

What's Happening in Redberry Lake Biosphere Reserve (RLBR)?

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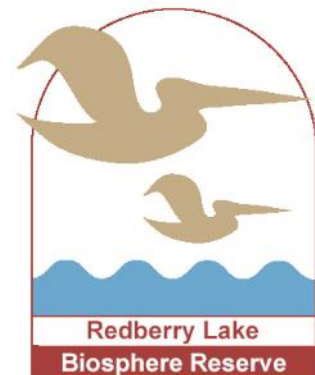
Last month I ended leaving our readers with the thought of 'upcoming challenges'. This reference was to the fact that we have lost the last of our 'core funding' in the spring federal budget. The Canadian Biosphere Reserves Association (CBRA) had negotiated a five year funding agreement that was to run to the end of fiscal 2012/2013 but was cut short this spring. Previous to the negotiation of this funding agreement with the Federal Government Redberry had a funding agreement with our Provincial Government through the Department of Tourism. The province ended this funding agreement when federal funding arrived stating that 'since Redberry had federal funding the province need not contribute any further.'

The ending of provincial funding put a great deal of stress on the RLBR as the federal funding was very targeted towards projects and could not be used for core needs. As we speak, we are still in negotiations with the Provincial Government to reinstate the funding arrangement we had previously.

We are hopeful that the province sees the value that our organization plays within its role of rural development. Redberry has its role to play just as Wascana and Meewasin do. We are not just an environmental organization but rather an entity working towards rural development. RLBR recently signed an MOU with the University of Saskatchewan. We have a partnership agreement with the Rhoen Biosphere Reserve in Germany and are working to cooperate with 2 BR's in Ukraine. We are agriculture, research, education, regional planning and the list continues. The Province of Saskatchewan championed the establishment of the RLBR when UNESCO designated Redberry a World Biosphere Reserve in 2000 as signatory of the nomination process. We ask the support of all of you and our cooperating organizations to encourage and contact the province to come back to the table.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to working together in the future!

Andrew Hawrysh, Chair of RLBR



COMMUNITY FARMER'S MARKET IN HAFFORD

We have had two successful Community Farmer's Markets so far. Vendors were selling local meat, homemade bread, jam and pies as well as crafts and Tupperware. We also had a BBQ with smokies and burgers made of local raised pork—and they were delicious!

The many visitors of the first two Community Farmer's Markets have proven that there is a need for local and homemade produce and crafts and we hope to establish the Farmer's Market in Hafford as an annual event.



We are always looking for more vendors and we encourage everybody to set up a table: gardeners, bakers, beekeepers, farmers, craftsmen and artists.

The dates in 2012 are **Saturdays 9am – 3pm**

August 18 (with Hafford Summer Sizzle)

September 8

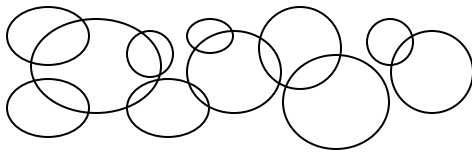
October 6

Please contact Rachel or Susanne for registering and more information: 549-4060, rturnquist@redberrylake.ca or 549-9311, communications@redberrylake.ca

KID'S CLUB

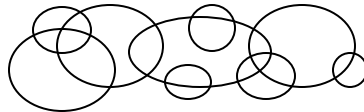
RLBR is happy to announce that the Research and Education Center is open for this summer! With this, we are also running a weekly Kid's Club. It's an afternoon of crafts, games, snacks and educational activities. It's open to any children ages 5-14!

August 3rd (Friday)

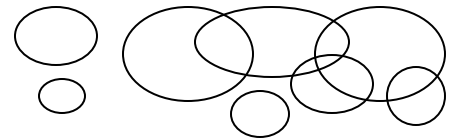


August 11th (Saturday)

From 1:00 – 2:15 pm
Admission by Donation



August 17th (Friday)



Message: Hello, my name is Rebekah and I am the summer student at Redberry Lake Biosphere Reserve. One of my tasks is planning and organizing the Kid's Clubs. So far this summer we have had three Kid's Clubs and all have been very successful! We have done various activities from making butter to a water balloon toss competition to painting bird houses. It has been an absolute blast and I am looking forward to planning August activities.

WHAT ELSE HAPPENED IN THE BIOSPHERE RESERVE?

How to prepare a region for extreme rainfall events and flooding? This is the task of the **Land and Infrastructure Resiliency Assessment (LIRA) Program**. One of the three LIRA pilot sites in Saskatchewan is **Redberry Lake Biosphere Reserve and area** including RM of Douglas, RM of Great Bend, RM of Meeting Lake, Town of Hafford and Village of Maymont.

To successfully undertake an initiative like LIRA the collaboration of different groups is essential.

In May, 20 representatives from various organizations and government agencies came to Redberry Lake Biosphere Reserve to take an on-site tour that demonstrated the importance of these multi-stakeholder partnerships.



It was a day of exchanging information, thoughts and ideas in a place that is representative for Saskatchewan though special for its ecosystem, landscape and community.

In May the two-day **workshop "Back to the Field"** was held in **Redberry Lake Biosphere Reserve**. Offered by the *Prairie Parkland Chapter of the Society For Range Management* this workshop was an exciting opportunity for professionals involved in land management to brush up on plant identification and ecological health assessment techniques.



About fifty professionals came to the Biosphere Reserve, gained and improved their skills in the field, did important networking with other people and enjoyed two days and one night in our region.

12 people for the **Redberry Lake Watershed (RLW) AEGP** area enjoyed a hands on **"Invasive Weed Information Session and Tour"** hosted by the RLW AEGP on July 17. The tour stopped in many locations in the **Hafford area**.

One highlight was the Leafy Spurge site near Hafford. Galen Loy (Sask Agriculture), Jeremy Brown (Saskatchewan Watershed Authority) and Rachel Turnquist (RLW AEGP) discussed with the producers some of the negative impacts of Leafy Spurge and ways to control it. Other weeds on the tour included Baby's Breath, Scentless Chamomile, Tansy, Ox-Eye Daisy and Burdock.

COMING UP NEXT...

...FOR FARMERS & RANCHERS



Redberry Lake Watershed Agri-Environmental Group Plan

Parkland Agri-Environmental Group Plan

Pasture Tour: Spiritwood & Area

Tuesday, August 14 2012
10:00 am to 4:00pm
Meet at:
Spiritwood Stockyards

Bag Lunch Provided
Anderson Pump House

RSVP by August 9 to:
Parkland Agri-Environmental Group Plan
Angela Vaadeland (306) 469 2146
aegp.parkland@gmail.com

or
Redberry Lake Watershed Agri-Environmental Group Plan
Rachel Turnquist (306) 549 4060
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Parkland AEGP and Redberry Lake Watershed AEGP would like you to join us on a pasture & remote water systems tour in your area!

Our goals are to:

- Water Systems
- Brush Control
- Grazing Management
- Cost Shared Funding Opportunities
- And More
- Door Prizes!!!



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R & L FEEDS



Spiritwood Co-op



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 Growing Forward



...FOR EVERYBODY

4th Annual!

HAFFORD SUMMER SIZZLE

Have a hot time in the old town!

OUTDOOR STREET FESTIVAL

AUGUST 18, 2012

DOWNTOWN HAFFORD






Parade 10am

Live Music Stage & Dance ALL DAY 12pm - 1am

Youth Talent Showcase 3pm

Super Sizzle Soap Box Derby 12pm

Local Musicians Jam All Afternoon!

Children's Fun Zone 1pm - 5pm

RAFFLE TABLE!
Prizes donated by local artisans and businesses!
Tickets available at local businesses around Hafford!

After Hours!
Movie in the Park
FIREWORKS @ DUSKI

Great Food ALL DAY!

Pancake Breakfast 9am - 12:30pm

Supper 5-7PM
Beef on a Bun
Corn on the Cob & Coleslaw

Enjoy our local restaurants! and food vendors on the street!

Dunk Tank with Local Celebrities

Artisan's Fair
OUTDOOR DANCE ALL EVENING!
Evening Entertainment Provided by: Steven & the Takers Brat

Beer Gardens 1pm - 1am

Hafford Summer Sizzle is organized by a volunteer committee and sponsored by Local Businesses. For more information, please email haffordsummersizzle@littletoon.ca or call Russ @ 549-4038 or Sylvia @ 549-4050

Written by: Russ MacNutt

We are looking forward to another great event with support from a large cross section of the **Town of Hafford** and the **RM of Redberry and beyond!** The "Sizzle" has gained a lot of momentum in the first three years, largely from the enthusiasm and support of local community groups and volunteers, and that continued local contact will surely result in another overwhelming success story for August 18th, 2012.

We welcome one and all to come out for "**A Hot Time In The Old Town**", as there is something for the whole family. We just talked to the bands that are playing the street dance and are excited to be back in Hafford for the Summer Sizzle. Steven says the crowds here are among the best they have played for and they have played for many, many street dances.

So get ready for a fun day in Hafford with "Steven and the Takers" along the ultimate party band rockin it out for you, "Brat".

WANTED

VOLUNTEERS

To help at the Community Farmer's Market, at the Research and Education Center to welcome visitors and with the Kid's Club to offer children some fun afternoon activities.

Contact us for more information or visit the Center.

REWARD: fun, community involvement, meeting people

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Blaine Lake Centennial Celebrations

August 3rd-5th
Blaine Lake, SK

A weekend of excitement to celebrate the 100th birthday of Blaine Lake. Everything from school reunions to threshing demonstrations to the unveiling of the Centennial Monument. More information: www.blainelake.ca

2nd Annual Jamboree

August 11th & 12th
Radisson, SK

Saturday: 1pm-7pm (Parade at 11am),
Sunday: 11am-7pm
Old Time/ Country/ Gospel Music for your enjoyment.

Admission: both days: \$25; single day: \$15

Goldenairs BBQ

Fridays, August 24th, September 28th, October 26th
11am-1pm

Hafford Senior Centre; Everyone welcome!

Redberry Lake Biosphere Reserve Community Calendar

Coordinate your upcoming activity with others ♦ Share your events and attract more people ♦ Find out what's happening

www.redberrylake.ca/communitycalendar

Use submit form on website or contact us by email or phone.

CONTACT US

If you have **questions or suggestions** for our newsletter.

If you would like to **contribute an article**.

If you want to receive this **newsletter via email**.

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Donate

At Redberry Lake Biosphere Reserve your contribution will immediately support our work and result in projects that benefit our unique environment as well as the local community and the education of kids and adults.

Please make checks payable to:

Redberry Lake Biosphere Reserve Inc. (see address on the left) or use online donation form at www.redberrylake.ca.

RLBR is an incorporated not-for-profit organization.