

VILLAGE OF COUTTS NEWSLETTER



**JUNE
2023**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUTTS DAY

LET'S SEE YOUR FLOATS..The theme this year is MardiGras. See the attached poster.

SENIORS WEEK

In recognition of Seniors Week, the Village will be hosting a coffee and squares hour on Wednesday June 7th at 11 am. If you consider yourself a senior, you are welcome to come.

PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes will be mailed the week of June 19th. They are due August 31th. If you do not receive your taxes, it is your responsibility to have them resent.

Border Community Wellness Foundation is happy to announce that we have been approved for a grant from the Lethbridge and SW Alberta Community Foundation. This grant will enable our group, with the help of the Town of Milk River and Bordertown Autobody, to supply park benches and litter receptacles on walking paths in Milk River. We hope that people will continue to be active and mobile throughout the community striving for good health and social connectivity. Thanks again to our partners, and to the Lethbridge and SW Community Foundation for making this project possible. Have a wonderful walk!!

NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

Book club for this month is on Thursday June 8th at 2:00 pm at the library, hope you can join us.

BORROW AND WIN!

This June, each time you visit the library to borrow an item your name is entered to win The Ultimate Reading Challenge activity book. We encourage you to come in and participate in this challenge, you might be the winner!

A reminder that for the months of July and August our hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 2:00 – 7:00 pm. We will be closed on Wednesdays for these two months only.

We continue to get in new books and videos and have received a new audio book rotation collection for your enjoyment. Come in and check something out. Enjoy the sunshine while reading a great book!

THANK YOU

The Milk River Hospital Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank the **4-H Club and their leaders** for all the cleaning they did of the resident's garden at the hospital. They worked hard and did an incredible job. We would also like to thank **Riverside Market** for **donating** the yummy donuts that were enjoyed by everyone.

It's volunteers like these that make our communities the best place to live and raise our families.

MILK RIVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The museum will be open on Canada Day from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Please drop in for a tour and see all of the wonderful, local artifacts. Museum located at 113 – 1 st Avenue NW. The museum will also be open on Friday and Saturday during the months of July & August. Our next meeting will be held on June 15th, 7:00 pm at the museum. Everyone welcome! Our **Annual General Meeting will be held on July 22nd at 10:00 am**. This is where the election of officers for the next year will be held. We really need a treasurer, if anyone could help us out, that would be great.

As usual for tours at any other time, please call William King at 403-647-3428

HERITAGE HANDIBUS ASSOCIATION JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER

The Toyota Handibus is scheduled to travel to Lethbridge on June 7, 2023. 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. If 3 riders are not prepaid, the bus does not travel.

The both buses are available for charters.

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

The next meeting of the Heritage Handibus Association is June 14, 2023 at the Town Hall. Everyone is welcome, we are hoping for more community participation.



SALE

MOVING SALE

JUNE 3RD

10am -5pm

205 1ST Ave North

Coutts



DECLARATION

In honour of the past, present and future contributions of the seniors of this community and throughout Alberta, I hereby declare June 5 – 11, 2023 to be Seniors' Week in

Village of Cowras

Community

Mayor

Official Title

Jim Colton

Official Signature

Jeremy Nixon

The Honourable Jeremy Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services



CANADA DAY CELEBRATION

JULY 1, 2023

PLEASE LEAVE ALL PETS AT HOME

LOCATION: COUTTS SPRAY PARK

TIME: 4 PM

Come out and celebrate being Canadian with family and friends.

Hot Dogs and Cake

FIREWORKS AT DARK

Venez, Celebrez Qu'on est Canadien

Refraischissements, Jeux

Amusons-Nous Tous

Thank you to Canadian Heritage, Coutts & Dist Ag Society and Coutts Community Events for helping to fund this event. Thank you to Derek Smith for setting off the fireworks!

Merci a Canadian Heritage, Coutts & Dist Ag Society and Coutts Community Events pour le financement de cet evenement.

Canada



News from the Border Rascals Social Club

The warm weather and longer evenings make June a perfect bar-b-que time and traditionally we are planning on having a cook-out for our monthly potluck. Bring your favorite meat and we'll have the grill ready to go at 5:30 pm. Please consider cold items (like salads, chips or veggies) or dessert for the potluck as we start eating as the meats come off the grill and not necessarily all together at the same time.

Our May potluck was enjoyed by 17 of us. The meal was delicious and we enjoyed playing pool and shuffle board or just visiting after supper. On May 18th, 9 of us car pooled to Lethbridge/Coaldale where we shopped at no less than three garden centres and finished with lunch at the Broxburn Café at Garden Blooms Garden Centre. We also picked out some more new plantings for the Catholic- Community Cemetery beds as part of the on-going improvement efforts from our volunteer committee.

Coutts yard sale weekend was pretty "low key" this year. The club usually hosts a lunch counter, baking goods table, plant sale and 50/50 draw at the Rec' Centre to serve those who are going to the yard sale but due to so few participating this time, we cancelled our events at the Rec' hall. We always enjoyed having visitors and friends and neighbours stop by for a burger or a hotdog and stay to "sit a spell and shoot the breeze" and we missed that opportunity this year.

Our June executive meeting and monthly potluck will be the last of the summer as we recess for July and August. Just a reminder that we are a "social club" now not just for seniors!

Once again, our club will be entering a float in the Coutts Days parade on Saturday, June 17th. That weekend is a busy one in our village with the rodeo, ball tournaments and full camp grounds. It is a prime time to show off civic pride and hospitality to visitors and relatives. We may be small but we are mighty! The theme this year is "Mardigras" .

Wishing you all a pleasant summer and hope to see more of you joining the Border Rascals' Social Club in September. Our executive looks forward to seeing you at our open executive meetings and monthly suppers. Meetings are on the first Thursday of every month and the potluck on the forth Thursday of the month. Come join us at the Rec' Centre. from your executive;

Steve Pain, president Kris Rollins, vice-president
Mardell Pederson, treasurer Lynette Clark, secretary

MEALS ON WHEELS??

Border Community Wellness Foundation is an organization that serves Coutts Milk River and Warner. It's been suggested to this group to help have Meals On Wheels again in these Communities. Please contact Colleen at 403 344 4473 with your answers to the below questions if interested in **MEALS ON WHEELS in COUTTS**

Is there anyone living in Coutts that would like Meals on Wheels delivered to the front door? How many in your home need this Service?

How often would you like this Service?

every week day?

Served on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays?

or how often?

The individual PAYS for these meals

Is there any Groups and Organizations that could deliver these meals in Coutts?

Or individuals that would help with the Delivery?

When this Services was offered in Coutts in the '80's and 90's..... Meals were delivered by the church Groups. Church groups each would handle doing a month at that Time. Meals were pre-paid by the "Meal on Wheels Clients"

Prairie Rose Lodge HAPPENINGS

We've had a wonderful Spring here at PRL, & we are very excitedly gearing up for a great Summer! This past month we of course celebrated our Mothers. We had an entire week of extra special activities, & thanks to our Ladies Auxiliary, we had a great fun out for our Mother's Day Tea. The Ladies really went above & beyond in helping make all of our Mom's feel extra special. A very special thank you to all of you for that, & for everything you do!! We appreciate you!

This month, we will be planting all of our flowers thanks to a generous donation for the Auxiliary. Terra has some big adventures planned, including a trip to the Casino, a wine & cheese party, a movie & popcorn day, & we will of course be celebrating our Dad's with a Fathers Day BBQ. If The Shoe Fits will be here on June 14th, & as always, the community is welcome to join us!

We would also like to remind the Community that PRL participates with the Meals on Wheels Program. Meals on Wheels supports those who are unable to cook their own meals to maintain their independence by providing nutritious, delicious, and affordable meals prepared by the Staff at Prairie Rose Lodge. Applications are available at the Lodge, & if you would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact Karen or Terra at 403-647-3531.

Our Dining Room is also always open to any members of the Community that would like to come & enjoy a meal with our residents instead. Meals are \$8.00/each, & we ask that you just give our Kitchen Staff adequate notice to ensure a place can be set for you. If you'd like to burn a few of those delicious calories off, by "Mall Walking" our halls after your meal, that is also always an option for you!

From the Staff & Management of PRL...

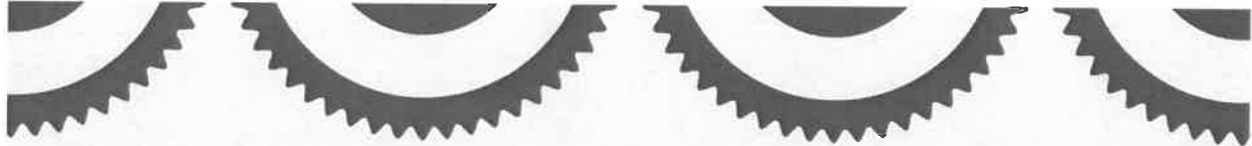
Happy Summer!!



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AND MORE
CALL JAKE**

CELL: 403-635-2013



WARNER & DISTRICT MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
EARLY REGISTRATION &
INFORMATION NIGHT



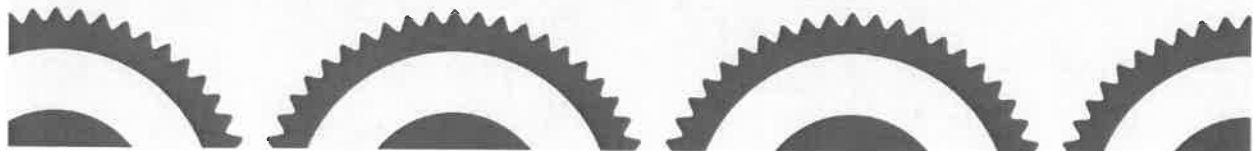
THURSDAY | JUNE 8 | 6:00PM @ ERLE RIVERS HIGH SCHOOL
THURSDAY | JUNE 15 | 6:00PM @ WARNER SCHOOL

Come out to register and/or learn more about what the 2023 Rec League season will offer and discover what the future possibilities are for Warner Minor Hockey!

Boys & girls of all ages & skill levels welcome!



Warner & District Minor Hockey Association





VILLAGE OF COUTTS
COUTTS DAYS CELEBRATION
Friday, June 16th - Sunday, June 18th 2023
THEME - MARDI GRAS

CANDY PARADE

SATURDAY 11 AM

FREE HOT DOG LUNCH

12 PM - COUTTS SCHOOL YARD
(Donations Accepted)

KIDS GAMES

SATURDAY 12:30-1:30 PM COUTTS SCHOOL YARD
Thanks to FCSS (Family community support services)

AG FAIR

SATURDAY 1 PM AT THE REC HALL
Entries Accepted 7-8pm Friday & 8-9am Sat at the Rec Hall

ENTERTAINMENT

PLAY BY *CURTAIN CALL*
"THE PRINCE WHO WOULDN'T TALK"
SATURDAY 1:30 PM
COUTTS SCHOOL GYM (Handicap access south end)

SLO PITCH TOURNAMENT ALL WEEK-END CONCESSION AVAILABLE

RODEO

FRIDAY 5 PM
SATURDAY 6 PM
SUNDAY 1 PM
BEER GARDEN & CONCESSION ALL WEEK-END

FIREWORKS

SATURDAY 11 PM

Sponsored by Coutts & District Ag Society, Coutts Community Events
& The Village of Coutts. A big thank you to all volunteers!



COUTTS DAY - FAIR LIST

AGE CATEGORIES - Adult Category, Children ages 10 - 15 and Children under 10 years.

REGULATIONS:

1. **Mark your AGE CATEGORY ON YOUR TAGS!**

- All entries must be clean, and the home made work of the Exhibitor
- All Exhibits must be in by 9 AM - Doors will be locked during the judging.
- JUDGING is done on the DANISH system** - 10, 9, 8 - First Place
7, 6, 5 - Second Place
4, 3, 2, 1- Third Place

*Judges Decision - will be **FINAL**

- Exhibitor's - may have only **ONE**, entry, in each class.
- All Entries must be Tagged - **Exhibitors are to fill out their own tags**, attach with paper clips or safety pins, do not use straight pins
- Flowers exhibited must be from your own garden, displayed in their own foliage, in a nice container.
- Flower arrangements can be complimented with various foliage, and please stay away from weeds if doing a wild flower arrangement.
- Label your entries with the correct variety name, if possible - this adds to the educational value of the Flower show, any comments are welcome - and in the cooking classes - recipes are welcome.
- All preserves must be sealed, to ensure health safety.
- All Entries **MUST BE LEFT AT THE FAIR** - until 4 pm
- Additional Fair tags, Fair lists, posters, etc are available at the Coutts Village Office

COUTTS DAYS - CRAFT COMPETITIONS - Adults & Children Categoris (under 10 & ages 10-15)

SEWING - (one item - per class) \$20.00	<u>GENERAL CRAFTS</u> - \$20.00
1. Adult Clothing	11. Ceramics
2. Childrens Clothing	12. Woodworking, any item
<u>STITCHERY</u> - \$20.00	13. Clay
3. Cross Stitch	<u>OTHER:</u> \$20.00
4. Embroidery	14. Thrift Item (something new from something old)
5. Needlepoint	15. Beadwork
6. Quilt/Afghans (special \$25.00)	16. Plastic Canvas Article
7. Crocheting	17. Pillow (over 12 inches x 12 inches)
8. Knitting	18. Wall Hanging
9. Blankets any size or style	19. Comupter Creation - (card, game, quiz etc)
10. Rugs	20. Any Article not mentioned above

** ONE - \$20.00 - FIRST PRIZE will be awarded - in each Age Category - Adults - Children under 10 & Children ages 10-15, and a SPECIAL PRIZE FOR QUILTS/AFGHANS \$25.00

COUTTS DAY - PLANT AND FLOWER SHOW - Adults -- 3 Blooms unless otherwise specified \$20.00

1. Columbine (3 blooms)	6. Marigolds (3)
2. Peony - 1 bloom	7. Lily (3)
3. Pansy - 6 blooms	8. Bleeding Heart - 2 spikes
4. Petunia (3)	9. Iris - 3 spikes
5. Rose - 1 Bloom	10. Any flower not mentioned above

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

11. Mixed Bouquet	12. Flower Arrangement - any type - please specity (dried, miniature, wild flower, all green etc) \$20.00
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PLANTS - \$20.00

13. Blooming Plant (1)	15. Cactus (1)
14. All Green Plant (1)	16. Odd Plant (considered unique)

**ONE - \$20.00 - FIRST PRIZE in Flowers, ONE-FIRST in Arrangements & ONE-FIRST in Plants

COUTTS DAY - FAIR LIST

ART & PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION - Ages 16 and up

PRIZE

<u>CATEGORIES:</u>	1. Scenic	\$20.00
	2. People/Animals/Humorous	\$20.00
	3. Cluster of Pictures (3-6 pics depicting a theme/story)	\$20.00

MAXIMUM of two (2) pictures/item - per Entrant - per category

All pictures must be framed or mounted

A Fair Tag must be securely attached

****ONE - \$20.00 - FIRST PRIZE will be awarded in Art --- THREE - FIRST PRIZES in Photography**

COOKING/BAKING/PRESERVES COMPETITIONS: (Adults and children)

3 pieces of baking required for each category-unless specified otherwise-please specify "KIND"

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| 1. Bread - 1 loaf, specify kind | 16. Fudge (3 pieces), any kind, specify |
| 2. Fruit Loaf, or quick Bread - 1 loaf | 17. Candy (3), any kind, specify |
| 3. Buns - (3 buns) | 18. Home made Chocolates (3) |
| 4. Rolls (3 any kind - specify) | 19. Nutritious Snack (3 pcs, identify type) |
| 5. Cake - 1 layer (plain or iced) - 1 item | 20. Popcorn Balls (3) |
| 6. Cake - Decorated - 1 item | 21. Pizza - home made - 2 pieces |
| 7. Baking Powder Biscuits (3) | 22. any item, not mentioned above (ident.) |
| 8. Decorated Cup Cakes (3) | |
| 9. Muffins (3), specify | |
| 10. Cookies (3), baked | |
| 11. Cookies (3), not baked | |
| 12. Doughnuts (3), specify | |
| 13. Pie, any type, specify - 1 item | |
| 14. Squares (3), specify | |
| 15. Jelly Roll - 1 item | |

PRESERVES - 1 SEALED JAR

23. Pickles (1), any kind, specify
24. Relish (1), any kind, specify
25. Jelly (1), any kind, specify
26. Jam (1), any kind, specify
27. Any Preserve, not mentioned above

NO NUTS, OR RAISINS

****ONE-\$20.00 - FIRST PRIZE to be given out in each of the following categories - Baking, Desserts, & Preserves Prizes will be given out - per age group - Adult - Children under 10 - & Children ages 10-15**

GRAIN COMPETITION -- GRAIN SAMPLES TO BE GROWN IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR

MUST BE DROPPED OFF AT KERV'S KORNER OR THE COUTTS VILLAGE OFFICE - 5 DAYS IN ADVANCE

Grain will be judged on protein, weight, color etc

***please name the grain VARIETY**

MUST HAVE A FAIR TAG - ATTACHED TO THE BAGGIE (ENTRANTS NAME TO BE COVERED)

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|-----------------|---------|---------------|---------|
| 1. Spring Wheat | \$20.00 | 4. Barley | \$20.00 |
| 2. Durum | \$20.00 | 5. Oil Seed | \$20.00 |
| 3. Winter Wheat | \$20.00 | 6. Other Seed | \$20.00 |

One FIRST PRIZE (\$20.00) to be awarded in each of the six categories.

COUTTS DAY SPONSORED BY: The Coutts and District Agricultural Society

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO WORK IN - THE MANY EVENTS DURING COUTTS DAYS - WITHOUT YOU - THIS DAY WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE.

THANK YOU for attending our Coutts Day events, hope you had fun, see you next year!

Coutts Days Fair Tag

fold over to cover name

Name:



Class:

Category:

Age (Kids only):

Comments:

Coutts Days Fair Tag

fold over to cover name

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