

VILLAGE OF COUTTS NEWSLETTER MARCH 2025



PREMIER SMITH AND THE HONORABLE MINISTER ELLIS

Town Hall Meeting for Coutts and Area Residents, Saturday March 1—1:30-3:00 pm. Coutts Civic Centre. Honorable Grant Hunter will be hosting a town hall with Premier Danielle Smith and Department of Public Safety and Emergency Services, Minister Mike Ellis. The purpose of this meeting is to inform local residents about border security measures and answer any questions or concerns they may have.

DOG LICENSES

Dog license fees were due in January. Spayed or neutered are \$5 and non-altered are \$30. Please pay and register your dog at the Village office.

NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

Book club for this month will be held on Thursday March 13th at 2:00 pm here at the library. Everyone is welcome so come and join us and while you're here check out some goodies, books, audio books, jigsaw puzzles, movies and more.

March Promotions – Canada Reads – The 2025 Canada Reads contenders have been announced! This annual, great Canadian book debate will take place March 17-20. This year's contenders are : Watch Out For Her by Samantha M. Bailey; A Two Spirit Journey by Ma-Nee Chacaby; Etta and Otto and Russell and James by Emma Hooper; Jennie's Boy by Wayne Johnston; Dandelion by Jamie Chai Yun Liew. Go to this link to borrow titles: <https://bit.ly/CA> Canada Reads

Looking to read some newly published Canadian content? These hot new titles are available to borrow <https://bit.ly/41fWR3H>

USED BOOK/DVD/VHS AND BAKE SALE

THURSDAY APRIL 10, 2025 4:00 – 7:00 PM

HERE AT THE LIBRARY ! \$5:00 PER BAG. YOU ARE WELCOME TO BRING YOUR OWN REUSABLE BAG AND WE WILL HAVE SOME PLASTIC BAGS AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO USE IF YOU DON'T BRING ONE WITH YOU.

If you would like to help us out we welcome donations of baking for the bake table from our library patrons and community members.

BORDER RASCALS SOCIAL CLUB

Welcome spring. I am sure we are all ready for the first day of spring, as well as enjoying the longer daylight hours. On Wednesday the 12th at 1pm, we will have the doors open at the Rec Center for cards. No seriousness allowed, just laughter and fun. The next morning, on the 13th at 10am is our monthly meeting. Anything that you would love to see happening in our village, or with our group, please come and let us know your ideas.

On the 27th of March, our next potluck will celebrate spring and St. Patrick's Day, 5pm the doors open. Please bring a dish to share. Non members are \$5. Or buy a membership for \$5 for a year. The Curtain Call is coming again to Milk River. TO MANY COOKS . Our members can keep their ticket stub or receipt and receive 50% off the price from us. Have a wonderful month ahead. ~

Milk River Ridge School – March 2025 News

Thank you to Mrs. Patching for organizing the Grade 6 – 12 school ski trip to West Castle on February 12. A great day was had by all that attended!

Our grades 4 – 9 gym classes will start curling on February 25 and will go every Tuesday and Thursday until March 13. Thank you to the Milk River Curling Club and community volunteers.

March – Nutrition Month – “Nourish to Flourish Nutrition Month 2025”.

Dietitians of Canada is delighted to unveil the theme for 2025 - after thoughtful input and careful consideration, this theme was chosen for its ability to shine a spotlight on the profound connections between food and overall wellbeing. We will celebrate nutrition month with nutrition lessons, extra healthy snacks for Breakfast Club, as well as Canada’s Food Guide signs.

Mini-basketball – We have three mini-ball teams this year and started practicing the week of February 24. Warner has one team and we will start playing games the 3rd week of March and into April. Our students love basketball, and we would like to thank everyone that helps make this possible – thank you to our coaches, referees, and everyone that comes out to cheer on the players and help promote the joy of basketball!

Congratulations to our Senior Comets and Novas on hosting very successful basketball tournaments on the weekend of February 7 & 8. Both teams received second place and we would like to thank everyone for coming out and supporting our teams in so many ways (coaching, cheering, concession, etc.)!

We are gearing up for Senior Boys & Girls league playoffs and then on to basketball Zones from March 10 - 14. Good Luck teams!

Upcoming Events –

Thursday, March 6 – 2:45 P.M. – Elementary Assembly

Monday, March 10 – P.D. Day – NO school for students

March 12 & 13 – Grade 8 & 9 Field Trip

Friday, March 14 – NO school – grades 7 – 12

Monday, March 17 – Happy St. Patrick’s Day – Leprechaun traps and pickles on a stick

Thursday, March 20 – 3:45 – 6:45 P.M. – Grades 6 – 12 – Parent/Teacher Interviews

Friday, March 28 – P.D. Day – NO school for students

COMMUNITY PASSENGER VAN SERVICE

Seniors 55+ and Disabled Persons

Serving Coutts, Milk River and Village of Warner

Transit Service available Monday through Friday

Local daily service dependent on van/driver availability

Out of Town service

Includes Lethbridge (medical and non-medical)

Medical appointments in Raymond and Taber

*** Handibus Always Available for Charters ***

*** MRHC extended care and Prairie Rose residents ***

Non-expiry Book of 6 daily Passes \$42

Tickets and registration at local municipal offices

Weekly Pre-booking is promoted and encouraged

Ensure your trip availability/facilitate driver scheduling

Pre-Booking: Milk River Town Office (403-647-3773)

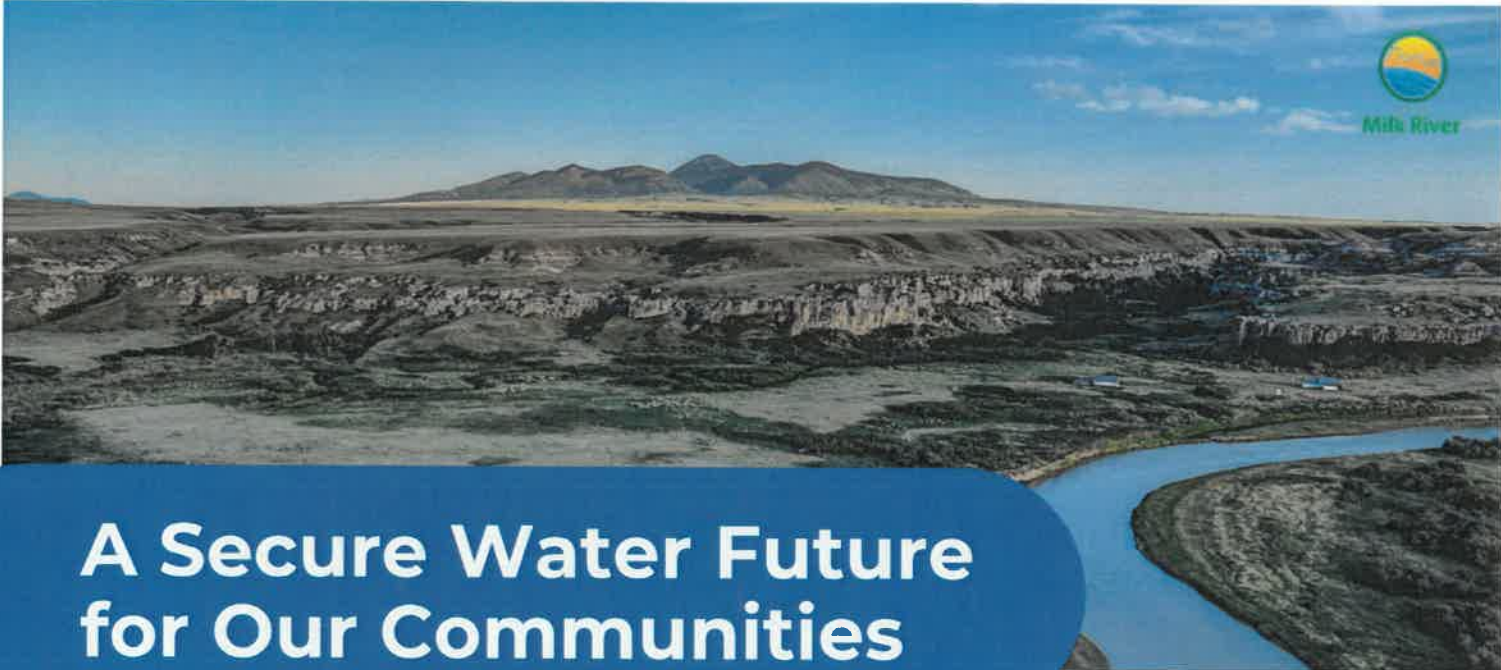
Monday to Thursday, 9am - 12 noon, 1pm - 4pm

Inquiries for van availability during the service week

Please call our co-ordinator D.S. Fraser @ 403-492-7821

Or Steve @ 403-603-8578

The Heritage Handibus Association remains grateful for the continuing financial, operational support from the municipalities of the Village of Coutts, the Town of Milk River, the Village of Warner and the County of Warner.



A Secure Water Future for Our Communities

The Town of Milk River, in partnership with the County of Warner and the Villages of Warner and Coutts, is working on an **important infrastructure improvement**.

This project will construct of a 27.6km long **water pipeline** from Middle Coulee Creek to Milk River to provide a **back-up water supply** to the community's in case of **emergencies, drought, or infrastructure failures**.

Why Does this Matter?



Water Security

This project decreases our dependence on cross-border infrastructure.



Drought Protection

This project helps to make sure we have enough water supply during dry seasons.



Community Growth

This project provides the infrastructure needed to support future development in the region.



Inter-basin Transfer

An inter-basin transfer from the St. Mary's River system to the Milk River will be built, providing an emergency drinking water backup.

How The Project Works:

- ✓ Make upgrades to the water intake infrastructure at Middle Coulee Creek Intake Pond
- ✓ Replace the raw water transmission line between Middle Coulee Creek and the Warner Water Treatment Plant (WWTP)
- ✓ Rehabilitate the WWTP raw water reservoirs so additional water may be stored
- ✓ Build a new raw water booster station in Warner so water may be pumped out of the reservoir
- ✓ Build a new raw water pipeline (27.6 km long) to Deliver water to Milk River from Warner

Get Involved:

Scan the QR code and share your feedback in our Community Questionnaire!

Join our Public Open Houses:

Raymond:
Raymond & District Seniors Club
February 26th | 3PM - 7PM
55E 100 N, Raymond

Milk River:
Town Hall Council Chambers
March 4th | 3PM-7PM
240 Main Street, Milk River



Learn More

main@milkriver.ca

www.milkriver.ca



The Milk River 4-H Multi Club
invites you to attend our

Pancake Supper



Tuesday, March 4, 2025
At the Milk River Civic Centre
5pm to 7pm
12 years old and up: \$10
6 to 12 years old: \$8
Under 6 years old: FREE

Traeger Raffle tickets will be available for purchase.



HAPPY
St. Patrick's Day

from Prairie Rose Lodge

We have a ton of great things going on at Prairie Rose Lodge this month! Grand Pals will be running March 5th & 19th – please bring your littles in for a visit, or just come join us for some cuteness overload!

FCSS will be doing their Drumming class on March 4th, & will be back on March 20th to help our Residents with their taxes. If you are able to help support your loved ones through this process, please feel free to join us on that day.

Mark your calenders for March 11th – Personal Touch Fashion will be here from 10:00am to 2:00pm, its always a great day of shopping!

March 12th will be the Auxillary Birthday Party at 7:00pm.

We're very excited that on March 18th we will be having our St. Patty's Day Party with our Residents – there will be lots of treats, & entertainment will be provided by The West Coulee Springs Band.

On March 20th we will be taking our Residents out to a local production of 'Too Many Cooks' - we always love a good reason to head out of the Lodge for a little adventure!

As always, we love it when so many members of our Community visit us for Community Coffee each Tuesday morning at 10:00am – we thank you for your continued support & hope to see even more of you this coming month!



BORDER COMMUNITY WELLNESS FOUNDATION UPDATE

SPRING 2025

BCWF held our AGM, followed by regular meeting Jan. 29th, Milk River Town Council Chambers. Please note that our meetings are advertised on our FB page, and everyone is welcome! One of the topics covered was a review of some of the projects that we have been involved in or sponsored since our inception in 2018. Here are some examples:

- **The Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta** offered a grant of \$10,000 which we were successful in applying for. Proceeds went to the Milk River Healthcare Center and in particular the palliative care portion of the facility.
- \$285 donated to the Milk River Healthcare Facility Doctor's suite for bedding
- \$4000 to Milk River Hospital Auxiliary Memorial Garden for completion
- \$500 to Warner Revitalization Community Garden
- \$350 to Milk River Community Garden for picnic table and umbrella
- \$1000 to Tri-Community Food Bank upgrades including a food chute
- \$200 to Milk River Swimming Pool for replacement of pool toys
- Payment of half the cost of Mental Health First Aid training for attendees' personal cost of course
- **The Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta** offered a grant of \$15,000 for which we partnered with the Town of Milk River toward the installation of resting benches throughout Milk River, Coutts and Warner communities.

We pride ourselves in promoting and maintaining wellness in all aspects of life, including physical, mental, and emotional wellness. Our focus has been on requests from organizations or projects that are not otherwise funded, and have worked with funded organizations in procuring grants for projects.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2025:

- Certified Holistic Nutritionist: Julie Blackmer Presentation
 - Wed. Mar. 19th, 7:00-8:30pm Milk River Town Hall
- Book signing and author presentation by local author. Date TBA
 - "Manic Man: How to Live Successfully with a Severe Mental Illness", author Jason Wegner

Our next meeting will be Wed. Mar. 26th, 2pm Milk River Town Council Chambers. Everyone welcome! Contact Robbie Wills for more information.

BORDER COMMUNITY WELLNESS FOUNDATION

Presents

A night of nutrition with

Julie Blackmer, C.H.N.C.

Certified Holistic Nutritional Consultant

*Discussing a holistic approach to
health and wellness,
focusing on nutrition and
other factors that
influence the body, mind and spirit.*

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

at the

Milk River Town Council Chambers

240 Main St NW, Milk River, AB

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 pm

**Contact Robbie Wills
for more information**

403-344-4312



The Milk River Historical Society has the "Under Eight Flags – Milk River and District" Two Volume History Books for sale.

**Price:
\$20.00 for one set
\$50.00 for three sets**

Great as gifts or if you just want to find out the history of Milk River and area residents.

**Contact:
Sharla Nelson (403)642-7349 or William King (403)647-3428**

**Next meeting will be March 20, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the museum
EVERYONE WELCOME !!**

VENDORS WANTED

MARCH MADNESS MARKET

Saturday, March 22, 2025

10am to 4pm

Heritage Hall, Milk River

Vendors Wanted

Tables are \$20.00 each

Contact Sharen Cotie – (403) 849-0753 / slcotie@gmail.com

Or

Diane LaPointe – (403) 393-5287 / ponchosuzyq@gmail.com



MARCH 21-23, 2025
WARNER CURLING RINK



Fees are \$125. Welcoming all skill levels.
Contact Jody Miller to register: (403) 642-7521.



Celebratory banquet & cabaret March 22nd at 6:30 pm.
New Dayton Stadium • Banquet cost included for registered teams.
Extra meal tickets can be purchased in advance for \$20.
Deadline to register and purchase meal tickets is March 13th.



**LONEWOLF
HANDYMAN
SERVICES**



**SPECIALIZING IN:
EAVESTROUGH CLEANING
AND REPAIR, DECKS,
LANDINGS, FENCING,
OTHER CARPENTRY, PAINTING,
ROOFING,
PROPERTY CLEAN UPS,
DUMP RUNS,
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE,
CALL JAKE**

Mowing and Hedges

CELL: 403-635-2013

Yes I do Small Jobs



Spring Fling 2025

Saturday, April 19

Milk River Civic Center (321 3rd Ave)

10am – 4pm

Over 40 vendors

Concession (Beef-on-a-Bun Special)

Kid's Craft Corner

Photo Opps

Kinettes Easter Egg Hunt @10:30 (MRRS Playground)

Contact 403-642-7500 for information

Everyone Welcome

SOUTHERN ALBERTA OUTDOORSMEN **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Outdoorsmen 11th Annual Swap Meet & Gun Show - March 8, 2025, Milk River Civic Center, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Guns, Hunting, Optics, Re-loading and Fishing Gear. \$500.00 door prize, Admittance \$5.00

****Vendor tables \$25.00.** Call: Clayton Taylor 403-634-7258 Rodger King 403-344-2124

Awards Evening - Sunday, March 16, 2025 – Coutts Civic Center, AB. – 4:30 p.m. This year we will be doing a

POT-LUCK SUPPER If you plan to attend, please bring a supper or desert dish. SAO will provide coffee, water and juice. You are welcome to bring your own refreshments as well. The evening will begin with socializing, silent auction, raffles and cocktails. Supper at 6:00 pm

Come on out for a fun night!

Note- Correction from last months newsletter, the day is **Sunday March 16**

Family Fishing Weekend and Camp Out – June 6th, 7th and 8th at Goldsprings Park. Please book your own reservations if you plan to camp! Saturday, as usual, will be the main event with SAO supplying dogs and drinks.

JUST GETTIN' STARTED

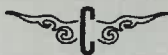


GORD BAMFORD

APRIL 12, 2025

25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION TOUR
MILK RIVER, AB
321 - 3RD AVENUE NE, MILK RIVER AB

Powered by



CACHE ENTERTAINMENT INC

In support of
the Milk River & District
Agricultural Society



VIP TABLES

VIP Tables Options Available

\$1200 +TAX

Exclusive Pre-Event (early event access) Q & A Session with Gord, Prime Table Location for seating up to 8, Wine & Snacks, Post-Event Meet & Greet with photo op. Commemorative 25th Anniversary Gift, VIP Satin Lanyard.

\$800 +TAX

Exclusive Pre-Event (early event access) Q & A Session with Gord, Reserved Table Location with seating up to 8,



GENERAL
ADMISSION

\$60 +TAX

GENERAL
ADMISSION

\$110 +TAX

INCLUDES MEET & GREET AND SWAG BAG

VIP EARLY ENTRY
DOORS OPEN
GORD BAMFORD

7:30 PM
8:30 PM
9:00 PM - 11:00 PM



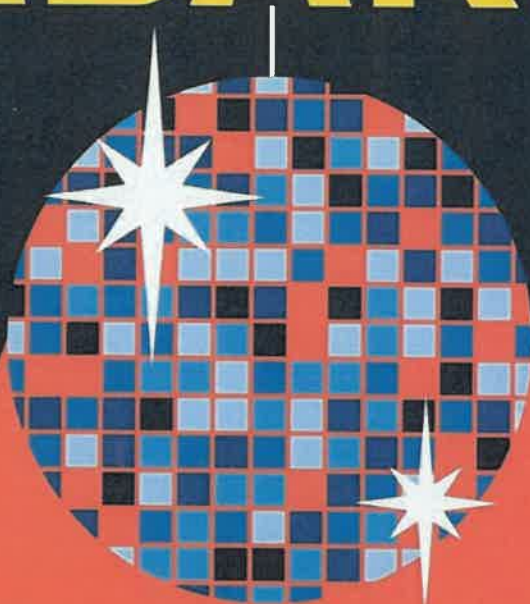
BUY TICKETS
WWW.GORDBAMFORD.COM
CHARGE BY PHONE
TINA PEDERSEN
(403) 588-6286

WARNER CURLING CLUB PRESENTS

TRI-COMMUNITY
CABARET

**MAR
22**

**8:00
PM**



FEATURING TRAIN WRECK



All are welcome • New Dayton Stadium

Cabaret to follow Tri-Community Family Bonspiel Banquet.

Entrance fee \$15 for non-curlers.

Programs *at a glance*

Mondays	OPEN PLAY at <u>Warner FCSS - 210 3rd Ave</u> 9:30 - 11:00 am
Wednesdays	STAY & PLAY at the <u>Milk River Civic center - Agora room</u> 9:30 - 11:00 am
First Thursday Of the Month	SENIOR COFFE CHAT - Mar 6th, Apr 3rd, May 1st & June 5th at the <u>Warner Senior's Center - 103 3rd Ave</u> 9:00-10:00 am
Wednesday Mornings	CAREGIVER CAFE - March 5th - 26th at <u>Warner FCSS - 210 3rd Ave</u> 9:30-11:00 am
Wednesday Evenings	Teen Discussion Group - Coping with Teens Emotions March 25th <u>ONLINE</u> via Zoom 6:30-8:30 pm
General Interest Classes	Paint with Jen - Monday March 24th at <u>Warner FCSS</u> Monday March 31st at <u>Coutts School</u> 6:00-8:00 pm
	Introduction to Wood Crafting - Friday March 21st at <u>Warner Library</u> 6:00-8:00 pm
	Sushi Making - Wednesday March 12th at <u>Milk River Civic Center</u> 6:00 - 8:00 pm
	Social Media & Smart Phones - Tuesday March 25th at <u>Coutts School</u> 7:00-8:30 pm
	Intermediate Watercolor Painting - Friday April 4th at <u>Warner FCSS</u> 9:30-12:00 pm

VIEW FULL PROGRAM SCHEDULE & REGISTER AT:

www.fcss.ca

The Community Volunteer Income Tax Program

WHAT: The Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) is a collaboration between FCSS and the Canada Revenue Agency. This free program, which is supported by local volunteers, makes a significant and positive impact on local families and individuals.

WHO: The CVITP is free to all eligible individuals and families in the FCSS service area. Eligibility is based on income and the simplicity of the tax return. See below for details:

Family Size	Total Family Income
1 person	\$35,000
2 persons	\$45,000
3 persons	\$47,500
4 persons	\$50,000
5 persons	\$52,500
More than 5 persons	\$52,500 (plus \$2,500 for each additional person)

Please note other ineligibility criteria may apply, such as bankruptcy, self-employment income, rental income, etc. For more information, visit fcss.ca.

WHEN: FCSS offers the CVITP all year round.

HOW to prepare for the tax program:

- Gather all your tax documents and information into a folder or envelope.
- Register for a CRA My Account: Visit canada.ca/my-cra-account to register.
- Update your personal information by signing into your CRA My Account or by calling 1-800-959-8281.
- Visit www.fcss.ca to find a drop-in clinic near you or to book an appointment.

To learn more about the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program or to book an appointment, contact Cindy Lauwen at (403) 915-7063.

SERVING:

Barons | Barnwell | Coalhurst | Coaldale | Coutts | County of Warner | Lethbridge County | MD of Taber | Milk River | Nobleford | Picture Butte | Stirling | Raymond | Taber | Vauxhall | Warner



Submitted by:
Cindy Lauwen

Volunteer Services Coordinator

