

JULY/AUGUST #3

# THE COUNTY BULLETIN



## WELCOME!

Summer is in full swing, and so is our Ag & Enviro team! In this edition, we're diving into roadside spraying and vegetation control, highlighting a local business, and sharing helpful resources and fun community updates. Plus, learn more about our upcoming biological control efforts with goats and leafy spurge beetles. There's lots happening across the County—thanks for reading !

## IMPORTANT DATES

### **ASB Tour- Tulliby Lake**

- July 29<sup>th</sup>

### **Vermilion Fair**

- July 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>

### **Wetland Adventure Days**

- August 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>



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[County of Vermilion River Website](#)

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# ALUS



## PLANTING TREES IN CVR

### AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS - ALUS

- Technical support for project design, species selection, site prep, maintenance strategies
- Funding support for project establishment
- Annual payments for project management and maintenance
- [www.alus.ca](http://www.alus.ca)

### ACREAGE OWNERS - GREEN ACREAGES

- Technical support for project design, species selection, site prep, maintenance strategies
- Funding available through the Land Stewardship Centre
- [www.landstewardship.org/enable/programs/green-acreages](http://www.landstewardship.org/enable/programs/green-acreages)



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# WILD WATCH

## SCENTLESS CHAMOMILE

(TRIPLEUROSPERMUM INODORUM)



### Weed Control Act Designation -

Noxious (must control). This plant is an annual, biennial, or short-lived perennial that is native to Eurasia.

### Habitat -

Widespread throughout Alberta. Adapted to heavy clay soils, but is tolerant of a wide range of conditions, including flooding and dry sites.

### Identification -

Solitary daisy-like flowers with white petals surrounding a yellow centre at the branch ends. Basal rosette produced in first stage of growth, flowering stem in second. Leaves are alternate, very finely divided, (carrot-like) and highly branched. Stems are highly branched, slightly reddish and up to 1 m tall or as small as 5 cm. Fibrous roots.

### Control -

Reproduces by seed. Hand-pulling or herbicide, cultivation of rosettes, mowing (may regrow from roots) or biocontrol agents (a seed-head feeding weevil, and a gall midge).

### More Tick Information

## TICKS IN ALBERTA

- Common ticks: Rocky Mountain wood tick, Blacklegged (deer) tick (Lyme disease carrier)
- Appearance: Small, reddish-brown, eight-legged; swells after feeding
- Habitat: Grassy, wooded areas
- Body check areas: Knees, underarms, waist, scalp, ears, groin
- Removal: Use tweezers, pull straight out, clean area, save tick for ID



# INTEGRATED VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM:

## Integrated Vegetation Management in Action!

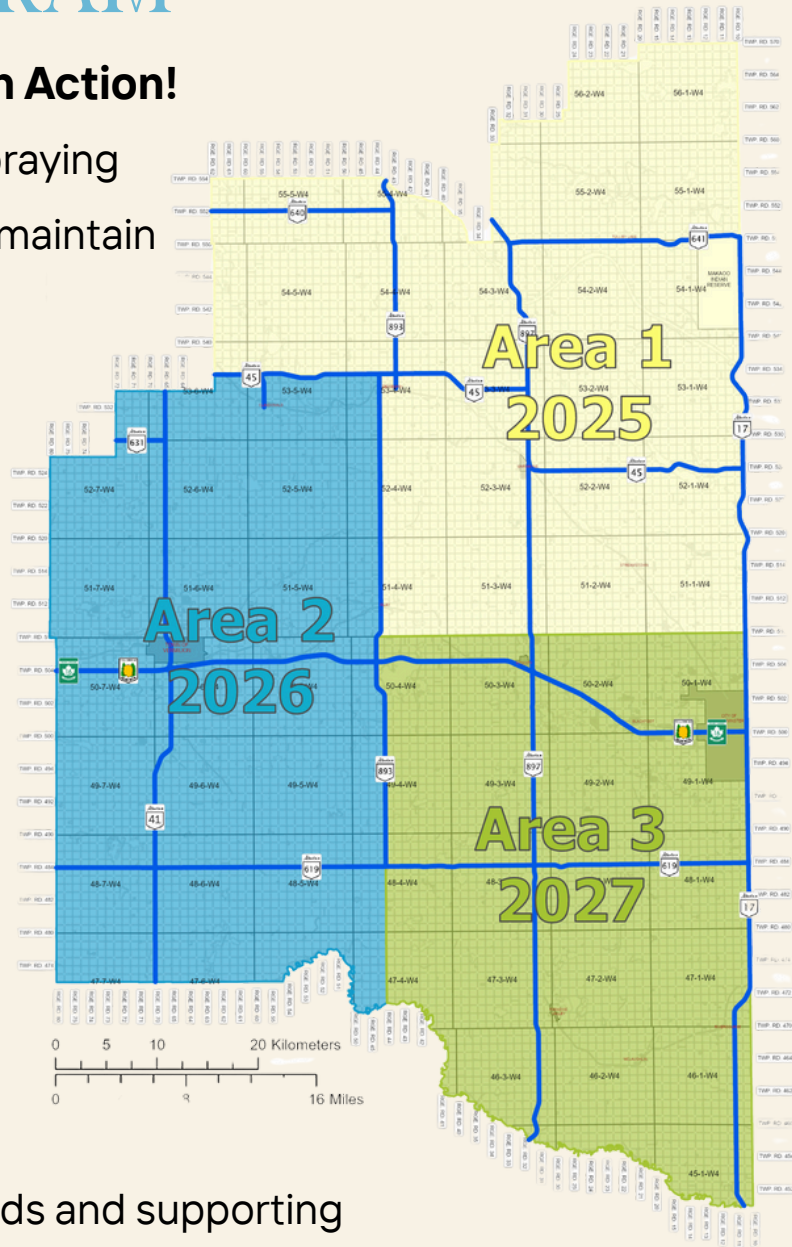
Our crews are hard at work this summer, spraying noxious weeds and brush along ditches to maintain clear, safe roadsides—**We're in Area 1.**

But that's just the beginning! We're expanding our weed control strategy with some innovative tools:

- **Goat Grazing:** A herd of goats will be targeting invasive vegetation in select areas.
- **Biological Control:** Leafy spurge beetles have been released to help reduce leafy spurge populations.

From controlling brush to suppressing weeds and supporting biodiversity, each effort contributes to safer travel, healthier ecosystems, and more resilient agricultural land.

**Got questions?** Call or e-mail Kendall at **780.846.2244 ext. 3045** or  
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# Rooted Right Here...

## THE HITCHING POST

If you've ever dreamed of saying "I do" surrounded by wide open skies, towering trees, and the peaceful sounds of nature, then The Hitching Post might just be your perfect match. Located just 10 minutes north of Lloydminster, this charming outdoor wedding venue offers a relaxed, countryside vibe with just the right amount of rustic elegance.

At the heart of the property is a beautiful pondside ceremony site, complete with willows, fountains, and wildflowers. After the vows, guests can mingle under a spacious 40x60 white tent decked out with chandeliers, greenery, and cozy seating—no need to worry about Alberta's unpredictable weather! There's even a built-in bar area with a display cooler, so the drinks stay cold and the party stays hot.

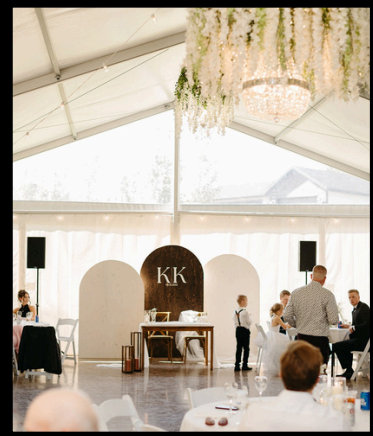
Owner LaRhee is known for her warm hospitality and down-to-earth approach—she'll help you feel right at home from the moment you reach out. She also offers a curated list of trusted local vendors to make planning your big day a breeze.

Whether you're planning a big celebration or a laid-back gathering with your closest friends and family, The Hitching Post brings charm, convenience, and a whole lot of heart to your wedding day.



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## F A R M F R E S H F E A S T

### Lemon Raspberry Cookies

#### Ingredients:

- 1 ¾ cups gluten-free flour
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup unsalted butter, softened
- ¾ cup granulated sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 tablespoon lemon zest
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ½ cup fresh raspberries, mashed
- ½ cup white chocolate chips (optional)



#### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F (175°C) and line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. In a medium bowl, whisk together the gluten-free flour, baking soda, and salt.
3. In a separate bowl, beat the butter and sugar until light and fluffy.
4. Add the egg, lemon zest, lemon juice, and vanilla extract. Mix until combined.
5. Gradually add the dry ingredients, stirring until just incorporated.
6. Gently fold in the mashed raspberries and white chocolate chips (if using).
7. Scoop tablespoon-sized portions of dough onto the baking sheet, spacing them about 2 inches apart.
8. Bake for 10-12 minutes or until the edges are lightly golden.
9. Allow cookies to cool on the baking sheet for 5 minutes before transferring to a wire rack.