

# VILLAGE OF COUTTS NEWSLETTER



**JANUARY  
2023**



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PREPAYMENT OF TAXES AND UTILITIES**

Looking ahead to 2023, you may want to save a little money and prepay your taxes and/or utilities. Residents can save 1 month of the base bill for 1 month on utilities by prepaying for the year, if paid in January. The amount payable is \$412.50, for this you will receive a credit of \$450.00. Businesses and Residents alike can save on their taxes. Any amount paid in January will receive 5% towards their payment, and 4% if paid in February. For example if you pay \$100 in January, you will receive a credit of \$105, if you pay \$100 in February, you will receive a credit of \$104.00.

### **COUTTS RECREATION & ARTS SOCIETY – PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

Since 2010, our Society has kept the same membership rates, but we are currently experiencing higher operational costs and diminishing revenue sources. So, at our November 30, 2022, meeting, a motion was passed to increase our membership fees effective January 1, 2023.

Individual membership was \$40.00 per year and is now **\$60.00 per year**.

Couple membership was \$70.00 per year and is now **\$100.00 per year**.

Family membership was \$100.00 per year and is now **\$130.00 per year**.

These new rates will come into effect January 1, for new members or at time of renewal for current members. Applications and payments are taken care of at the Village office.

Currently, the gym and workout room are closed due to a water leak on Dec 24<sup>th</sup>. Once the remediation has been completed, notice will go out.

### **Activities Update from The Ladies Auxiliary – Prairie Rose Lodge:**

It has been a quiet month for our ladies auxiliary this month. No birthdays to celebrate, just the anticipation of the biggest birthday of all!

We held a special thieving elves bingo game. Residents won a gift instead of a loonie. The twist; their gift could have gotten stolen by a thieving elf! We do have some very mischievous elves/residents here, so we thought this might prove interesting. We had 18 residents attend. A good time was held by all! Snacks and visiting followed. We also had a wonderful impromptu coffee date with some of the residents.

A big thank you to the residents who provided us with a few new Christmas goodies recipes! We are hoping to have a day of making the "Oh so good" rice Krispie caramel marshmallows. A favorite of one of the residents. I was also excited to try my hand at making scotch shortbread this year. The recipe also given by one of the residents. I never knew the difference between regular shortbread and scotch shortbread. Scotch shortbread is a lot more work! I think it passed the taste test!

**A big Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us on the Ladies Auxiliary. Have a good holiday season.  
We look forward to serving in new ways in the New Year!**

## **Christmas Food Hamper and Angel Tree Program**

Every year I sit down to thank people for their support of the Christmas Hamper and Angel Tree programs I am so completely overwhelmed with how supportive our community is. A "thank you" never seems enough... I wish I had more to express how thankful I truly am! Because of the support we received, 27 Christmases will be a little brighter. First off I would like to thank Linda Cavanaugh who did such an amazing job organizing the food and getting the hampers ready to go. Thank you also to her helpers this year: Jane and Naomi Reese, Connie Ainscough, and Paula Jack. Daria Snow was a great helper to me with the Angel gifts and I send a huge thank you to her! Thank you to everyone who donated food and purchased packages at Riverside Market. Also sending huge thanks to the Town of Milk River for their amazing support of us with providing space and a spot for the tree and gifts (without Kim and Trudi none of this would possible), Riverside Market for their kind and generous support, The Village of Coutts and to the amazing Coutts employees of CBSA for their incredible donation of breakfast items for the hampers.

We would like to thank all the wonderful people that helped to deliver the hampers. This year we had help delivering from Community Peace Officers, RCMP, ATCO Gas, Derek Hacke and Warren Cunningham, and Jeff Austin with The Sheriffs. Having your help was greatly appreciated. A special note of Thanks to Tanya and Monti Smith for being such a great help with Coutts deliveries! You guys are truly impressive!!!

Finally, we have had some amazing community donations to be thankful for. Brad and Bailey Hoytos & Family made a very generous donation to each family. We also had a thoughtful donation of a little treat for each family that was so appreciated.

We may be a small community, but we certainly have a huge heart! So many of you donated food, and money and gifts and that really is the heart of these programs and what makes them happen each year! Each person in our community that helped gets a sincere thank you from the very bottom of my heart!!!!

Darlene Fleming  
Angel Tree Program

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## **PRAIRIE ROSE LODGE**

Despite weathering our third Covid outbreak in early December, we have had a fun filled month here at Prairie Rose Lodge! Thankfully, our daily activities were not at all interrupted... Our hairdressers were still able to provide all of their services to our residents - keeping them as beautiful as ever, & Terra did an amazing job at finding extra special activities to keep everyone busy! There were many afternoons filled with laughter, & love, as we anticipated the upcoming Holiday Season.

A big thanks to the ladies from Personal Touch Fashion for making it in this month! It was an ideal time for us all to finish up our last-minute Christmas Shopping!

On a sad note, we said goodbye to one of our beloved residents this month. We would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to the Erickson Family. Jean was a treasured member of our PRL Family. She was loved by so many, & she will forever be deeply missed.

This month we are very much looking forward to the Handi-Bus being back up & running! Terra has lots of surprise outings planned for our residents, & we intend to celebrate all the good things the New Year has to offer!

A thank you as well to all of the Family & loved ones that we saw coming & going this past month. The Holidays have been such a great time to connect with so many of you, & it has been such a pleasure to see all the extra joy you have brought to the lives of our residents.

From our Families to yours...we hope you have all had the Merriest Christmas ever, & we look forward to serving you in the New Year!!



Happy New Year to everyone. We wish you all the Best for 2023. We have lots of ideas to get this year rolling. Stay tuned for lots of fun ahead.

This is our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we are starting to plan a well-deserved celebration, if you have any ideas or want to help us, we need your input so don't be shy. Contact one of our directors or send an email or FB message.

Ongoing events at the Civic Centre:

- Pickleball - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 1:30 - 3:30PM  
call Sharon for more info, 647-647-2236
- High Fitness - Tuesday 6:00-7:00PM (in the Agora Room)  
call Jenna for info, 403-330-3410
- Let's Move...for the Health of it-Mondays and Wednesday 9:30-10:30AM  
look for their poster in this newsletter

Upcoming events at the Civic Centre:

- Rollerskating - Friday Jan 13 and 27<sup>th</sup> 7-9PM, Feb 3 7-9PM
- FCSS - Wednesday Jan 25 9AM, Feb 1 9AM

Follow us on FB: <https://www.facebook.com/mrdagsociety>

Our email address is [mrdagsociety@outlook.com](mailto:mrdagsociety@outlook.com)

Check us out at: [Milk River & District Ag Society - Home](#)

# Veranda Moving Sale

## 316 Centre Avenue

January 15th only  
10am to 4pm



## Furniture and many household items

## Job Posting

### Milk River East Water Co-Op- Part time position- Administration

Closing Date: 15Jan2023

Wage: \$20/hr

Qualifications:

- Experience drafting correspondence and handling financial processes
- Experience in working with Microsoft Office- Word, Excel, Outlook, with preference given to experience in Sage accounting or similar accounting programs.
- Possess effective interpersonal and communication skills that will allow them to build a collaborative working relationship with board of directors and general membership
- Have an independent work ethic
- Excellent attention to detail with a high degree of accuracy
- Excellent organizational skills

Duties:

Assist in the preparation of operating budget and maintain inventory / budgetary controls.

Maintain Accounts Receivable/Accounts payable and reconcile monthly bank statements. Keep record of Capital expenditures.

Assemble data and prepare periodic and special reports, maintain procedures manuals and filing system for correspondence.

Attend meetings , record minutes, pick up mail, and handle correspondence. Note: The board currently holds director's meetings remotely via videoconferencing with Annual General Meeting of all members held in person.

For more information call President Paul Blust at 403-647-2499

Please submit resume to:paulblust@icloud.com

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## Milk River Historical Society

Since we are at the end of the year, we thought it would be nice to look back on some of the comments people left in our guest book at the museum this year:

Mike, Andrea & Tarryn - "Thanks William! Great tour and so informative!"

Don & Shirley from Calgary - "A lot of memories here".

Mary & Jon - "Thank you William for a wonderful, guided tour of your museum".

Susan & Dave from Fernie BC "Thank you Mr. King for the amazing tour! So much local knowledge and talent! Much appreciated." Kris from Coutts -" A fine tour and history lesson".

Megan & Dominic from Calgary - "Oh what a fun, information packed tour! Thank you for walking us through."

Mitchell & Anke from Colorado Springs CO - "A super place. William King is the best!"

Maurice & Donna from Onoway AB - "Very interesting. William is a treasure to have doing the tours. Thanks!"

Dustin from Newfoundland working at Writing on Stone - "Best tour I've ever been on. Mr. King has an infectious passion – Loved it".

We also had people sign their names from as far away as Denmark, Provo UT and Edmonton.

If you would like a tour of our wonderful museum, please call William King at 403-647-3428

Our next meeting will be February 16, 2023, at 7pm at the museum

We would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous new year. Thank you everyone for the support of our museum during the past year.



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## SOUTHERN ALBERTA OUTDOORSMEN

### UPCOMING EVENTS

All events subject to AHS rules



**Predator Hunt** – Friday, January 6, 2023 From Sunup to Sundown Friday and bring your result in to **Measuring Day** at Heritage Hall the next day at noon to enter points and socialize.

**Measuring Day** - Saturday, January 7, 2023 – Heritage Hall, Milk River, AB.

Open at 9:00 a.m. Entry Cut Off is 12:00 noon, sharp. SAO will have soup and buns for sale

**\*\*Antlered Entries** must be accompanied by a license and tag number and all wildlife entries must be clean (no residual flesh), dry, and free of odor. (Or can be rejected)

**\*\*Photo Contest** for photographers of all ages with three categories - Wildlife, Open, and Scenery for Juniors (Under 16) and Adults.

Photos must be presented unframed and no smaller than a 5" x 7" and must be taken by the person entering them as well as being a member of SAO.

## **AGM – January 10, 2023, 7:30 p.m. at Milk River Town Hall Council Chambers**

This will be the first ½ hour of our regular meeting. We would like to see as many possible attend.

**Outdoorsmen<sup>9</sup><sup>th</sup> Annual Swap Meet & Gun Show** - March 11, 2023, Milk River Civic Center, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Guns, Hunting, Optics, Re-loading and Fishing Gear. \$500.00 door prize, Admittance \$5.00

**\*\*Vendor tables** \$25.00. Call: Rodger King 403-344-2124 Scott Tollestrup 403-642-7728

Craig Blackmer 403-344-2146 R Clayton Taylor 403-634-7258

**Awards Banquet** - Saturday, Feb 11, 2023– Cou tts Civic Center, AB. – 4:30 p.m. (Note the earlier than usual date.)

The evening will begin with socializing, silent auction, raffles and cocktails. Banquet at 6:00 pm  
Come on out for a fun night! Tickets will be available from the Executive starting Measuring Day

**Gopher Hunt** – Saturday, May 6, 2023 – Meet at the Heritage Hall, Milk River, AB - for refreshments after an ethical day of hunting and disposal of the gophers. Bring tails only, for count, by 5:00 p.m.

SAO will supply hot dog supper

**Family Fishing Weekend and Camp Out** – June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> tentatively at Taber Kinsmen Park at Chin bridge. If we are unable to obtain booking here, Hutterite Bay will be 2<sup>nd</sup> choice.

This year, during Campout weekend, we will be drawing for another exciting new raffle. We are raffling another e-bike! This can be traded back to our supplier for our purchase price on any other e-bike they sell. Watch for the announcement on FB when ticket sales go on line. Some of the raffle proceeds in 2022 were sent to ACA to provide some 12-14 inch stockers for Gold Springs Park.

*Happy New Year*

# Pop-Up Flower Shop!



Not your average blooms! These flowers are of a high quality, with thick leaves and foliage that present a sense of luxury you just cant find from your typical retailer. The same quality flowers you would see at a professionally appointed wedding, available to you right here in Coutts!

Bouquets available for Valentines Day:

\$60 each

Delivery available for an additional:

\$10 Coutts

\$15 Milk River

\$25 Warner

Quantity is limited reserve yours today!

Bouquets to include 12 floral stems:

Red Roses, Quicksand Roses, Burgundy Ranunculus, and Cremon Chrysanthemums

Contact Information:

Email: [ryleigh@analogvc.com](mailto:ryleigh@analogvc.com)

Facebook: Coutts Pop-Up Flower Shop

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## AGM

Coutts Municipal Library Board

Tuesday January 17, 2022

6PM in the Coutts Library

All Welcome!!

We are always looking for some more members

To participate on the board!

See you there!



# AGM

**January 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm**  
**in the**  
**Library at the Historic**  
**Coutts School**

**The public is encouraged to attend.**  
**The regular monthly meeting will follow.**





# Southern Alberta Outdoorsmen E BIKE RAFFLE

Tickets may be purchased  
from many local merchants  
or most SAO members

Draw June 3 2023  
licence #618908  
must be 18 to purchase

2nd prize  
**\$1200**

Tickets \$20.00

3rd prize  
**\$650**



9<sup>th</sup> Annual

Southern Alberta Outdoorsmen

# Swap Meet & Gun Show



**March 11, 2023**

**Milk River Civic Center**

**10am – 4pm**

Breakfast & Lunch Concession!

**Admission**

**\$5 (12 & under FREE)**

**Tables**

**\$25**

\$500 sport shop gift certificate door prize  
donated by the Southern Alberta Outdoorsmen

**DRAW IS AT 4PM**

**Buy-Sell-Trade**

- Sporting
- Fishing
- Hunting
- Hobbies

For more info or to reserve tables  
Please contact:

**Scott: 403-642-7728**

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