

VILLAGE OF COUTTS NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2024



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Left we forget



WATER

Level II water restrictions remain in place.

1. All non-essential water use is prohibited (eg. Washing cars, sidewalks, pads, and exterior of buildings etc)
2. Lawn and garden watering is allowed two days a week from 6:00 am – 9:00 am **OR** 7:00pm – 10:00pm.

ODD numbered addresses are allowed to water on Tuesdays and Fridays.

EVEN numbered addresses are allowed on Mondays and Thursdays.

We thank everyone that followed the restrictions. Conservation is still important, so please be mindful when watering and stick to the allowable hours.

Contingency plans are being put together to ensure there will be water next summer. The plan will be circulated once finalized.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Remembrance Day Service will be held on November 11th at 10 am in the Civic Centre.

Those of you that have wreaths or crosses you can set them out during the poppy campaign season which for this year runs from Friday Oct 25 until Tuesday Nov 12. It has been brought to my attention that the 2025 issue of the Military Service Recognition Book will be the last issue of a book. After 2025, it will be online only. If you or anyone that you know has served any of the services, now is the time to submit their story. These stories must be submitted before Jan 31, 2025 to be included in the book. The forms are on the very last page of these books and are self explanatory. The Village Office has copies of these forms if you are interested in submitting a story. Thank you, Raylene Hobbs.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all that came out to celebrate Mark Stanford as he steps down from serving 37 years as our Local Fire Chief. We are very fortunate to have a dedicated group of men and women that serve volunteering in order that we have emergency services.

We thank all of our volunteers!



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 12 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 13.

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**.

Milk River Community Business Association

We are planning our Customer appreciation night again this year on December 6th so keep your eyes open in November for more information on that.

DONATION BOTTLE TRAILER BEHIND J-T WINE & SPIRITS

In September we collected \$800.65 for the Educational Society, an almost full trailer was picked up for The Christmas Hamper Program in October.

In November we will be collecting for the Tri Community Childcare Society, they are trying to get a much-needed day care set up locally.

If you would like to donate your beverage containers with deposit, please box or bag them up and put them in the trailer behind the liquor store.

We can only take beverage containers all other recycling can be dropped in the recycle trailer next to the new South Country Tire Shop.

Thank you to everyone who has donated, all of these groups appreciate anything you can give.

BOTTLE DONATIONS—VILLAGE OF COUTTS

We also continue to collect your bottle donations throughout the year for Coutts Day Fireworks and events. Please call the office if you would like to donate to us.

All donations are greatly appreciated by which ever organization you chose to support!

NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

As the weather gets colder and winter starts to set in it's a good time to come visit and get some great books and movies while you hunker in from the cold. We have many other items for you to borrow as well – CO2 monitor, memory kits, wifi hot spots just to name a few.

Book Club this month will be on Thursday November 14 at 2:00 pm at the library, come join us.

There are lots of books on our give away shelf in the hallway as well. We don't have a foot traffic event for the month of November but I'm sure there will be something awesome for December.

Remember, you can get a library card at no charge so come in and we can get you hooked up if you are new to town.

MILK RIVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We have decided to add a new feature to our newsletter articles each month. We want to share with you some of the interesting artifacts we have in the museum for you to come and see. In keeping with Remembrance Day in November, we would like to honour our veterans and some of the treasures we have. One is a Military First Aid kit from World War II so it is from 1939 to 1945.

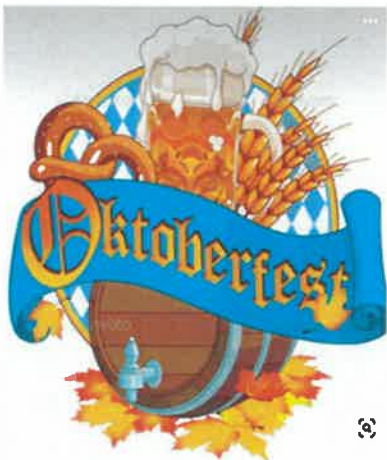
The museum will be open on Customer Appreciation Day December 6th from 10am to 7pm. Be sure to stop in and get your bingo card stamped and have a look around.

As always, please call William King for a tour of the museum, 403-647-3428.

Our next meeting will be on November 21st at 7pm at the museum. Everyone is welcome to attend.

THANK YOU

St. Peter's Catholic Church would like to thank the community and surrounding area for the support of our Annual Fall Roast Beef Dinner, on October 6 at the Milk River Civic Centre. The afternoon was filled with lots of laughter and good conversation. It is wonderful to be part of such a supportive and generous community and surrounding area.



Oktoberfest Thank you

It takes many hands to run a successful event. The Milk River & District Agricultural Society would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who contributed in any way to make our Annual Oktoberfest on October 19, a fantastic family event.

If you have any suggestions on how to add too this event, please email mrd-agsociety@gmail.com with your ideas.

Thanks everyone for your support.

The Milk River & District Agricultural Society

HERITAGE COMMUNITY PASSENGER VAN

(Heritage Handi Bus)

Focus Group - Seniors 55+ and Disabled (as per our grant guidelines)

Monthly Unlimited Senior Ride Pass \$30

6 Senior Ride Pass ticket (no expiry) \$42

Clients may take a guest/companion simply by booking and applying the extra rider against their ticket

Tuesday & Thursday Community Service

Simply book in a time slot and destination within or amongst Coutts, Milk River or Warner

Lethbridge service on **Wednesday**

Limited Local service possible on Wednesday

Lethbridge service on Friday dependent on driver availability

Passenger registration, tickets and payment at Coutts, Milk River and Warner Town Offices

Advance Bookings through Milk River Town Office (403-647-3773)

Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 am – 12 and 1 – 4 pm

Special Requests/Questions: call/text Steve @ 403-603-8578

Other info: **Next meeting** of the HandiBus committee is Nov 13, 2024, 6:30 PM at the MR Town Chambers.

Charters are still available and unchanged using the Bus and or (on availability) the Van.

Please enjoy our new service, we thank all who have supported the service.

See you soon on your next adventure with a friend.

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BORDER RASCALS SOCIAL CLUB - COUTTS

As we welcome November, may we remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Your attendance at the November 11th service, will honor their memory. Hope our Thanksgiving potluck was a great success for all, thank you for your contributions. We hope to see more of our friends and neighbors for our next potluck on November 28th, with games night to follow. There is a \$5.00 charge for all non members. Our next regular planning meeting is on November 14th. Your ideas and input are always welcome. Meeting starts at 10am. We are working on trying to arrange an outing for members for before the New Year. Ideas are welcome, details to follow. Cards for November at the Rec Center are on the 13th, and the 27th, at 1.30pm.

Coutts and District Agricultural Society

Mandate: The objective of our society is to encourage improvement in agriculture and enhanced quality of life for persons living in the community by developing educational programs, events, services and facilities.

“We DO make a difference in our Community!!”

Please join us as we plan for more community building ideas to keep our Village alive and thriving as we move forward to the future!

**AGM MEETING: Tuesday November 26 @
5:30PM**

Coutts Civic Centre

EVERYONE WELCOME!!



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Let's We Forget

COUTTS CIVIC CENTRE / CENOTAPH PARK

MONDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2024

10 AM

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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 26 and runs through November 11. The money collected from the poppy fund is donated to community charities through the Legion in the area.

THAT TIME OF YEAR, DO IT BEFORE THE SNOWS HERE TO STAY

DOING EAVESTROUGH, GUTTER CLEANING

AS WELL, I DO DUMP-RUNS

BRANCHES, TREE TRIMMING

RAKING, YARD CLEAN UPS

NO JOB TOO SMALL

I ALSO AM WILLING TO DO DELIVERY, PICK UP.

**IF YOU NEED SOMETHING PICKED UP, I HAVE A TRUCK AND
TRAILER**

LIVE LOCAL

PLEASE CALL CELL

403-635-2013