

VILLAGE OF COUTTS NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2024



WATER

We are still enforcing Level III Restrictions. As a reminder this includes, no watering of lawns, washing of cars, driveways or sidewalks, etc. Watering flowers, gardens, and trees is allowed with a watering can, or drip irrigation. Sprinklers and soaker hoses are not allowed at this time.

Together with Alberta Environment, MPE Engineering, The Town of Milk River and the Village of Coutts we are investigating different scenarios to ensure we will have municipal water before the siphons in Montana are replaced. There are a few different options that are viable, and once one is determined to be the best, it will be announced.

GARBAGE

Thank you to the residents for their understanding while the garbage truck has been in for repairs. We should be back to normal now. **Yardwaste Pickup** has been suspended for now due to a fire that got out of control in the burn pit. We are experiencing dry conditions, and with restricted water use, this was the only solution.

TAXES

The Municipal Property Taxes have been mailed. If you have not received yours, please call the Village Office. The taxes are due on August 31st, which is a Saturday. If you are paying with e-transfer or online bill payment, the payment must reach our bank on or before August 31st, so please remember to pay early. If you are paying by cheque, please date it August 31st, and put it in our drop box if you intend to pay on the last day.

WEBSITE

Stay tuned for a new website. We are in the process of building a new website. It will be more user friendly and contain more information than in the past.

HERITAGE HANDIBUS ASSOCIATION AUGUST 2024 NEWSLETTER

The Toyota Handibus is scheduled to travel to Lethbridge on August 7, 2024. The cost is \$40.00 per person with a minimum of 3 riders, prepaid. Riders are required to book their ride 24 hours in advance with payment due at that time.

Both buses are available for charters.

Please call the Town of Milk River office staff to arrange booking, payment and more information.

Next meeting is at the Town council chambers on August 14, 2024 at 6:30pm. Come and be involved.

WATCH FOR DETAILS

As of August 2024, a new program and service of transportation for the tri-communities of Milk River, Coutts, Warner and the County of Warner, will be started with more rider options and better prices. This program will be announced in each community soon. **STAY TUNED...**

NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

Reminder that for the month of August we will be open on Tuesday and Thursday from 2:00 – 7:00 pm and closed on Wednesday. Regular hours will resume in September.

If you have picked up a summer bingo card remember to turn it in at the library by August 8th please.

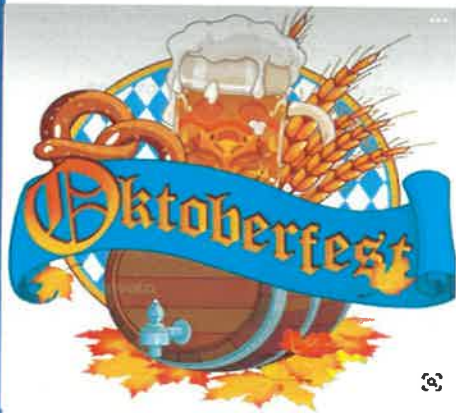
For August, book club will be held on Thursday August 8th at 2:00 pm at the library. This is open for anyone to drop in and have a visit to discuss books and authors that you have read and liked. This is a very informal session and a great way to hear about new authors and books that you might be interested in.

There will be some new foot traffic promotions for September so look for those in the next newsletter. That's it for now, enjoy the rest of your summer, some rain would be nice during this water shortage.

TERRENCE (TERRY) ARNFINSON MEMORIAL AND CELEBRATION OF LIFE

The Celebration of Life for Terry Arnfinson will take place at the Coutts Civic Centre on Friday August 9 at 2pm.

Lunch to Follow.



Save the Date

Milk River & District Agricultural Society is gearing up to bring the feel of German Culture to our community during its

3rd Annual Oktoberfest Evening,

Saturday, October 19, 2024.

MILK RIVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The museum will be open on Bonanza Day from 10 am to 4 pm. Drop in to see us after the parade! The museum is also open every Saturday all summer long from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. 113 – 1st Avenue NW in Milk River.

We held our AGM on July 20th, the following were elected to positions:

William King – President

Linda Robotka – Vice President

Christa Reich – Secretary

Leslie Cody – Treasurer

Directors:

Bob Bogle

Herb Joyce

Colynn Kerr

There will not be a meeting in August, our next meeting is September 19th at 7 pm at the museum.

As always, call William King 403-647-3428 for a tour when the museum isn't open.




OPEN PLAY

WHAT
In this drop-in program, parents/caregivers and their children 0-6 years, engage together in self-guided play, which encourages healthy attachment and development.

WHEN
Wednesdays, July 10, 24 & August 7
10:30 am-12:00 pm

WHERE
Milk River Civic Centre
5213 Ave NE - Agraal Station

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Phenny
403-955-4077 (toll free)
Phenny.P@protonmail.com





PARK & PLAY

WHAT
In this program, parents/caregivers and their children, participate in movement and cognition through outdoor activities and play. Snacks will be provided.

WHEN
Wednesday, August 21
10:00-11:30 am
Monday parking

WHERE
Courts School Playground
36-5th Ave

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Phenny
403-955-4077
Phenny.P@protonmail.com







DROP-IN PLAY

WHAT
In this drop-in program, parents/caregivers and their children 0-6 years, engage together in self-guided play, which encourages healthy attachment and development.

WHEN
Mondays, July 15 & 22, August 12 & 19
10:30am-12:00 pm

WHERE
Warner FCSS
Village Office - 2013 Ave (west entrance)

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Phenny
403-955-4077 (toll free)
Phenny.P@protonmail.com

LEARN TO COOK


GENERAL INTEREST COURSE

WHAT
Thai Cooking Class
In this course, you will learn how to make a Thai chicken salad, lettuce rolls, homemade peanut sauce, and a noodle bowl. You will make the food during the class and bring home a meal for 2-4 people. Bring an apron and a few take home containers.

WHEN
Thursday, September 12
6:00-8:00 pm

WHERE
Milk River Civic Centre
5213 Ave NE

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Cost \$50
Stacey Maynes
403-796-5972 (toll free)
Stacey.M@protonmail.com





INTRO TO BAKING

GENERAL INTEREST COURSE

WHAT
Quick breads
In this course, you will learn how to bake "quick breads", which includes quick-bread and scones. No yeast is required. You will be provided with recipe and a listed product to take home.

WHEN
Monday, September 16
6:00-8:00 pm
Registration Deadline: September 11

WHERE
Milk River Civic Centre
5213 Ave NE, Milk River

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Cost \$40 (Max of 4 and Max of 12 registrations)
Stacey Maynes
403-796-5972 (toll free)
Stacey.M@protonmail.com





LADIES NIGHT OUT

GENERAL INTEREST COURSE

WHAT
Introduction to December Year Truth
Do you have trouble finding solutions that feel good on your body? Drawing Truth created by Carol Tuttle can help. Instructed by Counselor, Tonia Reed Walker, this session will introduce you to Carol Tuttle's system that is based on your true energetic nature. It's not only about style, it's about understanding how you mean, think, and act in the world! The night will end with a fun game of Bunko!

WHEN
Friday, September 27
6:00 - 8:00 pm

WHERE
Warner Library
206 9 Ave, Warner

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Stacey Maynes
403-796-5972 (toll free)
Stacey.M@protonmail.com



PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL
RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF WARNER
REGARDLESS OF LOCATION

International Youth Day August 12th

Celebrate International Youth Day by recognizing youths' contributions and empower them to be leaders in the community! Here are a few ideas to get you started.

How youth can participate in International Youth Day:

- Volunteer at your local library.
- Consider joining a local club, like 4-H, to connect with others who share your interests.
- Share your talents with the community through music, sports, art, or other activities.
- Spread kindness to fellow youth both in-person and online, creating a supportive environment for everyone.

How adults can participate in International Youth Day:

- Share local volunteering opportunities with youth.
- Mentor youth by sharing insights and advice based on your experiences.
- Help support youth-led projects and activities in your community.
- Connect youth with local churches, libraries, and organizations to help them to contribute and network within their community.
- Listen to youth perspectives and ideas.

Supporting youth at FCSS.

FCSS provides a wide range of programs and services for youth, including the Youth DO Crew program, which is a leadership and volunteering program for youth in the FCSS service area. This program gives participants the opportunity to develop skills in leadership, communication, and teamwork. For more information about youth programs and services, please visit our website at www.fcss.ca.

Submitted by:
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Youth Development Coordinator
Canada Summer Jobs Student



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Prairie Rose Lodge

We are having an amazing summer at PRL! This last month Terra has had some of the residents out golfing, swimming, we've taken in the local farmers market, enjoyed cool drinks on the patio, & we've also been having great turn outs for our Community Coffee each Tuesday morning! We don't want this great weather to end!

Coming up this month we're looking forward to a couple good ol' corn feasts here at the Lodge, we hope to get a couple more days of swimming at the pool in, & we'll definitely head back to the course to get a couple more rounds of golf in. One of our bigger outings will be a trip out to Gold Springs for campfire smore's, & some music around the campfire. Community Coffee will continue to run every Tuesday morning at 10:00am – please join us if your able!

We would like to express a heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone that made it out to our BBQ Fundraiser!! The turnout was so much more than we had expected, & the outpouring of support from special members of our community who donated to our silent auction, & also from those who showed up to bid was nothing short of amazing! The funds raised at this special event will go towards some new, much needed furnishings for the main common area in the Lodge. As our resident numbers rise & the community becomes more involved with our activities, we know this well used space will get even more love than it has in the past. We want to continue to make YOU all feel welcome & at home in our space as well. We would also like to thank the Ladies Auxiliary for coming out that day to help us serve & also for all the help with clean up. And to all our Staff, especially our Kitchen Staff (special shout out to Alisha & Cara!!) THANK YOU so much for all the extra work you put in to make this event such a success.

If you haven't already, be sure to give us a like & follow on social media! You can follow along with our weekly activities on both Facebook & Instagram. Some of our Residents are really enjoying getting to share a little peek into their lives!

Instagram: prairie_rose_lodge_rch
Facebook: Prairie Rose Lodge – Ridge Country Housing

MILK RIVER AG SOCIETY BONANZA DAY

Saturday, August 3rd

8:00 -10:00am **Pancake Breakfast @ Milk River Civic Centre SW Parking Lot**
(Sponsored by South Country Tire)

11:00am **Candy Parade – Theme “Anything Aggie”**

Parade Route – see reverse side

Line up 10:45 around football field track – no judging of entries

12:00 – 2:00pm **Fun on the Football Field for Everyone**

Concession (Beef-on-Bun, Hot Dogs and Beverages)

In Person Blacksmith Demonstration - Sponsored by Avail Accounting
(Watch Josh create/build gardening tools and more)

Boots The Goat Show – Sponsored by AM Service

Face Painting – Sponsored by Milk River Ag Society

Bouncy Houses – Sponsored by the Town of Milk River

Games & Music

1:00 – 7:30pm **Free Public Swim**

Additional Activities **Rory Russell Memorial Slowpitch Tournament Aug 2-4**
Concession available all weekend at Ball Diamonds
9:00 – 2:00am Saturday, August 3 – Cabaret