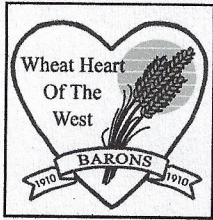


December, 2024



# Barons Newsletter

## VILLAGE NEWS

### Did you know...

The Free Library box is in front of the Village Office.  
Take a Book...  
Leave a Book!

Please ensure that the door is closed after to protect the books inside.

### E-TRANSFERS

The Village of Barons is accepting e-transfers. The Village's email is:  
**cao@barons.ca**

### COUNCIL MEETINGS.

The next regular Council Meeting will be held on January 14, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

A reminder that those wishing to address Council must notify the Village Office two weeks prior to the meeting to be put on the agenda.

## CONDOLENCES

Are extended to Robbin & Bill Gibb and families on the recent passing of Robbin's father.

To Daniel Doell and family on the recent passing of his uncle.



VILLAGE OF BARONS



### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLOSURE

THE VILLAGE OFFICE AND PUBLIC WORKS WILL BE CLOSED FROM DECEMBER 23RD AT 12:00 NOON TO JANUARY 2ND, 2025.

IF THERE IS A PUBLIC WORKS EMERGENCY, PLEASE CONTACT  
403-497-6042

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY



## FCSS FRIDAYS

*Need Support? We are in your community!*

Location: **Barons' Senior Centre**  
Time: **9:00-4:00 pm**  
When: Every **Friday**

Early Childhood Programs

Parenting Support

Low German Support

Senior & Youth Support

Counselling



Maria  
403-795-7561



Jackie  
403-795-3328



Susy  
403-915-7136



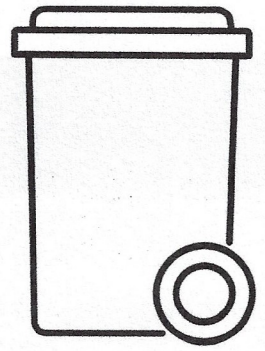
Madison  
587-394-2187



Leanne  
587-370-3728

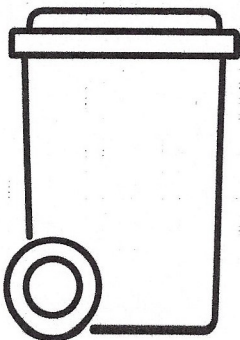


# Notice



Due to Christmas Day falling on Wednesday, December 25th, the regularly scheduled garbage pickup will occur on Tuesday, December 24th.

As well, due to New Years Day falling on Wednesday, January 1st, the regularly scheduled garbage pickup will occur on Thursday, January 2nd.



Thank You





# Canada Post on Strike



Due to the ongoing Canadian Union of Postal Workers strike, the Village of Barons is unable to mail out any utility bills or receipts.

Utility bills will have to be picked up in person from the Village Office during Office hours.

Bills can be paid in person at the Village Office during office hours by cash, cheque, debit or credit, or you can drop off a cheque to our mail slot on the door if the office is closed.

The Village also accepts e-transfers to **cao@barons.ca**; just be sure to note your full name, account number, or tax roll number in the comments section. You can also pay through your bank using online banking or in person at your branch if you bank with ATB Financial.

There will be no outgoing mail during the strike.



## **IMPORTANT VILLAGE NOTICES**

### **Speed Limits**

A reminder that speed limits within the Village of Barons is a maximum of 30 kms. This applies to everyone, so please be respectful.

### **Truck Routes**

Truck routes must be adhered to at all times. If unsure as to what is the truck route, please contact the Village Office. Reminder that no Jake brakes are to be used within the Village.

### **Recycling**

The recycling centre is located behind the old firehall at 201 Main Street. The only items that can be dropped off are paper, cardboard and tin cans. No glass or plastic is permitted.

### **Garbage**

A friendly reminder that residents need to get their garbage bin out to the curb by 7:00 a.m. on Wednesdays to ensure pickup. The garbage bin must stand alone with no garbage obstructing the pickup from the mechanical arm. Please also ensure that the garbage bins are pointed in the right direction or they will not be picked up.

Only household garbage will be picked up. Construction materials, yard waste, hazardous waste such as flammables, paint, freon, ashes/coins from a fireplace or stove, chemicals, motor oil, roofing materials and insulation to name some are prohibited in your household garbage bin.

### **Wood and Outside Vegetation Disposal**

At the back of the Village Office, located at 210 Main Street, is a bin that residents may dispose of their grass clippings, tree/bush trimmings, and wood. All items must be removed from bags and disposed of accordingly.

The Village Public Works monitors this site and orders a new bin when it gets full.

### **ATV - Off Road Vehicles**

No person shall operate an off-highway vehicle, as defined in the Act, within the boundaries of the Village of Barons unless such use is expressly permitted by Council or the Chief Administrative Officer, as per the Traffic Bylaw #705.

### **Snow Removal**

Just a reminder for everyone to ensure that all sidewalks surrounding your property is shovelled - as per the Village of Barons policy. It is the responsibility of the owner to maintain your property.

### ***Bylaw Enforcement Officer***

**John Herasemluk**

He can be reached at:  
**(403) 635-2529**

**Please remember that this is not a 24 hour, 7 day a week service**



## SELF-CARE OVER THE HOLIDAYS

**WHAT:** The holiday season can be a joyful time for many, but it can also be stressful and challenging for others.

**HOW:** Here are some tips to help you prioritize self-care.

**Make Time for Yourself:** While spending time with loved ones is important, don't forget to carve out moments just for you. Engage in activities that bring you joy and relaxation.

**Set Realistic Expectations:** The holidays can be overwhelming. Use budgeting, to-do lists, and prioritize tasks to keep things manageable and reduce stress.

**Establish Boundaries:** Not all relationships are positive. It's okay to set boundaries with family and friends to protect your mental well-being.

**Limit Alcohol Consumption:** Alcohol can negatively affect your mood. Consider non-alcoholic alternatives like hot chocolate, cider, or mocktails.

**Maintain Healthy Habits:** Try to eat nutritious foods, get enough sleep, and stay active to support your mental health.

**Seek Support:** If you find the holidays particularly tough, reach out to friends, family, or community resources like counselling. Asking for help is a sign of strength.

**Practice Mindfulness:** Focus on the present moment and accept that things may not go as planned. This can help reduce anxiety and improve your overall experience.

**Be Kind to Yourself and Others:** Responding with kindness can ease tensions and improve interactions during stressful times.

Remember, it's normal to feel a mix of emotions during the holidays. Taking proactive steps can help you navigate this season more comfortably.

FCSS offers free counselling services to residents who live within our service area. For more information or to book an appointment, contact Michael Fedunec at (587) 370-3728 or [counsellingservices@fcss.ca](mailto:counsellingservices@fcss.ca)

Visit [www.fcss.ca](http://www.fcss.ca) for more information.

**Michael Fedunec**  
Counselling Intake Supervisor



SERVING:

Barnwell | Barons | Coaldale | Coalhurst | Lethbridge County | County of Warner | Coutts | Milk River | M.D. of Taber



## HAPPENING AROUND TOWN

### CARMANGAY AND DISTRICT MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

#### Library Hours

**Mon. and Wed:** 5:30 - 8:30 pm

**Tues:** 2:00 - 6:00 pm

**Thurs:** 2:00 - 6:30 pm

**Fri and Sat:** 9:00am - 12:00 pm

**Closed Sundays and Holidays**

**First Thursday of every month  
the Library is at the Seniors  
Centre in Barons from 5:00 to  
8:00 pm**



### BARONS LEGION BRANCH

**#160**

(as submitted by  
Mary Bishop)

#### RENTALS

**LYNN - 403-757-2698 or  
Brenda - 403-763-1299**

#### MEMBERSHIPS

**Mary Bishop  
403-330-6274**

### COMMUNITY HALL RENTALS

contact Ashley Diplock at  
403-892-0464



### Heartland Flowers and Gifts – Fresh flowers and décor

\*\*\*We have a limited number of Christmas arrangements that will be available. Greens such as Douglas Fir, Silver Fir, Western Red Cedar, and White Pine\*\*\*



We are a small home-based design studio - not a retail store.

Most orders must be placed in advance; however we will do our best to accommodate last minute orders.

We are also eco-friendly and do recycle a selection of choice vases. You can choose one of our or bring in your own favourite. We also carry a selection of new vases and containers.

With over 30 years of combined experience in the floral wholesale/retail industry and in floral design, you can trust us to design something special for you within your budget.

**For orders or for more information, please call or text  
Liz Biddlecombe at 403-892-2780**

### SENIORS CENTRE

Senior Centre open on  
Monday and Wednesday  
from 2:00 - 4:00 pm

\$1.00 for a cup of coffee

Everyone is welcome. Come  
out and play some pool,  
shuffleboard or have a game  
of cards



Barons & District Ag Society would like to **Thank the Following for their Generous Donation** to the **ANNUAL TURKEY & PICK A PRIZE BINGO November 23, 2024**

## Barons Elks Celebrate 95th Anniversary November 29, 2024

### CLARESHOLM

Claresholm Pharmacy

IGA

Janet's Fashions

UFA Petroleum

Vanee Farm Centre

Watt & Stewart

Your Dollar Store With More

### LETHBRIDGE

Analog Books

Bert & Mac's

Hanlon Ag Centre

Just Jill's

Lethbridge Hurricanes

Merle Norman Downtown

Save On Foods

Urban Grocer

### NOBLEFORD

Motion Mechanical

Nieboer Farm Supplies

Richardson Pioneer

### PICTURE BUTTE

Bert's Ag Foods

Flare N' Flowers

Koster's Bakery & Deli

### BARONS

Art That Spins

Elks #224

Feenstra Seeds

Gibbs Insurance Service

Historical Society

Legion & Ladies Auxiliary #160

Seniors Drop-In

South Country Co-op

Village of Barons

### COALHURST

GTL—Groenenboom Trucking Ltd

### INDIVIDUALS

Bishop Family

Aimee deValois

Cyndy & Sel Golding

Lynn Liddle

Denise Peterson

Ron & Delores Toso

Will & Rebecca Vrooman

Will & Rebecca Vrooman

Brenda Christianson

Jerry Gierl

George & Wendy Hebenik

Lana Munro

Kristina Rusnell

Glen & Betty Anne Turner

Patti & Darin Wobick



**Past District Deputy Glen Turner presented a brief history of the Barons Elks.**

### **The Barons & District Ag Society**

**WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR COMING OUT AND SUPPORTING  
OUR ANNUAL TURKEY & PICK A PRIZE BINGO.**

***Local businesses from the area of Lethbridge,***

***Coalhurst, Picture Butte, Nobleford,***

***Claresholm & Barons have generously donated towards our Bingo.***

***Please try and support them when you shop locally.***



**Secretary Pete VanKasteren & Exalted Ruler David Bishop presented Life Member Don Lyon with his 75 year pin.**

**Congratulations to the  
Barons Elks in winning  
the Canadian Elks Mens  
Curling Championship for  
the 3rd year in a row on  
December 7th, 2024  
Erek Bishop-2nd, Trevor  
Turner-3rd, Avery Turner-  
Skip, Jared Sundquist-Lead**



**4 Generations  
of Elks in the  
Turner family  
Loyal Turner,  
Charter mem-  
ber 1929,  
Glen, Trevor,  
Avery, Shelby**





**Runs the 2nd & 4th  
Wednesdays**

**209 Noble St.**

**Barons Community Hall**

**Doors open at 6:30**

**Cash Bingo starts 7:00**

**Must be 18+ to Play**

**Refreshments & Snacks Available**

**NO BINGO ON WED. DEC. 25TH**

**BINGO WILL RESUME ON WED. JAN. 8TH**

**Barons & District Agricultural Society**

Join us for a beautiful  
**CHRISTMAS EVE EVE  
Candlelight Service**



**BARONS MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH**

**205 Queen Street**

**Monday, December 23rd**

**4:30pm**

**Socializing to Follow**

**Everyone is Welcome to Attend**

*Come out for a  
morning of*

**WALKING**

**EVERY Mon., Wed. & Fri.**

**NOT DEC. 25th & JAN. 1st**

**Open 10:00-11:30**

**Coffee Time starts at 10:30**

**Barons Community Hall**

**209 Noble St.**

**It's FREE to join in**

**Please bring inside shoes  
if muddy or wet outside.**



It's beginning to  
look a lot like  
Christmas at  
the Barons UC  
**THRIFT SHOP**



**113 Main St. Barons**

**Open: Thurs. 12:30-4:30**

**Sat. 10:00-2:00**

*Cash, Debit and Credit Cards Accepted*

**\*\*\*LAST SHOPPING DAY THIS YEAR  
IS SAT. DEC. 21st\*\*\***

**STOP IN & CHECK OUT  
the Great Prices in  
—CHRISTMAS DÉCOR  
—HOLIDAY GIFT ITEMS  
—HOLIDAY & WINTER  
CLOTHING**







JOIN THE BARONS LEGION  
BRANCH #160

# CHRISTMAS

## FUNDRAISER AND FESTIVAL

DECEMBER 14, 2024;  
FROM 11 AM TO 3 PM

Join us for:  
Tractor Rides  
Santa Pictures \$5  
Hot dogs, Hot Chocolate and Chips \$5  
Cookie Decorating  
Snowman building (Bring your own hats, scarves and mittens to be donated)  
Silent Auction with all of the Proceeds going to Christmas Hampers for Barons and surrounding areas.

# Barons Legion

## Saturday, December 14th

### MEAT DRAWS & 50/50:5-8




## Potluck Dinner

Please bring an appetizer,  
salad, vegetable or dessert.

**Dinner 6:00**

Turkey & Ham  
provided by Legion

# CRAFT & CHAT

Tuesdays 1:00-3:00  
Closed for Holidays  
Dec. 17, 24 & 31  
Resumes Jan. 7

Bring whatever craft you'd like to work on.  
Cover charge \$1.00

# BARONS LEGION

205 Main St.




## Open FRIDAYS & regular SATURDAYS

6:30-9:30

**Sat. Dec. 14th**

Christmas Fundraiser &  
Festival: 11-3

Try your **LUCK** at

**MEAT DRAWS & 50/50: 5-8**

Potluck Dinner 6:00

Legion & LA Members & Limited Guests



# CLASSIFIED



GIBBS INSURANCE SERVICE

[www.gibbsinsurance.ca](http://www.gibbsinsurance.ca)

PO BOX 10  
BARONS AB T0L 0G0

100-876 HERITAGE BLVD W  
LETHBRIDGE AB T1K 8G1

PH: 403-757-3820

PH: 403-329-3004

•HOME •AUTO •FARM •BUSINESS •REGISTRIES

## Paradise Customs Woodworking

Will Vrooman  
Owner

330 Noble Street Barons AB, T0L 0G0

tel. (403) 715-0301

[vroomandoes@gmail.com](mailto:vroomandoes@gmail.com)

**Hilltop Greenhouses  
Winter Market**

December 13(4pm-7pm)  
December 14(9am-4pm)

70+ Local Vendors  
Winter Planters  
Evy's Meal Mobile

\*Sleigh/Carriage Rides\* Skating\* Snowman Contest\*  
\*weather dependent\*

AND, LAST BUT NOT LEAST...

# Holiday Lunes

Away in a Manger  
Choir of the Bells  
Dominick the Donkey  
Frosty the Snowman  
Holly Jolly Christmas  
Jingle Bell Rock  
Jingle Bells  
Let it Snow  
Little Drummer Boy  
Little St Nick  
O Holy Night  
Rudolph  
Santa Baby  
Silent Nigh  
Silver Bells  
The Christmas Song  
The First Noel  
Winter Wonderland

S	G	R	D	A	M	A	F	C	I	F	Z	Z	X	F	K	U	H	J	X
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# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS 2024



Seasons Greetings  
From  
Royal Canadian Legion  
**Ladies Auxiliary #160**



"Merry Christmas to all my neighbours  
and friends"  
**Judy Dillabough**



Love, peace, health and happiness. Wishing you these things  
and more this year and next  
**Jen Durell and Family**



It's that time of year again to gather with  
family and friends. We would like to wish  
everyone a very Merry Christmas and all the  
best in 2025.

**Deputy Mayor Ron and Olive Gorzitzka**



Merry Christmas! Hoping for peace  
and joy this holiday season and in  
the coming year.  
**Barons Legion**

"Our family sends you best wishes  
for a happy, healthy holiday  
season. Merry Christmas and  
Happy 2025!  
**The Bishops**



Season's greetings and best wishes for a  
wonderful holiday season and  
a prosperous new year!  
**Barons Elks**



MERRY  
*Christmas*  
& HAPPY  
*New Year*

FROM ALL THE STAFF AT  
GIBBS INSURANCE SERVICE



May your home overflow with the  
love of friends and family this  
holiday season

**Jeff & Liz Biddlecombe and  
Heartland Flowers & Gifts**



Wishing you and yours a bright and  
beautiful Christmas  
**Ron and Delores Toso**



Happy holidays and best wishes for a peaceful and  
prosperous New Year  
**Mayor Daniel Doell and Sharon Prost**



**South Country Co-op Barons  
Steve, Corey, Emma, Troy &  
Cyndy**



Wishing happiness and health to  
you and yours in 2024.  
**Barons & District Ag Society**



May each moment of this  
Christmas season lead to a memory  
that lasts a lifetime.  
**River Rocks**



May joy fill your cup with abundance  
this holiday season  
**Georgina Fraser**

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.  
Thank you to everyone for your continuing  
support.  
**Canada Post**



As we celebrate the season of giving, may  
we also cherish the gift of community.  
Wishing you a joyous Christmas and a  
hopeful start to 2025. Warm regards,  
**Councillor Clinton Bishop.**



**Sel & Cyndy Golding**

"May the holiday season bring you joyful  
moments and warm memories" -  
**Little Bow Gas Co-op**



*Rejoicing in the blessings of  
Christmas and wishing you hope,  
peace, joy and love throughout the  
year.*

**Barons Memorial United Church  
& Thrift Shop**



May this Christmas season fill your  
home with warmth, light and joy  
**Barons & District Historical Society**



Peace, love and joy!  
**Brian Passmore**

