

Lac La Biche County welcoming by nature.

YOUR COUNTY IN TOUCH

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Street sweeping? When?

Sign up for alerts. Never miss the memo again!

When you sign up for free street sweeping and snow removal alerts, updates go directly to your cellphone, email inbox or land line.

Visit laclabichecounty.com and click on "Local Alerting System" on the homepage for more information or to register. You can also sign up for handy notifications about important topics like fire bans and major road closures.

PLUS: We can use the same alerting system to quickly notify you about local emergencies like floods and wildfires anywhere in the County, so you can take action to protect yourself.

Don't worry, be "appy"

Lac La Biche County's new smartphone app is now available in iOS and Android app stores. Download it for free, create an account and enable notifications to hear about local events and important County news. No more scrolling social media to catch up — it's all there in the palm of your hand.



A quartet of spotlights is among the latest additions to McArthur Park in the hamlet of Lac La Biche. When all four are projecting beams of light, they'll form the shape of a tipi in the night sky, like in the example at right from another community. We look forward to completing our McArthur Park Redevelopment project this summer!



Phase 3 of Main Street Revitalization

The third and final phase of our Main Street Revitalization project will begin this spring. We look forward to the completion of this work, and we would like to thank all of our residents and local businesses for their patience and cooperation while we get it across the finish line!

Construction work this year will take place along Main Street in the hamlet of Lac La Biche, from 101 St. down to 100 St. (between ATB Financial and Kentucky Fried Chicken).

As in Phases 1 and 2, we will be digging up Main Street to replace old and unreliable water and sewer lines. Then the streetscape will be rebuilt with all-new sidewalks, decorative planters, and bulb-outs for safer pedestrian crosswalks.

Traffic must detour around the construction zone, but you will still be able to access



businesses in the affected area on foot. We expect the work to be done in August of this year, but all construction is weather dependent.

If you have questions or concerns about the project, you can email the project team at mainstreet@laclabichecounty.com.

Exercise your green thumb this spring

Spring has sprung, which means it's time to grab the gardening gloves.

- Tree seedlings -

We have bundles of tree seedlings available for purchase.

- American Plum (pairs well with the Mustang Cherry Plums we sold in 2024!)
- Blue Spruce
- Northwest Poplar
- Honey Queen Raspberry
- Somerset Grape

The species we sell are carefully chosen for our local environment, to give growers the best chances of success. To place an order:

- 1. Visit laclabichecounty.com.
- 2. Click on "Agriculture" in the menu under "Our Services."
- Complete the order form and email it to agriculture@ laclabichecounty.com. If you need assistance, you can call 780-623-6739.

— Community Garden plots –

Are you interested in growing a garden but don't have space for one? Our Community Garden in Alexander Hamilton Park has plots available for residents to grow their own plants and produce, and applications for plots are now open until Friday, June 13, 2025.

Plots are assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. Standard plots are free, and our new raised-bed boxes cost \$20 each for the season.

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Nominations open for Environmental Stewardship Awards

Nominations for Lac La Biche County's Environmental Stewardship Awards are now open!

These awards honour the people, businesses and organizations in our community that go above and beyond to protect our environment and promote environmental causes.

Winners each receive a \$500 cash prize and a certificate of recognition for their work. Awards criteria and nomination forms can be found online at laclabichecounty.com.



2024 Award Winners

Youth Category: EPS Garden Club

Hannah Watson and Erin Cyre co-founded Ecole Plamondon School's Garden Club to improve their school's environment. They've built and installed garden boxes, with plans for wildflower and pollinator gardens, and they maintain a classroom greenhouse and hydroponic gardening system.

Agriculture Category: Sand Springs Ranch

This family is 100 per cent certified organic, and uses methods like rotational grazing to improve soil health and fertility. They've also installed an off-site cattle watering system powered by the sun, wind and propane to help keep riparian areas intact.

Community Category: Natasha Downes

Natasha was honoured for her commitment to environmental conservation. She practices sustainable gardening, canning and composting, and actively educates others about ecofriendly choices and habits. She also volunteers with programs like Earth Rangers, promoting the preservation of natural spaces and outdoor safety.

Healthier Communities GOLF TOURNAMENT

We're driving and putting our way towards a healthier future, and you're invited to help us get there. The annual Healthier Communities Golf Tournament is coming up, in partnership with Portage College and Lac La Biche Regional Health Foundation.

Thursday, July 10, 2025 Lac La Biche Golf & Country Club

Registration is now open! Visit laclabichecounty.com and click on "Healthier Communities Golf Tournament" on the homepage to find the fillable registration form.

You can email your completed registration form to golf4health@laclabichecounty.com.

Registration fees

	Foursome	Individual	Sponsor Individual	Sponsor Foursome
Early Bird Before May 1	\$1,200	\$300	\$250	\$1,000
Registration After May 1	\$1,400	\$350	\$300	\$1,200

Your registration includes:

- 18 holes of golf (modified)
- Breakfast and dinner
- Welcome gift

The proceeds from the Healthier Communities Golf Tournament are split between Portage College and Lac La Biche Regional Health Foundation, for the continued development of local healthcare training and services.

Sponsors

Don't miss this opportunity to connect your brand to this great event! Sponsorship opportunities between \$500 and \$5,000 are available, and high-level sponsors golf for free! See the registration form online for complete details.

For more information about the tournament, visit our website, email golf4health@laclabichecounty.com, or call 780-623-6809.



Lac La Biche County Family and Community Support Services





Our beloved cooking competition for teens is back!

Friday, April 25 4-7 pm McArthur Place — meet there or catch the bus from the Bold Centre at 3:45 pm.

Participants will be challenged to cook a full meal with the ingredients in the baskets provided before the time runs out. Contestants will be judged (nicely) and there will be prizes for the top chefs!

To register, call 780-623-3829 or visit us online at boldcenter.ca/activeLLBC.

In partnership with Lac La Biche Canadian Native Friendship Centre.



Dates to Remember

Friday, April 11, 2025

Lac La Biche Farmers Market returns. The market takes place every Friday until December 12, from 3:30-6:30 pm at Lakeland Agricom.

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Protective Services open house from 1-3 pm at Hylo Seniors' Centre. Discuss local crime, FireSmart[™], Citizens On Patrol, emergency planning, and more.

Friday, April 18, 2025

Good Friday. County offices will be closed for the holiday.

Monday, April 20, 2025 Easter Monday. County offices will be closed for the holiday.



CONNECT TO A HEALTHY, ACTIVE LIFESTYLE!

Accessing Bold Centre and Portage Pool programs has never been easier. Use your smartphone or tablet camera to scan the QR codes at right.



Scan to register for programs.



Scan to view Activity Guide.

For more County and community events, visit the Events Calendar on laclabichecounty.com.

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