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GRANUM and DISTRICT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

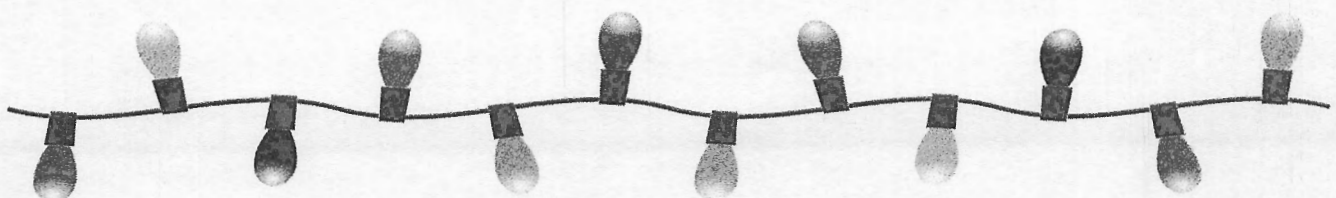
Christmas in Granum Saturday December 7th, 2019

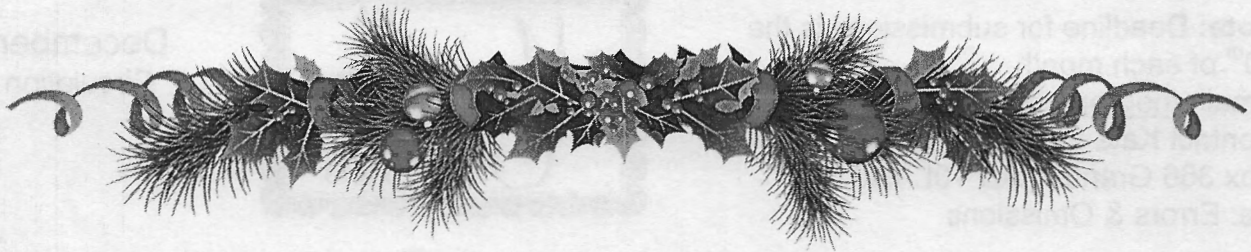
Time	Activity	Location	Organization
9:00am – 4:00pm	Bake Sale	Drop In Centre	Drop In
10:00am – 2:00pm	Vendors Market	United Church Hall	Rec Society
10:00am – 2:00pm	Decoration BYOB <i>(Bring Your Own Bag & fill it with gently used Christmas Decorations for \$5)</i>	Golf Club House	GESS
2:00pm – 4:30pm	Wreath-Making <i>(Raising funds for the Library \$30. Contact Denise 403-687-3931)</i>	Drop In Centre	Friends of the Library
2:00pm – 3:00pm	Children's Crafts	Rec Centre	Rec Board
	Reading with the Children	Rec Centre	Library Board
3:00pm – 4:00pm	Santa Visit	Rec Centre	Rec Board
5:00pm	Supper <i>(Pulled Turkey on a Bun with salad. Baking and Hot Beverages to follow)</i>	Golf Club House	Golf Society
6:00pm – 9:00pm	Horse & Buggy rides Bonfire	Park Office	Rec & Park Society

Sponsored by the Town of Granum and the Granum & District Recreational Society

Sunday December 8th, 2019

10:00am **Joint Church Service** of the Lutheran and United Churches at the Lutheran Church. Followed by a Potluck lunch and Caroling.





*Willow Creek Regional Landfill
Holiday Hours*

December 24th - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

December 25th - Closed

December 26th - Closed

December 27th - 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

December 30th - 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

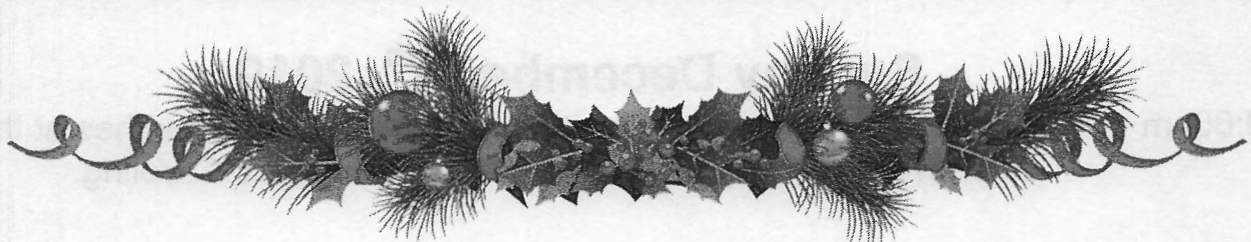
December 31st - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

January 1st - Closed

January 2nd & 3rd - 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Regular landfill hours will resume on January 6, 2020

The Willow Creek Regional Landfill staff, management and Board of Directors would like to wish our customers, neighbors and friends the joy and peace of the Christmas Season and continued health and prosperity in the New Year.



DROP IN NEWS

403-687-3840

DROP IN HOURS

Monday –Friday 8 - 12
Saturday 7 – 12

CLOSED DECEMBER 25 & 26, 2019

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25 copies or more 0.10 each per side

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Shirley Murphy is a Commissioner of Oaths and her service is free for everyone on Wednesday & Thursdays only

GOOD FOOD BOX

PURCHASE A GOOD FOOD BOX FOR \$15.00

It's filled with an assortment of fresh fruit and vegetables.

Order by the deadline indicated below.

NEXT PICK UP IS: DECEMBER 12

DEADLINE TO ORDER: DECEMBER 24

FOR PICK UP ON: JANUARY 9, 2020

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to our new hours, we would appreciate if you could pick up your order between 10-12 pm. Many thanks to Hansen's Family Foods for helping us make this great program available to our community.

GRANUM FOOD BANK

Please phone the Drop In if you are in need of some assistance in using the food bank. This service is FREE

The **FOODBANK** will only be open on **WEDNESDAYS** and **THURSDAYS**

From 8 am– 12 pm

CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY & BOXING DAY

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF A CHRISTMAS FOOD HAMPER YOU NEED TO CONTACT THE DROP IN A.S.A.P.

BEFORE THE DEADLINE OF DECEMBER 13

Back by popular demand

SOUP & BUN

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday

Next one is December 11,

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

@ DROP IN

DECEMBER 7, 2019

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

PICK AN ANGEL FROM OUR CHRISTMAS TREE TO PROVIDE A GIFT FOR A CHILD IN OUR COMMUNITY.

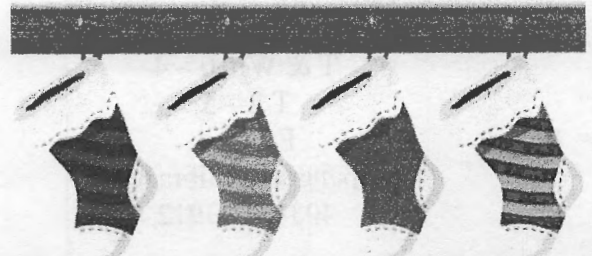
COOKIE LADIES

If you are a senior living alone and would to receive a Christmas package from the Cookie Ladies; please call the Drop In at 403-687-3840 before December 11, 2019.

If you are interested in donating cookies to the Cookie Ladies; please have your donations to the Drop In by Noon on December 12, 2019.

As the community ages and changes we are having difficulty finding cookie donors....Please consider baking a few extra for us.

Thank You and Merry Christmas



Granum Library Dec. 2019



Christmas Sale at the Library

December 3rd-20th
New & Recycled Items

Available Children's Christmas Books at the Library

The Nutcracker
Merry Christmas Splat
Pete the Cat Saves Christmas
A Wish to be a Christmas Tree
I've Seen Santa
The Best Christmas Ever
Queen of Christmas
Little Tree
Frozen – The Amazing Snowman
Howard B. Wigglebottom and the Power of Giving:
A Christmas Story
A Magical Christmas
Olaf's Night Before Christmas

The Library will be closed
Dec. 21 – Jan. 1

Library Hours
T & W 10 – 4
T 2 – 5
F 11 – 4
help@granumlibrary.ca
403-687-3912

*Every day is Christmas
for Ages 1-16
Pickup your
Free Library Membership*

*Digital Literacy Class
Dec. 18
2:30 – 3:30*

*May the good times and
treasures of the present
become the golden
memories of tomorrow.*

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Thank you for your Support

Faith and Fellowship With the Granum Churches

Granum United Church

To book the Church Hall call

Stella 403-687-3742

Service at 9:30

Sunday School on the last Sunday of the month.

Christmas Market in our hall on Dec. 7th as part of "Christmas in Granum".

Joint Advent service on Dec. 8th with the Lutheran Church at 10 am at their church.

Christmas Eve Service at 6 pm.

Granum Lutheran Church

Pastor Ric Maxson

Contact 1-719-493-3807

Email rmanson85@gmail.com

Granum Christian Explorer's is every Wednesday after school until 5pm. All students grade 1 to 6 are welcome. Older students are needed as helpers.

Communion service will be Dec. 1st.

Joint Advent service with the United Church on Dec. 8th; Pot luck to follow as well as Christmas caroling around town. All are welcome!

Christmas Eve Service at 7pm.

We are still looking for a pianist. We have a beautiful grand piano with no one to play it.

Granum Christian Reformed Church

Worship service, Sundays @10 AM

Church Info: www.granumcrc.com

For more information click on Calendar

Contact:

Pastor Henry Veldboom: 403-393-7551

Email: granumcrcpublications@gmail.com

Positively Speaking

The decision has been made and it was very decisive. We are no longer the smallest town in Alberta but only our government has changed. I know many people are disappointed in the outcome but this is not a time to complain and attack but a time to pull

together.

We are still a community. We have a job ahead of us and that is to make this the strongest COMMUNITY that we possibly can. That is going to require us working together like never before. Committees, Societies, and volunteers are going to become very important; if you are not on one maybe you should be.

On January 18th the Granum and District Recreation Committee is holding an all committee supper and discussion evening. The main focus will be how can we work together to make this community function. If you are not on a committee but would like to see community growth happen, please join us. Let's work with what we have and stay positive.

Christmas in Granum is shaping up to be lots of fun. There are a few tables left for the Christmas Market at the United Church if you have something to sell. Please contact me if you are interested. Besides the Saturday December the 7th activities the two churches in town are going to have a joint Advent service at the Lutheran Church at 10am on Dec. 8th followed by a pot-luck lunch and caroling. If you don't attend church or you attend church out of town why not join us for this special Sunday. Let's make this year's "Christmas in Granum" the best.

Don't forget to decorate your house and yard for Christmas as we are having a light contest again this year with 20 prizes for the best decorated homes. The judging will be done on Friday December the 6th so leave your lights on.

Merry Christmas Granum and may this season be special. Stay warm, celebrate, and cherish your neighbors!

Fran Hanson

hansonfr@gmail.com

Merry Christmas



THE EMPRESS THEATRE

Join us for these fantastic events coming up at our little Main Street venue in Fort Macleod. Tickets are available at MacleodEmpress.com or by calling 403-553-4404.

THE GRINCH

(Parade Day Movie), Sat., Nov. 30, 2 pm
Bring the kids for some free parade day fun! We'll be showing the 2018 animated Christmas movie The Grinch. No charge for admission; the concession will be selling popcorn, candy and soft drinks.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIVE CONCERT

Thurs. Dec. 12, 7 pm
A food bank donation is all you need to attend the Empress Christmas Collective, a night of good cheer and neighbourly warmth, music and fun.

ONE CHRISTMAS CAROL

Fri., Dec. 13, 7:30 pm
With nothing more than a chair and a hat rack, professional actor Andrew Legg will recreate A Christmas Carol at the Empress Friday, Dec. 13. Using Dickens' edited script, Legg transports the audience to multiple locations and embodies more than 40 characters. Great for ages 8 - 98. Not suitable for children under 3.
Tickets: \$20 adults/\$15 students.

COLLEEN BROWN sings THE JONI MITCHELL SONGBOOK

Sat. Jan. 25, 2020, 7:30 pm
Edmonton's Colleen Brown and her band have been winning over audiences nationwide with her groove-filled and melodically mature pop-influenced songs. She is a musical chameleon, at home behind both her piano and guitar. Joni Mitchell remains one of Brown's biggest influences, and she interprets Mitchell's vast body of work with intensity and confidence.
Tickets: \$37.50

Don't forget to check the Empress' website, Facebook page or call the Box Office for a listing of our weekly movie. Take in a flick and enjoy a tub of the best popcorn in Southern Alberta!



John and I would like to thank those who came to the Granum Golf and Country Club on the 5th of October to join us as we celebrated our Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Walter & Marilyn Gripping

Gill & Nigel Ovenden

Tom & Linda Blair

Donna Pavey

Paula Shimp & Herb Hahn

Kate & Blaine Ellis

Jim Rose

Bernie & Wendy Kennedy

Mike Sherman

John Barlow, M.P. - High River

Rick Zess - Calgary

My sister, Maureen Barnaby -

Calgary

Catharine & Brian Schamber -

Lethbridge

Kerri Woodruff - Claresholm

Cheryl Friessen - Claresholm

Our sincere thanks go out to our Daughter, Jacquie, our Grandson, Callum, our Granddaughters, Caitie & Maddie, our Son, Steve, and our Daughter-in-law, Cindy who, together planned the evening to perfection.

It was delightful having everyone there to share in our joy and it was an evening we shall ever forget.

Thank you all.

Cath & John Connor



Kudo's to the Snow Angel's for the removal of snow from my sidewalks, so far this winter. The fellow from Aberdeen St. with the quad with the blade on the front, & the couple with snow-shovels.

You are a blessing to me, & I appreciate you very much!!

Thank you!

Charlotte Knapek



ATB Financial

Customer Appreciation- Christmas Celebration
Friday, December 20, 2019

9:30am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-4:00pm

Drink and Treat

(Provided by Desiree, Samantha, & Ellen)

Enter to win Gift(s) by Desiree Samantha and Ellen

Proceeds to Granum Food Bank

December 1 to December 20 2019

Donations will be accepted and delivered

Non-perishable food item or monetary donation

HOLA
amigos!

The community is invited to attend Spanish language classes on Tuesday evening's beginning at 6:30 pm. There will not be a cost; however, free will donations will allow for the purchase of practice and/or reading materials. The class sessions will be held at Granum Lutheran Church. We will start at a beginner's level. All ages welcome.

Ric Maxson

COME CRAFT WITH US!

Friends of the Granum Library are hosting a **wreath-making crafternoon** to raise funds for the library! Design your own Christmas wreath with assistance from special crafting guests Jenn Duffy and Diane Vandervalk.

Saturday, December 7

(during *Christmas in Granum* celebrations)

2 to 4:30 pm

Granum Drop-In Centre

\$30 (includes a \$10 donation to the library)

Join us for cheer, cookies and creativity!

Only 20 spaces available.

Call Denise to register: 403-687-3931

Granum and District Recreation Board

A Beginners and Senior Yoga class is coming in January. Stay tuned!

We are looking for someone to flood and maintain our skating rink. Contact Fran at (403)687-3867.

Neil McNevin
December 4, 1949 –
November 1, 2019

In life he loved passionately his family both immediate and extended, his pub employees and patrons alike, his friends old and new, and his cabin.

In death he will be remembered and dearly missed.

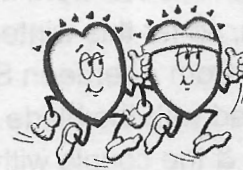
In lieu of flowers or cards, a small donation to the Parkinson's Association of Alberta, 120, 6835 - Railway Street S.E., Calgary, AB T2H 2V6, or any other charity would be preferred.

A Celebration of Neil's Life Well-Lived will be held at his pub—BACKSTREET WEST, 407 Laval Blvd. West, Lethbridge, AB on Saturday, November 30, 2019 from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

WALKERS WELCOME

WELLNESS AND HEALTH WALK
GRANUM UNITED CHURCH HALL

Sponsored by FCSS and
Granum United Church



October 7, 2019 to December 20, 2019

Resuming January 6, 2020

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

9:30am – 11:30am

Also Available:

Exercise bikes and other equipment.

Music and Socializing



For more information, please call

403-687-2186 or 403-687-2146

Congratulations

Karineisha Gordon

For winning the draw from the Granum post office.

Thanks to everyone who donated to the Canada Post Community Foundation.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We are working on a possible New Year's celebration at the Granum Golf & Country Club. Keep an eye out for posters if/when we work out the details.



May the
season bring
you Joy &
Happiness

From Linda DeMaere & Kate Ellis

Editorial (by definition: a statement of OPINION)

Neighbors,

Not all of us who voted for dissolution were "overjoyed" or even "happy" about the results. While I felt it would be better for us to be governed by the MD; I was not "toasting" a farewell to our Town. I know that many of you will not believe this and that's ok; I know who I am.

I believe in the volunteers of this community and I know that if we work together we can continue to thrive as a community.

It appears some of the biggest fears are about the social and cultural activities of this community. Those activities are provided by the people not our government.

So, how do we ensure they survive?

We work together. Not just for the causes we hold near and dear, but, also for the causes others feel are important.

Did you know I DO NOT golf, nor, do I even like the sport? Do you know why I have been a part of the golf course for the past 3 years? Because I was asked to help and support the people who LOVE the sport and the place; I know that some may call it a "joke" but my question is - when was the last time you went out to support something that wasn't a priority to you? We need to ask ourselves - what have we done to reach out to other groups?

As an example: is the library important to you? Even if it isn't, what are you willing to do to ensure its survival?

Personally, I would be willing to see a Levy applied to my taxes each year. If 200 homes/properties each paid \$20/year that would be \$4,000.00 towards the Library budget; is it enough? Of course not, but, are we willing to fight to keep it?

I don't know what it will take to keep the Library but if we stop fighting amongst ourselves and start investigating the options for survival wouldn't that be a more productive use of our time and resources?

When I talk with those who have lived in this community for many years, and/or generations, the one thing that stands out is the support they gave everyone. People used to buy memberships for no reason other than to support the group or the place; even if it wasn't a priority for them. We could get back to those roots if we wanted.

That being said, Christmas in Granum, is right around the corner; almost every group in town is represented. Each group is looking to raise funds for their causes; are you willing to get out there to support them?

Each location will be collecting donations for the Granum Food Bank (Non-perishables or Monetary). This is an important service to many in our community. **Please give generously.**

Until next month enjoy the melt and be kind to one another.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to
EVERYONE**

Kate Ellis

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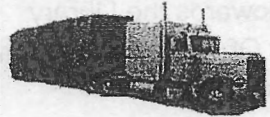
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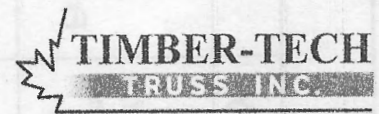
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December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Wellness & Health Walk Mon, Wed, & Fri 9:30am - 11:30am @ United Church		Christmas Sale at the Granum Library December 3rd - 20th		Newsletter Submissions for January are Due on the 16th	November 30th Santa Clause Parade Fort Macleod 11am. Free showing of The Grinch @ Empress Theatre 2pm	
1	2	3 Spanish Lessons 6:30pm	4 Christian Explorer's	5	6 No School Christmas in Granum Light Decoration Judging Night.	7 Christmas in Granum
8 Joint Advent Church Service & Potluck 10am @ Granum Lutheran Church	9	10 Spanish Lessons 6:30pm	11 Soup&Bun@Drop In Christian Explorer's	12 Last day to donate cookies to the Cookie Ladies Good Food Box Pick up by 1pm	13 <u>Empress</u> One Christmas Carol 7:30pm	14
15	16 Newsletter submission Deadline	17 Spanish Lessons 6:30pm	18 Digital Literacy Class 2:30pm Granum School Concert @ 7pm	19 Last Day of School Classes Resume January 6th, 2020	20 Customer Appreciation & Christmas Celebration ATB Granum	21
22	23	24 Christmas Eve Good Food Box Order Deadline	25 Merry Christmas	26 Boxing Day	27	28
29	30	31 Happy New Year	Granum ATB is collecting Food Bank donations December 1st - 20th		Granum School Christmas Concert is on December 18th @ 7pm. The community is invited to enjoy the evening with us.	