CASH OR CERTIFIED CHEQUE - Before equipment is released.

Starland County assumes no responsibility as to the age or condition of the equipment and errors or omissions on this list. **It is the purchaser's responsibility to confirm age, condition, etc.**

Equipment is to be removed by the successful bidder within one (1) week of tender being awarded. Starland County is not responsible for late bids received by mail or courier.

For further information regarding equipment contact:
Al Pratt at 403-772-3831 (Office) or 403-321-3285 (Cellular)
BIDS CLOSE FRIDAY, November 7th, 2014 AT 3:00 P.M.
RESULTS WILL BE AVAILABLE WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12th, AT 3:00 P.M.



Wheat Head Army Worm

There have been some reports of wheat head armyworms in Wheatland, Kneehill and most recently in Starland County. The insect can be difficult to spot since it is the same colour as the kernels. Little is known about management, and numbers are usually too low to cause damage, so there is no established threshold for spraying.

In most years, the wheat head armyworm is a minor pest of wheat, but sometimes can cause evident crop damage. Harvest is when damage from the insect is generally noticed, and by this time it is already too late and quality is downgraded. Damage can be difficult to distinguish from that of stored grain pests. Infestations are usually too isolated and sporadic to justify a treatment.

Identification

The adult moth is yellowish/brownish with a chocolate coloured stripe down the length of the forewing.



Larvae are greenish to cream coloured depending on the maturity of the grain they have consumed and have longitudinal white and brown lines down each side of the body. Larvae feed on the heads from evening to early morning, then rest at the base of the plant during the day. Damaged kernels appear hollowed out.

Management

There are no established management plans for this pest, and infestations are generally concentrated around field margins. No economic threshold has yet been determined.



Pictured above are kernels damaged by the wheat head army worm.

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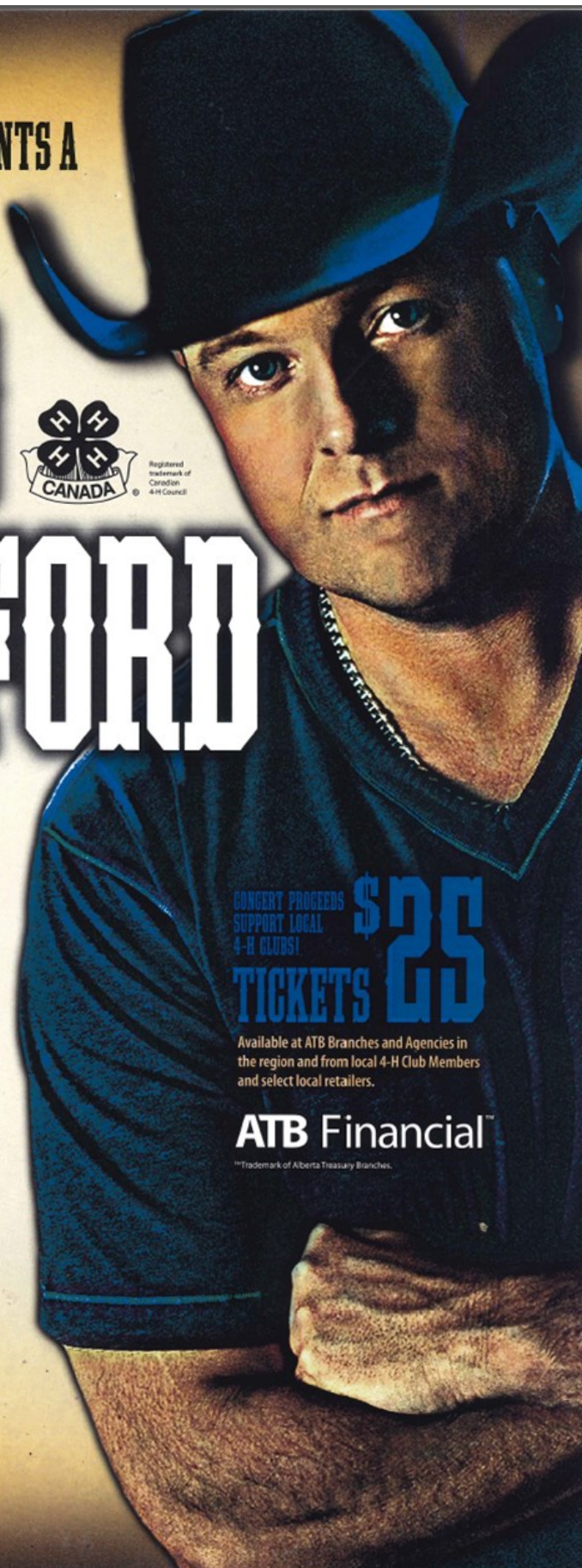
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October 30, 2014

Airdrie – Agriculture Centre
97 East Lake Ramp NE Airdrie, AB

9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
(registration starts at 8:30 a.m.)

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To Register call the Ag-Info Centre
at 1-800-387-6030

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