

VILLAGE OF COUTTS NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2025



MUNICIPAL ELECTION—OCTOBER 20, 2025

Thank you to everyone that came out and voted for Municipal Council. We had about 58% attendance, which is above average for the region. At the Organizational Meeting on October 28, **Scott MacCumber was appointed Mayor, and Tanya Smith was appointed Deputy Mayor.** A couple items to note: There will be no council meeting in November, and the February meeting will be February 24th. All other regular council meeting will be at the normal date and time of the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. All Council meetings are open to the public.

POPPY CAMPAIGN—REMEMBRANCE DAY

The annual poppy campaign runs from Oct 31-Nov 12. Those of you that have a wreath or cross may set them out in this time frame. The 2025 issue of the **Military Service Recognition Books** have arrived. To receive your free copy, call 403-666-2260 and ask for Raylene, COD charges will apply for mailing.

There will be a Remembrance Day Service will be at the Coutts Civic Centre on Nov 11 at 10:00 am.



FIRE DEPARTMENT THANK YOU

Coutts Fire and Rescue would like to thank Megan at ATB for partnering with them in the recent fund raiser. **A big thank you** to everyone that donated. The money raised will help to fund a Lucas Machine, a life saving tool that is a necessity for our department. This machine will do automatic CPR., freeing up our responders to do other necessary tasks on scene of a life or death situation.

In all, the total raised was about \$5215.00. The Village has sold our old fire pumper and the proceeds from that will also fund the Lucas Machine. We are very close to being able to cover the cost that is not covered by a grant that was received. Donations will continue to be accepted at the Village Office and tax receipts will be given.

This is just another indicator of how generous our community is!

COUTTS LIBRARY NEWS

Fall is here! The Library offers lots of fun things to do for the kids! Puzzles boards games and of course lots of books. Come in and fight the boredom!

We had some Halloween fun making some crafts on the 30th. There will be home fun evenings to come, for kids and adults!

Like us on facebook, Coutts Municipal Library, and watch for fun evens and contests to enter, or check out our website 'couttslibrary.ca'

If you are new to town come by and get a library card, there is no charge for a card at our library and you will have access to so many things including all the libraries that make up Chinook Arch Regional System.

See you soon!

BORDER RASCALS SOCIAL CLUB

Here we are once again entering the colder months. Hope you can come join us. The date for our November planning meeting is November 14th, once again this is due to circumstances. The meeting starts at 10am. The potluck is on November 27th. Doors open at 5pm, supper starts at 5.30pm. Bring a favorite dish to share and enjoy some fellowship. Cards will be at the Rec Center at 1pm on November 12th. The bus is booked for a trip to Lethbridge on November 29th. Dinner will be first at the Casino. Light show at the Japanese Gardens after. Bus fare for members is provided. Riders are responsible for dinner and admission to Gardens. [\$15.50]. Please contact Debbie Pain in person or by phone 403 603 8578 by October 31st. After this it will be opened up to Milk River and Warner. November also brings the return of the Curtain Call plays in Milk River. If you attend and are a member with us, remember to keep your ticket stub for a \$12.50 refund.

Hope to see some new friends in November!

CHRISTMAS HAMPER AND ANGEL TREE PROGRAMS

With the holiday season quickly approaching we would like to remind you about the Christmas Hamper and Angel Tree programs.

The Angel Tree will be going up on November 12th at Milk River Town Office. If you would like to participate by purchasing a gift for a child please come down and pick up an Angel on or after that date. Once you have purchased an age appropriate gift for that child please leave the gift unwrapped, attach the Angel tag to the gift, and return it to Milk River Town Office by December 12.

If you have food donations they can be dropped off at Milk River Town Office or Coutts Village Office. Cash donations can be made at Milk River Town Office as well and taxable receipts will be issued.

Finally, if you or someone you know could benefit from one or both of these programs please contact Darlene Fleming at [403-393-3223](tel:403-393-3223).

Thank you to everyone who participates in these wonderful programs.

HERITAGE HANDIBUS ASSOCIATION NOV 2025 NEWSLETTER

Our recent journey within the Heritage Handibus Association with new programs supported with a new grant began in the August 2024 newsletter with the announcement of details to come and start in September 2024. We have completed fourteen months of this program, with success.

Thank you, Coutts, Milk River and Warner councils and offices for your support in all levels of this project, thank you residents of all three communities for using the service and thank you Healthy Aging AB for guiding, providing for and encouragement through out.

The Heritage Handibus Association and the donation of the initial buses thirty years ago had a specific mandate – to assist the residents of the tri-communities to get to their medical appointments. This remains the priority of the Association today.

In August 2025, we reached our highest numbers of riders for a month. This included any and all charters and individual riders, there were 88 riders total for that month. Thank you, folks.

Some of our riders have no way and or no family to take them even to local services – shopping, drug store, library or visit a relative at their home or in another institution. For example, someone in Long Term Care can now buy a pass, book their own ride and visit their sisters or spouse in the Prairie Rose Lodge. They now can go to dinners or birthday parties at each other's homes. Trips to the city or specialists/doctors (Lethbridge, Raymond, Coaldale, or Taber) may need to have an Attendant to assist, if so, the Attendant rides free but must stay with the person who is in a wheelchair or needs assistance. In essence the Handibus has given a new level of independence to many.

Other advantages of the Handibus service to medical appointments is this: how far do you walk from your car to the right parking meter, to the doctor's office and miss half the appointment you wanted to sit in on with your spouse or loved one? The Handibus picks you up at your door and delivers you to your appointment door, picks you up after, maybe you need a couple of things, brings you home and drops you at your door. Sometimes there are more riders on one trip so we juggle but the medical appointments are given priority. We have special letters of thankfulness from relatives who needed a ride to see loved ones in the hospital – again no meters, parking hassles or traffic issues.

Thank you all who use and love this service, we have been granted an extension on our grant so will continue. We are pleased to contribute our resources to our communities in this way.

MILK RIVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Milk River Historical Society is all about preserving the history of the area. Please contact William King at

403-647-3428 for tours.

Next meeting will be held November 20th at 7 p.m.

ASK US ABOUT THE

FALL FOR READING CONTEST

Read a little or read a lot for your chance to win an awesome prize pack!

Visit the library to get a contest flyer filled with reading suggestions that are sure to please.

Full contest details are included on each flyer.
 Contest runs from October 14 to November 24.
 Winners will be announced the first week of December.

CHINOOK ARCH
Fall for Reading Contest Ages 0 to 12

Read a little or a read a lot for your chance to win one of 15 awesome prize packs!

- We've got loads of reading suggestions that are sure to please.
- Read a book from one of the themes in this flyer and place a checkmark by that theme on the entry form. You can find the form on the back page.
- These books are only a starting point. We will accept any book that fits within the themes listed.
- Borrow these books from any Chimead Arch Regional Library System member library.

Contest runs from October 14 to November 24.
 Entry forms are due by November 24 to be eligible to win. Drop off at your library to win the winners the first week of December.

CHINOOK ARCH
Fall for Reading Contest Ages 13 to 21

Read a little or a read a lot for your chance to win one of 15 awesome prize packs!

We've got loads of reading suggestions that are sure to please. Read a book from one of the themes in this flyer and place a checkmark by that theme on the entry form. You can find the form on the back page.

These books are only a starting point. We will accept any book that fits within the themes listed.

Borrow these books from any Chinook Arch Regional Library System member library.

Contest runs from October 14 to November 24.
 Entry forms are due by November 24 to be eligible to win. Drop off at your library to win the winners the first week of December.

CHINOOK ARCH
Fall for Reading Contest 18+

Read a little or a read a lot for your chance to win one of 15 awesome prize packs!

We've got loads of reading suggestions that are sure to please. Read a book from one of the themes in this flyer and place a checkmark by that theme on the entry form. You can find the form on the back page.

These books are only a starting point. We will accept any book that fits within the themes listed.

Borrow these books from any Chinook Arch Regional Library System member library.

Contest runs from October 14 to November 24.
 Entry forms are due by November 24 to be eligible to win. Drop off at your library to win the winners the first week of December.

READ THE RAINBOW

For fans of KPop Demon Hunters

Read for Something New



#WhereToTurn

November is Family Violence Prevention Month (FVPM), which means it is a time to raise awareness and have an open conversation about family and domestic violence. Family violence is any form of abuse or neglect that one may experience from one's family member or from someone that they are/were in an intimate relationship with.

Did you know

Alberta has the third highest rate of self-reported spousal violence among Canadian provinces, yet family violence is preventable.

Who is impacted by family violence:

- Anyone can be impacted by family violence, including children, adults, and seniors.
- In 2023, the rate of family violence was twice as high for women and girls as it was for men and boys.
- Alberta's domestic abuse shelters saw a 10-year high in calls for help between 2022 and 2023.
- Despite the rise in cases, most instances of intimate partner violence are not reported to the police.

Get involved

Learn what resources are available in your community by visiting:

- <https://www.alberta.ca/family-violence-prevention-month>
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How to reach out for support:

- 24-hour Family Violence help line: 310-1818
- If you or someone you know is in immediate danger, please call 911.
- FCSS Counselling Services: (587) 370-3728 or counsellingservices@fcss.ca



Michael Fedunec
Counselling Intake Supervisor

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Programs *at a glance*

Mondays	<p>DROP IN PLAY at <u>Warner FCSS</u> 9:30-11:00 am <u>Ongoing until December 8th</u></p>
Wednesdays	<p>STAY & PLAY at the <u>Milk River Civic Center - Agora room</u> 9:30-11:00 am <u>Ongoing until December 17th</u></p>
	<p>CAREGIVER CAFE at the <u>Warner FCSS</u> 1:00-2:30 pm <u>November 5th - December 2nd</u> Registration is required</p>
Monthly	<p>TRIPLE P DISCUSSION GROUP at the <u>Milk River Civic Center</u> 6:30-8:30 pm <u>November 24th</u>: Developing Good Bedtime Routines Registration is required</p>
	<p>ART & CHAT at <u>Coutts Rec Hall - 10:00 - 11:30 am</u> <u>At Warner FCSS - 2:00-3:30 pm</u> <u>From October 7th to November 18th</u></p>
General Interest Classes	<p>ADULT HOW TO DRAW at <u>Milk River Civic Center</u> 1:00 - 3:00 pm <u>Wednesday November 12th</u></p>
	<p>BAKING CLASS - BAKED ALASKA at <u>Milk River Civic Center</u> 6:00 - 8:00 pm <u>Wednesday November 12th</u></p>
	<p>PAINT WITH JEN at the <u>Warner Memorial Library</u> 6:00 - 8:00 pm <u>Thursday November 20th</u></p>



FOR MORE DETAILS & REGISTRATION: www.fcss.ca



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Lest We Forget

COUTTS CIVIC CENTRE / CENOTAPH PARK

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2025

10 AM

EVERYONE WELCOME

THANK YOU TO THE ORGANIZERS, ALL THE PARTICIPANTS THAT GIVE TALKS OR
PLAY MUSIC, AND TO THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE FOR SERVING THE REFRESHMENTS
THAT WERE PROVIDED BY LOCAL LADIES.

The Poppy Campaign begins on October 31 and runs through November 11.

