

# VILLAGE OF COUTTS NEWSLETTER



**MAY  
2022**



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Cemeteries Working Group**

A cemeteries working group is being formed to do some maintenance and upgrades to both of the Village cemeteries. If you would like to be part of this group, please contact Mardell Peterson at 403-344-3886. A few days were spent before the snow came, and the beds were cleaned out at the Holy Angels Cemetery, and trimming was started at the Anglican one. Thank you to Steve Pain for working so hard on this. Work days will be arranged once the weather turns to spring. The Village will also accept donations and give tax receipts if you would like to donate a monetary amount.

### **COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE**

The community garage sale will go ahead as planned on May 28th. There are 8 locations signed up. If you would like to be added please notify the Village Office prior to May 20 to allow time for advertising.

### **COUTTS DAY**

Coutts Day will be June 19th. It will be the 50th Coutts Day, so we're hoping for a lot of participation. Look for the information posted on the next pages.

### **YARD WASTE**

Yard waste pick up will begin on May 2nd, weather depending. Waste must be in brown bags, and branches bundled in 6' sections.

### **COUNCIL MEETINGS**

For those uncertain, Council Meetings are open to the public and are the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 in the Civic Centre. Residents are allowed to observe only, unless added to the agenda to address concerns or ideas.

## **HERITAGE HANDIBUS ASSOCIATION MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER**

The Toyota Handibus is scheduled to travel to Lethbridge on May 4, 2022. The cost will be \$40.00 per person with a minimum of 3 riders. You are required to book the ride 24 hours in advance with payment at that time. If 3 riders are not prepaid, the bus trip will be cancelled.

The Big and Small buses are both available for charter trips.

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

The Heritage Handibus 2021 General meeting will be May 11, 2022, 6:30 PM at Milk River Town Hall.

Everyone is welcome to attend

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Councillor Scott MacCumber

**Milk River Health Professionals Attraction & Retention Committee** – On April 5, 2022, we had our Annual General Meeting. At that meeting we decided to change our name from the “Quad Municipality Healthcare Support Committee” to the “Milk River Health Professionals Attraction & Retention Committee”, because we felt that it better identifies our location in the province, it better states our purpose, and it may help differentiate us from other local healthcare support groups or foundations in our area. Following our AGM, we had a regular meeting. We received a \$2500 donation from the Kinsmen Club of Milk River for assisting them in selling Corvette tickets. A big thank you to the Kinsmen as this donation helps us to recognize our local healthcare providers and offer scholarships to our current healthcare employees and our high school grads who may pursue post secondary studies in a healthcare related field. In the month of May we recognize National Physiotherapy Month, Speech and Hearing Month, National Physicians Day on May 1<sup>st</sup>, Mental Health Week from May 2 – 8, National Nursing Week from May 10 – 16, National Receptionists Day on May 11, International Nurses Day on May 12, World Family Doctor Day on May 19, and Alberta Rural Health Week from May 24 to 28. The search for a second doctor continues and our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, in the Milk River Town Hall Council Chambers.

**Recreation Board** – We had an AGM and regular meeting on April 13, 2022. We received several ideas for recreational activities, such as refreshing the tennis court, adding a pickleball court, marking lines on the basketball court, creating a disc golf course, adding items to the spray park, and building a mini-putt course. All great ideas. We have decided to first tackle the tennis court by resurfacing it and adding lines for both tennis and pickleball. We are going to take it one project at a time, depending on weather, cost, availability of materials, etc. Other ideas that were sent in were event ideas that while not in the mandate of the Rec Board, as our purpose is to provide infrastructure and facilities, could be done by other groups or individuals. These ideas included the Coutts Day breakfast, gopher hunts, scavenger hunts, poker runs, horseshoe tournaments, mixed slow-pitch nights, and bingo nights. Our next meeting is scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Milk River Watershed Council of Canada** – Our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for May 26<sup>th</sup>. There are open seats on the Council. If you are interested and want more information, you may contact Tim or Mary at the Council office (647-4342 or 647-3808). Or check out the website at [mrwcc.ca](http://mrwcc.ca)

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## LADIES LEAGUE GOLF

Wednesday evening Ladies League Golf starts May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Shelby at [Shelby.bock@gmail.com](mailto:Shelby.bock@gmail.com)

League fees are \$30/member or \$120/team.



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Contact Deb Poin  
403-603-8578  
OR come to Library  
May 12th  
@ 2pm.

## Warner Adult Learning – May 2022 Newsletter

Calling all Seniors: Come be a Pen Pal to a student  
For more information or to register call



403-421-0036



!!!Conversational French Class Raymond!!!

Wednesdays May 4 – 25

Call 403-421-0036 for details & to register

\*\*Fairy Garden in a Planter\*\* May 19, 2022 Call for  
information or to register 403-421-0036

\*!!\*PAINT DAY\*!!\*

May 28, in Warner - Saturday 1:00 – 4:00

Call to register or for information 403-421-0036

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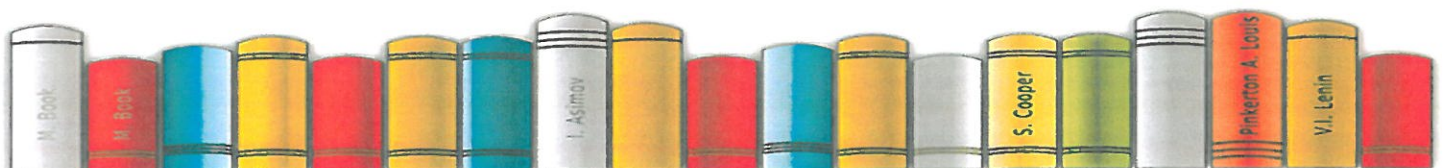
### NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

Public use computers are once again available to use if you have the need to do so.

Come and join our Book Club for a fun afternoon at the Coutts Library! Join us once a month for a discussion of a BOOK OF YOUR CHOICE, sharing it with others. Very little or no cost is involved. Open to all. Come support our library. Contact Deb Pain 403-603-8578 or come to the library on Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm to find out a little more about this new venture.

We continue to get new materials and we have been purchasing more audio books to add to the collection.

We still have a few more prizes left from our "Find the Bee" in the library contest that are available if you haven't found the bee yet, come and have a look and check something out while you are at it.





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## PRAIRIE ROSE LODGE BIT'S & PIECES- MAY-2022

All of us know that April showers bring May flowers. News Flash! There will be no May flowers in Southern Alberta. If Mother Nature doesn't fess up soon, there will be no hay or crops either. Well it could always be worse.

Everyone knows we've had no manager for months at the Lodge, and this weekend Terra is not available. The Lodge article must be in by Monday AM. Looks as though I am free to schedule a number of activities and Terra will need to put them in place-what fun.

I really commend our staff at the Lodge-they have stepped up and carried on with their responsibilities. They are the ongoing constant at the Lodge and have fulfilled the void. Many thanks to all of you for carrying on and serving our residents.

Our birthday party is Wed. May 11<sup>th</sup>. Our one birthday is for Cal Rutt-we have not had a biography on Cal as he has not been here that long. As of now, I do not know the entertainment but we will have cupcakes and ice cream. We are still limited to only 4 Auxiliary members and no public.

I am sure our new Manager & Terra will appreciate the suggestions from all the residents. May the first residents gather wild flowers, weave them into crowns and crown a May King & Queen. Everyone decorates a Maypole then dances around the pole-led by the King & Queen. On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, residents are served Truffles. May 4<sup>th</sup> all residents venture out and record all the different birds around the Lodge. May 5<sup>th</sup>-Cinco de Mayo celebrations of a Mexican theme would be enjoyed by all. May 9<sup>th</sup> is Mothers Day -the day to pamper all the Mothers. May 10<sup>th</sup> is National "Stay Up All Night", night. May 14<sup>th</sup> is National Biscuit day; 15<sup>th</sup> is National Chocolate Chip day; May 25<sup>th</sup> is National Wine Day, followed by National Blueberry Cheesecake day on the 26<sup>th</sup> and Hamburger Day on the 28<sup>th</sup>. These are just a few ideas for the residents to present to Terra. If there is time, there will be a Mother's Day craft along with the usual games and activities. It would be so exciting also, if residents could take a drive in the country one nice warm day.

Bingo is a weekly event and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday (May 19<sup>th</sup>) the Lutheran Ladies will be hosting the evening for residents. Bingo is really enjoyed by so many of the residents and we appreciate the support from the community organizations and families for sponsoring the monthly events.

We welcome 2 new members to our Auxiliary-Noreen Blackmer and Amy Horgus. New ideas and input is so welcomed. Anyone wishing to come to our meetings-they are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 2 PM at the Lodge and lasts 2 hours. We then have coffee and treats and visit.

I really look forward to having information from Terra and our Manager for our next article.

Once you are over the hill, you tend to pick up speed-a very true statement. Remember to be kind and understanding. God Bless All. Emma Hulit

**Ladies-Important date-** Personal Touch Fashions on May 3<sup>rd</sup> plus there will be a lady bringing shoes for sale. See you there.

# COUTTS DAY 2022

JUNE 17-19

## Saturday June 18

**Breakfast:** There is an opportunity for a service group to put on a breakfast the Saturday morning. Our grills will be available for use. We will not be serving our regular breakfast unless a group comes forward to host it.

**Parade:** Parade Theme is "The 1970's", as the first Coutts Day would have been in the 70's.

**Lunch:** Hot Dogs at the school grounds went over well for our Summer Celebration, so we will be doing that. A few volunteers would be appreciated. This will be free, with donations appreciated to cover costs with events. ***We have enough volunteers for this...thank you!***

**Kids Games:** A group of volunteers is needed in order to have kids' games. A budget will be given for prizes or supplies. The bouncy houses and games we have will be available for use. Without a group of volunteers, the kids games will not be held.

**Entertainment:** We have awesome entertainment booked. **The Popovich's.**

<https://www.richardanddeborah.com/> . We hope lots of people come to enjoy them.

These are the areas that Coutts Community Events (Lori) looks after. If you would like to volunteer, please call the Village Office.

There are lots of activities going on that weekend where many hands are required for a good experience for the residents and visitors alike. Please consider donating an hour or 2.

Thank you, Lori

**The Ag Fair** will be held in the Rec Hall as usual. It's a good time to start thinking about what you can put in.

Categories are Baking, Canning, Crafting, Sewing, Photography, plants, flowers, grains, etc. Both Adult and Kids categories.