



AG TALK NEWSLETTER



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Assistant Ag Fieldman: Dara Kudras
Recording Secretary: Shirley Bremer
Key Contact: Neil Whatley

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY****Temporary Receptionist/Records Management**

Starland County is seeking an energetic individual to fill a temporary full time maternity leave term position as a Receptionist/Records Management Administrative Assistant. The preferred qualifications for this position include post-secondary education in Business Administration and proficient computer skills of the Microsoft Office Suite software. The Receptionist/ Records Management employee must be reliable, trustworthy, and accountable with good communication and teamwork skills. Experience with filing and Records Management is an asset. Training and experience in an office environment is essential as well as maintaining a professional and positive attitude while providing customer service. The job duties will include, but are not limited to the following:

- ✓ Providing customer service and answering and/or directing telephone inquiries
- ✓ Receiving and receipting payments
- ✓ Meeting room bookings and preparation
- ✓ Perform various reception duties including filing, handling and re-directing mail
- ✓ Ordering office, janitorial and other departments supplies
- ✓ Maintenance of dog licenses
- ✓ Administration support for various departments

This opportunity would commence June 18, 2018 for a duration of approximately 14 months. Hours of work are Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

If this opportunity is of interest to you, please forward your resume to the address below no later than June 1, 2018. For additional information please see our website at www.starlandcounty.com.

Starland County
Box 249
Morris, AB T0J 2B0
Attention: Kory Bremer
Human Resources Coordinator

Fax: 403.772.3807
Email: kory@starlandcounty.com

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

STARLAND COUNTY NOTICE TO RESIDENTS TOXIC WASTE ROUNDUP

DATE: Friday, June 8th, 2018

TIME: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Village of Delia Public Works Yard "Delia, AB"

Wastes in the following categories can be delivered to the Public Works Yard for safe disposal. **Items that will be accepted include:**

Corrosives: Rust removers, waste acids, batteries (car or household), and household cleaners

Flammables: Oil based paints, degreasers, solvents, wood preservatives and gasoline

Poisons: Outdated drugs, ant, rodent, weed killers, photographic chemicals, antifreeze

Reactives: Waste bleaches, any unidentified chemicals, aerosols

E-Waste: NOT ACCEPTED THIS YEAR

The following items are wastes, which will **not be accepted** at a household toxic waste round up:

Absolutely no commercial toxic waste is accepted.

No biomedical wastes or radioactive materials

No ammunition, dynamite, gun powder or fireworks

No pressurized refrigerants, gases (i.e. Acetylene) or propane tanks over 20 lbs

No automotive paint, and

No stereos or speakers

The above toxic wastes will be accepted on the day noted above only unless prior arrangements have been made, and no charges will be levied for the collection of the wastes. If you have any questions on a specific disposal item, please feel free to contact the Administration Office.

Alan Hampton
Agricultural Fieldman

Telephone: (403) 772-3793



STARLAND COUNTY HOSTS: **AG IN MOTION BUS TOUR**

JULY 17TH - 18TH

OVERNIGHT STAY IN SASKATOON

COST: \$150/Person (double occupancy)

INCLUDES:

Transportation- Naber's Transport

Accommodation (Ramada)

Two Breakfasts, One Supper

Snacks & Beverages on the bus

Admission into AIM for 1.5 days



****Tour is offered to Starland County
residents first and opened up to
others JUNE 8th****



For more information, or to register contact Dara
Kudras at the Starland County office (403) 772-3793
dara@starlandcounty.com

What is Ag in Motion Anyways?

Starland County will be hosting an overnight bus tour to Ag in Motion, which is an outdoor farm expo that takes place 20 minutes NW of Saskatoon. It is the largest agricultural trade show in Western Canada that provides an outdoor venue for progressive farmers that want to see and feel the latest agricultural innovations. Ag in Motion brings innovation to the field through interactive exhibits and live field and crop plot demonstrations. The primary objective of this tour is to showcase these new technologies in agriculture to our area farmers. This 50 person tour will take place July 17th-18th, with a one night stay in Saskatoon. Registration is open to Starland County residents until **June 8th then opened up to others. Payment is due before then.** **If you are interested in sponsoring the tour or would like to register please call Tour Coordinator Dara Kudras at (403) 772-3793**

Day 1 , July 17 th 2018	Agenda
7:00 -7:30 am	Registration and departure @ 7:30 am from Morrin.(Light breakfast)
7:30 am – 10:00 am	Travel to Kindersley. Short rest stop
10:45 am – 1:20 pm	Travel to Ag in Motion
1:20 pm – 5:00 pm	Ag in Motion (responsible for own lunch)
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Travel to Distillery and tour
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	BBQ Rib Supper with Sundae Bar
6:30-9:00 pm	Shuttle will run as needed back to hotel
Day 2, July 18 th 2018	Agenda
7:00 am – 8:00 am	Free hot breakfast at the hotel
8:00 am – 8:30 am	Travel to Ag in Motion
8:30 am – 4:00 pm	Ag in Motion (responsible for own lunch)
4:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Travel, rest stop in Kindersley (responsible for own supper)
7:30 pm – 10:00 pm	Travel, arrive back in Morrin

**Our Platinum
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Alberta Agriculture Insect Monitoring Program

This program is coordinated by Scott Meers, Insect Management Specialist with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry and his technician, Shelley Barkley. There are seven main surveys. Pea leaf weevil, cabbage seedpod weevil, diamondback moth, bertha armyworm, grasshoppers, wheat midge and wheat stem sawfly. We will be doing several smaller surveillance surveys including a survey of the new canola flower midge. The pea leaf weevil survey is conducted in late May/June and will be carried out throughout Alberta in 2018. This survey is done by counting the number of feeding notches on 10 plants in each of 5 locations in the field. We work along the headland and do not enter the field at all. ****If you have a pea field that we could survey please contact us at the email provided below****

Bertha armyworm (June/July) and diamondback moth (May/June) surveys are pheromone based and are conducted by cooperators. Traps are placed on canola field margins and checked weekly. Results are tabulated by cooperators, trap counts are entered by cooperators using a web based reporting system and automatically reported via our web page. We are always looking to fill holes in our monitoring system. If producers or agrologists wish to participate, we welcome their assistance and will provide all needed supplies.

Cabbage seedpod weevil survey is done at early flower by taking a set of 25 sweeps with a sweep net. The number of cabbage seedpod weevils, lygus and diamondback moth larvae are reported. In addition we have a reporting tool which agrologists can report

the cabbage seedpod weevil numbers they are finding. The grasshopper survey is carried out by agricultural fieldmen (during early August) in their county each year. The results are tabulated by Alberta Agriculture and Forestry. This is the most heavily utilized survey of the seven we help coordinate. Wheat midge and wheat stem sawfly surveys are carried out after harvest each year. The sawfly survey involves assessing the percentage of sawfly cut stems in 4 locations, 1 meter long, in each field. This survey is done in the traditional wheat stem sawfly area of southern Alberta and eastern central Alberta. Wheat midge is surveyed in all wheat growing areas of Alberta. This survey involves taking soil cores and washing overwintering larvae out of the soil. From this a forecast is prepared on the risk of midge populations the next year. **If you have a wheat field that we could survey please contact us at the email provided below.**

We never drive in fields, rather parking on the roadside and walk in. We ALWAYS use sterilized boots or boot covers when entering fields and any tools that are used (ie soil sampler etc) are sterilized between fields. Our field entry protocol can be found on our website.

Agricultural Fieldmen receive a year-end report for their county. Any producer that volunteers a field (or fields) will also get a year-end report from our program on what was found.

The program email is bugs.r.us@gov.ab.ca
Insect monitoring/information website:
www.agriculture.alberta.ca/bugs-pest

****If you do NOT want your fields surveyed this year please contact Al Hampton or Dara Kudras at (403) 772-3793**



15th ANNUAL Southern Alberta Grazing School For Women



Registration
Deadline
July 17th
Cost:\$100.00



JULY 24th-25th
2018

Link to Register:

2018sagsw.eventbrite.com

To Register Contact:

Kristi Stebanuk
(403) 382-0927
kstebanuk@cowsandfish.org



"Grazing Schools
for Women"

**STAVELY
COMMUNITY HALL**

TOPICS INCLUDE

Grazing Principles & Practices
Utilizing Electric Fencing
Verified Sustainable Beef Program
Range & Riparian Health
Hands-on Plant ID
Ranching Women



**NOTICE TO FARMERS
STARLAND COUNTY
2% Liquid Strychnine Control Program**

The sale of 2% Liquid Strychnine Concentrate (LSC) for the control of Richardson's Ground Squirrels (RGS's) has been approved for the 2018 season.

Starland County is participating in this program and will have 2% LSC available to qualifying farmers from April 5th until June 30th. The abbreviated details of the program are as follows:

- The product is only available to Agricultural Producers in Starland County
- Each producer is restricted to 2 cases (48 bottles) of Strychnine per purchase and the minimum purchase is 6 bottles
- The purchaser must sign a document that states:
 - a) they have a severe infestation as defined by AB Agriculture and Food,
 - b) they will use 2% LSC only for control of the RGS's,
 - c) they will not sell or give away any 2% LSC,
- Provincial Pest Inspectors may inspect your property to ensure that you are complying with all the label directions and conditions of use and registration
- Any non-target poisonings must be reported and the product cannot be used on any quarter which has burrowing owls or any other species at risk
- Violation of any of the outlined terms and conditions will result in the purchaser forfeiting the right to any further purchases of strychnine and could result in a fine of no less than \$1500.00

Cost of the product is \$264.00 per case or \$11.00 per bottle

For further information or to book your product please contact Alan Hampton or Dara Kudras at 772-3793

PLEASE NOTE:

An appointment is required to purchase strychnine. Call the County office to set up a pick up time with either Al Hampton or Dara Kudras
(403) 772-3793

