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Submission deadline is the 20th of each month.

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BIG LAKES FCSS Hours are subject to change due to events, meetings, training, weather, etc. **DECEMBER OFFICE** FCSS Outreach workers do not answer the phone when assisting clients. Please leave a **CLOSURES** message with your name and phone number and we will contact you as soon as December 21 we can. December 28 **ENILDA** January 4 December 2 FAUST **December 19** December 23-January 6 December 2 Community newsletters GROUARD December 15-20 are available by email and are posted **December 26-January 2** on our Facebook page every month. December 2 Email or call Tori to be added to the mailing **HIGH PRAIRIE December 19 & 20** list, or follow us on Facebook! **December 23-January 6** tdumaresque@biglakescounty.ca December 15 & 20 **JOUSSARD** December 26-30 780-776-3811 December 2 **KINUSO** December 20 @BigLakesFCSS December 27 - January 6



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Book your seat today!

1-877-925-2537

Passengers under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

EVERY TUESDAY

EVERY WEDNESDAY

EVERY THURSDAY To High Prairie County pick-ups only

Within High Prairie High Prairie pick-ups only

To Slave Lake High Prairie & County pick-ups \$20.00 County residents

Big Lakes County

\$10.00 High Prairie residents

\$20.00 High Prairie & County residents

ENILDA

Enilda Community Meetings

The second Sunday of the month at the Enilda Bowling Alley

Next Meeting: Sunday, December 11, 2022 Beginning at 6:30pm

For Enilda WI Hall Bookings call Enilda Bowling Alley at 780-523-4211



Big Meadow Hall Tuesdays @ 1:00pm

Taekwondo Club

<u>Mondays &</u> <u>Wednesdays</u> Beginners - 6:00pm-7:00pm

Color belt - 7:00pm-8:00pm

For more information contact Beth Kramer 780-523-6805



W.I. Community Hall

First Saturday of each month! Upcoming Dates:

Saturday, December 3 Saturday, December 17

10:00am - 2:00pm

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Public Bowling Hours:

Friday Saturday Sunday Sunday

Closed December 23 - January 6

We are looking for some weekend help! Please contact the Bowling Alley for more information.

> 780-523-4211 W.I. Drive, 1st Ave, lot 808 Enilda, AB

GROUARD

Grouard Public Health

Located at Northern Lakes College

Services include Well Child clinics, immunizations, baby follow-ups

To book an appointment call Laurie, RN - 780-523-6452

Grouard Seniors

Logo Contest Grouard Seniors Community Club

Things to consider:

- It should look good in a 2 inch or 5 cm square
- Not too complicated
- It should look good in black and white
- You can use up to four colours
- The words "Grouard Seniors" should somehow be included

There's lots of information on the internet about what makes a good logo design so do a little research first and then get your creative juices flowing.

Submit your designs to grouardseniors@gmail.com by Tuesday, December

St. Bernard Catholic Church

Mass

Mon/Tue/Thurs/Fri/Sat Wednesday Sunday

9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 10:30 a.m.

Confession:

Saturdays 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. or upon request

Father Bernard Akum (Awasume, SDV) will see those who are sick on Thursdays from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. to offer healing prayers



Tiny Teeth Clinic Dates: Wednesday, December 13 11:00am - 3:00pm

Alberta Healt Services

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Board Meeting Highlights - October 21, 2022

Superintendent's Highlights - Partnership with TELUS World of Science - Edmonton recognized with a National CASCADE award

Dr. Nancy Spencer-Poitras kicked off the Superintendent's Highlights with very exciting news! She informed the Board that Northland School Division's educational partnership with TELUS World of Science - Edmonton (TWOSE) won a Canadian Association of Science Centres(CASCADE) National Award. Northland and TWOSE received one of nine awards presented on October 13, 2022. Click on the website link to view the media release https://tinyurl.com/yc245zwp.

The implementation of a common high school calendar has great potential for increased student success. Spencer-Poitras discussed how a common high school timetable is benefitting student learning. A great example of this is happening between Northland Online School teachers and with students located in other Northland schools. Currently, students at Paddle Prairie School, Calling Lake School and Career Pathways School are taking courses they need to graduate via Zoom with the Northland Online School teachers. When students from these schools take these courses via Zoom, a teacher and support staff are in the classroom to provide support when needed.

Awards and Celebrations - Board recognized Principals involved with the book *Finding Fire Within by Reconnecting with the Land*

In August, Northland School Division unveiled a new published book written by Northland students, with support from Elders. During the regular board meeting, the Board celebrated two principals who played a large role in the book creation.

Mistassiniy School Principal Karen Davies and J.F. Dion School Principal Angela Sanregret joined the Board meeting via Zoom to discuss everything that went into making the book a reality. The Board expressed their appreciation to Cenovus Energy for donating funds toward the project and to Ms. Davies and Ms. Sanregret for helping to organize this meaningful learning opportunity for students. Finding Fire Within by Reconnecting with the Land is just one example of how Northland supports Truth and Reconciliation and how local language and culture is woven into the curriculum.

Note: These writings do not constitute the official record of the Northland School Division. They are however, provided as general information relating to the action taken at board meetings. For further information, please call 780-624-2060 or 1-800- 362-1360.

Breakfast Club of Canada and Danone visit Northland school communities to celebrate agreement For immediate release – November 2, 2022



Northland School Division (NSD) welcomed a couple of education partners! The Breakfast Club of Canada and one of its corporate partners Danone Canada came to Mistassiniy School and Gift Lake School to celebrate an agreement they have in place with Northland School Division. The agreement supports eight Northland schools.

"We are thrilled to have a funding agreement in place with Breakfast Club of Canada and its corporate partners like Danone Canada," said Cathy Wanyandie, Board Chair. "The Board believes mak-

ing sure sustainable funding and supports are in place to ensure students have access to a healthy breakfast is important. The Board would like to thank everyone who helped to make this agreement possible."

"I want to thank the Breakfast Club of Canada and Danone Canada for taking the time to visit two Northland communities.," said Dr. Nancy Spencer-Poitras.

"Breakfast Club of Canada is very grateful to have had the opportunity to meet with inspiring and wonderful youth, elders, educators, Northland School Division leaders, and with community members," said Tommy Kulczyk, President & CEO of Breakfast Club of Canada. "We were moved to experience and feel the impact of a breakfast school program on children's lives. Throughout this journey, we are very fortunate to be able to count on dedicated partners such as Danone Canada who share the same value: breakfast for every child every day."

The Club helps reach more than 580,000 children in over 3,500 school programs in academic and community settings across the country. The ultimate goal: breakfast for every child, every day. A short video was put together to highlight the visit. Click on the website link to view the video https://www.facebook.com/BreakfastClubDejeuner/videos/1622472321502364.

For more information please contact Media Relations Manager Curtis Walty at 780-624-2060 ext. 6183 or curtis.walty@nsd61.ca.

GROUARD

Grouard Seniors Cemetery Committee

The Grouard Seniors Cemetery Committee had a meeting with the Archbishop on October 31st.

We are still trying to identify the names of 67 people buried in the Grouard Cemetery. These graves have markers, but the names are either non-existent or unreadable.

Funeral cards have been a great source of information. We can:

- Borrow them to scan into our database
- Come and scan them at your house
- You can send us photos of the ones you have

Unfortunately, meeting at the cemetery is no longer an option with snow on the ground. We will be building a map package showing where the graves are that need to be identified. This package will be available to anyone interested.

We are still entering pertinent dates and information to the Find A Grave website. Please go take a look at <u>https://www.findagrave.com/</u> and see for yourself. If you type "Grouard" as the Cemetery Location and hit the search button it should take you to the Memorials page. If you have any additional information for any of these memorials, please let us know.

If you wish to talk to Therese, please contact her via email at <u>grouardcem@gmail.com</u> or by phone at 403.507.5559 (send a text and she will get back to you).

FAUST

Faust Anglican Church

Community Prayer and worship. Everyone is welcome. Please join our Faust fellowship service

Sunday, December 11 @ 1:30pm Christmas Service - December 24 @ 11:00am

Royal Purple Avenue Faust, AB



KINUSO

Kinuso Public Health

#40 Centre Street Kinuso

Services include Well Child clinics, immunizations, baby follow-ups

To book an appointment call Jacquie, RN - 780-775-3501 or 780-523-6450

The Homecare Office is now open! For residents requiring homecare in Joussard, Faust, and Kinuso areas please call North Zone Continuing Care at 1-855-371-4122

Well Child Clinic Dates: 11:00am - 3:00pm

Wednesday, December 7 Wednesday, December 21

Tiny Teeth Clinic Dates: 11:00am - 3:00pm

> Alberta Health Services

<u>Kinuso Seniors</u>

Coffee time at the Kinuso Senior Center Fridays at 10:00am & Tuesdays at 1:00pm.

Please join us! New members are always welcome!

Seniors Monthly Meeting: Second Tuesday of every month Tuesday, December 13 @ 1:00pm

<u>Kinuso Seniors</u> <u>Christmas Social</u>

Sunday, December 11, 2022 Kinuso Seniors Centre Doors Open at 3:00pm Supper at 5:00pm

St. Felix Church Kinuso

Church service the 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday every month

<u>December Dates:</u> Sunday, December 11 - 9AM Christmas Eve - Saturday, December 24 - 7PM Sunday, December 25 - 9AM



Wednesdays at the Kinuso Ag Hall!

Doors open at 5:30pm Cashier opens at 6:00pm Bonanza pre-call at 6:30pm Regular Games start at 7:00pm

Concession open. Hope to see you there!

Ladies Time Out

Mondays at 7:00pm @ the Kinuso Seniors Centre

KINUSO

KINUSO AG HALL CHRISTMAS FARMERS MARKET December 10, 2022. 10AM - 3PM

Accepting food bank donations

Kitchen will be open

To book a table contact Sharon at 780-805-4905

Kinuso Winter Festival Saturday, December 10 5PM - 8PM

Kinuso Ag Hall (by skating rink)

COME ON OUT FOR SOME CHRISTMAS CHEER AND SUPPORT OUR LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS!

Hot dogs! Hot Chocolate! Bannock! Kitchen will be open; Cash only Outdoor curling rink! Fire pits to keep warm! Games, caroling, lights! Christmas trees for sale!

KINUSO



Kinuso Lake-Side 4-H Club Report

Hello, my name is Mackenzie Plante and I am happy to be reporting to you once again as the club reporter. This year we have a few less members with six total. If you are not sure what 4-H is, we are a

non-profit organization focussed on building strong leadership skills in the youth in Canada! Our motto is to "learn to do, by doing." Our clubs weigh-in for our beef projects was on October 28th and we were since then, able to start our beef projects. We voted on positions last meeting on November 7th, and they are as follows:

President: Summer Mason Vice president: Morgan Saitz Treasurer: Noah Pendrak Secretary: Mackenzie Plante Club reporter: Mackenzie Plante Our leaders are as follows: General leader: Kristen Mason Assistant general leader: Emma Doerksen Beef leader: Liam Mason

We are looking forward to participating in the Winter Carnival being put on by the AG Society on December 10th from 5pm-8pm. Come see us behind the AG hall in Kinuso, where we will have some furry friendly animals and some hot chocolate/ coffee. We are also looking forward to doing the Kinuso Lake-side 4-H Community Christmas Card again this year. If you don't know what it is, it is a giant Christmas Card our 4-H puts up as a fundraiser. It looks like this and it is put up beside J's One Stop and the Administration/FCSS Office:



If you would like to purchase a spot with your name on it, it is \$5 and all profit goes to our 4-H club, we do accept e-transfer, you can text:: Mackenzie: (780)-805-4864 or Kristen: (780)-524-9716

I am hoping this year will be as great as last year. Thanks, Mackenzie Plante

CENTRAL SLAVE LAKE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Help us welcome our new staff:

Merry-Lee Newcombe is our new Office Manager. She has lived and worked in our area for decades and is excited to bring her administration talents to the Central Slave Lake Agricultural Society on a part-time basis. Regular office hours will be from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on Mondays and Tuesdays (with a short lunch closure). Please give her a call at 780-775-2684 or send an email to <u>kinusoag@gmail.com</u> for rental information and facility schedules.

We are happy that <u>lan Butler</u>, our new Ice Technician, has also joined our Society. Ian hails from Swan Hills and has many years of experience so he will be a great addition to our team.

The lce is currently being installed and Regular curling is set to start in January with Open lce Time and other events and activities scheduled for December.

SAVE THE DATES FOR OUR CURLING BONSPIELS

Skeeter's

tentatively scheduled during School Christmas Break

Ladies January 27th and 28th, 2023

Men's

February 24th and 25^{th,} 2023

Logger's March 30th, 31st, April 1st, 2023

More information regarding curling will be released as it becomes available.

The Regular Curling Fee for the 2022/2023 curling season has been reduced to \$540 per team which includes the GST. Please contact our office to register your team.

JOUSSARD

Joussard Public Health

Services include Well Child clinics, immunizations, baby follow-ups

> To book an appointment call Sharmaine, RN - 780-523-6450

Well Child Clinic Dates: Tuesday, December 20 11:00am - 3:00pm

Tiny Teeth Clinic Dates: Tuesday, December 20 11:00am - 3:00pm

Alberta Health Services

JOUSSARD HOMESTEADERS SOCIETY

<u>Tuesdays</u>

Drop in morning coffee @ 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Wednesdays Whist series @ 7:30 p.m.

<u>Thursdays</u> Sewing group @ 10:00 a.m. Bring your lunch & your project.

Cook Wanted!

The Joussard Homesteader Society is looking for a cook to prepare a full course meal once a week from now until April 30, 2023 every Wednesday for 6:00pm. The cook will be provided with funds weekly to purchase food for the meals.

Regular schedule is from mid-October to mid-March. A Food Handler Certificate is required.

Please contact Guy or Kathy L'Heureux at 780-776-2204 or Kathy cell, 780-536-7217 or Guy cell, 780-523-8647

JOUSSARD

Joussard Community Association Annual Christmas Supper

Everyone Welcome!

Saturday, December 17, 2022 5:00pm

Mini Crib Tournament 2:30pm Potluck Supper 5:00pm

J.C.A to provide turkey, ham, gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing

Christmas Light-Up Contest

Sign up to win! 1st Prize \$300.00 2nd Prize \$200.00 3rd Prize \$100.00

Look for sign up sheets at Jerry's General Store

Deadline to enter: December 10th at 4:00pn

Judging will be December 15th at 7:00pm

Sponsored by: Joussard Community Association

HIGH PRATRIE Crib at the Legion GOLDEN AGE CLUB Join us at the High Prairie Legion Come join us! We are up and running and every 3rd Sunday at 1:30pm looking for new members with new ideas! The club is open to anyone 50 and over. Light snack provided All ages welcome! \$5/person **Fridays and Sundays** Doors open at 1:00pm October 16 February 19 Crib, pool, shuffle board, floor shuffle November 20 March 19 board, and floor curling **December 18** April 16 (wind-up supper) **January 15** Membership - \$20/year Some activities have a nominal activity fee A \$1 coffee donation is expected at each activity High Prairie Legion 4721-51 Ave, High Prairie, AB TOG 1E0 4824-53rd Avenue, High Prairie Next to the town office HOLIDAY FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAM Third Saturday of every month Saturday, December 17, 2022 MAS 7:00pm-11:00pm @ Triangle Hall. Sale **Pioneer Threshermans Monthly Meetings** First Monday of every month **SUN, DECEMBER 4, 2022** 7:30pm @ Triangle Hall **OPEN FROM: 10AM - 3PM** TRIANGLE HALL HIGH PRAIRIE COME and SHOP FOR: HOMEMADE CRAFTS **ONE-OF-A KIND ITEMS AA** meetings CHRISTMAS GIFTS VINTAGE ITEMS High Prairie Nazarene Church every Monday LOCAL JEWELRY **CONCESSION AVAILABLE** and Friday (4900-59 Ave) @ 7:30pm Grouard every Wednesday Brown Building behind Kapawe'no Hall #55@7:00pm DOR TABLES PLEASE CONTACT: (780) 523 1156 WWW.TRIANGLEHALL.COM

DECEMBER 2022

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Start your academic upgrading journey!

NLC offers accredited high school courses that are available for adults of all ages and are full time and part time.

There is no application fee* for Academic Upgrading, Adult Basic Education, and Integrated Foundational Pathways - Stepping Forward at NLC!

When applying online, select Academic Upgrading and NLC will be in touch to help you complete your Education Plan.

We are with you every step of the way!

*All other fees still apply 1-

www.northernlakescollege.ca 1-866-652-3456

High Prairie Native Friendship Centre

CHRISTMAS MOCKTAILS

December 7 11AM-1PM

Join us for Christmas Mocktails. There will be non=alcoholic mocktails to taste, recipes to share, and a gift basket draw.

Brought to you by: THE NORTHERN ASSOCIATION FOR FASD



High Prairie Interagency Meetings

High Prairie Interagency Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month. Any community group is welcome to come share information about events and programs your organization is involved with, and learn about other organizations in the area!

Contact Nancy for more information: 780-536-0062

Now that the cold weather is here, remember to dress for the weather when heading outside. Children and seniors are especially vulnerable to the cold. Frost bite and hypothermia can set in quickly if not prepared. Limit time spent outdoors in cold, wet or windy weather. Dress in layers of loose, warm clothing, and protect skin from being exposed to the elements.



The CRC is once again running **Coats for Kids** . This program is available for residents in Big Lakes County and the Town of High Prairie. Please contact them at 780-523-2715 if you are looking for warm coats for your kids this winter, or if you would like to donate.

Santa's Little Helper deadline is December 14, 2022. Applications for hampers are available at the High Prairie CRC office. Please call 780-523-2715 for more information.





Get out and be heard about applied research happening in the Peace Country!

Big Lakes County is partnering with PCBFA to host an East Peace annual update at Triangle Hall on December 9th from 10am – 4pm. PCBFA will be presenting on their past year's activities and will also create space for your input as to the future of PCBFA's work and role in the region. Please see the Big Lakes County events page for more info.

Big Lakes County is also looking at how best to continue supporting applied agricultural research in the area, as provided by PCBFA and SARDA. Peace region counties and municipal districts are proud funders of these applied research organizations, and we want to ensure that the support and input we provide to these organizations aligns with the needs and interests of our county producers. We have released a survey looking to hear your history in utilizing applied research produced and presented by PCBFA and SARDA and to glean your insights and interests as to what work has been and might be of benefit to you going forward. Look for the survey on our Big Lakes County website.

Say what? Shelterbelt season already?

Are you feeling a little green as we stare down a long winter ahead? Start thinking about planting stuff! Be on the lookout for information and order sheets on shelterbelt orders for 2023. We want to get a bit more colourful and pollinator friendly next year so are looking to introduce the idea of multifunctional shelterbelts to you. We will be focused a little more on native species, canopy layers and diversity, and flowering and fruiting species throughout the growing season to integrate into standard shelterbelt design. If that sounds a bit intimidating to plan, don't worry! We are looking to have a workshop this January on shelterbelt species, design, and planting. Keep and eye out for details!



Merry Christmas and

Happy New Year!

From the Big Lakes FCSS team:

Nicole. Nancy. Patsy. Dani. and Tori

PUBLIC NOTICE

Property Re-Inspection in Big Lakes County

Compass Assessment Consultants Inc. will be travelling door-to-door in selected areas within the County boundaries starting on Monday, December 12, 2022, through to Friday, December 16, 2022, to conduct property re-inspections. The areas as planned will be residence that have applied for permits and any residence with known changes.

The *Municipal Government Act* (s.294) grants the authority for an assessor to enter on and inspect a property. Big Lakes County notifies ratepayers that inspections will be occurring within a specific area of the County, during a specified timeframe. Property owners are also notified that an assessor may visit their property when they apply for a development permit. Inspections will occur annually in areas of the County designated for re-inspection, where permits have been approved and where know changes have occurred.

MGA s. 294(1) After giving reasonable notice to the owner or occupier of any property, an assessor may at any reasonable time, for the purpose of carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the assessor under Parts 9 to 12 and the regulations,

(a) enter on and inspect the property,

(b) request anything to be produced, and

(c) make copies of anything necessary to the inspection.

Property re-inspection is a standard policy put in place by the Provincial Government that requires all Alberta Municipalities perform ongoing re-inspections and complete overall inspections of all properties in a five-year term. County assessors will be wearing photo identification badges. If residents are not home, assessors will leave a door hangar with information to contact the Assessment department at 1-800-251-9711. If you have any questions, please contact Lucy at Big Lakes County at 780-523-5955.

All information collected during the re-inspection is subjected to the Freedom of Information and Privacy of Protection Act.

<u>CHRISTMAS ANGELS APPLICATION DEADLINE!</u> <u>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2022 @ 4:00PM</u> Do you need a little help this Christmas?

Every year the Big Lakes Christmas Angels are happy to provide Christmas hampers to qualifying Big Lakes County residents to help bring joy during the holiday season. These hampers include fixings for a turkey dinner, cereal for breakfast, and a wrapped gift for children under the age of 16 (must reside with the applicant).

If you will need a little help this Christmas, please apply. Applications are available at Big Lakes FCSS offices now.

Remember to bring a piece of valid identification and your Alberta Health Care card, a proof of residence, your 2021 tax return or Notice of Assessment, and a phone number you can be reached at.

Only residents of Big Lakes County and those who meet all qualifications will be considered.



Follow these tip to help keep your home warm and save money on heating costs!

1. Replace your furnace filter

• Filters should be replaced every 90 days to ensure your system does not become clogged. A clogged filter can cause your furnace to be less efficient, and could lead to damage.

2. Seal your windows with plastic

• This is especially useful in older houses with older windows where a lot of heat can escape. Kits are inexpensive and are designed to be transparent once applied.

3. Don't block heat registers and vents

• Blocked vents negatively impact the heating efficiency of your home and cause your furnace to strain to keep up.

4. Reverse your ceiling fan

• Reversing the direction of your ceiling fan will bring cooler air up and circulate warm air down. Make sure to keep it on the lowest speed.

5. Use a programmable or smart thermostat

• You can cut down on energy costs by setting your thermostat to automatically change throughout the day. Keep the temperature lower while you are away or sleeping, and set it to rise while you are home in the evenings and weekends. Smart thermostats will increase and decrease temperature settings based on your activity.

6. Use your curtains

• Take advantage of the heat from the sun and keep your curtains open while it is sunny and closed tightly when the sun is down.

7. Keep unused rooms closed

• If a room is unused, keep the doors closed, or even the vents closed to direct heat to the rooms you use the most.

8. Close your chimney damper (flue)

 If you have a fireplace that isn't in use, keep the damper closed to prevent cold drafts from getting in, especially on windy or stormy days. Ensure to keep it open if you intend to use it though to allow smoke and carbon monoxide to escape.

9. Cover hard floors with rugs

 Rugs act as an insulator on hard-surface flooring and make the room feel more cozy

10. Have your furnace inspected

• It's always a good idea to have your furnace inspected by a professional to ensure it is in good working order before an emergency happens.



We're Hiring!

Big Lakes Family & Community Support Services Housekeeper

Big Lakes County is seeking a qualified, highly motivated, and organized individual to fill the full-time position of Housekeeper within the Family & Community Services Department. This position provides essential housekeeping support within the home environment to clients throughout Big Lakes County and the Town of High Prairie.

Immediate Supervisor: FCSS Manager

Key Duties and Responsibilities:

- Perform light housekeeping such as vacuuming, dishes, dusting, clean bathrooms, and mop floors.
- Launder clothing and household linens.
- Light meal preparation.
- Grocery shopping assistance.
- Clean FCSS offices such as but not limited to bathrooms, floors, etc.
- Other duties as required.

Education and Experience:

- Cleaning experience.
- Knowledge of cleaning appliances, and cleaning and disinfecting agents.
- Computer experience using MS Word, Excel, Outlook.
- First Aid Certification is an asset.
- Experience working with seniors and disabled clients is an asset.
- Current class 5 driver's license and reliable mode of transportation (required).
- Provide a current criminal records check including vulnerable sector.
- Provide current 5-year drivers abstract.

Compensation:

Big Lakes County offers an excellent benefit and pension package with a competitive salary.

Hours of Work:

Monday-Friday 8:15am-4:00pm **This position works out of the Joussard FCSS administration office**

Submit cover letter and resume, including references to:

Eunice McCauley Human Resources Manager Big Lakes County Box 239, High Prairie, AB TOG 1E0 Ph: 780-523-5955 Fx: 780-523-4227 humanresources@biglakescounty.ca

Note:

This position does not provide:

- Medical care such as medication administration, dressing changes etc.
- · Personal care routines such as bathing, dressing, and grooming etc.

Knowledge, Skills & Attributes

- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Time management and organizational skills to keep track of your scheduled clients, various responsibilities, and workload.
- Ability to carry out tasks in a timely fashion with minimal supervision.
- Must maintain confidentiality.

Working Conditions & Physical Environment:

- Physical job requirements: May require lifting and carrying of up to 20 kg, bending, twisting, kneeling, squatting.
- Extensive use and operation of a vehicle.

Health & Safety

- All personnel working at Big Lakes County are governed by the County's Health & Safety Policy.
- Ensures all operations are conducted in a safe manner and in accordance with County Policies and Occupational Health & Safety Regulations
- Required to wear correct P.P.E as per safe job procedures
- Must follow all safe job procedures

Deadline for applications:

Open until suitable candidate is found.

Big Lakes County thanks all applicants for their interest: however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Visit our website at <u>www.biglakescounty.ca</u> for more information.

December 2022 Workshops for Adults by ZOOM

Healthy Living

We have morning, afternoon or evening classes available. Classes are 2.5 hours

Alberta

Weight Management - Registration Link

Learn effective weight management; how to build healthier habits, and the ways that thinking patterns, sleep, physical activity, and nutrition impact your goals.

Tier 3 Dec 8 - Eating Away at 5:30pm Dec 15 - Factors Affecting Weight Management at 5:30pm

Better Choices Better Health®

Take control of your health, feel better, take small steps, plan for the future.

Please check online for next available class

Chronic Pain

Discover changes and strategies to help you live healthier

Please check online for next available class.

Moving Matters - Registration Link

Learn to exercise safely, overcome barriers and stay motivated. Set a goal and get started! Dec 8 at 9:30am

Heart & Stroke - Registration Link

Managing Blood Pressure & Cholesterol Learn about what affects your blood pressure and cholesterol levels and what you can do to manage your risks for heart disease and stroke.

> Part 1 - Dec 1 at 5:30pm Part 2 - Dec 8 at 5:30pm Part 1 - Dec 7 at 9:30am Part 2 - Dec 14 at 9:30am Part 1 - Dec 13 at 1:30pm Part 2 - Dec 20 at 1:30pm

Check online for classes available

in the New Year!

Supervised Exercise - done virtually!

2 times per week, 1.5 hours session, for 6 weeks,

Use the Get Started button to fill out some information that goes to the Exercise Therapist and you will get a call within 2 weeks to begin your assessment.

Be Supported on your Journey to Better Health - right from Home!



To register for a Zoom class call: 1-877-349-5711

Or you can self-register at: https://www.healthylivingprogram.ca

Managing Diabetes - Registration Link A 3 session workshop for those newly diagnosed with diabetes, as well as a refresher for those continuing to

manage their diabetes.

Part 1 - Dec 1 & 8 at 9:30am Part 2 - Dec 15 at 9:30am Part 1 - Dec 5 & 12 at 5:30pm

Part 2 - Dec 19 at 5:30pm

Part 1 - Dec 6 & 13 at 9:30am Part 2 - Dec 20 at 9:30am

Managing Stress - Registration Link A 2 part workshop on Stress Management

Dec 7 & 14 at 6:30pm

Understanding COPD

Understand what COPD is and how you can manage well and continue to live your best life

Please check online for next available class

Eating healthy in winter and on a budget

When it comes to choosing vegetables and fruit to eat, a variety is best. By choosing a variety, you'll be packing your diet with fibre, vitamins and minerals. At mealtime, try to fill half your plate with vegetables and fruits.

Fresh produce is always a healthy choice but canned and frozen vegetables and fruits are also good options. Canned vegetables and fruit can last for months and can be just as nutritious as fresh – plus, they may cost less. They are also pre-washed, cut, and cooked, saving you time when making meals.

Many types of frozen and canned produce are available throughout the year, so even when produce is not in season, there are lots of options to choose from. A few of our favourites:

- Use frozen fruits in baking.
- Thaw frozen fruit such as peach slices, and then add to yogurt or oatmeal for a breakfast or snack.
- Make an easy side dish from steamed frozen vegetables.
- Use frozen vegetables such as peppers when making a stir-fry.
- When boiling pasta, add frozen vegetables such as broccoli to the pot near the end of cooking, and then top with pasta sauce after draining.
- Use frozen dark leafy greens such as kale and spinach in an omelet or smoothie.

Ways to use canned vegetables and fruit:

- Use canned vegetables such as green beans, asparagus, carrots and peas in pasta dishes or an omelet.
- Combine canned vegetables and canned beans for a quick lunch.
- Use canned corn, peas, or tomatoes in a stir fry.
- Use canned mushrooms or other vegetables in a chili.
- Add canned corn to a quesadilla.
- Make a quick vegetable soup by adding canned corn, tomatoes and pinto beans to low-sodium chicken broth.
- Top your favourite canned fruit with some yogurt for dessert.

Be aware of the sodium (salt) and sugar content in canned or frozen vegetables. Choose canned vegetables with low-, reduced-, or no added sodium and then rinse the vegetables before using to lower the sodium content further.

Choose fruit canned in water instead of syrup or rinse it if it's in syrup. Choose frozen vegetables and fruit without added seasonings, breading, sauces, or sugars.

The nutrition facts table can always be used to compare similar foods. Aim for products that have less than 15 per cent DV (daily value) in sodium or sugar.

Alberta Health

Community Facility Rentals

CO	mmunity F	a	
HIGH PRAIRIE LE	GION #37		PION
Day Rent	\$150		Week
Full Day with Bar	\$350		Hall/ł
Damage Deposit	\$250		Hall/ŀ
Contact - Don or Brenda Ebbet	tt 780.523.4668		Fune
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HIGH PRAIRIE EL	K'S HALL		
Hall Rental (non- alcoholic, non social)	\$500.00 ^{+ GST}		Dishe (plates
Hall Rental (social/alcohol)	\$1,000.00 ^{+ GST}		RV Plı (per w
Damage Deposit	\$2,000.00		
Janitorial	\$350.00		Dama
Contact - 780.523.3724			Clean
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BIG MEADOW	HALL		Conta
Daily Hall Rent	\$500		
Additional Days	\$200		
Damage Deposit	\$500		Week
Contact - Stella Sware 780.523	.2009		Week
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ENILDA W.I. H	IALL		Day D
Daily Hall Rent	\$500		Hour
Damage Deposit	\$500		Dama
Contact - Enilda Bowling Alley	780.523.4211		Conta

PIONEER THRESHERMAN'S TRIANGLE HALL

Weekend: Fri 12pm - Sun 2pm	\$750.00
Hall/Kitchen (per day)	\$25.00
Hall/Kitchen (per hour)	\$50.00
Funeral/Memorial services (1 day)	\$200.00
Church (All Day)	\$100.00
Other Items	
Dishes (plates, glassware, cutlery)	\$250.00
RV Plug-in flat rate (per weekend)	\$50.00
For all rentals	
Damage Deposits	\$750.00
Cleaning Deposits	\$250.00
Cancellation Fee	\$250.00
Contact - Mandy 780.523.1156	

PRAIRIE ECHO COMMUNITY HALL

Contact - Sarah 780.536.0894		
Damage Deposit	\$300	
Hourly Rate	\$25	
Day Damage Deposit	\$300	
Day rental	\$300	
Weekend Damage Deposit	\$500	
Weekend Rental	\$500	

Community Facility Rentals

CENTRAL SLAVE LAKE ACRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Hall Rental	\$500.00		
Damage Deposit	\$500.00		
Warming Trays	\$20.00 Each		
Upstairs Lounge Rent	\$200.00		
Upstairs Lounge Damage Deposit	\$200.00		
Curling rink & upsta	nirs		
Bonspiels	\$250.00 per day		
With Hall	\$250.00		
-if using kitchen	+\$100.00 per day		
After 25 Rinks	\$550.00		
Schools	\$100.00		
All the above damage deposit	\$500.00		
Special circumstances			
Hall for Funerals	\$150.00		
Hall for Wakes	\$250.00		
Hall for Workshops – Half Day	\$250.00		
Hall for Workshops – Full Day	\$350.00		
-if using kitchen	+\$100.00 per day		
All the above damage deposit	\$500.00		
Community centre			
Partial Day (1-4 Hours)	\$35.00		
Over 4 hours	\$75.00		
Any event with alcohol	\$100.00		
All the above damage deposit	\$200.00		
Contact - Merry-Lee 780.775.2684			

SUNSET HOUSE COMMUNITY HALL

Community Center	\$300	
-each additional day after	\$200	
Damage Deposit	\$500	
Kitchen only	\$100	
Funerals	\$150	
Microphone system	\$20	
Portable Stage	\$20	
Gym use for games	\$20/hr	
Meetings rooms \$20/hr		
Contact - Andrea 780.623.1016		

JOUSSARD HOMESTEADERS HALL

Regular hall rent	\$200	
Damage deposit	\$200	
Weddings (full day + evening before)	\$300	
Meeting rate (half day) \$100		
Contact - Dianne - 780-625-4832		

KAPAWE'NO COMMUNITY HALL

Contact - 780.751.3800	
to venue	
Rent tables & chairs to take	\$50
Damage deposit	\$100
Regular hall rental	\$275

Enilda Post Office		Mon & Thurs Tues & Fri Wednesdays	9:00 a.m 5:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m 5:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m 12:00 p.m. (Closed 12:00 p.m 2:00 p.m.)
Faust General Store	780-355-3600	Mon - Sat Sundays	9:00 a.m 8:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m 6:00 p.m.
Bigway Foods	780-751-3964	Mon - Sat Sunday	9:00 a.m 10:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m 10:00 p.m.
Ferguson Market	780-751-2221	Sun - Sat	10:00 a.m 10:00 p.m.
Jerry's Store	780-776-3833	Sun - Sat	9:00 a.m 10:00 p.m.
Joussard Superette	780-776-3840	Sun - Thurs Fri & Sat	9:00 a.m 11:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m 12:00 p.m.
Joussard Post Office	780-507-7535	Mon - Wed Thursday Friday	10:00 a.m 4:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m 6:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m 1:00 p.m. (Closed from 12:00 p.m1:00p.m. Mon-Thurs)
Big Lakes County Satellite Office	780-775-3570	Tues/Wed/Thurs	8:15 a.m 4:00 p.n. (Closed 12:00 p.m 12:30 p.m.)
J's One Stop: Post Office ATB Agency	780-775-3930	Mon - Fri Mon - Fri	8:30 a.m 5:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m 3:30 p.m.
Kinuso Mercantile	780-775-3517	Mon - Sat	9:00 a.m 6:00 p.m.
Kinuso Kodiak Restaurant	780-775-3500	Mon - Sat Sunday	11:00 a.m 9:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m 8:00 p.m.
Korner Kitchen For information please call	780-775-3768	Mon - Fri	8:00 a.m 6:00 p.m.
Swan River Grocery Corp Ag Foods	780-775-3699	Mon - Sat Sunday	9:00 a.m 6:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m 5:00 p.m.
Howard's Swan Valley Service	780-775-3506	Mon - Fri Saturday	8:00 a.m 6:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m 5:00 p.m. (Closed 12:00 a.m 1:00 p.m.)
Kinuso Municipal Library	780-775-3694	Tue & Thurs	3:30pm - 5:00pm
Swan River Gas Co-op	780-775-3779 Emergency 780-849-1408	Mon - Fri	9:00am - 4:30pm (Closed 12:00 p.m 1:00 p.m.)

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Enilda

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Faust

8:15 - 4:00 Mon/Wed/Fri Phone 355-3896 Fax 355-3000 Location: Faust Fire Hall <u>pcampion@biglakescounty.ca</u>

Grouard

8:15 - 4:00 Mon/Wed/Fri Phone 751-3806 Fax 751-3807 Location: Grouard Fire Hall <u>dcox@biglakescounty.ca</u>

High Prairie

8:15 - 4:00 Mon/Tues/Thurs/Friday Phone 536-0062 Fax 523-4902 Location: Above Library 4723-53rd Ave <u>fcss.nmarquardt@biglakescounty.ca</u>

Joussard

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Kinuso

8:15 - 4:00 Tuesdays & Thursdays Phone 775-3666 Fax 775-3571 Location: Kinuso Hamlet Office <u>pcampion@biglakescounty.ca</u>

BIG LAKES COUNTY WASTE CENTRES

24/7 Public Works On Call: 780-523-8806

<u>Manned Transfer Sites:</u> Winter Hours effective October 1 - March 31

Wednesdays & Sundays 11:00am - 6:00pm

Banana Belt PT(SW)-11-73-17-W5 Faust/Kinuso SE-07-73-10-W5 Grouard PT(NE)-32-75-14-W5 Heart River NE-31-76-17-W5 Joussard NW-33-73-13-W5 H.P./Gilwood NW-24-74-18-W5

<u>Regional Landfill</u>

Monday/Thursday/Saturday 10:00am - 5:00pm 780-523-5760 NW-9-73-15-W5

Manned transfer stations may be closed during inclement weather or other conditions that pose a risk to personnel and public. Such closing may occur without any notice.

No verbal or physical abuse of any kind shall be tolerated by attendants or staff. Authorities will be contacted immediately.

PLEASE NOTE: The gravel stock piles at the transfer stations are not for public use. Anyone caught taking gravel will be reported to local authorities.



BIG LAKES COUNTY COUNCIL

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