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Illegal dumping affects everyone

Lac La Biche County offers seven landfill sites, and with at least one site open for business every day of the week, residents can get rid of their garbage on a timeline that works for them. Unfortunately, illegal dumping is an all too common County-wide problem, with both household and commercial waste found discarded in ditches, on public and private property, outside landfills that have closed for the day and even in the parking lots of Lac La Biche County offices.

On August 1, County employees discovered another instance of illegal dumping outside the Hylo landfill—a dump truck had tipped an entire load of construction waste in the property adjacent to the landfill site.

"It could have been taken to the Beaver Lake or the Plamondon sites, which were open. There is a landfill or transfer site open in the County every day of the week," said Barry Kolenosky, Manager of Resource Recovery, Environmental and Agricultural Services, adding that illegal dumping is not only harmful to the region's environment and natural beauty, but costs taxpayers money with the manpower and transportation expenses required for clean-up.

Kolenosky says that the municipality is looking to install video surveillance at landfill sites in order to deter the practise of illegal dumping and after-hours entry, as well as some of the other after-hours property damage that occurs periodically at the landfills.

Lakeland Interpretive Society finds a home

Lac La Biche County has a long and storied history in northern Alberta, and a rich and diverse cultural heritage. It is this story of our history and heritage that the Lakeland Interpretive Society is committed to bringing to the community.

On May 14, 2013 Lac La Biche County Mayor, Aurel Langevin, and Lakeland Interpretive Society president, Roger Monahan, signed a Memorandum of Understanding. With this document, the County leased the lower level of McArthur Place to the Society for the creation of a "Discovery Centre." The Lakeland Interpretive Society moved into their new Discovery Centre this spring with a wealth of historical artifacts and archives from around the region.

"We're quite excited," Society President Monahan said of the new digs, adding that having a place to display the many historical pieces acquired over the years is a top priority for the organization. "This is definitely a community project." And with 200 years of history to



Illegal dumping (cont'd)

There are also bylaws in place with fines for dumping garbage outside of County landfill sites.

"If you're demolishing a building, we encourage you to call the County and we'll try to accommodate you," said Shadia Amblie, General Manager of Communications and Human Services, explaining that in the interest of accommodating commercial or residential projects of scope, Lac La Biche County landfill sites may be opened to allow for the disposal of large loads during unscheduled hours. "It's about respecting our community and community standards."

The fine for dumping or abandoning waste outside of County landfill sites is \$200 for the first offense and \$400 for a second offense. Help keep Lac La Biche County clean!



Young artists get their feet wet at McArthur Place

BC artist and scuba enthusiast 'Rogest' is enthusiastic about art and water, and what better place to encourage young artists to take the plunge into marine art than in lake-studded Lac La Biche County? Above, artists, aged 10 to 14, join Rogest and a local Alberta Parks ranger to learn about the underwater wildlife in Lac La Biche Lake before returning to McArthur Place to work on paintings at an art camp put on by Social Planning.

2013 Municipal Elections approach

The 2013 Municipal Elections are coming up. To best make your voice heard, you should understand changes that the Government of Alberta has made to the municipal voting process.

To prevent voter fraud, municipal voters now need to present one piece of ID that verify their name and address. Bring government-issued ID with you on election day, like a driver's license or Alberta Identification Card. Voting stations will also accept, among others, utility bills and credit card statements with your full name and address as ID.

Second, all elected officials - including mayor, deputy mayor, and councillors - will stay in office for four-year terms, up from three years. This change presents a bigger commitment for candidates. The Government of Alberta legislated this change to allow municipal officials more time to pass bylaws and oversee projects.

Nomination day is September 23, 2013, and election day is October 21, 2013.

For more information on the 2013 Municipal Elections, or to find out about job opportunities related to the election, check out our website. Or, call Melanie Kanarek, Manager of Legislative Services, at 780-623-6806.



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Lakeland Interpretive Society (cont'd)

catalogue and display, the Lakeland Interpretive Society is looking for a few good men—and women—to help tell the tale of Lac La Biche County's diverse history in the new Discovery Centre at McArthur Place.

"Our motto is 'Our people, our land, our story'" said Shirley Klein, a Lakeland Interpretive Society Board member, who has been hard at work organizing the archives, photographs and artifacts for display. "The biggest thing is to get people engaged, to come forward and tell their story."

The Lakeland Interpretive Society is looking for history buffs interested in doing research, artistic types who can use their creative skills to help develop dynamic displays, and organizers

willing to help with the cataloguing and coordination of archives and photographs. The Society is also eager to interview the region's seniors about growing up in Lac La Biche, and their recollections of their ancestors.

To get involved, contact the Lakeland Interpretive Society at 780-623-1727.



Portage pool completes annual maintenance

After its annual shutdown for repairs and refurbishments, Portage Pool reopened its doors on August 11, and along with refreshed and renovated premises comes a fresh new face. Lac La Biche County welcomes the new Aquatics Services Coordinator Katie Crysdale. Katie, a Certified Pool Operator, comes to us from the University of Toronto where she managed four swimming pools, including the University's 50 metre Olympic Pool.

Questions asked and answered.

The new Aquatics Services Coordinator dove right in when she arrived on the job last week, and has been busy gathering information and planning for the future. As for some of the questions asked in the community about Portage Pool's closures, Katie was ready to take the plunge.

"While I cannot speak to any of the mechanical issues and closures that have taken place previously, I can explain why the children's wading pool and whirlpool have been, and may remain, in the short term, closed," Katie said.

The wading pool was closed to ensure that submitted water samples came back negative for bacteria, and was reopened August 20. The 25 metre main pool was unaffected, as the wading pool was disconnected from the main circulation system.

"As to the whirlpool, the high water temperature requires additional sanitation safeguards to prevent the development of potentially fatal bacteria that can cause Legionnaire's Disease," Katie said, adding that while she understands the frustration of the community members who frequent the pool, their health and safety comes first.



Katie Crysdale: Portage Pool's new Aquatics Services Coordinator

The whirlpool has been closed during recent days due to a discolouration of the water—until the source of this discolouration is discovered, the whirlpool will remain closed. Automated Aquatics Canada professionals from Edmonton came to test the whirlpool water on August 22 and gave pool staff their recommendations.

"It would be unsatisfactory and unsafe to open any pool if the water sample tests positive for bacteria. My number one priority is the safety and well-being of all Portage Pool patrons. I take my job very seriously and I will not place any member of this community in jeopardy," the new Aquatics Coordinator said.

Check out our Facebook page for pool updates

When the whirlpool tests are complete and it is confirmed that it is safe to use, Portage Pool staff will post updates on the Bold Center Facebook page that facilities are operational. Please check the Bold Center Facebook page for up-to-the minute Portage Pool information.

Anyone with further questions or concerns are invited to call Katie on her direct line, 780-623-6778, via email at katie.crysdale@laclabichcounty.com, or in person at Portage Pool.

Congratulations, Sue!

Bold Center Fitness Instructor Sue LaPierre has earned the Certified Personal Trainer certification, with honours, through the Canadian Society of Exercise Physiology. By December 2013, Sue will be able to offer services including blood pressure monitoring, body composition assessments, and musculoskeletal fitness assessments.

Sue has also been hard at work this summer developing some new programs including a Youth Intro to Weight Training course which will be offered on No-School Fridays. Be sure to check out the entire line up of fitness classes in the Bold Center Fall Program Guide, out now! The Fall Program Guide is available both at the Bold Center and on the Bold Center website.



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Dates to Remember

September 13, 2013

Movie in the Park at the Plamondon Festival Centre Grounds. *Monsters University* starts at 8:30 pm.

September 19, 2013

Lakeland Community Health Advisory Council Meeting at the William J. Cadzow Healthcare Centre. Open to the public at 7 pm.

September 20, 2013

Movie in the Park at McArthur Park. *Monsters University* starts at 8 pm.

September 23, 2013

Nomination Day for the 2013 Municipal Elections.

September 27, 2013

Movie in the Park at McArthur Park. *Iron Man 3* starts at 8 pm.



MOVIES IN THE PARK

Join us **throughout September** for free outdoor movie nights! There will be a concession, but don't forget to bring lawn chairs and blankets.

September 13 at 8:30 pm
Monsters University
at the Plamondon Festival Centre Grounds

September 20 at 8 pm
Monsters University at McArthur Park

September 27 at 8 pm
Iron Man 3 at McArthur Park



Note: weather-permitting.



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For more info, contact Christine , Bold Center Program Coordinator, at 780-623-6351, or christine.martin@lACLAbichecounty.com

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