

TOWN LIFE

Spring 2023



Town of
Stettler



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LETTER FROM MAYOR NOLLS



Spring is always an amazing time to be a Stettlerite. Life is starting to come back to our parks and playgrounds, the weather is perfect for checking out our pathways, and getting together at outdoor events is just on the horizon. Another reason to look forward to this time of year is the number of seasonal improvements that we can expect to see in our community.

The Capital Budget was approved in January, setting the stage for the major projects we plan to see completed this year. The improvements include revitalization of the four highway entrance signs bordering our community, rink board replacements in the Stettler Recreation Center Blue and Red Arenas, and an expansion of the community's pathway system. The maintenance of key infrastructure remains a priority, with funds allocated for general sidewalk replacement, pavement patching, the partial paving of 48 Avenue, overlay on part of 50 Street, partial watermain cast iron replacement on 50 Avenue, and upgrades to the Lift Station and Water Reservoir.

This time of year is also an opportunity to try something new. Just take a look at this issue of Town Life, and you'll see how many new and exciting things have become a part of our community! Pickleball is now accessible, and the Stettler Wellness Trailer gives us all a chance to get together with our neighbours for a block party - when is the last time you can say you did that?

This is also the time to break out our calendars for the upcoming season, and take note of all the incredible events our community is putting together. At the time this issue is released, we will all be gearing up for the Stettler Trade Show. I encourage you all to join us from April 14 to 16, and ask questions about what is going on at the Town. We always appreciate the opportunity to chat with residents and visitors alike. Beyond that, I hope you all have the opportunity to engage with our local businesses and service groups, and see just how much pride and excitement our community boasts. This is what makes us the Heart of Alberta, and I can't wait to be a part of it again.

Although there is so much to look forward to this season, I also find it important to look back and remember the loss of our friend and community leader, RCMP Staff Sergeant Bruce Holliday. Bruce's absence continues to be felt in our community and by all of us who were proud to call him a friend, but his legacy remains. Bruce set a precedent for the level of commitment and integrity we now expect in community policing. S/Sgt. Bruce Holliday truly made an impact on Stettler and everyone he crossed paths with in his time here, and we will always keep him in our hearts.



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SOARING OVER STETTLE

On June 3, the Stettler Flying Club will be hosting the final stop on the Alberta Air Tour at the Stettler Airport. The Air Tour started in 2020 to encourage pilots to fly locally, visit different communities, and continue safe interactions with the flying community during the COVID pandemic. The primary objectives of this group are to visit different parts of the province and bring the spotlight to local airports and flying communities.

Approximately 40 aircrafts of all types will touch down on the afternoon of June 3 for what can best be described as a poker rally for pilots, with other stops that day in Brooks and Olds/Disbury airports. Plans for the event are currently underway and you won't want to miss it! The public can expect up close and personal experiences with the pilots and their planes as well as the opportunity to explore career development opportunities in aviation, especially for youth and women. The Stettler Flying Club is hard at work making sure it will be an experience to remember for both locals and traveling pilots. Stay tuned for further details!



We invite the public to join us for this fun and educational day at the airport!



PICKLEBALL IN STETTLER

While the sport of pickleball originally found success among baby boomers, the sport is now played by all and is the fastest growing sport in North America. The sport is considered an intersection between tennis, badminton, and ping-pong and is played with a modified tennis net on a badminton court.

As a result of pickleball's popularity in the Stettler community, the Town of Stettler, Clearview School Division, and William E. Hay Secondary Campus partnered up in August 2022 to get pickleball lines painted onto the existing tennis courts located on the school grounds. As the weather begins to warm, locals will have the opportunity to take the sport outside throughout the summer! Other features for the courts such as wind screens and benches are currently being explored to help support local play.

In addition to this new outdoor space for pickleball lovers, there are two indoor opportunities that locals can participate in. If you are interesting in playing please contact the following organizers:

Lynne Robson	587-282-7681	Monday and Thursday evenings at the school
Tammy Pollock	403-740-5114	Monday and Thursday evenings at the Stettler Ag Society
Eric Ostrud	403-741-6174	Monday and Thursday evenings at the Stettler Ag Society

Both of these groups have membership and drop in fees that help support the costs of operations, including rental fees and equipment costs. Don't be discouraged from trying something new if you don't have the equipment! Racquets are available to borrow for those wanting to try the sport out.



Did You Know?

- While it's recently found popularity, pickleball has actually been around for over 50 years.
- Pickleball is equally as popular with men and women, with many organizations seeing close to a 50% split of men and women players.
- Pickleball can be played as both singles or doubles, similar to tennis and badminton.
- You don't need to be a pickle lover to play pickleball - it has nothing to do with eating pickles!
- Pickleball may eventually become an Olympic sport.
- You don't need to have played tennis or even a racquet sport to excel at pickleball, it is easy to learn!

STETTLER REGIONAL

With constant access to safe and reliable water, it is easy to forget about the process and people behind our H₂O! The Town of Stettler owns and operates a Regional Water Treatment Plant providing water to the residents of Stettler and to two water commissions. The plant underwent an extensive \$25 million upgrade from 2009-2011 as it transitioned from a municipal plant to a regional plant. The plant is located on the Red Deer River, approximately 20 km west of Stettler. The plant consists of the production facility, low level pumphouse, aeration building, one outdoor reservoir, and two waste ponds. The plant is operated by five full time staff members on a rotational basis. Shown to the right are the operators Tyler Nelson, Derek Schowalter, Pat Olson, Richard Tietge, and manager Chris Saunders.



Your drinking water goes through an extensive process from getting pulled out of the Red Deer River to coming out of your tap at home, safe to drink. Below is a picture of the outdoor reservoir, two waste ponds, and the production facility, seen on the right. The reservoir on the left holds enough water for approximately two weeks of water production during the summer months. If the water in the river becomes contaminated by an upstream spill, or if a heavy rain causes the turbidity to increase in the river water, the plant can remotely close the intake valve from the river and treat the water in the outdoor reservoir until the river clears up. In 2022, additional aeration was added to the reservoir to improve the raw water quality, thereby reducing chemical requirements in the plant to treat the water.



The water treatment plant operates with an automated PLC controlled system with pneumatically controlled valves. This means the system can be remotely monitored and controlled by the operators. This year, the plant will be undergoing a PLC and control room computer upgrade to keep the system current.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT

During the clarification process, coagulate is added to raw river water which pulls larger particles in the water into heavy masses; this is called floc. The floc sinks to the bottom of the settling tanks shown to the right. The build up of floc is then removed during a de-sludging process and deposited into the waste ponds outside. This year, the plant is using a new coagulant that is more concentrated and will decrease the amount of chemical applied thereby reducing the floc produced to approximately one third of our current volumes.



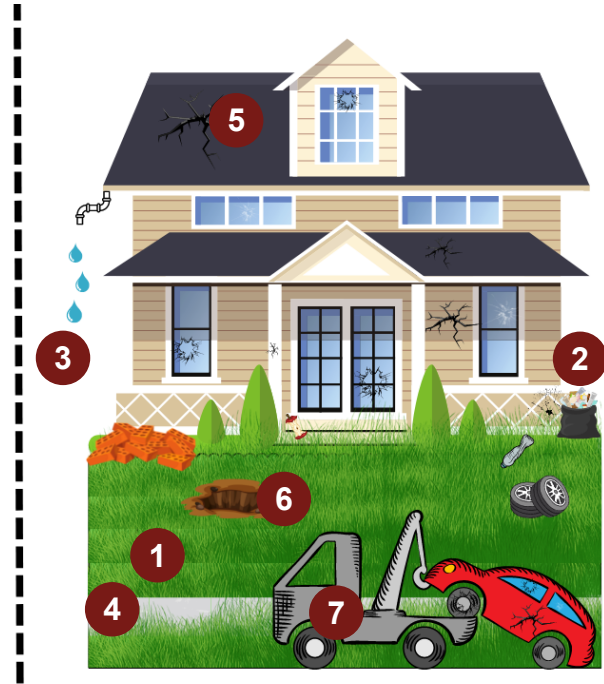
The membrane filters, pictured to the left, provide filtration down to 0.1 micron. These will filter out bacteria and fine particles that do not get stripped out of the water during the clarification process. The turbidity, or clarity, of the water after the microfilters is less than 0.1 NTU. In comparison, the river water in the summer entering the plant ranges from 100-200 NTU and in the winter months drops to 2-3 NTU. During peak run-off in the spring, the river water can reach up to 400 NTU. The Water Treatment Plant design left room for expansion of the microfiltration units if production water demands increase in the future.

Staff are continually sampling and testing the water through all treatment phases of the plant to ensure that the water arriving at the taps in your home is safe to drink. The Town of Stettler Regional Water Treatment Plant supplies water to 18 communities surrounding Stettler and reaching out to the Saskatchewan border.



NUISANCE PROPERTY INFORMATION

Whether you own or rent property within the Town of Stettler, it's your responsibility to maintain it. Derelict properties can lead to decreased property values, untidy neighbourhoods, and complaints from neighbouring residents and businesses. Keeping your property in good repair is the responsibility of every owner/renter.



What is a Nuisance Property?

- 1 Overgrown grass, weeds, trees, and shrubs.** Grass and weeds must be maintained to a maximum height of 20cm. Noxious weeds are prohibited. Trees and shrubs must be maintained to not obstruct public sidewalks, roadway, alleys, or traffic signs.
- 2 Presence of garbage, refuse, abandoned vehicles, hazardous materials, manure, animal carcasses, and more.** Property owners are responsible to ensure that they do not accumulate unused, unwanted, or discarded material on their properties.
- 3 Water Drainage.** Water drainage (sumps and drain pipes) must be directed off property to the alley or street and not be disposed onto neighboring property.
- 4 Snow and Ice.** Property owners shall ensure snow and ice is removed in accordance with bylaws and not placed on public property.
- 5 Failure to keep property in a state of reasonable repair.** The general upkeep of buildings is important and it is the responsibility of the owner to ensure structures on the property are maintained.
- 6 Poses a danger to public safety.** Properties must be maintained in a way to not pose danger to the neighboring properties or general public. This may include excavations, structures, materials, or other hazardous conditions.
- 7 Placement of objects which are prohibited.** Property owners must ensure the objects on their property are being stored in accordance with Town of Stettler Bylaws. This may include parking your vehicle and trailer on allocated parking pads and ensuring materials noted above are stored indoors or disposed of properly.

ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The Town of Stettler encourages landowners and renters to be responsible and compliant by upholding the Town's Bylaws through education, compliance, and where necessary, enforcement.

What Happens to Nuisance Properties?

When nuisance property concerns are observed or received they are resolved with the following steps:

- 1 File is created to begin investigation into the concern.
- 2 Town of Stettler Bylaw Officer investigates the complaint in accordance with Town Bylaws and confirms it is valid and requires inspection.
- 3 Education regarding standards of the Town's Bylaws is provided to the landowner and/or renter via phone call or in person.
- 4 If entry to the property is required for an inspection, a Notice of Entry will be mailed to the landowner and renter stating a date, time, and reason for the inspection.
- 5 Following the inspection, if the Town of Stettler Bylaw Officer observes the property to be compliant with Town Bylaws, the inquiry will be closed. There will be no enforcement action taken.
- 6 If the Town of Stettler Bylaw Officer finds the property does not comply with Town Bylaws a Warning or Order will be issued with directions to remedy the problem within a specified time frame.
- 7 If the landowner fails to comply, the Town will remedy the problem and bill the property owner for the costs incurred.
- 8 Depending on the circumstances, further enforcement action may apply; including Municipal Government Act (MGA) Orders, Fines, or Court Orders.

If you have concerns about a nuisance property in your neighbourhood please call the
Town of Stettler Office at 403-742-8305.



CAPITAL PROJECTS 2023

Every year, Town of Stettler Council passes a three year Capital Budget. This budget focuses on priorities of major improvements within the town, which helps provide a high level of service for residents and visitors. Highlighted on the next four pages are a few of the major projects you'll see completed this year.

50 Avenue Watermain Replacement

This summer, a hired contractor will replace the cast iron watermain and lead water service lines to properties between 45 and 46 Street and 43 and 44 Street along 50 Avenue.

Consistent removal of cast iron and lead projects are important to ensure the water we provide to our residents is of the highest quality. Removal of lead services lowers lead exposure and replacement of cast iron mains reduces the likelihood of a watermain break. The budget for this project is \$525,000 which includes all construction and engineering costs.



Pavement Projects

Typically, each yearly Capital Budget that Council passes includes pavement projects. Some of these projects are upgrading older and deteriorated pavement around town, while others are tied to previous work completed. This year there will be two pavement projects happening in Town.

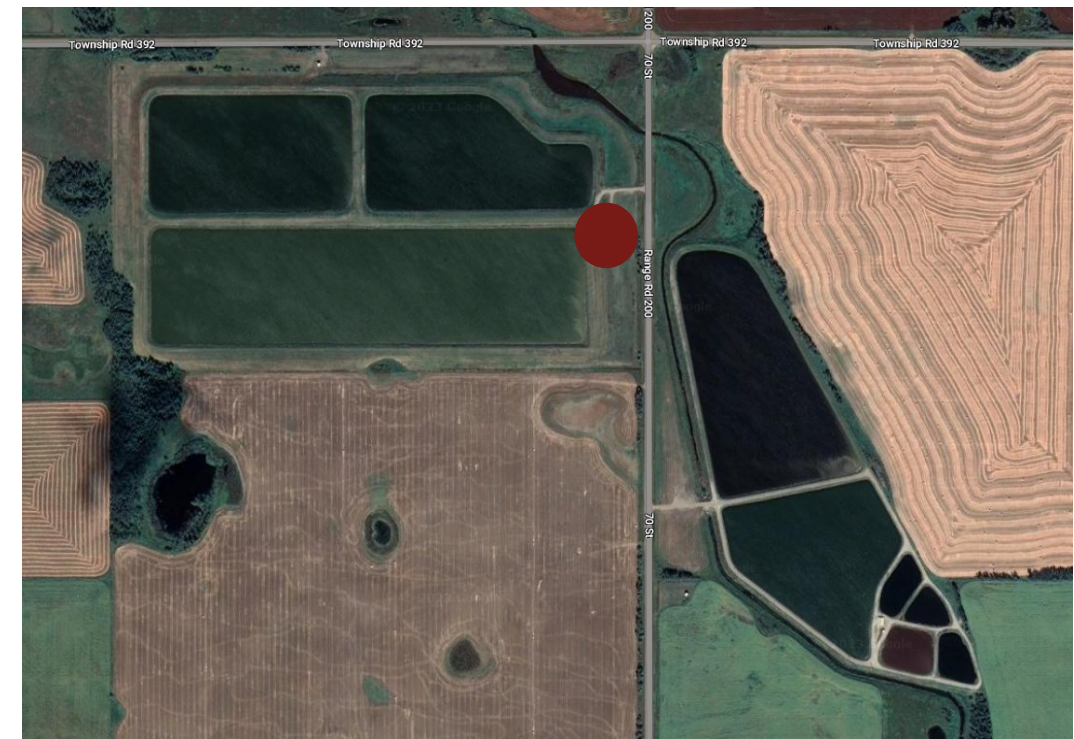
Main Street, from 48 to 49 Avenue, will be rehabilitated this summer following the watermain replacement that took place in 2021. Work will include milling the existing asphalt, installing new asphalt paving, and repainting all parking spaces and center medians. This project is valued at \$185,000.

The second pavement project is a continuation of the watermain replacement which took place in 2022 on 53 Street from 48 to 51 Avenue. This street will see the trench from the previous project fully paved this summer. Council has allocated \$150,000 to complete this pavement project.

FACILITY UPGRADES

Lift Station Replacement - Waste Water Lagoon Transfer Pumphouse

This fall the existing pumphouse at the lagoons will be replaced with a fiberglass lift station. The existing infrastructure is over 40 years old. The purpose of the transfer pumphouse is to move effluent from the lagoons on the east side of Range Road 20-0 to the storage lagoons on the west side of the road. The effluent will be treated in these ponds for up to 6 months prior to release to the wetlands and eventually Red Willow Creek. This project is estimated to cost \$600,000.



Water Reservoir Back-Up Power and Pump Replacement

This fall and early winter, the water reservoir will have a back-up generator installed to ensure consistent water supply during power outages. At the same time as the energy upgrade, the reservoir will see regular maintenance upgrades including piping rehab, valve replacement, and pump replacement. The value of construction on these upgrades is \$800,000.



ENTRANCE SIGN UPDATES

They're the first thing you see when entering our community and the last impression on the way out. Our four highway entry signs are a key component in displaying pride for our town!

The current entrance signs were installed in 2011 and while the structures themselves are still functional, the past decade of weathering has significantly deteriorated the signs. This affects not only the visual impact of our signage, but the integrity of the structures themselves. Council has allocated \$62,000 for the refurbishment of the four signs in the 2023 Capital Budget. The goal of this refurbishment is to revitalize the signs while upgrades are still possible, rather than allowing the structures to weather beyond repair. Further, this project provides the opportunity to align the signage with the Town of Stettler's branding, which will involve changing the colour of the signs and adding the official Town of Stettler logo.

The project will consist of dismantling the signs on site, transporting the signs to the successful proponent's shop for repair and resurfacing, and then re-installing the signs in their original locations. Notable improvements will include dent, rust, and damage repair, alongside new powder coat paint and vinyl.

Current Entrance Signs



New Entrance Signs Concept



ARENA UPGRADES

The Stettler Recreation Centre will be celebrating 30 years in 2024! The Rec Centre, originally composed of the two arenas, viewing area, and office space, first opened its doors in February 1994. Over the past 30 years, the facility has been renovated to add the public library, fitness centre, HUB, and meeting rooms. It also had a major addition in 2005-2006 when the aquatic centre was added to the facility. Throughout these additions and renovations, very few changes have been required inside the two arenas other than aesthetic changes and general maintenance including upgrades to the ceiling, lighting, and sound systems. As part of the 2022 & 2023 Capital Budgets, Town of Stettler Council has approved two significant upgrades to the Blue and Red Arenas that will be ready for the start of the 2023-24 hockey and figure skating seasons.

As part of the 2022 Capital Budget, Council approved \$44,010 for the purchase of new score boards, consoles, and time clocks for both the Blue and Red Arenas. Working with OES Scoreboards, who supply 39% of the scoreboards in the NHL, the new scoreboards will be 10' wide and 5' tall. The scoreboards use high intensity LED digits offering a brilliant and superior viewing experience from almost any angle and distance. The scoreboards will also come with new OES controllers which are renowned for being the best controller in the industry due to how user friendly they are. The entire system will also sync with time clocks that will be installed in each dressing room and referee room which will aid in keeping games on schedule and ensuring the ice surfaces are getting the adequate amount of time to freeze after floods are completed.



In the 2023 Capital Budget, Council approved the purchase of new dasher systems for both arenas. The new boards will be a significant upgrade as it will feature new technology including aluminum framing and the use of 1/2" high density polyethylene cladding. The existing glass and aluminum stanchions that are currently in place will be reused for this project. As the dasher systems are being replaced, there will be a redesign of the players bench areas which will help to make them more functional for users. This project's budget is \$386,000.

These upgrades will take place over the next five months with the scoreboards being installed first in April. The new dasher systems are scheduled to be installed beginning late June and wrapping up in August prior to ice installation ensuring no impact to our existing lacrosse and ice users' schedules.

Equitable recreation funding is provided by the County of Stettler.



STETTLEWELLNESS NETWORK

The Stettler Wellness Network (SWN) is a collaboration of likeminded citizens, service providers, not-for-profit organizations, and volunteers interested in working to create community connectedness. In early 2019, the SWN was successful in its grant application to the Alberta Healthy Communities Initiative, a project in partnership with Alberta Health Services. The mission of the SWN is to establish an increased sense of community for residents of Stettler and Stettler County through social connection and participation in community initiatives.

By following a healthy communities approach, the SWN identified a number of key action items to help in their mission to support opportunities for community connection. One of the first actions was to receive feedback via a public survey which was completed in the fall of 2021. Key findings from that survey included:

- Although the vast majority of citizens feel that our community is friendly and welcoming, nearly half of the respondents were interested in getting to know their neighbors better.
- The main obstacles for respondents becoming involved in the community included a feeling of not fitting in, not enough awareness of activities, and a lack of financial resources.
- When asked how individuals could improve their community connectedness, the top three responses were: (1) attend community events; (2) offer to help neighbours; (3) participate in block parties.

As a result of the survey findings, the Stettler Wellness Network established the Community Block Party Trailer. This trailer is available to neighbourhoods and communities looking to connect. The trailer comes with four fold up tables, a large BBQ with propane tank, two shade tents, pop up garbage and recycling cans, and a number of backyard party games. The goal of the project is to provide organizers with the tools to help bring their community and/or neighbourhood together while taking out some of the additional work for organizers. A block party is an excellent opportunity for neighbours to become acquainted and have fun! Getting together with neighbours is not only enjoyable, but it also enables a renewed attachment among people in your area. As friendships grow, so do safe and caring neighbourhoods creating a more pleasant place to live.



COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY TRAILER

The Community Block Party Trailer was officially launched last year during Canada Day celebrations. It is hoped that many neighbourhoods and communities will utilize the trailer this year as we head into the spring and summer season. By participating socially in our communities we have an increased sense of connection and belonging, both of which improve our mental wellness and overall health. The Community Block Party Trailer is a **FREE** resource for neighborhoods and county communities to utilize.

The Community Block Party Trailer is a project of the Stettler Wellness Network with help from their partners, Alberta Health Services, Town of Stettler, County of Stettler, FCSS, and the Rural Mental Health Project. If you are interested in booking the trailer for your local block party, call the Town's Parks and Leisure Office at 403-742-4411.



ARE YOU LOOKING TO VOLUNTEER IN YOUR COMMUNITY? OR ARE YOU AN ORGANIZATION IN SEARCH OF VOLUNTEERS?



IF SO, CHECK OUT THE VOLUNTEER PORTAL ON THE STETTLER CONNECTS WEBSITE TO LOAD YOUR PROFILE.

**[HTTPS://STETTLERCONNECTS.COM/VOLUNTEER](https://stettlerconnects.com/volunteer)
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Supporting Opportunities for Community Connections

ENTERTAINMENT IN THE PARK

Get out and enjoy some free music and fresh air!

Entertainment in the Park returns to West Stettler Park this June, every Wednesday at 7PM. Bring your lawn chair, invite your friends and family, and enjoy the live shows!

June 21, 2023 - Jazz Guys

A group made up of local friends who all share a passion for music. You may have seen them playing throughout the community at different events before!

July 1, 2023 - Canada Day Special TBD

You won't want to miss out on this special night of fun. Cupcakes will be served at 7PM with music starting at 8PM and a firework show at dusk!

July 5, 2023 - The River Jacks

This five piece cover band has a wide ranging repertoire of country, pop, and rock hits that are selected to get you singing and dancing along with them.

July 12, 2023 - Off The Rails

Songs from the past and present with cover tunes and originals that pay particular homage to the song writing of Leonard Cohen, The Beatles, Bob Dylan, and Fred Eaglesmith.

July 19, 2023 - Erin Ross

Hailing from Calgary, Erin is an accomplished musician who transcends any one genre. Rooted in blues, rock, country, and jazz, Erin offers something for every crowd.



ENTERTAINMENT IN THE PARK

July 26, 2023 - Frank Peters and Range Patrol

Frank has been writing songs on and off since '73. "A lot of memories and stories are written into my songs; from the cowboys in the cabin to a truckload of horses killed on a winding mountain pass."

August 2, 2023 - Herle Maggard

This trio plans to liberate some clean tones of Pink Floyd, LED Zeppelin, and Hendrix while unleashing heavier sounds of Black Sabbath and Metallica. Those who enjoy this era of music will appreciate the mix of classic and alternative rock.

August 9, 2023 - The Young Guns

Playing country rock music similar to that of The Eagles, Lynyrd Skynyrd, and Tragically Hip, The Young Guns hope to bring an old fashioned, vintage sound to the table, as well as a new take on the country/rock genre.

August 16, 2023 - Harry Hewson

Hailing from Delia and now retired in Stettler, Harry started playing in the 60's and pays homage to the great 60's and 70's era of classic rock, folk, and country music.

August 23, 2023 - Flashback Freddy

Growing up listening to classic rock n' roll songs from the 50's, Flashback Freddy pursues his passion on stage for the oldies rock and country music. Who says old guys can't rock?!

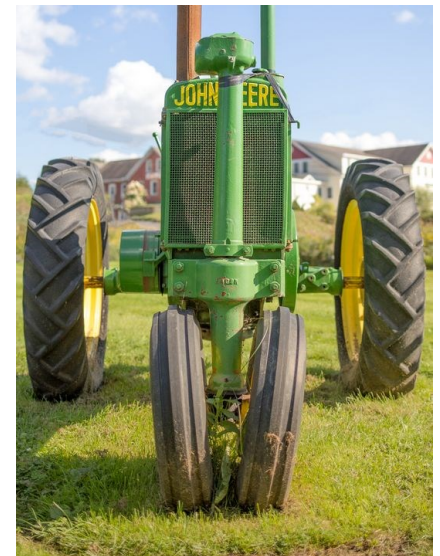
August 30, 2023 - Lewis and Royal

Having met in 1993, Lewis and Royal found their styles and voices blended well and they began composing music together. They have travelled the country playing all over including at the Jack Singer Concert Hall and Olympic Saddledome.



JOHN DEERE EXPO

Are you a John Deere fan? Do you have an interest in historical farming techniques, or tractor loving children? The John Deere Expo at the Stettler Museum will be the place to be this summer!



The Stettler Town and Country Museum, in partnership with the Stettler Antique Tractor Club and the P&H Elevator Society, will be hosting the John Deere Expo, this summer, celebrating 120 years of John Deere. The Expo will feature over 100 John Deere tractors and more than 100 pieces of John Deere equipment and memorabilia, ranging from 50 years in age to over 120 years in age. This is one event you won't want to miss! The display will be held on the Museum's west grounds and will host other makes of tractors including a Case Steam Traction Engine featured on the main grounds. There will be a \$20 visitor fee with funds supporting the Stettler Town and Country Museum, P&H Elevator Society, and the Stettler Antique Tractor Club.

Featuring Live Demos

Threshing demo with a 130 year old threshing machine

Bailing with a horse powered stationary baler

Starting and running of various tractors

Antique tractor pull

Children events throughout the weekend

Other events and concession



If you are interested in volunteering for the event please contact Wayne Nixon at 403-741-6129.

If you are interested in contributing to the displays please contact Alf Erichsen at 403-742-4688.

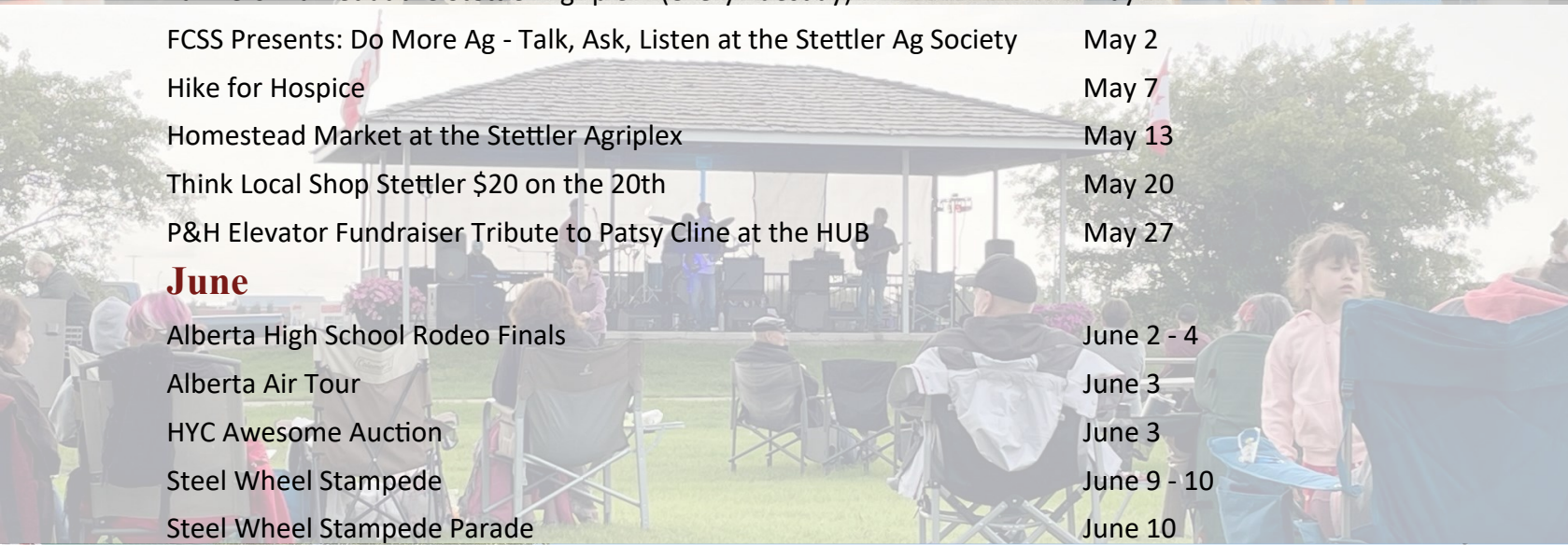
COMMUNITY EVENTS

April




Stettler and District Music Festival	April 13 - 22
Stettler Trade Show	April 14 - 16
Stettler Public Library Book Sale	April 14 - 16
P&H Elevator Coffee & Cinnamon Bun Fundraiser	April 22
Employment Fair hosted by Stettler Regional Board of Trade	April 25
Rotary Club of Stettler Hosts Taste of Stettler	April 28
Stettler Variety Showcase Presents: Jenn Beaupre & Lewis Frere	April 30

May



Spring Lane Clean Up (specific dates will be set closer to)	Tentatively May 1 - 5
Farmers Market at the Stettler Agriplex (every Tuesday)	May 2
FCSS Presents: Do More Ag - Talk, Ask, Listen at the Stettler Ag Society	May 2
Hike for Hospice	May 7
Homestead Market at the Stettler Agriplex	May 13
Think Local Shop Stettler \$20 on the 20th	May 20
P&H Elevator Fundraiser Tribute to Patsy Cline at the HUB	May 27

June



Alberta High School Rodeo Finals	June 2 - 4
Alberta Air Tour	June 3
HYC Awesome Auction	June 3
Steel Wheel Stampede	June 9 - 10
Steel Wheel Stampede Parade	June 10
Rummage Sale	June 16 - 17

July



Think Local Shop Stettler Christmas in July	All of July
Canada Day Events & Fireworks	July 1
The North of the Boarder Showdown a Western Legacy Rodeo Series	July 7 - 9
Stettler Triathlon & 5km Run	July 16
Customer Appreciation Market at the Stettler Agriplex	July 18

August

Taste of the Heartland	August 12
John Deere Expo - Celebrating 120 Years	August 11 - 13
Community Garage Sale hosted by Stettler Regional Board of Trade	August 26

PHOTO CONTEST



**Fall 2022 Town Life
Photo Contest Winner
Photo Taken and
Submitted by John Leard**

Town Life Photo Contest Spring 2023

**Send in your photo to
townoffice@stettler.net
Deadline: September 6, 2023**

*1st place:
\$100 Heart of Alberta Dollars*

*2nd place:
\$100 Heart of Alberta Dollars*

*3rd place:
\$100 Heart of Alberta Dollars*

Eligibility

The photo contest is open to all amateur and professional photographers. There is no limit to how many entries a contestant can submit. All photos must be taken within the Town of Stettler. Photos will be judged on Facebook. Photographs must be submitted electronically in the highest quality available. Photos must be taken by the entrant, be original and unpublished.

Consent

By submitting your photo you give consent that it can be used by the Town of Stettler and affiliate organizations for promotional and advertising purposes. The Town of Stettler and affiliate organizations will not sell the photos or use the photos to make a profit. Photo credit will be given to the photographer.