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DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS, ALL FCSS OFFICES ARE OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

We are committed to assisting clients to the best of our ability during this challenging time. To protect our staff and clients we are available by appointment, over the phone or via email.

Tuesday & Thursday 8:15 am to 4:00 pm

The Kinuso FCSS Office will be closed on the following days:

June 29, 2021 - July 7, 2021

Phone: 780-775-3666 Email: pcampion@biglakescounty.ca

Did You Know?_



Community newsletters are available by email and are posted on our Facebook page monthly?

Email or call Tori to be added to the mailing list, or follow us on Facebook!

tdumaresque@biglakescounty.ca







- Personal and wellness services can re-open, by appointment only
- Capacity for places of worship increases to 15% of fire code occupancy (effective May 28)
- Distancing and masking requirements remain in effect
- Youth activities (day camps, play centres)
- may resume, with restrictions
- Personal and wellness services can resume walk-in services
- Post-secondary can resume in-person
- The work from home order is lifted, although working from home is still recommended
- Distancing and masking requirements remain in effect

 Isolation requirements for those with COVID-19 and measures in continuing care settings still in place

Visit Alberta.ca/opensummer to learn more

#OpenForSummer

Vaccinations

For a complete information about Alberta's Vaccine Program, visit alberta.ca/covid-19-vaccine

Everyone born in 2009 and earlier is now eligible to book their first dose. Book your vaccine online at albertahealthservices.ca or call 811

Kinuso

MASKS ARE MANDATORY IN ALL PUBLIC SPACES

Big Lakes County Satellite Office	Mondays Wednesdays Fridays	8:15 a.m 4:00 p.m. Closed from 12 p.m 12:30 p.m. for lunch
J's One Stop: Post Office ATB	Monday - Friday Monday - Friday	8:30 a.m 5:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m 3:30 p.m.
Kinuso Mercantile and Tax Office	Monday - Saturday	9:00 a.m 6:00 p.m.
Kinuso Kodiak Restaurant	Monday - Friday Saturday Sunday	11:00 a.m 9:00 p.m. 11:30 a.m 9:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m 8:00 p.m.
Kinuso Family Foods	Monday - Saturday Sunday	9:00 a.m 6:00 p.m. 11:00 a.m 6:00 p.m.
Howard's Swan Valley Service	Monday - Friday Saturday	8:00 a.m 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m 6:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m 5:00 p.m.
Swan River Gas Co-op	Emergency line: 780-775-3779	
Kinuso Library	Curbside pick-up available only 780-775-3694	Call ahead during school hours for arrangements



Remember to renew your vehicle registration in June if your last name begins with '**Cl**' or '**H**' or **'Sc'**. VAC & TANK SERVICE

Office Administration Assistant - Part Time Position

Sword Transport is seeking an individual who is punctual, organized, works well with others & independently, and is reliable.

Job responsibilities: answering phones, filing, accounts payable (simply accounting software) & other misc. clerical tasks.

Position commences: July 5, 2021 (Monday)

Experience an asset, however we are willing to train.

If you are interested, please email your resume to swordtransport1@gmail.com



Kinuso Lakeside 4H Club News

Kinuso Lakeside 4H club would like to send thanks to the Family from Peers Alberta who stepped up to help the young farmer in Millet, Alberta. The Family from Peers and Ken Sheldon of Kinuso donated Hay to the young man from Millet who recently lost his father and also lost his hay stack to a fire in April. Another helping hand was Brad Freeman of Whitecourt who trucked the Hay to Millet, and last but not least, a huge thanks to the Kinuso Lakeside 4H Club for supplying the fuel for the truck.

In mid-April the Kinuso Lakeside Club did their "mock achievement" day. It was a successful day with 8 members in attendance along with their parents. The Kinuso Lakeside 4H club also stepped up to assist with the Spruce Point Park and sold 38 Booklets of tickets for the Arena fundraiser.

The Kinuso Lakeside Achievement Day is on June 5, 2021 at Spruce Point Park and the club would like to remind you of the 4H Beef Sale which is available online from May 20, 2021 - June 5th, 2021. More information is available on the Kinuso Lakeside 4H Club Facebook page.

Submitted by-Lace Sheldon







EVERYDAY EXERCISES FOR OLDER ADULTS TO DO AT HOME

- Check with your healthcare provider before you start a new exercise program.
- Wear comfortable, supportive footwear.

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- Use a firm, stable chair or counter top for support.
- Start with 5 repetitions of each exercise. Add 1 or 2 everyday until you reach 15 repetitions.
- » Be aware that muscle soreness after exercise is normal.





STANDING LEG CURL

Bend other knee

support

15 times

HEEL RAISE

apart

look forward

Stand with feet hip-width

apart, hold a counter for

Shift weight onto one leg

Raise heel toward buttocks

as far as it is comfortable

Return to starting position

Repeat on each leg up to

Stand with feet hip-width

Hold on to counter and

Hold for 5-10 seconds

Return to start position

Repeat up to 15 times

Slowly raise both heels off

the floor, standing on toes



SIT TO STAND

- Sit in a chair, feet hip-width apart
- Slowly stand up half way
- Make sure your knees do not come forward past your toes
- » Keep your hips, knees, and ankles in line
- Stand up straight and tall, then return to seated position
- Repeat up to 15 times

SIDE LEG LIFT

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- Stand with feet together, hold a counter for support
- Shift weight onto one leg
- Raise the other leg out to the side
- Keep your back straight and tall
- Slowly return leg to the floor
- Repeat on each leg up to 15 times

TOE RAISE

- Stand with feet hip-width apart
- Hold onto counter and look forward
- Slowly raise toes off the floor, putting weight onto heels
- Hold for 5-10 seconds
- Return to start position
- Repeat up to 15 times





WALL PUSH-UP

- Facing a counter, stand arms' length away and place hands on the counter's edge, and shoulder-width apart
- Tighten the abdominal muscles
- Keeping back and legs straight, bend elbows while lowering upper body toward the counter
- Hold for 2-3 seconds
- Straighten arms pushing against the counter and return to starting position
- Keep elbows slightly bent
- Repeat up to 15 times







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What is Elder Abuse?

Elder abuse is any action or inaction by self or others That jeopardizes the health or well-being of a senior.

Common forms of elder abuse include:

- Financial: This is "the misuse of an older person's funds or property through fraud, trickery, theft or force."
- Emotional or Psychological: This may take the form of verbal aggression, humiliation, isolation, intimidation, threats and inappropriate control of activities. In all cases, it diminishes the identity and self-worth of older people. It can also provoke intense fear, anxiety or debilitating stress.
- Physical: This is the use of physical force causing discomfort which may or may not result in bodily injury, physical pain, or impairment. Older persons who are subjected to rough handling or mistreatment are the victims of physical abuse.
- Sexual: All unwanted forms of sexual activity, behaviour, assault or harassment to older persons is elder sexual abuse.
- Neglect: This is the intentional or unintentional failure to provide for the needs of someone. Neglect can be active (intentional) or passive (unintentional) and has the effect of failing to provide older persons with basic necessities or care. Self-neglect, while not technically considered abuse, is also a significant concern. It involves cases whereby, older adults, by choice or ignorance, live in ways that disregard their health or safety needs and can in some cases pose a hazard to others.
- Medication: This is the misuse of an older person's medications and prescriptions.

Common signs of elder abuse:

- Confusion
- Depression or anxiety
- Unexplained injuries
- Changes in hygiene
- Seeming fearful around certain people
- Fear or worry when talking about money
- Victims commonly suffer more than one type of abuse at the same time. The most frequently identified and reported types of elder abuse in Canada are financial and emotional.
- Any senior can become a victim of elder abuse regardless of gender, sexual identity, race, ethnicity, income or education.
- Elder abuse is often committed by someone known to the victim who is in a position of power, trust or authority. Approximately 25% of crimes against seniors are committed by family members, usually a spouse or adult child.
- Like other types of family violence, the dynamics of elder abuse are complex. Elder abuse is often impacted by the mental and physical conditions of both the abuser and the victim. These factors interact in ways uniquely dependent on the individuals involved and the situation.

If you're concerned that someone you know is experiencing abuse, call the Family Violence Info line at **310-1818** or visit **albertaelderabuse.ca** to find a resource in your area.

CSS Outreach Services

We know that paperwork can be confusing. That's why as part of our Outreach Program, Big Lakes FCSS provides assistance applying for various Government programs, including:

- Alberta seniors benefit applications
- Alberta Seniors Special Needs Assistance applications
- Seniors Home Adaptation and Repair Program applications
- Residential Access Modification Program
- Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped applications
- Income Support
- Applying for photo ID
- Replacing a birth certificate
- So much more!

Please remember that while we can assist with the paperwork, we have no control over the approval process or funding decisions.

Big Lakes FCSS Offices:

Enilda 780-523-5925 Faust

High Prairie 780-536-0062 loussard

780-355-3986 Grouard

780-751-3806

780-776-3811

Kinuso 780-775-3666

POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS:

Are you interested in attending post-secondary school but are struggling with the application process? Trying to apply for school financing but your internet sucks? We can help! Book an appointment with your FCSS worker today!

JUNE 2021

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See advertisements in this publication for more Information!		1 <u>Big Lakes Bus to HP</u> <u>County pick-ups</u> FCSS OPEN 8:15am-4:00pm	2 <u>Big Lakes Bu</u> <u>HP pick-up</u>
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Community Calendar

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How to build resilience

Resilience is an inner strength that helps you bounce back after stressful situations. When you are resilient, you may recover more quickly from setbacks or difficult changes, including illness. Developing resilience begins with simple actions or thoughts that you practice, such as planning for what you'll do next and learning to accept change.

Being resilient doesn't mean that you find it easy to deal with difficult or stressful situations or that you won't feel angry, sad, or worried during tough times. But it does mean that you won't feel so overwhelmed. You'll be less likely to give up and more likely to cope with stressful situations in healthy ways.

Why is resilience important?

Part of resilience is how you think. Your mind can have a positive or negative effect on your body. For example, negative emotions such as worry and stress, can cause tense muscles and pain, headaches, and stomach problems. But having a positive outlook on life might help you better handle pain or stress than someone who is less hopeful.

How can you build resilience?

People who are resilient often work to have a positive outlook on life. It may take gradual, small changes in your outlook on life and careful self-evaluation. You may be able to begin this shift on your own. A counsellor or therapist can also help you.

Here are some tips to get started:

- Change how you think.
 - Accept that things change.
 - Look at change as a challenge rather than a threat.
 - Examine how and why you feel the way you do when things change.
 - Expect things to work out. You can't change what happens, but you can change how you feel about it.
- See the big picture.
 - Find the positive in stressful situations and learn from the situation.
 - Look for things to learn. Difficult or emotional situations can teach you about yourself. Look to the future, and ask yourself how the stressful event might help you.
 - See the funny side of bad situations.
- Change how you act
 - Seek out interactions with people who make you feel better.
 - Build relationships that are solid and loving with your family and others. Help them, and don't be afraid to let them help you.
 - Develop a support network.
- Believe in yourself and the things you can do.
 - Solve problems. Look at all aspects of a problem, and brainstorm solutions. Ask friends for suggestions.
 - Do things to gain self confidence and build self-esteem. For example, list the things you've achieved in your life or those that make you proud.
- Take good care of yourself.
 - Do things that you enjoy. Have a good meal. Laugh with your friends. Know what's important to you.
 - Try relaxation techniques such as deep breathing and guided imagery.
 - Talk about how you are feeling, and manage your emotions.
 - Be thankful for the good you see around yourself.



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NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL 2021 Big Lakes County

NOTICE, is hereby given that the Assessment Roll of Big Lakes County made under the provisions of the Municipal Government Act has been prepared for the year 2021, and is open to inspection in the County Office, in High Prairie, Alberta from 8:15am to 4:00pm, during business hours.

Any person who desires to object to the entry of his/her name or that of any person upon the said roll(s) or the assessed value placed upon any property must, lodge his/her complaint(s) on approved form with the County by July 16, 2021. Standard Complaint forms are available at the Big Lakes County Office or online on the Big Lakes County website. Complaint forms must be completed and accompanied with the fee, as listed below by no later than JULY 16, 2021 before 4:00 pm.

Appeal Fees:

Single Family Residential and farmland \$50.00 per roll account Multi-family residential (more than 4 units) \$350.00 per roll account, Non-residential (commercial/industrial) \$350.00 per roll account,

Complaints with an incomplete complaint form, submitted after the filing deadline or without the required fee, are invalid.

Combined Tax assessments notices were mailed out May 7, 2021. Any person that does not receive an assessment notice but wishes to appeal his/her assessment must do so by July 16, 2021.

Clerk, Assessment Review Board BIG LAKES COUNTY Box 239 High Prairie, AB T0G 1E0

DATED this 7th day of May 2021

Jordan Panasiuk CAO

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BIG LAKES COUNTY NOTICE OF 2021 PROPERTY TAXES

Property Taxes are due and payable on or before Wednesday, June 30, 2021. This is to advise the ratepayers of Big Lakes County that the Property Assessment and Tax Notices were mailed out May 7, 2021.

A 7.5% penalty will be applied to current taxes and arrears if payment is received after June 30, 2021 and an additional 14.5% for payments made after last business day in January.

Failure to receive a tax notice doesn't alleviate property from property taxation. If you don't receive a property tax notice by May 31, 2021, please contact our office.

If your address has changed and you have not notified our office previously, please do so immediately by calling 780-523-5955, or faxing us at 780-523-4227 or e-mailing <u>taxes@biglakescounty.ca</u> or send letter to Big Lakes County, PO Box 239, High Prairie, AB TOG 1E0. Also please contact Land Titles to update your address; it will also update our system.

To further accommodate our taxpayers, Big Lakes County will be open during noon hour starting **June 28 to June 30**, **2021**.

Remittance should be made payable to **BIG LAKES COUNTY** by accepted bank cheque, bank draft or money order. Cheques and bank drafts must be payable in Canadian funds. The postmark will determine date of payment. Property Taxes cannot be paid by credit card.

Payments can be made at the County Office, Hamlet of Kinuso, online Banking through *ATB, *Royal Bank, *TD Canada Trust, *Horizon Credit Union, *Scotia Bank or at the *Royal Bank branch in High Prairie. Please provide remittance slip when paying at Branch.

The tax instalment Payment Plan (TIPP) is a program that allows you to pay your property taxes monthly instead of one payment in June.

Payments will be withdrawn from your bank account automatically through a pre-authorized withdrawal. TIPP makes budgeting easier on your pocketbook and eliminates the risk of penalties; if your TIPP is in good standing, new penalties will not be applied.

Municipalities are not required to provide property tax receipts unless requested by the taxpayer. If you would like a receipt for taxes, please call or email our office.

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BIG LAKES COUNTY

AG RENTAL

Big Lakes County has various pieces of equipment available for rent to assist residents in their farming operations. The goal of this program is to provide reasonably priced options for hard to source or cost prohibitive equipment.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, the County has updated the rental equipment procedure to ensure the proper health and safety measures are in place. At this time, only residents of Big Lakes County are allowed to rent equipment.

Renters must give the County at least 24 hours notice in order to ensure that the equipment is properly sanitized.



To view the rental equipment or to review the updated rental equipment procedure, visit **biglakescounty.ca**.

FIRE SERVICES REVIEW - SEA HAWK CONSULTATION

Over the past six months, Big Lakes County has worked with Sea Hawk Services to get their unbiased, expert opinion on how Big Lakes Fire Services can improve fiscally and legislatively.

Sea Hawk has provided the County with two documents, an Executive Summary and the Big Lakes County Fire Services Vision 2021 and Beyond. Both documents outline many areas of improvement and areas where we can find monetary savings and general improvements to the overall Fire Services for ratepayers. Both documents can be found on the Fire and Safety page on our website, biglakescounty.ca.

All recommendations will still have to be approved by council and will come forward on a case by case basis.



Attention post-secondary students! Did you know you could receive up to \$3000 from Big Lakes County?

If you are planning on working within Big Lakes County boundaries after graduating, then you should apply for the Return of Service Bursary.

Submit your application in person at the County Admin Office in High Prairie or email it to our Grants Officer at grants@biglakescounty.ca before June 15th.

Find the application, eligibility requirements, and more information at biglakescounty.ca.

BIG LAKES COUNT



Spray Exemption

Municipal Roadside Spraying is taking place in Big Lakes County now until September 30th. Limited spot spraying of problem areas will take place throughout the County and in all County Hamlets.

Safety is everyone's job and first priority. Please be aware of the crews working in your area and around you and be cautious. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Big Lakes County office at 780-523-5955 or visit biglakescounty.ca for more.

Do you have a question about rural addressing or replacing a sign?

If your address sign is damaged, faded, or needs to be replaced, please contact our Public Works department at 780-523-5955.

Inquires about a new address or if your address is incorrectly printed on official County documents such as Tax Notices, please contact our GIS department at 780-523-5955.

Before contacting our office, please make sure you have the following information:

- Legal land, including plan/lot/block if it exists
- What is your contact information, including your address
- Is there a residence on the property
- How many accesses are there, and which one are you using

Additional Tips to Use Less Water





BIG LAKES COUNTY

BIKE HELMET SAFETY REWARDS PROGRAM



We want to reward you for being safe! If our County staff spot you wearing a helmet, you'll get a coupon for a FREE ice cream or slushy to redeem at any of the following stores:

- Korner Kitchen, Kinuso
- Bay Shore resort, Faust
- Faust General store
- Superette, Joussard
- Jerry's store, Joussard
- Bigway Foods, Grouard
- Ferguson's Market, Grouard
- O's Treats, High Prairie







THE COUNTY WILL BE IN KINUSO REMOVING WASTE



JUNE 29, 2021

BRING ALL YOUR WASTE TO YOUR PROPERTY LINE BY 1 PM AND GET IT PICKED UP FOR FREE! DUE TO COVID-19, THE COUNTY WILL NOT BE ENTERING PEOPLES HOMES TO REMOVE LARGER WASTE PRODUCTS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT BIGLAKESCOUNTY.CA OR CALL VIC ABEL, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AT 780-523-5955



BIG LAKES FCSS OFFICES:

FCSS Manager

Nicole Hanna Phone 776-0008 Fax 776-3821 <u>nhanna@biglakescounty.ca</u>

FCSS Admin Support

Tori Dumaresque Phone 776-3811 Fax 776-3821 tdumaresque@biglakescounty.ca

Enilda

8:15 - 4:00 Wednesdays Phone 523-5925 Fax 523-5933 Location: Enilda Fire Hall fcss.nmarquardt@biglakescounty.ca

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 fcss.nmarquardt@biglakescounty.ca

Joussard

8:15 - 4:00 Tuesdays & Thursdays Phone 776-3811 Fax 776-3821 Location: Joussard FCSS Building <u>dcox@biglakescounty.ca</u>

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 Centers



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

Manned Transfer Sites:

Summer Hours: 10:00am - 7:00pm Wednesdays & Sundays

Summer Hours effective April 1, 2021-September 30, 2021

Banana Belt PT(SW)-11-73-17-W5

Faust/Kinuso

Grouard

Heart River

Joussard

H.P./Gilwood

SE-07-73-10-W5

PT(NE)-32-75-14-W5

NE-31-76-17-W5

NW-33-73-13-W5

NW-24-74-18-W5

Regional Landfill

Monday/Thursday/Saturday: 10:00am-5:00pm

780-523-8760

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:

<u>The gravel stock piles at the transfer stations</u> are not for public use. Anyone caught taking gravel will be reported to local authorities.