

December, 2024



CARMANGAY LIBRARY

December at the Carmangay Library is bustling with holiday spirit, and we can't wait to share it with you. The festivities kick off on December 5, when we'll be popping up at the Barons Seniors' Center from 5 to 8 p.m. It's always a treat to visit our neighbors in Barons, and we're bringing plenty of books and holiday cheer to share.

Back at the Library, December 12th promises to be a cozy evening with our BYOBook Club at 6:30 p.m. This is your chance to bring along a book you love—or one you're just getting started with—and chat with fellow readers. No pressure, just good company and great stories.

Meanwhile, our annual gingerbread house contest is gearing up for another season of sugary creativity! Starting December 2, you can pick up a kit at the Library and begin constructing your edible masterpiece. Once it's ready, snap a picture and send it to us to enter the contest. Voting kicks off on our Facebook page December 18, and the winner will be announced on December 24—just in time for a sweet holiday surprise.

On December 20 at 6 p.m., we're rolling out the popcorn for Movie Night. This year, we're showing *Christmas with the Kranks*, a hilarious holiday classic guaranteed to make you

laugh. Bring the whole family, and we'll provide the snacks.

Throughout the month, our mitten tree will be ready to be dressed with your donations of new or handmade winter wear. Hats, scarves, gloves—every bit helps. Once the tree is full, we'll send everything to FCSS in Vulcan to help keep our community warm this winter.

Youth Zone continues to run every Tuesday from 4 to 6 p.m., and Munchkin Mornings will be on Friday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for our littlest visitors.

Be sure to stock up on books, movies, and games before we close for the holidays from December 24 to January 1. We'll miss you, but we promise to come back refreshed and ready for another great year.

From all of us at the Carmangay Library, we wish you a warm, wonderful, and book-filled holiday season!

LIGHT UP THE PARK

The Carmangay & District Fire Department, The Carmangay Ag. Society, the Carmangay Lions Club, and the Breakfast Club have joined together to bring us the Lighting of the Park on **Sunday December 1st**. It starts at 5:00 p.m. with hot chocolate and hot dogs, and any Christmas treats that are donated. The horse drawn wagon is coming (unless there is

too much ice on the roads) to take us around the Village to see the lights that have been put up and to sing Christmas carols to start off this holiday season.

At 6:00 we will be turning on the lights. If you would like to put lights in the park, please use LED lights and have a timer that will allow them to go off during the day. If you would like more information on this event, please call Laurie Lyckman at 403-634-0246.

CARMANGAY COMMUNITY CENTER

Friday December 6th, the Lions Club will be hosting the annual Community Christmas Concert. The fun starts at 7:00 p.m. with community entertainment and ends with a visit from *THE MAN* himself bringing gifts for youngsters 10 and under.

The pancake breakfast will return to the Community Center on SATURDAY, December 7th from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

We will open the doors for indoor walking on Thursday December 5th at 10 am. Walking will happen Monday - Friday at 10 am unless there is another event booked.

We wish you all a happy holiday season and a very Merry Christmas!



FRIENDS OF THE CARMANGAY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The Friends of the Carmangay Library Association would like to wish our community a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year!

We are holding a Cozy Winter Basket Raffle, valued at \$150. Included in the basket are items such as a warm blanket, fuzzy slippers, drinks, snacks and more! To purchase tickets, come into the Library, or talk to one of the members of the Friends!

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 tickets for \$5. We will be holding the draw on December 20th.

Thank you for your support!

CARMANGAY SENIORS

Fun facts about December:

- ~ National Cookie Day is on December 4th;
- ~ December contains the shortest days of the year, making it the darkest month on the calendar;
- ~ Can someone turn on the lights?
- ~ It's Oscar season baby!
- ~ A time to treat yourself and others;
- ~ Looking ahead and setting important goals.

A **LUNCH AND LEARN**, sponsored by FCSS, is scheduled on **Thursday, December 5th** from 12 to 2:00 p.m. Lunch is at 12:00 noon followed by the workshop entitled '**Living Safely in your Home**'.

The **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS MARKET** held on November 2nd was a fun event. Two of the coffee can snowmen (Gina and Sherlock Holmes) were sold and are on display in the front yard of one of our neighbours.

Our Annual Chili Cook-Off held on Nov 15th was very successful. There were five pots of chili to taste test and 30+ members and neighbours

attended. The winning pot was **Alan Baker**.

Mondays – **FLEXIBILITY YOGA** with Sue from 10:30 to 11:30 am - \$5.

Please join us every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at the Senior Centre for an evening of **BINGO**. The doors open at 6:30 pm and play starts at 7:00 pm. **Barons** host their Bingo evening every 2nd and 4th Wednesday – let's support them by carpooling down the road to Barons. A HUGE thank you to William who repaired our bingo machine and has agreed to be added to our list of bingo callers.

CARMANGAY COMMUNITY CALENDARS – The calendars are available for the same price as last year - \$10. These can be found at the Village Office, the Library, or at the Senior Centre.

COFFEE / CONVERSATION - Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 10:00 to noon.

CRAFTS / QUILTING – Would you like to learn how to tie a rug? work on a puzzle (the current undertaking is quite the challenge)? or start/finish a quilt or another sewing project? Stop by and check out what is happening at the Senior Centre.

A note from Evelyn who recently lost her home in a fire:

Gratitude

Dear Carman and Gay and You,

I did not know a person could feel so completely gutted and so completely grateful at the exact same time. What a dear community. With so much kind support. I thank you and Birdie thanks you.

Thank you to the town. And the townfolk. To our neighbours everywhere. Thank you to Carmangay and Champion students and their good teachers. Thank you to Emily Swiecicki for her soft bed. Thank you for clothes, for dog treats, for a good winter coat. And thank you too – for acts of personal kindness. It has

sustained us through some dark nights and big decisions.

I was able to find my exact same '07 Toyota in Calgary – with less kilometres and cleaner carpets (lol). The auto settlement wasn't enough – same car. But your kind generosity all but covered the shortfall. Thank you to one and all. I pick up the car on November 22nd.

One day at a time,

Love, Evelyn and Birdie

CARMANGAY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Next meeting: **Jan 13th at 7:00 pm at Beryl's house.**

If you would like directions please email us.

The holidays are here!

This time of year, the outdoor plants are all tucked away. Enjoy your seed catalogues and dream of warmer days!

Feel free to email us with inquiries carmangayhort@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

December 7th, from 9:00 to 10:30 for our next breakfast. This will be the last breakfast for 2024 and is the perfect time for you to come and meet many of the residents in our community.

A breakfast of sausages, pancakes, and scrambled eggs for \$7.50/person or \$25.00/family. We also offer a gluten free option; and if you would like to have someone deliver your breakfast to you, please call Kym Nichols at 403-892-8682 or Laurie Lyckman at 403-634-0246



VILLAGE OF CARMANGAY

Carmangay Village Council is holding a Special Meeting on Wednesday, December 4th at 6 p.m. at the Carmangay Community Centre. The Village's auditor will be presenting the 2023 draft financial statements to Council.

Council's regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 17th at 7p.m. at the Carmangay Community Centre.

Please do your part to help Public Works by clearing snow from the municipal sidewalks in front of your property in between large snowfalls and on weekends. The Village equipment used to clean the sidewalks cannot remove ice and hard packed snow buildup on sidewalks. Shoveling by residents to prevent the snow from packing down or icing over is greatly appreciated. A reminder that alleys and sidewalks will not be cleared on evenings or weekends. Snow removal will be done during regular working hours (7 am to 3 pm) Monday through Friday, unless we receive a significant snowfall (more than 4 inches in 24 hours). At that time, snow removal will be done outside of regular working hours as needed and will focus on maintaining access to the Village for emergency vehicles.

Vulcan and District Solid Waste will not remove large items during weekly garbage pick up. Any items larger than normal must be transported to the Waste Transfer Station. Please do not leave these items in the alleyway or piled on the boulevards as they will cause issues for snow removal and garbage pick up.

CARMANGAY & DISTRICT HISTORIAL SOCIETY

Christmas Eve is a special time for many families and the Historical Society will be presenting a Christmas Eve service at **6:30p.m.** for anyone and anyone.

If you would like more information on this, please call Laurie Lyckman at 403-634-0246 .

We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. A time to share the joy of this holiday season with family and friends, near and far. A phone call or an email greeting to know that you are thinking of them is a wonderful gift to give.

The Carmangay Lions club has been sponsoring this event for many years, and although the entertainment has changed over the years the Christmas Concert is still a yearly event loved by all who attend. It is open to everyone in the community with talent and would like to bring Christmas entertainment to the community and an extra something special for the young ones 10 years and under. If you would like to register your child for this, please call Laurie Lyckman at 403-634-0246. It will be on December 6th, at 7:00 p.m. the Community Center. What a great way to keep our holiday spirit going all month long.

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CARMANGAY CURLING CLUB

Our annual AGM was held on November 17th. The executive for the 2024/2025 season will be President - Rory McLeod
Vice President - Laurie Lyckman
Treasurer - Jay Penner
Secretary - Kelly Lyckman
Directors are Ashley McLeod, Sandra Fremstad, and Laurell Greene.

A regular meeting was held after the AGM and the bonspiel dates were set. Junior Spiel will be Jan 31 and Feb 1; Ladies spiel will be Feb. 14, 15, & 16th, Men's Open Spiel will be Feb. 21, 22, & 23, and the Final Mixed Spiel will be on March 14, 15, & 16.

We will be holding Junior Curling again this year on Thursday evenings, so please keep watching Facebook pages for any updates; and we are working towards opening the kitchen for anyone in the community wishing to come out for an evening meal. The menus will be posted a week ahead of time.

This is also the perfect time for any adults wishing to learn to curl to come out and learn. We are currently working to get the air compressor fixed so we can start putting in ice.

We have set our date for the 2025 Harvest Supper which will be October 18th, 2025, with the Dueling Pianos back for another year.

We would also like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, enjoy your family time whatever day you celebrate.

CARMANGAY SEED CLEANING PLANT

The Carmangay Seed Cleaning Plant will be hosting their AGM on November 28th at the Carmangay Seed Cleaning Plant Warehouse at 10:00 a.m. There will also be a BBQ of hamburgers and hotdogs to commemorate 65 years of serving this community and surrounding area.

VULCAN COUNTY
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DIVISION 4

**VULCAN REGIONAL
RESPONSE TO ELDER
ABUSE COUNCIL**

We are so happy to announce we have been able to secure a grant that will allow us to keep our part time position at the FCSS office in Vulcan for another year. If you would like to know more about the Elder Abuse group, just ask Megan at the reception at FCSS and she can discuss it with you. Or call our Case Manager, Gabrielle Kirk for any information you may need to help any senior in crisis. 403-359-0712.

We would also like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and enjoy everything about this wonderful holiday season.

**CLARESHOLM & DISTRICT
TRANSPORTATION SOCIETY**

The Claresholm & District Transportation Society would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and remember to sign up for the shuttle service that is now available for your transportation needs into Vulcan. Anyone wanting to know about rides or the cost please call Sally at 403-625-9116. She is the CEO for the Claresholm & District Transportation Society and she will be able to help you out.

**VULCAN REGIONAL VICTIMS
SERVICES SOCIETY**

This is the last time you will see a write up on this organization. We will have officially disbanded by December 31st. All the people of Vulcan County have played a huge part with the success of our Unit, and we are giving our fundraising dollars back to those who would benefit each community in some way. In January I will present a total run down of all the money that we were able to give back to the communities.

There is still an office in the Vulcan RCMP detachment so please reach Lizzy at 403-485-3820 and ask any questions you

may have, or to report a victim you know of. All calls are confidential.

SOUTHGROW

In December we will be having our organizational meeting and I will be putting my name forward to run for the Chair of the organization. This has been a wonderful organization to be a part of dealing with Economic Development for all areas. This can include Sports and recreation, tourism, businesses and or anything that will bring visitors to our area.

There are 29 communities all across Southern Alberta that are a part of this organization and it leads to a great opportunity to network and fund success stories.

MARQUIS FOUNDATION

The AHPP funding has opened up again for our new lodge project. Please keep your fingers crossed and hopefully we will be successful this time around.

If you are interested in what's happening at the Lodge or any self-contained facilities in Vulcan, Carmangay, Champion or Lomond, the website is a good place to start.

Marquisfoundation.ca

Anyone wishing to access any of the Vulcan County bylaws, please go to vulcancounty.ab.ca and follow the dropdown tabs at the top. This is also where you will be able to access all of the financials, the budgets, and any other information relating to Vulcan County. You can also see the councillors' information, staff contacts and any job opportunities.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. Spread Christmas joy to everyone you meet by sharing a smile, or a Merry Christmas to everyone you pass.

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 403-423-0143 or email me at laurie.lyckman@vulcan.ca

