

April 2024

Newsletter



ARAS Ardrossan Farmers' Market

ARAS' outdoor Farmers' Market will open again June 4. Come out and meet our talented local producers, bakers, distillers, artisans and more.

Apply to be a vendor at ardrossanag.ca

Tuesdays 4:30-7:30pm
June to September

Spring Market April 7, 2024

You name it, we got it!

- ★ Craft Table
- ★ Concession
- ★ Amazing Vendors
- ★ Live Entertainment
- ★ Spring Raffle
- ★ Free Entry!

Ardrossan Rec Centre
10 am-2pm

FREE family event

Paint and Skate

strathcona.ca/paintandskate

Sunday, April 7
MacMillan Team Arena
Ardrossan Recreation Complex

1 - 2 p.m. Paint the Ice
2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Recreational Skating

- All supplies included
- FREE hot chocolate *while supplies last
- Closed-toe shoes required for painting, grippers or non-slip shoes recommended
- Helmet recommended

ARAS Ardrossan Recreation & Agricultural Society Est. 1945
MacMillan TEAM
STRATHCONA COUNTY

Let's Be Prepared: Chainsaw Safety

April 7, 1:00-2:30pm (drop in)
South Cooking Lake Community Hall



Fort Saskatchewan 4-H Beef Club

APR 7
10AM-2PM
ARDROSSAN REC COMPLEX

INVITES YOU!

- Learn cuts of beef
- Get to know 4H
- How can I buy a 1/4 cow?

HOT CONCESSION FUNDRAISER!

MEET COOL WHIP!



Skip to my Lou!

**GOOD
LUCK**

to all the
Funspiel
Teams this
weekend!

Volunteer Strathcona 2024 Volunteer Fair

April 16, 5–8pm
Agora – Strathcona Community Centre

Dive into games, savor popcorn and join the festivities as we celebrate the spirit of volunteerism in Strathcona County together!

77TH PARADE & PICNIC



Register your float!

Become a food truck vendor!

Head to
[ardrossanag.ca!](http://ardrossanag.ca)

Contact aras.volunteer@gmail.com to pitch in on this VOLUNTEER-run community event or drop in to the Memorial Hall April 8 @ 7pm for the next planning meeting.

Celebrate Earth Day

April 21, 1-4pm
Deville/N. Cooking Lake Hall 21033 Wye Rd

Learn more about the County's ecosystem, develop your environmental awareness and become a steward of the Earth. Visit with presenters like gardeners and wildlife advocates – and enjoy some refreshments!



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Receiving an Honour

At the 2024 Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies' Convention, ARAS' ✨Sherry Isely✨ was recognized for her dedication to community and agriculture and awarded an Honourary Life Membership.

Sherry joined the ARAS board in 2015 offering her services as secretary. Since then she has become an invaluable part of the organization, with a genuine interest in the history and involvement of the organization in Ardrossan. This has translated to "Ask Sherry" becoming a common phrase. Sherry is a true supporter of community, reliably volunteering her time to support activities and make connections to enhance our network as well as make people feel welcome. Sherry has the rare ability to not only engage, but draw people in. As a result, many of the fantastic members, volunteers, and directors of ARAS have a connection to her in one way or another.

In addition to her work with ARAS, Sherry has volunteered for both the Flower & Herb Growers Associations, Alberta Natural Health Agricultural Network and the local gardening club, Rural Roots, as well as Scouts Canada, her sons' schools, and more. As a trained master gardener with the roots of a Saskatchewan farm girl, she lends a plentitude of wisdom to each of these groups. You will often find Sherry contributing this knowledge to online forums, and she is always just a text away to offer her wisdom.

Thank you, Sherry, for all you do!

Yoga at the Hall



Yoga classes run until April 25.

Registered session with limited drop in availability. Please email Brandi at brandiboorthyoga@gmail.com to confirm your spot!



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April 2024



Josephburg Agricultural Society's Classic Cattle Show

Check out the animals at the biggest cattle show in Strathcona County!

Start the day with breakfast hosted by the Ardrossan graduating class, then hang out and watch some of our local and visiting competition. If you've never been, consider this your invitation!

SATURDAY, May 25th, 2024

7:30 - 9:00 am - Steer Weigh-In

All animals must be stalled in Josephburg by 9:00 am

9:30 am - 4-H Division Show (STEERS first, followed by Heifers)

10:45 am - Mighty Mites Show (Ages 8 and under)

11:00 am - Open Show (STEERS first, followed by Heifers)

12:30 pm - Break for Lunch

1:30 pm - Junior Show

(2023 calves, STEERS first, followed by females, then showmanship)

Showmanship includes those advancing from the 4-H Division.

FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST hosted by ARDROSSAN GRADS.

Moyer Hall from 7:00 am to 10 am sharp SATURDAY, May 25, 2024.

CONCESSION hosted by AREA 5 BABY BOOMERS

LOBBY of RINK, open 10 am - 4:30 pm SATURDAY, May 25, 2024.

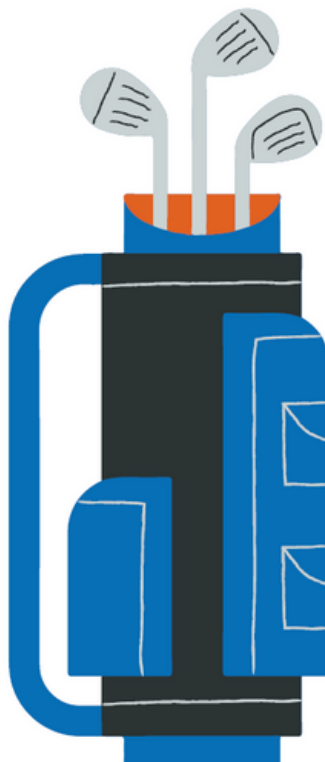
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Community Growing Committee

ARAS is re-committing to encouraging agriculture in the semi-rural hamlet of Ardrossan, working against modern social isolation and alienation from food systems.

ARAS plans to build a greenhouse that will enhance social connectedness, promote agricultural awareness and skills development, and demonstrate a low-impact cold weather greenhouse design.

Agricultural societies historically served to bring people together and elevate agricultural knowledge. This is the vision for the community greenhouse project.

In the meantime, we are working to bring to life a growing patch this year!

Contact aras.greetings@gmail.com or watch our Facebook for details!



May 11, 10am

Join us for a potato-planting extravaganza!

June 1, 9am-noon

Hands-on planting of Three Sisters (corn, beans and squash) in the traditional way of working with the land. Chantelle Gray, of Mâskwa Medicine, will lead us in both ceremony and planting.

PASSIVE SOLAR GREENHOUSE DESIGN COMPREHENSIVE COURSE

presented by
ARAS
Community Growing Committee



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PSG design course - Free drop in @ Memorial Hall, Wednesdays 6-9pm until May 29

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