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Payee Account Information

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- If you are paying your **Property Tax** account please use: 123456 (example only) with the Payee: County of Stettler No. 6 – **Taxes**
- If you are paying your **Accounts Receivable** account please use: ABC001 (example only) with the Payee: County of Stettler No. 6 – **Accounts Receivable**

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# TAX PENALTY APPLIED FEBRUARY 1, 2022

Payment is due Monday, January 31, 2022.

A reminder that an 8% penalty is applied to all outstanding taxes on Tuesday, February 1, 2022. To avoid an 8% penalty, tax payments must be received by Monday, January 31, 2022. The Administration Office closes at 4:30 PM.

Methods of Payment can be made:

- Cash
- Cheque
- Interac
- Online Banking  
(Please choose 'Tax' and use Roll Number or Customer ID)
- At most financial institutions

Tax payments continue to be collected at the County Administration Building at 6602 44 Avenue, Stettler, Alberta.

Please visit our website for current information and any Covid-19 protocols, prior to attending our offices. If possible, consider choosing one of the remote methods to pay your taxes.



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# COUNTY CONNECTION

## INTRO

“Winter is a season of recovery and preparation.”  
-Paul Theroux

It's so good to be back in a routine, settling in with our new Council after the fall election and working hard with them through budget workshops. They are looking at all the budget lines and options, and exploring ideas to ensure we are building a responsible budget that is in the best interest of our community as a whole. How does Council balance the budget? They weigh needs over wants, they compare services and seek options and opportunities to reduce costs. Not unlike our family budget, just on a much larger scale.

They review current equipment and decide if it is meeting the needs and will meet the needs of the future. They consider future needs and allocate reserves to be sure those needs get covered. They look at the current level of service and discuss if we should continue to maintain that level, or consider if it needs to be reduced to fit in the budget. They think about their children and their grandchildren, and they weigh heavily how decisions today will impact our future leaders, and what kind of County will be left behind in their hands. Decisions are heavy.

In January budget discussions will continue and the public will be invited and have an opportunity to join us for public discussions. We hope you will come, or ZOOM in. Council would love to hear from you. Watch our website, social media and newspapers for advertised dates. Consider signing up to be notified of upcoming public engagement opportunities by clicking on 'Notify Me' on our website and subscribing to the 'News Flash' and 'Calendar' items. Wishing everyone a safe and comfortable holiday season.

Niki Thorsteinsson,  
Director of Communications

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(L-R) Reeve Larry Clarke, Councillor Justin Stevens, Deputy Reeve Les Stulberg, Councillor James Nibourg, CAO Yvette Cassidy and Councillor Ernie Gendre at the Resolution Session.

## REEVE'S RAMBLINGS

As I look out the window the snow we had is basically gone and the thermometer on November 30 is -2C and a new sunrise is in the sky. We are closing another agricultural year in Alberta and preparing for another. We had a tough year but as I watch the morning news our neighbors to the west are buckling down for more rain and hopefully this doesn't add to their devastation.

This is the first reeves' ramblings in the 2021 to 2025 council term and our council had 2 changes at the table this election. The 2021 election process was muddled with some of the new candidates and others being very malicious to the returning candidates and staff, the main stage was social media with neighbors making accusations and criticizing their neighbors who had faithfully served the ratepayers of the County of Stettler over the last term. The County of Stettler is very fortunate to have candidate forums that are conducted and mediated by the Stettler Board of Trade and Stettler Library, some new candidates chose not to attend and set up their own face book live forums expecting other candidates to attend an unmediated event. Then there was the tasteless sign that made its way throughout Stettler limits with myself and the CAO pictured in a very demeaning way. Some may have found the sign that depicts a Neanderthal male (King) packing a scantily clad lady under his arm with money falling out of a bag humorous but I found it disgusting as a father of 4 daughters and someone that works with all as equals and has nothing but utmost respect for our extremely capable qualified CAO and her department heads. This was all due to the County (all of us) holding and treating all individuals and developers to the same level playing field which is dictated by the land use policy and the associated

bylaws that follow the overriding Alberta Municipal Government act (MGA). We as council will continue to follow the MGA ensuring our policies and bylaws meet the intent and take actions when required to enforce these bylaws through stop work orders and required court proceedings. This requires legal review and representation to ensure all the ratepayers of the County of Stettler are treated fairly and are on an equal playing field and that the County of Stettler ratepayer is protected if items go to court.

Transparency is a word people describe on how open communication is to the public and while attending the RMA (Rural Municipalities of Alberta) convention in Edmonton last week, and talking to elected officials from other municipalities I was surprised at how many did not e-stream or electronically record council, planning and agricultural meetings for viewing by the public but relied on interested individuals reading meeting minutes or attending in person. The Council and Staff of the County of Stettler ensures these meetings are available by electronic means and that delegations are accepted if they notify early enough. Public can attend meetings to watch proceedings and all minutes are posted on the County of Stettler website. Delegations request to speak on an issue and have 15 minutes to present and councilors can ask questions. Typically we don't allow delegations with individuals or corporations that are in court litigations with the County of Stettler, as the legal system is dealing with these issues.

This being said, we have committee of the whole preliminary discussions on asset management, budgeting, draft policy and draft bylaws and to

continued...



November was Family Violence Awareness month and Town Mayor Sean Nolls and Reeve Larry Clarke signed the proclamation above. While November has come and gone we encourage everyone to be aware of the effects and occurrences of Family Violence in our community, and to know help is always available by calling 911 or the Family Violence Info line at 310-1818 - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

## REEVE'S RAMBLINGS CONTINUED...

review topics that may inform our strategic plan, all of which are brought forward to later council meetings for discussion and debate. Some workshops are not open to the public but any items which may require decisions are brought through open council meetings so that the public has ample opportunity to observe, either through our YouTube Live Stream, or to read through our minutes. Subjects that fall under the In-Camera specifications are discussed in private and any motions are then completed in an open council meeting as outlined in the MGA.

The CAO completes a very detailed report which is part of the monthly council package - all of this is available on our website. This report has a summary from each department along with all expenses and revenues for the month. The council package also has all financial reports and council expense reports so is very transparent. Our communication director posts items on the website, County of Stettler Facebook page, Twitter, news releases and interviews. If you have further requests please refer to page 11 of this issue of the County Connection.

When there is a cost associated with County resources researching and gathering information for an information request, the mechanism in place which the public is encouraged to utilize is the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA). There is a \$25 fee required with an initial request to gather information, and then an estimate is provided to you for generating the records you are seeking, prior to the County commencing with your search. The fees charged are for gathering all pertaining documentation

and for reviewing them for privacy issues. This comes at a cost to the information requestor, as it is often a very time-consuming task by staff and sometimes lawyers, ensuring all residents and private information are protected under the privacy act.

The next 4 years will have no shortage of challenges for council. We will review policy to ensure the rules outlined in the current MGA are adhered to and the bylaws are written on how we as the County will follow these rules. We will continue to budget, focusing on levels of service, revenue streams and all expense categories. The County of Stettler has Inter-Collaborative Frameworks (ICFs) with surrounding municipalities. The ICFs will be worked through, ensuring our ratepayers interests are met.

In closing this has been and will be a challenging but rewarding term. A keynote is a very small percentage of residents and business's take up a very large portion of Council and CAO Cassidy's staff time. As stated before, please treat County of Stettler staff, all of our wonderful business and frontline workers with respect as you would your neighbors, as they are trying their best to deliver on decisions made by Council, owners and government and they are your neighbours. As always please watch the roads as they are busy with construction and agricultural units. Have a safe and Merry Christmas and let's look forward to 2022.

Larry Clarke, REEVE



Members of the County of Stettler Recreation Committee work hard year round to support recreation initiatives in our communities and support annual funding requests through their Recreation Special Project Funding grant.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS **POSTPONED**

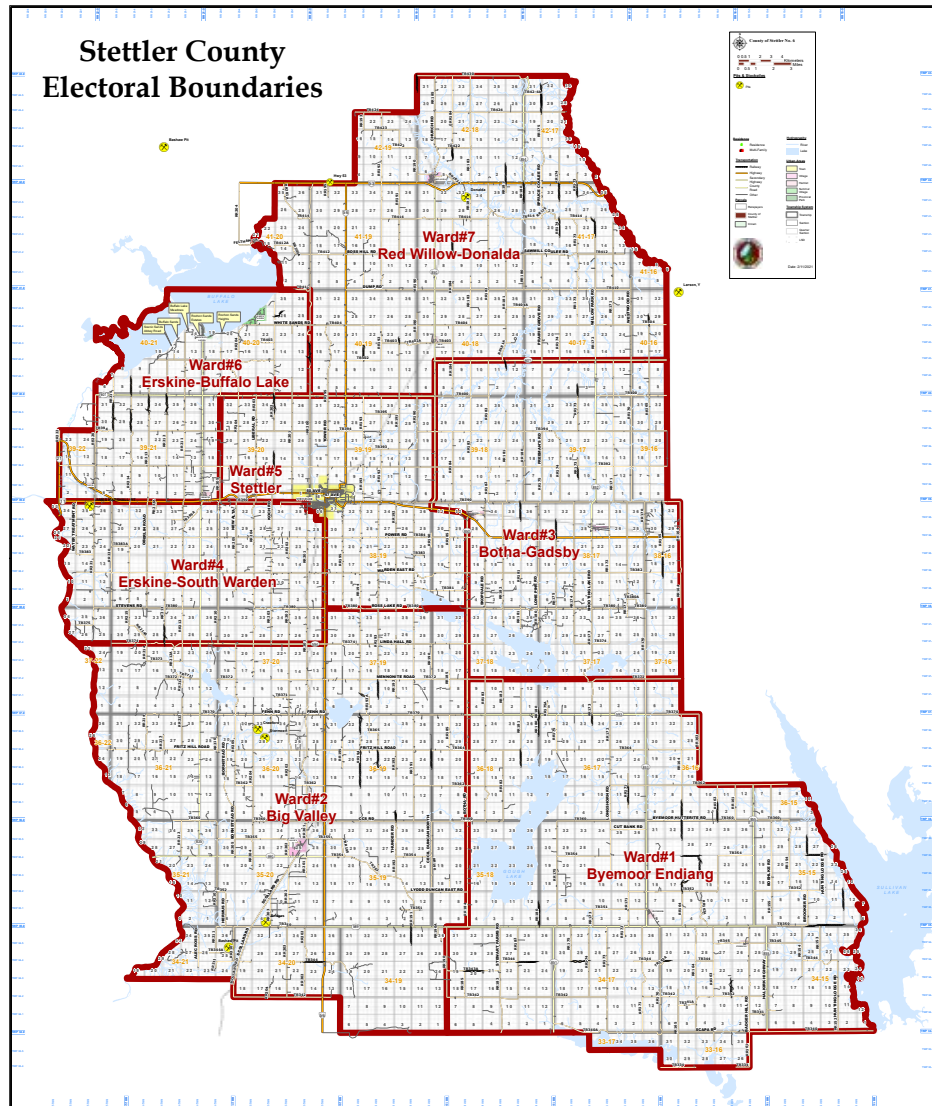
### **Byemoor Community set to host when restrictions ease.**

The 44th Annual County of Stettler Community Service Awards that were planned by the community of Byemoor, Alberta have been temporarily postponed due to COVID -19 gathering restrictions. The Regional Recreation Board will be continuing to monitor the situation closely and are hoping to have an opportunity to host the event later in 2022.

The County of Stettler Community Service Awards is an annual event which celebrates the outstanding contributions of our volunteers in agriculture, recreation and culture.

If you have someone you would like to nominate for the *Stettler Dodge Community Service Award* or the *ATCO Electric Arts, Culture and Heritage Award*, please submit your nominations at anytime to Lorraine Hankins, Manager of Recreation and Insurance at the County of Stettler No. 6 at [lhankins@stettlercounty.ca](mailto:lhankins@stettlercounty.ca).

Keep an eye on the County website [www.StettlerCounty.ca](http://www.StettlerCounty.ca) for further announcements regarding this event, or call Lorraine at 403-742-4441 extension 109.



# MEET YOUR 2021-2025 COUNTY COUNCIL

## Municipal Elections were held October 18, 2021 in Alberta

We would like to thank everyone who took the time to cast a ballot in the 2021 Municipal Election. Elections were held in five out of seven wards with two Councillors being acclaimed: Les Stulberg was acclaimed for Byemoor-Endiang in Ward 1 and Paul McKay was acclaimed for Red Willow-Donalda in Ward 7. Elections to fill municipal councillor seats were held in Wards 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. We are excited to report we saw improved voter turn-out in 4/5 of the Wards only seeing a slight decrease in voter turnout in the Erskine-Buffalo Lake Ward.

Councillors were sworn in at the annual Organizational Meeting held on Monday, October 25, with Larry Clarke being voted in for another year of representing the County of Stettler as Reeve.

We would like to thank everyone who ran for seats in the County of Stettler municipal election, and we congratulate those who have taken office for the next four years. We are happy to introduce you to your Council members on the following pages.



**Les Stulberg, COUNCILLOR**  
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### **Ward 1: Byemoor-Endiang**

My decision to run for council again was largely due to the fact I still had some things I wanted to see accomplished in my ward and in the County. That paired with some unfinished council business from last term that I wanted to see completed was also a contributing factor in my desire to continue on council.

Community has always been important to me and it's difficult to just stop looking after its best interest when it has been in my blood for so long. I want to see the County prosper and business be successful in every corner of the County so that expected services can continue to be provided. I'm always interested in hearing thoughts and ideas of the residents to build a thriving County. With team work and positive energy many things can be achieved.

Sometimes council work can be daunting, challenging and seem thankless but there are pleasant surprises when the odd bouquet gets tossed your way — positive feedback or the occasional simple thank-you — combined with completing projects, make it all worthwhile.



**Dave Grover, COUNCILLOR**  
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### **Ward 2: Big Valley**

I will continue to work hard to make the County of Stettler a place where young people want to move back to - whether on a farm, an acreage or in a hamlet. I believe our younger generations should have the right and opportunity to raise their families in this wonderful community, the same as I have, and my children are. The young people that are moving back here to live and raise their families enhance our recreation facilities and rodeo arenas, and support the continuation of our family farms.

The County of Stettler has had clean audits for the last 14 years, a fact we are very proud of. We also stand out by working closely with our partners at the Town of Stettler to provide many and diverse recreational opportunities. Other rural communities envy this relationship we have worked very hard to build. Our region has an incredible sense of community with many long-standing events bringing our communities together in our rural settings, which we support and encourage. I am proud to live here and to have the opportunity to represent my community.



**Larry Clarke, REEVE**  
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### **Ward 3: Botha-Gadsby**

I am a 4th generation resident of the Botha/Gadsby Ward 3 area within the beautiful County of Stettler. I am the proud dad of 4 girls and a grandfather of 4 boys, 2 girls and a new surprise in the spring. I am looking forward to the challenge representing my area and the County of Stettler through these challenging financial years and working with our Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and her staff to find more economical ways to provide services to the residents of the Stettler County. We need to continue to work through our land use bylaw to seek and promote good development within our borders. We will need to work collaboratively with our neighbouring municipalities and the RMA to take possible opportunities to collaborate on services and materials required in all of our areas.

I wanted to become a councillor to contribute back to the county I was raised in and have raised my family in and am seeing some of children raising their families in. We have many challenges ahead of us and need to work together to meet and exceed these challenges.



**James Nibourg, Councillor**  
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### **Ward 4: Erskine South-Warden**

My time on council has been very rewarding and as I look back I can see many projects that we at the County of Stettler have completed.

I do feel the best part of our job as councillors is to do the day-to-day helping of people, whether navigating the municipal world to get a road graded or advocating for highway or bridge repairs. It is a very good feeling when you know you have helped someone. This term I would like to keep this up. It is not the big things we do but all the little things that add up to make this a great place to live.

I have been very blessed to work with just plain awesome people at the County of Stettler. We do have such a creative and hard working bunch of people at the County. It is refreshing when you see a project mapped out and then the forces get to work and make it happen. We really do have a super crew of people that make things happen, I am very proud of the County of Stettler staff and management and what they do they do for you!



**Ernie Gendre, Councillor**  
 egendre@stettlercounty.ca

#### **Ward 5: Stettler**

Becoming a Councillor and putting yourself in the public eye, working with opposing views and issues can sometimes seem a challenge when you cherish the community in which you reside. This is a community in which I still have the initiative to carry forward the neighborly ideology of helping and assisting others, to survive as our forefathers that settled this land with this vision to build a strong nation. Myself and my wife Nancy have had the ability and opportunity to grow within this community. When the decision to serve as a representative was determined, then became a reality, nervousness became apparent. But in reality, this has been one of the most rewarding personal achievements I have experienced – both working with County staff and with all affiliated to the County of Stettler. As long as concerns are brought forth by our residents, answers are required. If we don't know the answer – we will find one through our administration and staff, and relay those answers back. I believe we still have many challenges ahead, but if we keep the vision, united efforts of our community will persevere. Thank you and happy and safe times ahead to all.



**Justin Stevens, Councillor**  
 jstevens@stettlercounty.ca

#### **Ward 6: Erskine-Buffalo Lake**

I have become more interested in municipal politics in the last several years. It is an awesome way to get more involved and give back to the community. I feel like my age and work experience gives me a unique perspective to council. This, coupled with my enthusiasm will be an asset. I will strive to find new ways to get people engaged with our community. Our County faces challenges ahead. I plan to take on these challenges with my usual passion and unwavering effort.

I have been impressed by the dedication and experience shown by the staff I have had the opportunity to work with. The pleasant surprise for me was the support I have received from several current and former councillors.

I believe the team we have in place is capable of overcoming the challenges that may come our way.

## COUNCIL CONTACT LIST

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**Paul McKay, Councillor**  
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### Ward 7: Red Willow-Donalda

As I have in the past, sat as a village councillor for the Village of Donalda, I believed it was time for a change to the County. I have been a resident in the County of Stettler all of my life, growing up on the family farm southeast of Donalda. I am still a part of the farming business, and for me it was the right time to give back to the community, my neighbors and residents of the County.

I am a good listener, so people do not need to feel overwhelmed with the thought that I am not listening to their problems and concern. I will try my best to get answers and to make the best decisions for the ratepayers for all of the County. I do care about people.

Thank you to all of the residents for their support over the years.



# HOW TO REACH US

**There are many ways to reach out to the County of Stettler.**

If you have any questions, concerns or are looking for clarification - the following are avenues to reach us:

- Submit a concern to our Ratepayer Concern line. Anyone can do so by phoning 403-742-4441 x1 and communicating your question or concern to a member of our staff. Your concern is then posted to our internal Ratepayer Concern website, which in turn assigns the appropriate staff member, assigns a deadline, and alerts our council members. All concerns that come in to our Ratepayer Request line are monitored by CAO Cassidy. This number is answered 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Monday through Friday.
- Email us ANYTIME at [info@stettlercounty.ca](mailto:info@stettlercounty.ca) or through one of our staff emails available through the Staff Directory on our website. We work diligently to respond and to answer all questions that come in, as quickly as possibly in the order they are received.
- If you feel your concern is not being addressed, or you are unhappy with the response, you may request to join a future council meeting as a delegation and have your concerns heard directly by Council. Council reviews, considers and sets the delegation schedule for Council meetings.
- The public may also submit a request through our website by clicking on the '**Submit a Request**' button on our home page anytime, at [www.StettlerCounty.ca](http://www.StettlerCounty.ca)
- We have Stettler County Facebook page and citizens may private message us through that page and we are happy to respond via Direct Message.
- We have a Twitter account and while sometimes it may be difficult to discern if people are venting frustrations or requesting a response, we do monitor @StettlerCounty Twitter tags. If there is a clear question being posed we are responsive to replying on Twitter or forwarding concerns we receive through to the appropriate departments, or through to Council.
- Council is happy to take questions and can be reached through our Staff Directory on our website, or the above directory which you may wish to cut out and keep for future reference.
- While not as popular as it once was, we do receive requests via mail as well and all requests received through the mail are responded to if contact information is provided. Mail your questions or concerns to County of Stettler No. 6, Box 1270, Stettler, AB, T0C 2L0.



Grand Prize Winner: Glenn Munden - Photo taken in Ward 6: Erskine-Buffalo Lake



Photo by Henri Van Ommeren, taken in Ward 2, Big Valley.



Photo by Geraldine Fleming, taken in Ward 1, Byemoor/Endiang.

# 2021 PHOTO CONTEST

## Crowning the most beautiful ward.

2022 was an election year highlighting our seven diverse wards in the County of Stettler. This year's calendar highlights the beauty of all seven of our wards in the County of Stettler.

Beginning last February, we invited the public to submit their photos depicting 'the best and beautiful of our 7 wards', and did they ever! The diverse landscapes and the beauty of the photos and scenes depicted make it clear - we live in one of the most beautiful areas of the world. Each of our seven wards is the winner in our opinion, of holding title 'most beautiful ward'. Drop by and

pick up a calendar at the County of Stettler and we think you'll agree. We assembled a committee and we challenged them with choosing their favorite scene, and crowning the title 'the most beautiful award' – and we would like to congratulate Glenn Munden who captured this photo in Ward 6, Erskine-Buffalo Lake.

We are so thankful to everyone who participates in our photo contests, for capturing incredible moments in time – which we sometimes take for granted. We hope you will stop by and pick up a calendar, and proudly display scenes captured in the County of Stettler – as we do.



Photo by Haley-Rae Coulas, taken in Ward 3, Botha-Gadsby.



Photo by Chanel Schultz, taken in Ward 7, Red Willow-Donalda.



Photo by Haley-Rae Coulas, taken in Ward 4, Erskine South-Warden.



Photo by Desyane McCrindle, taken in Ward 1, Byemoor-Endiang.



Photo by Brenda Meyer, taken in Ward 2, Big Valley.



Photo by Rob Brennen, taken in Ward 6, Erskine-Buffalo Lake.



Photo by Ciana Zweifel, taken in Ward 5, Stettler.



Photo by Tammy Laybourne, taken in Ward 3, Botha-Gadsby.



Photo by Tana Nixon, taken in Ward 5, Stettler.



Photo by Nicole Verhoeven taken in Ward 4, Erskine South-Warden.



Photo by Kami Ritz, taken in Ward 7, Red Willow-Donalda.



# COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

## NEW PROGRAM!

The County of Stettler has launched a new program, recognizing that community organizations should be supported in principle and with resources when it comes to assisting with the increasing costs of holding and promoting community events.

The Community Investment Program is a new program to the County of Stettler in the way that it will manage these ongoing requests. Funding under this program is one time and is not to be relied upon as a continuing source of income. Council fully expects community organizations to become self-sustaining and to develop working relationships with contributing partners.

There will be two intake deadlines per year, December 31 and May 31. All submissions received by the deadline will be reviewed and Council will approve funding for selected projects by resolution.

### Eligibility criteria include:

- Applicants may only submit one application annually
- Must benefit the community
- Provide community involvement and support
- Have long term viability
- Program or event must be open to the public
- County of Stettler will be recognized as a source of funding

Application forms and the Community Investment Program Policy can be found on the County of Stettler website at [www.StettlerCounty.ca](http://www.StettlerCounty.ca). If you have any questions, please contact Lorraine Hankins at 403-742-4441 extension 109.

## COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

Organization Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

What is the nature of your group?

- Registered Society
- Registered Charity
- Non-profit group
- Ad Hoc group of citizens

If your group is registered, what is the date of incorporation? \_\_\_\_\_

Incorporation Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Event or Project \_\_\_\_\_

Project Type  Event  Project Date of Event \_\_\_\_\_

What is the total amount requested from the County of Stettler? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you receiving any other additional financial assistance through grants or other sponsors? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your Event or Project (please use your letter for this section)

- Provide as much detail as possible to give a clear idea of what your event/project will include.
- Are there any other County of Stettler groups that will be contributing to the event or project? If so, please provide a brief overview of their contribution.
- How will the grant funding be used?
- How many individuals will participate and directly benefit from your event or project?
- Who will be served by your event or project?
- Is the event or project available to all County of Stettler residents? Please provide details.
- Are there physical or financial barriers that would prevent anyone from participating in the event or project?
- How will you promote your event or project to participants and/or the public? How will you engage the community in your event or project?

Submit your application to:  
Lorraine Hankins, Manager of Recreation  
lhankins@stettlercounty.ca  
403-742-4441 x109



# GRAZING LEASE PROGRAM 2022

Grazing leases for some County of Stettler lands are available for a period of five (5) years. The lands can be used only for the grazing season of July 1 to October 1 annually. The lands are allocated through the Tender process, and the deadline to submit tenders will be placed in an upcoming advertisement in 2022. Ads will be placed in the local papers, on our social media platforms (Facebook and Twitter) as well on our website. The best way to ensure you are notified of the advertisement is to follow us on our website and subscribe to the 'Notify Me' option on our website and subscribe to BID POSTINGS. Then you will receive a notification when we advertise this item.

The successful lease holder will be responsible for the following:

- paying the annual taxes;
- weed control on the parcel;
- managing the land in accordance with proper range management for the species present on the land and using accepted conservation practices;
- abiding by the predetermined stocking rates:

• Cow/Calf Pairs	10 acres/unit/month
• Heifers	9 acres/unit/month
• Non-breeding cattle under 2 years	9 acres/unit/month
• Herd Bull(s)	10 acres/unit/month
• Non-breeding cattle over 2 years	10 acres/unit/month
• other applicable restrictions.	

Please contact the County of Stettler Agricultural Services Board at 403-742-4441 for more information.



# LEASE LAND IN OUR 2022 PROGRAM

The County of Stettler has the following Grazing Lease parcels available for tender in the 2022 grazing season (July 1 to October 1):

- SE 4-35-16 W4M (148.09 acres);
- Part of E ½ 31-34-20 W4M (196.91 acres); Part of E ½ 31-34-20-W4M (87.60 acres);
- NE 32-34-20 W4M (149 acres)
- NE 10-35-20 W4M (160.00 acres)
- SE 10-35-20 W4M (160.00 acres)
- NE 34-35-20 W4M (160.00 acres)
- Part of NE 14-36-20-W4M (24.56 acres); Part of NE 14-36-20-W4M (15.07 acres)
- Part of SE 23-36-20 W4M (84.95 acres); Part of SE 23-36-20-W4M (65.67 acres);  
Part of SE 23-36-20 W4M (1.90 acres)
- Part of NE 3-35-21 W4M (14.90 acres); Part of SE 3-35-21-W4M (7.20 acres)
- Lot A Plan 2354KS (2.88 acres)
- NE 8-42-17 W4M (157.00 acres)
- Part of NW 19-38-19 W4M (40 acres) **Swath and Bale only**



# BYLAW AND POLICY UPDATES

## Engine Retarder Brakes

On Wednesday, October 13, 2021 Council amended the General Traffic Bylaw to include the restriction of the use of engine retarder brakes within Hamlets in the County of Stettler No. 6.

Signage is now posted alerting travellers that the use of Engine Retarder Brakes within our Hamlet boundaries are prohibited, with fines of \$250 being levied per offence.

For a copy of the new General Traffic Bylaw please visit our website at [www.StettlerCounty.ca](http://www.StettlerCounty.ca).

## Bylaw 1670-21 - Regional Subdivision and Development Appeal Board

This Bylaw would allow the County of Stettler to contract Parkland Community Planning Services to provide a Regional Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. This would allow the County to remain at arms length from Subdivision and Development appeals, and the cost to participate in a Regional Board managed by Parkland Community Planning Services, is similar to maintaining our own board. The Public Hearing is scheduled for January 12, 2022 at 1:00 PM.

## Let's Be Idle-Free at our Transfer Sites

- Idling pollutes the air around your vehicle (including CO<sub>2</sub>, carbon monoxide, benzene, nitrogen dioxide and adds ground level ozone, all known to have adverse health effects)
- Idling at Transfer Sites makes safe breathing difficult for you and for others who are unloading their items.
- Idling wastes fuel.
- Idling costs money.
- Idling is an outdated habit. Idling is unnecessary with today's fuel-injected engines and can actually decrease engine life.
- Please turn off your vehicle while unloading at our Transfer Sites

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# HOLIDAY HOURS TRANSIT SITES

All Stettler Waste Management sites WILL BE CLOSED December 25, 26, 27 and January 1.

ALL TRANSFER SITES will be open Friday, December 24 and Friday, December 31 - but they will be observing Saturday 'hours of operation'. ALL sites be closed on Saturdays.

Regional Landfill: Open Friday December 24 and Friday, December 31 from 10:00 AM- 2:00 PM

Botha: Open Friday December 24 and Friday, December 31 from 8:00 AM-Noon

Big Valley: Open Friday December 24 and Friday, December 31 from 10:00 AM- 4:00 PM

Byemoor: Open Friday December 24 and Friday, December 31 from 10:00 AM- 2:00 PM

Donalda: Open Friday December 24 and Friday, December 31 from 10:00 AM- 2:00 PM

Erskine: Open Friday December 24 and Friday, December 31 from 9:00 AM- 2:00 PM

Gadsby: Open Friday December 24 and Friday, December 31 from 1:00 PM- 5:00 PM

Stettler: Open Friday December 24 and Friday, December 31 and Sunday, January 2 from 10:00 AM- 6:00 PM

White Sands: Walk in - open year round

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## COUNTY STUDENTS APPLY TODAY!

### 2022 Agricultural Services Bursary

The County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board Bursary will recognize a high school graduate who is a resident of the County of Stettler, who is enrolled in post-secondary education and who has made a contribution to their community. The bursary will provide assistance to a graduate who demonstrates an interest and awareness about the importance of agriculture to the survival of rural communities.

A one thousand dollar (\$1000.00) bursary will be awarded each year.

#### Eligibility

1. Applicant must have successfully enrolled into a post-secondary institution in any year of studies.
2. The applicant will only receive the award once.
3. Applicant must be a resident of the County of Stettler No. 6.
4. The applicant must supply the Director of Agricultural Services with:
  - a. Proof of enrollment in a college or university.
  - b. Proof of High School Diploma or eligibility.
  - c. Two personal references of no relation of the applicant.

#### Deadline

Applications must be received by the County of Stettler Administration no later than April 15. The successful applicant will be presented with their bursary at a following meeting.



### ASB BURSARY Application Form

I hereby apply for the County of Stettler Agricultural Service Board Bursary to assist me in my program at

\_\_\_\_\_ in the term beginning \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Post Secondary Institution Name) (Start Date of Next Semester)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION OR LOT BLOCK PLAN \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

High School attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name, address, and phone number of two personal references:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following three questions on separate sheet and attach to this form.

1. What has been your community involvement/how did it better the community?
2. Tell us about your agricultural background.
3. What are you future goals?
4. Provide and explain one idea that would positively impact agriculture. (300 words or less)

Have you attached the following to this application?

- \_\_\_ Letter of acceptance/enrollment from Post Secondary Institution.
- \_\_\_ Proof of High School Diploma or eligibility.
- \_\_\_ Two personal letters of reference, of no relation to the applicant.

I declare that the above and attached information is correct to the best of my knowledge, and if I am awarded a bursary, I will comply with all related regulations to this application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

*Personal information requested in this form is protected under the "Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act" (FOIP). Collection of the personal information is authorized under FOIP, Part 2, Division 1. If you have any questions regarding FOIP, please telephone (403) 742-4441 and ask for the FOIP Coordinator.*



President of RMA Paul McLauchlin (L) and Minister of Municipal Affairs Ric McIver (R) moderate one of the two Ministers Forums held at the fall RMA Convention.

# RURAL MUNICIPALITIES OF ALBERTA CONFERENCE

## Back to doing business in person.

Council for the County of Stettler attended the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Fall Conference in Edmonton November 23-26.

This conference was held in-person while Council has not attended an in-person conference for the past two years. While the ZOOM conferences helped us all keep up with the business and happenings of municipal work, it did not allow for the opportunity to have face-to-face time with the Ministers and staff who assist us, support us and help us solve problems. It was refreshing for our Council to once again have the opportunity for casual conversation and to seek out opportunities to discuss local issues with our Provincial Government officials.

Keynote speaker Jordin Tootoo spoke on day one about mental health, resilient communities and leadership sharing personal experiences and messages about surviving challenges.

A Truth and Reconciliation panel shared information about a municipalities' role and responsibility in Truth and Reconciliation. Keynote speaker Lauren Sergy shared insights with new councils about

'Presence in the Public Eye: How Leadership Presence Supercharges Communication'.

Workshops were held and attended including:

- Floating to the Future: Hydrogen in Alberta
- Preparing for the Worst: Municipal Disaster Mitigation in Alberta
- Developing and Leveraging Leadership Presence
- Municipalities and Rural Health
- On the Rocks - The Municipal Approval Process for Aggregate Projects
- The Fundamentals of Conflict Management for Elected Officials

A resolution session which decides by vote of all member municipalities which issues the RMA will advocate towards, was held several resolutions being approved to move forward for RMA advocacy including:

1. Vegetation Management on Provincial Highways - Advocate for reinstatement of a provincial vegetation management plan and include an approach to manage noxious weeds and unsafe vegetation.
2. Historical Resources Impact Assessment - Request the Government of Alberta develop a formula for financial compensation to



Deputy Reeve Les Stulberg having a few words with Premier Jason Kenney following Premier Kenney's Friday morning address to conference attendees.



Councillor Nibourg advocating for 24/7 Home Care for Housing Management Bodies such as County of Stettler Housing Authority.

landowners should discoveries of historical resources on the land result in restrictions to land use.

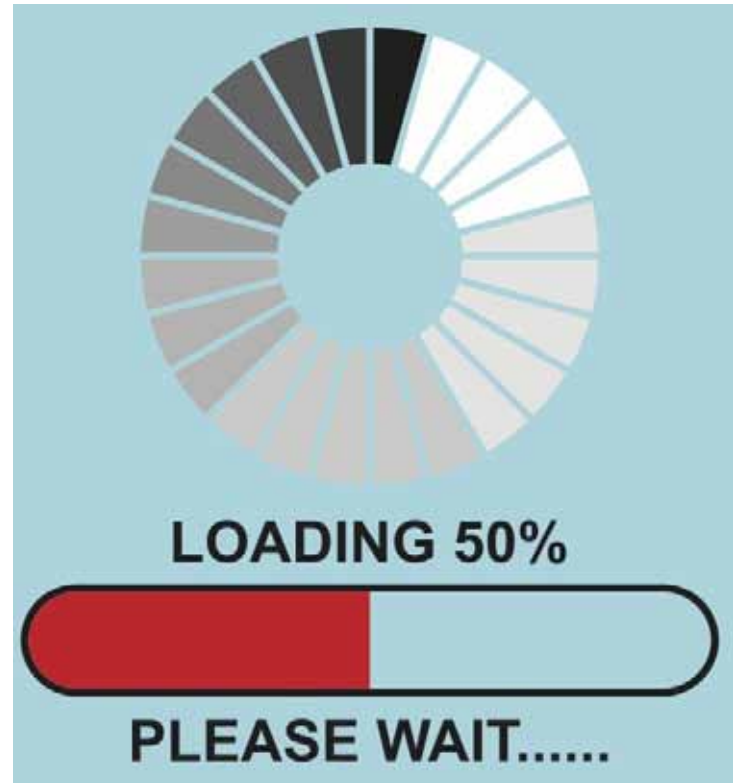
Two Ministerial Forums were held giving rural council members the opportunity to ask questions of the following ministers in attendance:

- Hon. Jason Copping, Minister of Health
- Hon. Kaycee Madu, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General
- Hon. Nate Glubish, Minister of Service Alberta
- Hon. Josephone Pon, Minister of Seniors and Housing
- Hon. Travis Toews, Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board
- Hon. Rick Wilson, Minister of Indigenous Relations
- Hon. Nate Horner, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development and the MLA for Drumheller-Stettler
- Hon. Sonya Savage, Minister of Energy and Deputy House Leader
- Hon. Tanya Fir, Associate Minister of Red Tape Reduction
- Hon. Prasad Panda, Minister of Infrastructure

Council and Administration held pre-scheduled meetings with the Hon. Jason Copping to discuss Stettler District Ambulance's contract with Alberta Health Services which is need of a review and with Mike Damberger, Regional Director of Central Region, Alberta Transportation. Mr. Damberger discussed local highway maintenance.

Council and Administration have a meeting scheduled with the Hon. Ric McIver mid-December. We have also been informed the Hon. Kaycee Madu will be engaging with Council on February 9, regarding the potential future of a Provincial Police Force.

Rural High Speed Internet was a recurring theme of discussion throughout the three-day conference. The Canadian Internet Registration Agency is requesting YOU to engage with them and provide data. Please take a minute to check out page 24 and provide your information back to them.



# INTERNET SPEED TESTING WE NEED TO KNOW YOUR SPEED - OR LACK OF IT

Highspeed rural internet is critical for economic development, engaging in the digital economy, and working and learning from home. The Government of Canada has announced the goal of providing access to 50 Mbps download and 10 Mbps upload speeds to all Canadians by 2030. Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA), in partnership with the Canadian Internet Registration Agency (CIRA), is conducting internet speed testing.

Before you run a speed test, please review the internet speed testing protocol:

1. Tests should be run using a computer – either a laptop or desktop.
2. The computer should be connected to the modem / router with a direct cable connection, if possible.
3. Running other applications or devices while executing tests will negatively affect test results.
4. Ask others to stop using the internet and / or streaming while running the test – the test

should take less than a minute.

5. Network slowdowns affect your test. Load varies throughout the day so test at different times.
6. Run multiple tests at different times of the day to help assess peak times and load results.

To run your test visit: <https://rmaalberta.com/advocacy/toolkits-and-initiatives/cira-internet-performance-test/>

## How will my data be used?

Your data will be shared with Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED). Additionally, RMA staff will have access to the data. This information will be used to demonstrate internet speeds to ISED, identify gaps in service, and inform RMA advocacy. For more information on how your data will be used, visit the CIRA website.

# DEVELOPMENT SETBACKS

Please remember that you do not need a development permit from the County for any agricultural operation as long as any structures such as hay sheds, granaries, dugouts, livestock shelters and barns meet the 125 feet setback from the center line of the County road.

Shelterbelts must be set back 75 feet from the center line of the road. If you would like to vary from these setbacks for any agricultural operation, you would require a development permit.

You may need a license/permit from the Natural Resources Conservation Board if your agricultural operation includes a confined feeding operation (please call the NRCB at 1-340-5241).

If development is proposed along a provincial highway a Roadside Development Permit issued by Alberta Transportation is required. Please contact Alberta Transportation at 403-854-5550 or visit their website at <http://www.transportation.alberta.ca>.

For more information regarding development please contact the County's Planning & Development Department at 403-742-4441.

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# ZERO TOLERANCE

Please contact our Planning and Development Department when you start planning your development in order to ensure you obtain the required development permit and other approvals in good time. Anyone who intends to undertake a non-agricultural development in the County of Stettler No. 6 is required to first obtain a development permit from the County. This could also help you avoid any unforeseen expenses you may incur if your idea for your development does not comply with the County's policies and bylaws (e.g. yard setbacks, road upgrades, etc.), so you may make the necessary adjustments before you start digging or laying down concrete.

The County does not want to penalize anyone. Rather, we want to work with ratepayers to ensure the proper development approvals are issued in order to comply with municipal, provincial and federal regulations. The County's Fee Bylaw states a penalty of \$1,000 for residential developments and \$2,000 for commercial developments that are started without the benefit of a development permit.

The County of Stettler No. 6 has adopted a zero tolerance approach to persons who start construction without the benefit of a development permit. All relevant penalties required pursuant to the County's Fee Schedule and other actions under the Municipal Government Act (MGA) for such a contravention will be strictly imposed on anyone who fails to obtain a development permit prior to construction start. This information has been made widely available and no exceptions will be made.



## TRY SOMETHING NEW AT STETTLER LIBRARY

The end of one year and beginning of the next is very much a grand adventure, much like finishing one book and picking the next one up from your stack of anticipated new reads. You can look back over the past year and relive the best parts, shake your fist as you remember some of the villains, and rejoice that there is a new installment in the epic series that is your life. Belonging to a community and sharing our stories helps lift our spirits and connects us to one another. Do you need more of that in your life? Why not check out the Stettler Public Library?

Membership at the Stettler Public Library is free to residents of Stettler and Stettler County thanks to the generous support of the Town and County Council. We can connect you with a world of stories and information. We are also able to help you with your printing, faxing, scanning, and computer needs too. Call the library at 403-742-2292 for more information.

We are thrilled that we are able to offer in-person programming in the Library for children and youths. All library programs require that you pre-register if you would like your children to attend. We offer a Read and Rhyme program for parents and children ages 0-5. Enjoy a few stories, sing some songs, play games and relax with other families with little

ones while it is cold outside. For older children we offer Something Cool after School on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4 pm and we offer Brain Train on Saturdays at 10:30 am and 12 noon. Teens and 'tweens ages 10+ are welcome to join us on Wednesday evenings at 6 pm for Teen Scene, there is always something fun going on.

For adults we are offering a combination of events outside the library, take home kits and online programs. For more information about what is going on you can check our website at <https://spl.prl.ab.ca/events>, follow us on Facebook @ StettlerPublicLibrary or email [spl@prl.ab.ca](mailto:spl@prl.ab.ca) and ask to be added to our monthly email update.

We are very pleased to let you know that TIFF films have returned to the Jewel Theatre every month! The movie for December is *Falling*, starring Viggo Mortensen in his feature directorial debut. It is a film about dementia amidst a dysfunctional family dynamic. *Falling* will be playing at the Jewel Theatre on Monday, December 6 and Thursday, December 9 at 7 pm. You can pick up tickets at the library or at the Jewel Theatre on the evening of the show. We hope to follow this film with a Zoom talk with Laurie Grande of the Alzheimer Society the following week. Call 403-742-2292 for more information or to register for the Zoom



link. The TIFF film for January is *Beans*, a 2020 Canadian film directed by Tracey Deer. It explores the 1990 Oka Crisis at Kanasatake, which Deer lived through as a child. *Beans* will be showing on January 3 and 6 at 7 pm. Then on February 7 and February 10 at 7 pm we are finally going to find our way to Sesame Street when we watch *Street Gang*, a movie about the birth of one of the most impactful children's series in TV history. You will learn how a gang of visionary creators changed our world.

Calling all fans of role-playing games (RPG)! We are looking at starting up a Dungeons & Dragons club if we have enough people interested in joining us. We will start with two sessions on Saturday, January 8 and 15. Join us to build your character and then save the world! Bring your own dice if you have them, but if not, the library has some dice to share. Location for this program to be determined in January. For more information or to sign up, call 403-742-2292.

If you like to play an assortment of games, consider joining us at the Jewel Theatre on Wednesday, January 19 for our new Game Night. This event is for 18+ only, doors open at 6 pm and the games start at 7 pm. Bring your phone and join us for a fun Game Night on the big screen!

Come alone or bring friends, admission is by donation. Concession consisting of gourmet hot dogs, popcorn, candy and some of your favourite beverages will be available for purchase.

Are crafts more your speed? We will have an assortment of adult crafting take home kits available to keep you busy until we are able to offer library programs in the library again. Quantities are limited so be sure to follow us on Facebook and sign up as they become available.

We also offer a number of programs as Zoom meetings or livestreams, including the Reader's Circle book club which meets on the last Tuesday of each month and our monthly Mindfulness program with Alicia of Alicia Tate Yoga. If you would like to sign up for any session, or get more information call 403-742-2292. Remember, as a public library we are here to connect you with reliable information on any topic. Feel free to reach out with requests.

*Submitted by Stettler Public Library.*

## Save a Tree

Sign up for e-versions of County Connection magazine by contacting [nthorsteinsson@stettlercounty.ca](mailto:nthorsteinsson@stettlercounty.ca) or by calling 403-742-4441.

It's also available on our website at [www.stettlercounty.ca](http://www.stettlercounty.ca).



Merry Christmas from all of us  
at the County of Stettler!

## USED OIL WHERE TO RECYCLE IT

- 1) UFA Stettler
  - Registered Alberta Recycling Management Authority (ARMA) collection site for this area.
- 2) Foesier's Heavy Duty Service
  - used oil drop off accepted at 5802 - 57 St (Tower Rd)
  - Foesier's does farm and business pickups to a maximum of 500 gallons
- 3) Businesses/farmers with large quantities – can hire a used oil ARMA registered processor to pick up directly.
  - GFL Environmental, several locations, including Big Valley
  - Safety Klean Canada, Nisku and Calgary
  - Pat's Offroad Transport, Redcliff and Sundre
  - Terrapure, Airdrie
  - Pnewko Trucking, Lacombe
  - Van Brabant Oil, Morinville
  - Recycle West, Calgary

For contact information for the above processors:  
[www.albertarecycling.ca/processors/registered-used-oil-processors/](http://www.albertarecycling.ca/processors/registered-used-oil-processors/)



# COMMUNITY NEWS



## Bar Harbour Camp on Buffalo Lake

Bar Harbour Camp (BHC), located on beautiful Buffalo Lake is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing a quality summer camp experience in a caring Christian atmosphere.

A week at BHC can leave your child with memories and friends that last a lifetime.

While BHC is a youth camp during the summer, it also offers facility rental on weekends from May to October. BHC now has the capacity for individuals to rent camping space for tents and trailers as well.

Plans are underway for the July 2022 camp season. That's the good news! Unfortunately, Covid-19 halted fundraising the past two years. BHC is a charitable society with monthly expenses year-round. Donations are greatly appreciated and desperately needed.

Anyone wishing to donate may send cheques to:

Bar Harbour Camp  
Box 1645, Stettler, AB T0C 2L0  
E-transfer can also be done via [pauletteheer@gmail.com](mailto:pauletteheer@gmail.com)

**Tax receipts will be issued.**

Thank you to all who support, work with and give to keep the tradition of Bar Harbour Camp alive!



## Assemble Your 72 Hour Emergency Kit

*Are you prepared for a weather event or emergency in our region? Build your 'Grab and Go' bag and be prepared.*

- 72 Hour Supply of Water
- Adequate prescription medication to last for 72 Hours
- Personal Documents like passports, SIN numbers, Emergency Contact List, Medical Records, Prescriptions
- First Aid Supplies
- Sanitization Supplies (toilet paper, soaps, sanitizer, personal hygiene)
- Cash
- Battery powered or crank radio, flashlight, candles and a lighter
- Blankets
- Essential Tools (can opener)
- Food (think no power to prepare it)
- Entertainment (board games, cards, books).

# COMMUNITY EVENTS



We hope you took time to enjoy Stettler Town and Country Museum's 'Light the Night' annual Holiday Light display from December 3-24. The County's submission was a labour of love this year, in memory of a dedicated and respected long term employee and friend.

## County of Stettler Holiday Hours

The County of Stettler will close to the public at Noon on Friday, December 24 - reopening for regular office hours at 8:30 AM on Monday, January 3, 2022. *On Call* staff will manage weather events and emergencies.

**Stay Safe Everyone!**

**In Memory of  
John McArthur**  
who loved the County  
and driving this truck,  
from the staff who  
loved working  
with him.



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