

**VILLAGE OF
COUTTS
NEWSLETTER
APRIL 2025**



YARD WASTE BAGS

Yard waste pick up will start on May 5th. Yard clippings must be in paper yard waste bags. Branches must be tied together in no more than 5' long bundles.

If you are cutting lots of bushes etc, and require the trailer, each residence is entitled to one free trailer load per year. Please call the office to book the trailer. You will be responsible for loading it. We will park it and haul it to the landfill.

YARDS

Peace Officers will be inspecting yards again by early June. To avoid getting a warning or ticket, please have your yard cleaned up.

COUTTS DAY— We know you are anxiously awaiting a theme so you can plan your floats. The theme this year will be **“Walk like an Egyptian”**. We're excited to see some creative ideas.

LOCAL CANADA POST NEWS

Welcome all children to your local Coutts Canada Post Office to our **“Delivering Spring”** Day. Come to the office anytime on Friday, April 11 to make a homemade Mother's Day and Fathers Day card, then stamp it and see it being delivered in the mail system. Stamps and supplies provided by Canada Post Volunteers. **Parents must be in attendance.**

It is also time for our Annual Community Foundation Fundraiser. Everyone welcome to enter your name in a draw. Tickets are \$1 each.

1st Prize—Hanging Basket

2nd Prize—Diamond Art Kit

Prizes are donated by your local Canada Post employees to support the Community Foundation Projects in Southern Alberta.

Thank you for your participation and we look forward to seeing you all.

Happy Spring from Tracy, Robbie, and Carla!

BORDER RASCALS SOCIAL CLUB

Welcome Spring and Easter. Border Rascals will have their monthly planning meeting on the 10th at 10am. This will also be followed on the same day by the book and bake sale at the library. Please bring a baked item for sale and help support your library.

Our monthly potluck will celebrate Easter and take place on the 24th of April at 5.30pm. Bingo and prizes will follow the supper.

On April 5th at 1pm, at the Rec Center, Sandra will have two different craft classes going on. If you would like to attend let us know ahead, so supplies can be provided. Lots of fun, learning and socializing.

NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

USED BOOK/DVD/VHS AND BAKE SALE

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

HERE AT THE LIBRARY! FILL A BAG FOR \$5.00

BRING YOUR OWN REUSABLE BAG OR GET A PLASTIC

BAG FROM US TO FILL UP!

**WE WELCOME DONATIONS OF BAKING FROM OUR LIBRARY PATRONS AND
COMMUNITY MEMBERS.**

PLEASE BRING BAKING ITEMS TO THE LIBRARY BY 2:30 TO GIVE US TIME TO PRICE
ITEMS.

Because we have set April 10 for this sale day we will be holding Book Club one week
later on April 17th at 2:00 pm at the library. This is for this month only, we will return
to the second Thursday of the month in May.

Hope to see you out for our sale!

STAY FOR SUPPER

Friend of the Coutts Library will be providing chili and a bun for
\$5. Proceeds will go to the Library Board to purchase items
needed for the library.

VILLAGE OF COUTTS TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY MAY 31, 2025

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ADDED TO THE MAP, PLEASE LET THE
OFFICE KNOW BEFORE MAY 22ND.



SEASON TO SEASON



MARKET EVENTS

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

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.



Milk River School – April 2025 News



Mini-Basketball Wind Up—The mini-ball windup will take place at Warner School on **Thursday, April 17**. The teams are having a fun season, playing games against each other and Warner! We sure have some enthusiastic mini-ball players and look forward to the wind-up!

On behalf of Milk River Ridge School, we would like to thank everyone for all the support we receive during the basketball season! Thank you to our coaches, players, referees, scorekeepers, parents, etc. We couldn't achieve such a successful season without all the help – greatly appreciated!

Run Club is back! We are running on **TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS** from **8:00-8:25 A.M.** The first day was **Thursday, March 6** and we'll run through until the end of May.

Badminton - The grade 6 – 12 students wishing to play have signed up for either single or doubles badminton. It is a quick season with Horizon Divisionals taking place the weekend of **April 4** and Senior High Zones the weekend of **April 12**. Good Luck to all our players.

Celebration of Learning – We will celebrate learning at Milk River Ridge School on **Tuesday, April 15** from **3:45 to 6:45 P.M.** All students from Kindergarten to Gr. 5 will be hosting their parents, in a “Student-led Conference/Open House”. This gives parents the opportunity to see how students are doing with real hands-on activities and samples of their work. We look forward to a fun filled evening with our parents and students.

Easter Break—**Friday, April 18** is Good Friday and the beginning of Easter break. Students will return to school on **Monday, April 28**. **Happy Easter!!**

Upcoming Events –

Tuesday, April 1 - Developmental Check-ups at Milk River School.

Thursday, April 3 – Grades 3–6 Field Trip to Tyrell Museum in Drumheller.

Friday, April 4 - “**Green Shirt Day**” - Milk River Ridge School will participate in an event in honor of the **Logan Boulet Effect**, supporting organ donor awareness and registration across Canada. Green is the official color of organ/tissue donation, symbolizing the hope organ donors provide to patients in need! There will be a 3 on 3 hockey tournament taking place from **8:35–12:00** for students, staff, parents, and community members! Sign up a team of 3-5 in the school office! We are also looking for goalies!

Parents and community members are encouraged to register as a team as well. Email: tyson.niwa@horizon.ab.ca for any further questions. Come out and cheer on the teams!

Thursday, April 10 – Grade 6–12 Report Cards.

Education Week—**April 7–12**— “**Learning Uplifts All**”. Education week is a celebration of community. The school is not just a building in the neighborhood, it is the foundation of the community. Education week celebrates the importance of education and the remarkable things happening in Alberta schools.

National Volunteer Week—National Volunteer Week is all about volunteer recognition. This year's celebration takes place the week of **April 27–May 3, 2025**. The theme for the 2025 campaign is “**Volunteers Make Waves**”, it highlights the power, impact and importance of individual and collective volunteer efforts across Canada. Like a wave, volunteering is movement building.

We are forever thankful to all the volunteers who take their time to provide us with the many extras that enhance our learning environment and make our school such a great place to be—what a wonderful community we live in . . . thanks so much! **Volunteers truly are the “HEART” of our community!**



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Yes I do Small Jobs

VINTAGE HAT DISPLAY



REMEMBER WHEN?

THE MILK RIVER MUSEUM WILL BE
OPEN ON APRIL 19TH FROM 1:00 TO
4:00

IF UNABLE TO SEE THIS DISPLAY
THAT DAY, PLEASE CALL WILLIAM
KING @ 403-647-3428 FOR A TOUR

OUR NEXT MEEETING WILL BE HELD
ON APRIL 17TH AT 7:00

Volunteers Make Waves

National Volunteer Week 2025 (NVW2025) is April 27th to May 3rd.

The theme for this year is Volunteers Make Waves! This theme highlights the power, impact and importance of individual and collective volunteer efforts across our community, province, and country.

Like a wave, volunteering is movement building. Water is in constant motion, always flowing, shifting, and transforming with every powerful wave or quiet ripple. And so is each volunteer's contribution toward creating impact in our communities.

Create Impact:

- **Attend Volunteer Fairs:** Participate in volunteer fairs to learn about local organizations and volunteer opportunities.
- **Support Local Initiatives:** Volunteer for events, projects, or programs that benefit your community.
- **Focus on Community Outreach:** Assist at hospitals, schools, faith-based, and non-profit organizations – such as FCSS!

Show Appreciation:

- **Celebrate Volunteers:** Participate in volunteer appreciation events or activities.
- **Show Gratitude:** Express appreciation for volunteers through cards, letters, or social media posts.

Volunteers are an integral part to the health and wellbeing of communities. The NVW2025 week celebrates and acknowledges their collective efforts.

For more information visit <https://volunteer.ca/national-volunteer-week/>. To learn more about volunteering at FCSS, contact Cindy Lauwen at (403) 915-7063.

Submitted by:
Cindy Lauwen
Volunteer Services Coordinator



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To Purchase Tickets
Contact Sheila Garber
@403-560-6164 or
sheilagarber83@gmail.com

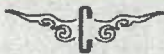
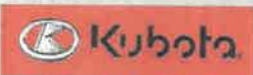


GORD BAMFORD

APRIL 12, 2025

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

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VIP TABLES

VIP Tables Options Available

\$1200 +TAX

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

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All
Ages
Show

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ADMISSION

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GENERAL
ADMISSION

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7:30 PM
8:30 PM
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ERHS/MRRS GRAD CLASS OF 2025

Spring Flowers Fundraiser

SPRING INTO GRADUATION – BUY FLOWERS,
SUPPORT OUR GRADS! 

SUPPORT MILK RIVER & COUTTS GRADS BY
ORDERING BEAUTIFUL SPRING FLOWERS! ORDER
ONLINE VIA ERLE RIVERS HIGH SCHOOL'S
FACEBOOK OR PICK UP AN ORDER SHEET AT
SMART ALICE. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



ORDERS ARE DUE MAY 8TH

@12:00PM

Collectables, Antiques and Vintage Sale

Do you have collectibles, antiques or vintage items to sell?

Are you looking for that collectible, antique or vintage item from your past?

When: June 14, 2025, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Where: Milk River Civic Centre

321 3rd Ave North East, Milk River

For more information or to become a vendor call:

Jera at (403) 393-8542

Or email mrdagsociety@outlook.com

In Addition, June 14, we are organizing the

Milk River Community Garage Sale

To register to be on the Community Garage Sale Map

call: Jera at (403) 393-8542

Or email mrdagsociety@outlook.com



Out of the Fire Studio

Pottery

Steals and Deals

Studio Blow Out

**2nds, not so perfect,
or just been around
for a long time**

**Coutts Community
Garage Sale**

May 31

218 2nd Street West

9 AM to 3PM



YOUTH RANGE DAYS

SAVE THE DATE

JULY 22-24, 2025

KIMBALL CAMPGROUND



Youth Range Days is a 3 day interactive camp in which youth will learn about working landscapes, the importance of native grasslands, plant ID, species at risk, how to create a ranch management plan, and more!!

Registration is 100\$

Contact Tyler at tyler@mrwcc.ca to register or with further questions



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Alberta

With wild fire season upon us, you may want to think about replenishing or making an emergency kit. Here are some items to consider.

Will you be ready in an emergency

When dangerous situations arise, it's important to act quickly. Having an emergency kit can help reduce the stress of making important decisions in urgent situations.

Get ready by building a kit. Choose bins, backpacks or rolling suitcases and fill them with supplies to last several days. Store them in a place where you can grab them quickly and easily.

Here's what to pack

Food and water

- Water (4L per person per day)
- Non-perishable food with high protein
- Trail mix/dried fruit
- Crackers and cereals
- Canned meat, fish and beans
- Canned/boxed juice

Clothing and bedding

- Change(s) of clothing appropriate for the season
- Extra undergarments and socks
- Raincoat, poncho, jacket
- Spare shoes
- Sleeping bag, blanket or emergency heat blanket

Light and fuel

- Battery-powered or crank flashlights/lamps
- Candles with candleholder
- Lighter
- Waterproof matches

Equipment

- Manual can opener
- Dishes and utensils
- Battery-powered or crank radio
- Extra batteries
- Pen and paper
- Pocket knife
- Duct tape
- Whistle
- Cell phone
- Extra charging cables and batteries
- Multi-tool and work gloves

Personal Supplies and Medication

- First-aid kit
- Personal hygiene supplies
- Tissue paper, toilet paper, and paper towels
- Over-the-counter medications and prescription
- Copies of prescriptions
- Back-up pair(s) of prescription glasses
- Pet food and supplies (including toys)
- Liquid detergent and soap
- Plastic wrap, aluminum foil, re-sealable bags
- Garbage and recycle bags
- Hand sanitizer and wipes
- Disposable dust and non-medical masks
- Sunscreen and bug spray

Documents and Identification

- Personal identification
- Copies of birth and marriage certificate, will, passports, citizenship papers
- Insurance policies
- Cash (small bills and change)
- Credit card information
- Copy of your emergency plan



- Contact list

- Personal items, if time allows (photos, computers, hard drive, heirlooms, etc.)

Distraction and comfort items

- Small toys and stuffed animals
- Playing cards and games
- Reading material
- Activity books and crossword puzzles
- Colouring books and markers
- Charging cords for electronic devices
- Notebook and pen
- Family photos

When you build your kit, consider additional needs such as:

- Pregnant or breastfeeding
- Infants and small children
- Mobility
- Cultural, religious, spiritual
- Severe allergies or dietary restrictions
- Chronic medical conditions and medical equipment with back up power (talk to your healthcare professional for advice)

Make a mini kit

Being prepared can take the inconvenience out of unexpected situations. A mini kit that goes where you go can help to keep you prepared for whatever comes your way. Items to consider including:

- Small amount of cash
- Hand sanitizer and extra non-medical mask
- Bus tickets
- Phone charger
- Package of wipes/tissues
- Painkillers and back up medication