

DECEMBER BULLETIN



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Elks & Royal Purple Memorial Service

The Elks & Royal Purple Lodges are holding their joint Memorial Service on **Sunday, December 7th** at 2:00 pm at the Community Hall. This service is in memory of departed Brothers and Sisters of the Elks and Royal Purple Elks Lodges during the past years. **This service is open to the public and we wish to extend an invitation to attend.**

STAVELY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY CHEST

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Need a Tax Write Off?

Did you know that Stavelly has a charitable organization called the *Stavelly & District Community Chest*. This organization was established May 31, 1957 and became a registered charity Jan 1, 1967 as a convenient one stop donation location so that you can donate to 20 different charities in just one payment.

The following are a list of the charities that receive funds from the Community Chest yearly:

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| - Stavelly & District Community Emergency Fund | - The Arthritis Society |
| - St. Johns Ambulance Council for Alberta | - Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada |
| - Canadian Mental Health – Alberta Division | - The Arthritis Society |
| - Alberta Cancer Foundation Tom Baker Cancer Centre | - The Salvation Army |
| - Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation | - The Kidney Foundation of Canada |
| - Claresholm & District Health Foundation | - Diabetes Canada |
| - Alberta Lung Association | - Juvenile Diabetes Association |
| - The War Amps Key Tag Service | - Stars Foundation |
| - ALS Society of Alberta | - Parkinson Association of Alberta |
| - CNIB | - Alzheimer's Society of Alberta & NWT |
| - Samaritan's Purse Canada | |

ALL payments are given a charitable tax receipt!

Payments can be made in person at ATB in Stavelly in the Stavelly Town Office building or by mailing a cheque to:

Stavelly & District Community Chest
Box 249, Stavelly, AB. T0L 1Z0

The Stavelly & District Community Chest thanks you for your donation consideration as we know one or more of these organizations has touched each of us personally.

**Annual Recreation Board
& Community Proposal Night
Wednesday, December 3, 2025
7:00 pm @ The Fire Hall
For application request forms,
contact Joan at stavellyrecboard@gmail.com**

Golden Age News

Tuesday, December 2nd—Board Meeting 6:30 pm

Thursday, December 11th—Shuffleboard 10:00 am
—Members Birthday Party 2:00

Friday, December 12th—Crib Tournament 12:00 pm

Friday, December 19th—Jam Session 7:00 pm

**The Centre will be closed December 24th-December 28th
For the Christmas Holidays**

Merry Christmas Folks—The elves have been busy hanging the garland, trimming the tree, and getting everything gussied up for the festive season in anticipation of our annual members **Christmas Dinner** on December 14th at 5:00 pm. As usual, the tickets were sold out in record time. This year the **Stavelly Elks** will be cooking for us. For anyone who is coming to the Christmas Dinner and is interested in participating in the gift exchange, please bring one gift so that everyone who brings one gets one.

Thank you to Peter McGraw for fine tuning our dishwasher. It is running at it's peak and will eliminate a mountain of hand washing.

On New Year's Eve, we will be hosting our **"Midnight at 10:00 Celebration"**. Doors open at 5:00. Nobody has to leave at 10:00. This is a low-key get together. Bring a snack, dance, listen to the music, play some shuffleboard, crib or pool kind of event. Your evening! Your way!

Correction from October—The Stitchers were founded by a group of farm ladies in the late 1980's. Pam Crone became the speaker for the group in about 2000. Still, no small achievement. Again, thank you, Pam.

Treasure Trade—A good time was had by all. The event was sold out. We had more treasures than ever before. No one left hungry. Lorna Alsgard lived up to her reputation as an awesome auctioneer. Thank you, Lorna. She is definitely a keeper. We netted \$252.00 for the Centre.

As I said last month, please be patient with our new Board while we get our act together and make future plans for the Centre.

Navine Medlicott, the new FCSS Co-Ordinator, plans on hosting monthly events. Last month was 'Tech Time' and 'Arm Chair Travel'. Free and everyone is welcome. Both were well received. Thank you Navine and FCSS.

Lynn den Dulk has started monthly **'Jam Sesson'**. Free and everyone is welcome, play or listen.

Thank you Gordon Carlson for the pumpkins, squashes and gourds. And thank you to Jaquie and the volunteers at Food Rescue. Their kind donations enhance the quality of life for our seniors by allowing them to supplement their food budget with fruit and veggies that they might have bypassed in the store. I personally got to try a 'canary melon' for the first time. Something that I would never have purchased. It could become a staple.



**Christmas Service
Sunday, December 21st
Doors Open at 5:30 pm
Service at 6:00 pm
Corner Wedding Chapel
Bring your singing voices as we will be
singing some of our favourites of the season.
Everyone Welcome!**

Library News

Holiday Hours: Closed— Wednesday, December 24th to Monday, December 29th
Open—Tuesday, December 30th to Wednesday, December 31st
Closed—Thursday, January 1st, 2026

Thank you to those who donate every year to our Library. Did you know that a tax deductible receipt can be issued for your donation? Find out how by contacting the Library. With the increased cost of books and DVD movies, your contributions are so much appreciated!

The Friends of Stavely Library Society—Next regular meeting is Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 7:00 pm. Everyone welcome to attend. We are always looking for new members who share our passion to support the Town of Stavely Library! Our Society is selling tubs of ice melt again this year. Available to pick up at the Library or by emailing help@stavelylibrary.ca to reserve your pail, Monday to Thursday during open hours as posted on the Library Website. \$30/pail, quantities are limited so place your orders soon. Once again we are having a 50/50 draw for you to enter and win up to \$750.00 at a cost of \$10.00 per square. Draw to be on December 15th at the Stavely Municipal Library. The tickets can be purchased at the Library.

Stavely Library Board—Next meeting December 11th at 6:00 pm.

Scholastic Book Fair was a success—our goal was reached! Thanks to all of you who came to support our Library. Students will be truly inspired to find their love of reading with all the free new books that will be arriving on our shelves soon! Volunteers are key to an exciting and successful book fair—so a huge thank you to The Friends of the Library Society who volunteered their time towards orchestrating this years Book Fair.

The Plot Thickens Garden Club Lectures last session for 2025 was held on November 27th. Thanks to Leo and Jules Nugteren for demonstrating how to make our beautiful Christmas table centers to take home. Also, thank you to all the participants—what a lot of fun and every one was unique. Watch for our next garden lecture sessions to start in 2026 on the Library website: www.stavelylibrary.ca; Stavely Municipal Library Facebook page, and Stavely Newsletter. All manner of gardeners are welcome—from pot to plot! No Library membership necessary.

Book Club—Next meeting will be Tuesday, December 2nd in the Library at 6:00 pm. This will be a movie night watching “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever”. We’ll also discuss “The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride” by Joe Siple “Funny Story” by Emily Henry; and “Anxious People” by Fredrik Backman. December selections will be cozy winter reads to seasonal read for the cold season. These books will be handed out this evening:

- A Winter in New York by Josie Silver—2023
- Whiteout by Ken Follett—2008
- Every Breath by Nicholas Sparks—2018
- The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon—2023

If you are interested in participating, please come to our informal meetings! Suggestions are welcome—New members are always welcome! This club is for readers who would like to be introduced to new authors, new genres or talk about new books being published; or just to attend a casual evening of socializing with friends/neighbors.

FEATURED BOOKS OF THE MONTH

- Boleyn Traitor by Philippa Gregory
- Remain by Nicholas Sparks
- The Widow by John Grisham
- Twice by Mitch Albom
- Sharp Force by Patricia Cornwell
- End Game by Jeffrey Archer
- The Girl From Devil’s Lake by J.A. Jance
- The Black Wolf by Louise Penny
- Gone Before Goodbye by Reese Witherspoon/Harlan Coben
- Coyote Hills by Jonathan Kellerman
- The Best Mystery Stories of the Year by John Grisham
- The Secret of Orange Blossom Cake by Rachel Linden
- The Grave Artist by Jeffery Deaver
- The Forget-Me-Not Library by Heather Webber
- The Proving Ground by Michael Connelly
- We Did Ok, Kidby Anthony Hopkins
- The Gingerbread Bakery by Laurie Gilmore
- Canyon of Deceit by DiAnn Mills
- Everything is Probably Fine by Julia London
- A Killer Motive by Mary Hannah McKinnon
- Final Approach by Lynette Eason
- Land of Dreams by Lauraine Snelling
- The Retirement Plan by Sue Hincenbergs
- Please Don’t Lie by Christina Baker Kline
- Last Seen by J.T. Ellison
- Crazy Spooky Love by Josie Silver
- The Perfect Librarian by Soraya M. Lane
- The Girl With the Suitcase by Lesley Pearse
- Call of the Camino by Suzanne Redfearn
- Mrs. Endicott’s Splendid Adventure by Rhys Bowen
- The Lost Story of Eva Fuentes by Chanel Cleeton
- The View From Lake Como by Adrianna Trigiani

FEATURED DVD MOVIES

- The Best Christmas Pageant Ever
- Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale
- The Friend
- Outlander: Season 7
- Fantastic Four: First Steps
- Heartland: Season 18

COMING SOON

- Freakier Friday