

Rosalind Ag Society Newsletter

Serving our Agricultural Community

October 2011



Rosalind United Church

Oct. 2 --10:30

Oct. 9 --10:30

Oct. 16 -12:00

Oct. 23 -12:00

Oct. 30 - 9:00

Artisans Craft and Chat

Rosalind Community Hall

Oct 25

7:00 -10:00pm

Welcome to everyone

Bring your craft and conversation

Rosalind Dinner Theatre

We will be casting the next play in late October. Please let me know if you are interested as an actor or backstage support.

Lorraine at 780 375 3969

The Kelsey Drama Club will be holding auditions for the 2012 Dinner Theatre on October 23 and 26 at the Kelsey Community Hall, 7pm

A Cast of 15 is needed - Boys and Girls of all ages.
See you there! No experience necessary

Playground Fundraising

Save the date Saturday, November 26th on your calendars. The Ivory Club Duelling Piano Show is coming to Rosalind to help up fundraise for our playground. Tickets will be on sale in the near future. Plan your Christmas party and gather all of your friends, it will be a great night!

We are accepting donations towards our project. If anyone is wanting to make a donation, contact Shannon Barber at 780-375-3735.

Famous Tightwads:

Groucho Marx wore a beret so he wouldn't have to pay to check his hat when he went to a restaurant.

Marge Schott, former owner of the Cincinnati Reds, gave her staff candles for Christmas as she claimed she couldn't afford bonuses. The candles turned out to be free samples from a baseball card company.

J. Paul Getty installed pay phones in his mansion to keep visitors from running up his long distance phone bill.

You might not be that much of a penny pincher, but everyone loves a great deal. With the 2012 models on the way there are fantastic bargains available on the 2011s still in stock!

Come on down and let me show you our great selection of cars and trucks!

Call John Marshall 679-4690 or stop in at McClellan Wheaton Chevrolet in Camrose.



Fowl Call

Feeding wild birds during winter months is simple. It does not require fancy equipment and offers a sense of fulfillment in knowing that we have helped a fellow creature during a stressful time of their lives. Nothing fosters a sense of acceptance more than when we encourage wildlife to visit us and they come!

More people spend far more time watching birds during the winter than during the spring or summer months. Not only is it easier to view the birds with the leaves and ground cover at a minimum, but the birds tend to flock together in their search for food.

Noted birder, Bob Walden, suggests that there is a sequence of things to ponder when setting up your yard for winter feeding. Of primary importance is:

[1] accessibility for the birds; [2] shelter from the wind and snow; [3] prevention or minimizing of window strikes; [4] safety from predators, especially cats.

Of secondary importance is:

[1] ready visibility for people; [2] ease of filling and maintaining feeders; [3] feeder capacity (which determines refill frequency).

The most common foods offered to birds during the winter months are sunflower seeds, suet, peanuts and peanut butter, dried fruit and mixed seed. It depends on the types of birds that you wish to attract to your yard. During the coldest months birds expend a lot of energy keeping warm and require a rich source of fats and carbs in their foods.

Logs drilled with holes can be filled with peanut butter and ground suet for the **Chickadees, Nuthatches and Woodpeckers. Magpies** like this, as well, so make it challenging for them to access or you will be filling them every day! Ground suet balls can be purchased from the co-op store in Camrose or the butcher in Bashaw.

These balls can be hung in onion bags or holders can be fashioned from wire. One of our favorite feeders while we lived in Prince George was to fill pine cones with peanut butter and hang them from the trees. We always stopped around Cache Creek in our travels to pick up the really big cones from the Ponderosa Pines. **Blue Jays** love peanuts in the shell, but will take all that is offered, hiding the nuts for later consumption.

Use your imagination in making feeders. Used pop bottles, beer cases, and milk cartons have been recycled into great feeders. It is suggested that you use metal garbage cans with a tight fitting lid to store excess seeds to keep the rodent problem to a minimum. Friends of ours keep their cans outside near the feeders, so that when they go on their annual winter vacation, they can invite their friends to come over and keep the feeders full, as well as, enjoy the bird viewing from their deck.

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Rosalind School Noon Hour Supervision

Our small rural schools run on a very tight budget these days, which makes class scheduling difficult and teacher prep time non-existent. Our Parent Council has decided to take over the responsibility for noon hour supervision so that the teachers can at least have a chance to have a break and eat their lunch.

We have two parent volunteers daily; one to supervise the lunch time and then outside on the playground and the other to supervise the gym. We would like to thank all of you who have offered to help with this project. It takes a great community to make a small school successful and we appreciate your support!

Thanks to: Darcie Brady, Lisa Kennedy, Nancy Friend, Karen Orr, CindyT, Andrea Van Babrant, Marilyn McCarroll, Heather Cunningham, Betty Dyck, Dorothy Marshall, Elaine Lohner, Chris Yuha, and Melanie Weinkauff.

Camrose County, Division Three

What the premier had to say.....

Last week, I attended a meeting of north eastern municipalities in Lac La Biche (this is a quarterly meeting held to discuss common issues, and, meeting places rotate amongst members)

Premier Ed Stelmach spoke to us in one of his last appearances before leaving as premier when a new leader is chosen. Following are some of the comments he made:

- in terms of global economics, the world has undergone an enormous change as economic power and activity has moved from being centered in Europe and the USA to Asia, especially India and China. This has major implications for Canada and Alberta, especially with oil and forestry exports. In 2010, for the first time ever, Alberta exported more wood fibre to China than it did to the USA. The Premier said it is very important to build a pipeline to the West Coast to be able to ship oil to Asia and reduce dependence on USA sales. Alberta is an "island" in North America in that it has led North America in job growth and a strong economy.
- the USA made an error when it distributed money to its residents instead of investing in infrastructure projects like Alberta did during the last recession. USA residents did not spend the money, they either saved it or made payments whereas the Alberta Municipal Sustainability Initiative created 78,000 jobs and put money into the economy plus improved infrastructure, such as roads, water treatment and sewer facilities .
- the Federal government is attempting to reduce the amount of coal produced electricity and replace it with natural gas power, this is happening while the USA still uses coal energy (which is cheaper than natural gas energy), thus their products would be cheaper than ours in an export market. Alberta has a lack of energy transmission and needs transmission lines which are presently being criticized
- he encouraged Albertans to vote in the leadership race, especially because the voice of rural Alberta needs to be heard in an ever increasing urban province where rural Albertan needs are not always understood.

I know that at this time of the year, reading what a retiring politician had to say may not be of much interest or seem very relevant but file this away and keep an eye on future news events because lots of what the Premier said will show up sooner or later in our lives....

And For That Ergot in your wheat....

The new Buhler Sortex Colour Sorter is now installed and working at the County Seed Cleaning plant. Call the plant for your seed cleaning needs at 780-672-2371 or visit the plant at 4728 – 41 St, Camrose.

Keep in touch with your concerns, suggestions and opinions.

Don Gregorwich, Councillor, Division 3 (780-373-2503) www.county.camrose.ab.ca



Rosalind's 7th Annual Halloween Howler For Muscular Dystrophy

Date: Friday October 28, 2011

Time: 7:00pm

Where: Rosalind Community Hall

Cost: \$5/person or \$15/family

Drinks: \$3

Raffle Tickets: \$5/15tickets

Come join us for a night of spooky fun for everyone! You will not only get to dance,

win great prizes, bid on our silent auction, and visit with fellow ghouls, but you will also be helping out a great cause! All proceeds made from this night are donated to The Muscular Dystrophy Foundation. In the 7 years we have been hosting this dance, we have been able to donate over \$61,000.00!!! This is a costume party so we love to see you dress up, if you don't have a costume you are welcome to come as a "Nudist on Strike". All ages are welcome but we ask that all children under 18 are accompanied by an adult. (One adult can vouch for more than one child) Also if you or your business would like to make a donation to the prize table or straight to Muscular Dystrophy please contact Cindy Thirsk @ 780-375-2249. Please call if you have any other questions or concerns. Come.....if you dare!!!!

The deadline for the next newsletter will be Monday, October 24th. Please email to leannabanack@yahoo.ca.

Anyone interested in playing volleyball in Rosalind on Wednesday or Thursday evenings? Anyone aged 15 and up are welcome to join.

Please contact Andrea at 780 375 2125

