

January, 2018



*Watershed Events &
More!*

We're Hiring!!

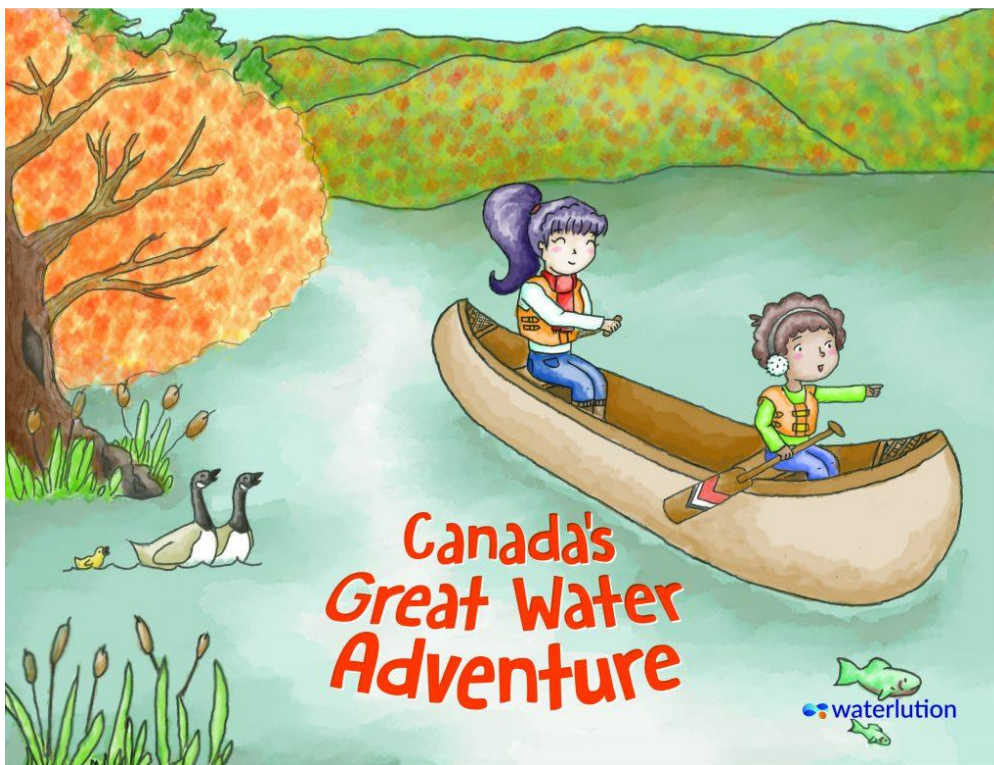


Calling all students looking for an awesome summer job! OWC is seeking **2 Seasonal Headwaters Assistants** to support our Engaging Recreationists Project. Duties include spending time in the backcountry 😊 Deadline to apply is February 12. For more information please visit: <http://oldmanwatershed.ca/owc-jobs/>

Family Literacy Day

January 27th from 12-1p.m. at the Lethbridge Library, Main Branch

Co-author Dorothy Graham will be reading "Canada's Great Water Adventure"



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Februray 6th from 4-6pm at the Owl Acoustic Lounge

Aquality Wetlands: From Classification to Policy Course

EDMONTON: 28 FEBRUARY & 1 MARCH, VENUE: BEAUMONT COMMUNITY CENTER
CALGARY: 15& 16 MARCH, VENUE: GLAMORGAN COMMUNITY CENTER

[Click here for more info.](#)

Cows and Fish Webinar Week!

February 5-9th

[Click here for more info.](#)

SACPA - Can Private Land Conservation Maintain Biodiversity and Healthy Watersheds in Alberta's Foothills? Speaker: Justin Thompson (SALTS)

When: **Thursday, February 1, 2018 from Noon - 1:30 pm**

Location: Country Kitchen Catering (below The Keg restaurant) 1715 Mayor Magrath Drive South

Cost: \$11 lunch (hearty soup & bun, desert & coffee/tea) or \$2 coffee/tea. RSVP not required

Maintaining healthy landscapes has benefits that extend well beyond the boundaries of a given property. These ecological services include things like water filtration and storage, healthy wildlife populations, and aesthetic values which support tourism and the preservation of our heritage. The economic value of these ecological services is enormous and once compromised they are often irreplaceable. In southwest Alberta a significant portion of the lands that provide these important ecological services are private lands.

As our population grows, so does the demand for these services. And while demand continues to grow, the intact land base that provides these services is shrinking. Based on historic rates, "business as usual" will see much of the private land in our foothills developed over the next 50 to 100 years. This is occurring through a continual process of subdivision, road and residential development, and industrial activity. The

result will be further loss of iconic vistas, fresh water, wildlife, and the working ranches of our foothills communities.

This ever-expanding human footprint in rural areas will also have measurable impacts on resources that we rely on in neighbouring communities, such as clean water. The speaker will argue that protection of private lands in the Oldman River Watershed is crucial to the health and economic well-being of rural communities but also all downstream including Lethbridge. He will also highlight many of the exciting initiatives that are going on not only to increase awareness but also to protect valuable areas in the watershed.

Visit the SACPA website: <http://www.sacpa.ca>

You are invited to attend the
Nature Conservancy of Canada's
13th Annual
Eat and Greet
Thursday, February 8, 2018—Twin Butte Community Hall

5pm: Socialize and enjoy a complimentary dinner catered by Twin Butte Country Restaurant

6:30 pm: Community After the Fire — Join us for a conversation with local experts Kelly Cooley, Barry Adams, Craig Demaere, Scott Murphy, and Kim Pearson about the Kenow fire: its behaviour & ecological effects, along with post-fire weed and grazing management strategies.

For further details, please contact Tony or Leta
Tony: 403-627-7693 or TonyMcCue@natureconservancy.ca
Leta: 403-634-7454 or Leta.Pezderic@natureconservancy.ca

NATURE CONSERVANCY CANADA

SACPA - Will Bison once again be Roaming Southern Alberta and Northern Montana? Speaker: Dr. Leroy Little Bear

When: **Thursday, February 8, 2018 from Noon - 1:30 pm**

Location: Country Kitchen Catering (below The Keg restaurant) 1715 Mayor Magrath Drive South

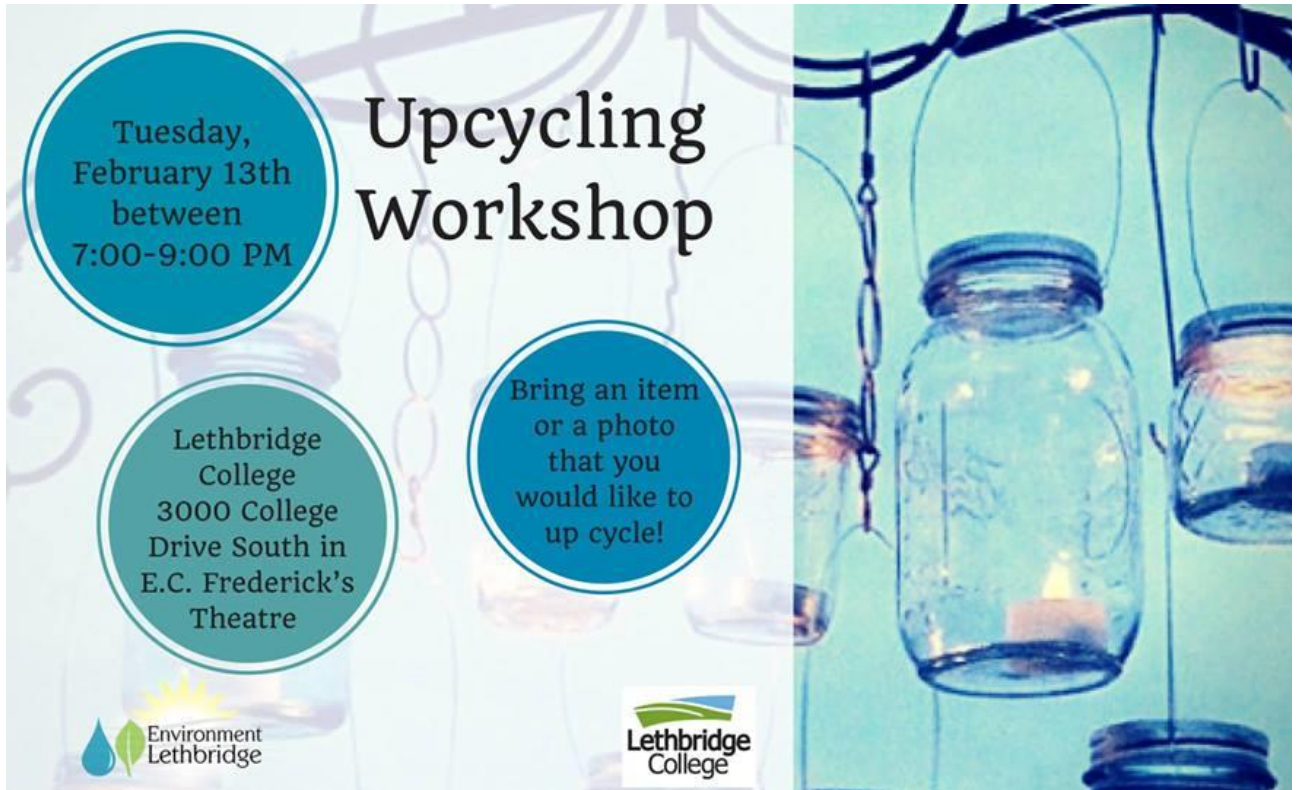
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A historic treaty to bring back bison (buffalo) was signed in 2014 in Montana by First Nations and tribes on both sides of the Canada-United States border. The Northern Tribes Buffalo Treaty — the first of its kind in 150 years — is meant to work to establish inter-tribal alliances for the restoration of bison on reserves or co-managed lands within the U.S. and Canada.

Bison may bring about better ecological balance by allowing plants, animals and birds that disappeared with the demise of the bison in the mid to late 1800s. The first wild bison to roam Banff National Park in more than a century was reintroduces last year and will eventually graze the eastern slopes of that park. The

speaker will address the many issues related to reintroduction of bison to this area. He will also explain the cultural importance that bison plays in the lives of First Nations Peoples.

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A poster for an Upcycling Workshop. The background is a light blue and white pattern of glass jars and chains. On the right, there is a photograph of several glass jars hanging from a metal frame, some containing lit candles. The text is arranged in circles and blocks. The main title 'Upcycling Workshop' is in a large, black, serif font. To the left, a teal circle contains the date and time: 'Tuesday, February 13th between 7:00-9:00 PM'. Below that, another teal circle contains the location: 'Lethbridge College 3000 College Drive South in E.C. Frederick's Theatre'. To the right of the main title, a smaller teal circle contains the instruction: 'Bring an item or a photo that you would like to up cycle!'. At the bottom left is the 'Environment Lethbridge' logo, and at the bottom right is the 'Lethbridge College' logo.

Upcycling Workshop

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Environment Lethbridge

Lethbridge College

For more info: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/upcycling-workshop-tickets-42538737509>

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March 6th from 4-6pm at the Owl Acoustic Lounge

South West Invasive Mangers - Annual General Meeting

April 19, 2018

The South West Invasive Managers will be hosting their fourth annual meeting on April 19, 2018. The theme of this year's workshop is: Monitoring, Evaluation and Reclamation.

For more information or to rsvp, contact Megan Evans at megan.evans@gov.ab.ca or 403 627 1106.



SALMTEC's Alberta Wetland Rapid Evaluation Tool - Training Course

Registration is NOW OPEN for SALMTEC's Alberta Wetland Rapid Evaluation Tool - Actual (ABWRET-A) Training Course. This course provides participants with a strong understanding of the Alberta Wetland Rapid Evaluation Tool. Both on-line learning and hands-on field training from the creator of the wetland evaluation tool, Dr. Paul Adamus, are combined in this easily accessible course, to prepare you for the 2018 field season.

Visit www.SALMTEC.com to register!

SAVE THE DATE!

March 7th - Westslope Cutthroat Trout Stakeholder Workshop (more details to come)



SAVE THE DATE! NATURE PLAY DAY!

The Helen Schuler Nature Centre is holding its 6th Annual Nature Play Day on Saturday, June 9th from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Henderson Lake Park. This outdoor festival aims to encourage families to get outside and play by featuring a variety of interactive and engaging activities.



Celebrate Canadian agriculture and food on February 13th

The countdown is on! Canada's Agriculture Day is less than a month away. It's not too late to plan your organization's involvement in the celebration that brings together our entire industry and connects people to where their food comes from and how it's produced - plus what happens inbetween at the watershed scale! [More info.](#)

SAVE THE DATE! Seedy Saturday returns to Lethbridge on Saturday, March 24, 2018!

If you love all things garden related, Lethbridge Seedy Saturday is for you! In addition to providing an opportunity for Lethbridge residents to exchange seeds and learn from each other, we will be hosting exhibit space for local plant and gardening related businesses and community organizations. Seedy Saturday will also feature activities and workshops for all ages.

Check out Environment Lethbridge on [Facebook](#) for more information.



SAVE THE DATE! SOUTHERN ALBERTA GRAZING SCHOOL FOR WOMAN

MD of Willow Creek, July 24-25, 2018

More details to come.

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