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County & Watson’s Announces Fall Photo Contest Winners

The winners of the County of Grande Prairie & Watson’s Foto Source Fall Phase Photo Contest have been awarded.

	Scenes of the County Category	People at Work Category	People Engaged in Agriculture Category	Sports, Recreation & Culture Category
1st	Carolyn Morgan – Old House	Judith Standring – Dropping Pipe	Carolyn Morgan – Combines Harvest	Matthew Dettling – Hunting Buddies
2nd	Heather Mellon – Looking Across from Bear Hill	Heather Mellon – The Construction Zone	Judith Standring – Happy Birthday to you	Matthew Dettling – Muddin’
3rd	Chad Szmata – Fall Skies	Sharon Stanich – Rail Riders	Dan Wever – Wheels are Turn-in	Sharon Stanich – Kleskun Trail
Honourable Mention	Judith Standring – Yumm Yummm			Vivian Wever – Monsters Among Us

The County thanks everyone who participated in the photo contest. The winning pictures can be viewed at www.countygp.ab.ca/photocontest. All photos entered in the photo contest throughout the year will be available for viewing at the 14th Annual Photo Contest Evening being held in March 2018.

The Fan Favourite portion of the Fall Photo Contest will begin at 11 a.m. on Friday, December 29. The top photos from the summer phase will be posted to the County’s Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/cogp1. The public will have until 11 a.m. on January 11, 2017 to like their favourite photo(s). The photos that get the most likes will be announced and awarded with prizes at the Photo Contest Evening in 2018.

The winter phase of the contest is underway and will run until February 28, 2018.

Photographers of all levels, hobbyists and archivists are encouraged to enter the contest.

The County and Watson’s are currently accepting photos in the following categories. All photos must be winter themed and taken within the County of Grande Prairie; however, do not have to be taken in 2017:

1. People Engaged in Sports, Recreation and Culture in the County
2. Scenes of the County
3. People at Work
4. People Engaged in Agriculture



For each phase the prizes for each category are:

- 1st place: \$ 100 gift certificate for Watson's Foto Source
- 2nd place: \$ 50 gift certificate for photo finishing at Watsons' Foto Source
- 3rd place: \$ 25 gift certificate for photo finishing at Watson's Foto Source

Judging and prize awarding will take place at the end of each phase. Prizes may not be awarded if a category lacks qualified entries.

A grand prize winner for each of the categories will be selected at the Photo Contest Evening in 2018. Each Grand Prize winner will be awarded a \$250 gift certificate to Watson's Foto Source and a 12" by 18" metal print of their winning photo, courtesy of the County of Grande Prairie. The overall winning photos will be showcased at the Crosslink County Sportsplex.

All contestants will also receive a voucher from Watson's Foto Source to develop 25 prints, free of charge.

The County retains the right to use and publish all photos, and will give the photographer credit when possible when their photo is used. For more information regarding the photo contest, please contact the County Economic Development department at 780-532-9722, visit www.countygp.ab.ca/photocontest or email photocontest@countygp.ab.ca.

Contestants must follow the guidelines for all photos as outlined in the regulations, which can be found at www.countygp.ab.ca/photocontest.

Submit up to five photos in each of the four categories by:

Electronic submission:

JPEG format, 300 dpi and 5-7 MB size minimum

<http://www.countygp.ab.ca/EN/main/community/photo-contest/photo-upload.html>

By mail or in person:

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