

# VILLAGE OF COUTTS NEWSLETTER



**NOVEMBER  
2021**



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **COUNCIL NEWS**

At the Organizational Meeting on October 12th, council elected Jim Willett as the Mayor and Scott MacCumber as the Deputy Mayor. Council is looking forward to a productive term.

### **TRAILERS/CARS ON STREETS**

The snow will be here soon, please move all trailers and vehicles that are not in use off the streets. This is necessary for plowing.

### **CORVETTE TICKETS-VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Coutts Community Events will be selling Corvette Tickets in the Mall Nov 1-7th. One shift left to fill Nov 5 3:30-9pm. Please call Lori at the office if you are available. Thank you to everyone that is volunteering to work for the various non-profit groups in our communities.

### **FEEDING WILDLIFE**

Wildlife need space to feel comfortable. Please stay an appropriate distance away from them. Any wild animal may become aggressive if it feels threatened, so ensure pets are on leash and under control at all times. Please do not feed any wildlife or birds; it can cause dependency on and aggression toward humans, as well as unnatural feeding patterns and overcrowding. When we respect the needs of wildlife, we can help them to live natural, balanced lives. Leaving food out for any wildlife will also bring in unwanted critters such as badgers and skunks. PLEASE do not leave food out for animals of any kind.

### **CEMETERIES**

If you would like to volunteer to help beautify the Village cemeteries, please call the office. A committee is being formed to donate some time in the spring to do weeding, planting, and sprucing up the cemeteries. If you would like to donate a cash donation, it would be gratefully accepted and used to make improvements. A Tax Receipt can be issued for any donation over \$25.00.

## **ANNUAL POPPY CAMPAIGN**

The annual Poppy Campaign begins on October 29, 2021. You will find poppy boxes at Kerv 's Korner, ATB, Post Office, Village Office and Hills of Home. Please pick up your poppy and leave a donation. The donations collected in our area stay in our area and benefit many essential services such as the Fire Departments, the Clinic and Halo Air Ambulance.

The members of the Foremost Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion would like to send our a HUGE "Thank you" to all of you for your generous donations to the Poppy Campaign.

Since 1992, donations totaling \$7,768.35 have been donated back to the community. This would not be possible without your continued support. Once Again, Thank YOU!

## 2022 MILITARY SERVICE RECOGNITION BOOKS

The annual publication helps identify and recognize many military service members and Veterans who serve or have served our country. Stories are now being collected for the 2022 submission. Anyone may submit Veterans stories, pictures, clean jokes or a poem. Submission stories have a maximum of 500 words and should include a photo of the identified Veteran. Photos and other information will NOT be returned, so please scan and email or copy and mail it with your submission. Submission deadline for the 2022 book is January 21, 2022. No Exceptions. Submission forms that are necessary to accompany your story, photo, etc are available at the Coutts Village Office. These books are free and are delivered to the Foremost legion later on in the year. Call (403) 666-2260 if you'd like to receive a copy. There will be a charge if mailing is requested. Email submissions to: [veteran-book@fenety.com](mailto:veteran-book@fenety.com), or mail to: Military Service Recognition Book; PO Box 1266 Station "M", Calgary, AB T2P 2L2.

## NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

A reminder that the library will be closed on Thursday November 11<sup>th</sup>.

I am pleased to announce that Telus has donated a collection of 15 smart hubs for Chinook Arch rural member libraries for public borrowing and we were fortunate to be one of the recipients. The devices provide free WIFI to patrons with data costs covered by Telus. Each catalogued device is provided in a Chinook Arch branded tote bag along with the Telus packaging (including a sales rep contact information sticker for patrons wishing to purchase their own device) and a guide sheet. You cannot place a hold on this item, you must come to the library to pick it up and return it. Smart Hubs provide reliable, high-speed internet access with no installation required. Ours can be borrowed for up to one week. Must be borrowed and returned from the front desk.

If you like contests, Chinook Arch is sponsoring another fun one.

**LET US MAKE YOUR SEASON MERRY AND BRIGHT!** Share your favourite way of making your season merry and bright with us and be entered to win one of five \$300 prize packs that include: \$150 gift card to Real Canadian Superstore, \$100 gift card to Park Place Mall, \$50 gift card to The Grey Goat. Enter online at [https://bit.ly/CA\\_HolidayContest](https://bit.ly/CA_HolidayContest) Contest runs from November 1-30, 2021. Winners will be contacted December 1st. Questions?

Email [contests@chinookarch.ca](mailto:contests@chinookarch.ca) One entry allowed per person.

I had the pleasure of meeting a few new residents over the past few weeks. If you are new to the community, we have a great little library so come in for your free library card and check us out!

Happy Halloween to all the kiddos, have fun and be safe while you are gathering your treats!

# REMEMBRANCE DAY - 2021

The regular service will once again be cancelled due to covid restrictions.

Wherever you may be, please observe a moment of silence to remember those who have served.

We will place a few wreaths at the cenotaph for those that wish to pay their respects on November 11<sup>th</sup>. If there is a family already at the cenotaph, please wait until they leave before you walk up.

Poppy boxes will be available from October 29 until Nov 11 at businesses in the Village. These donations are used to purchase items such as AED's and equipment for our local fire departments, all donations are appreciated.



## **BORDER COMMUNITY WELLNESS FOUNDATION FALL UPDATE**

2020 and 2021 have been quite the years to expect any organization to thrive, especially one which is just getting its feet off the ground. Border Community Wellness Foundation was established early in 2019, and our members are proud to have made a difference despite this challenge. As per our Mission and Vision Statement, we endeavor to pursue opportunities to enhance WELLNESS at all levels; physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual. We have been pleased, through the application of grants, to secure needed items at the Milk River Healthcare Center including a new ice machine, new furniture for the Family Room adjacent to the Palliative Care room, as well as storage options for the facility to name a few. These items have made a difference in the comfort and care for any and all who use the facility.

That being said, we have 2 fundraising opportunities in November which would enable us to continue to help serve the wellness in all of our communities. These opportunities require manpower, so here is the ask:

- 1) We have been allotted a Silent Auction Table at the ATB in Milk River from Nov. 22 – Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>. What a great opportunity for people to pick up some unique last minute Christmas gifts! We are hoping to populate our table with items of all kinds, and as a group, we would be so appreciative if we could include items donated from our community, as the funds we generate will be put back into wellness initiatives which would serve us all. You could include a business card to accompany your donation which would also provide a bit of advertisement at this time. 😊 Do YOU or any of YOUR FRIENDS have items which could be contributed? If so, please consider a donation, which as stated above, would make a difference to all of our wellness goals. Thank you in advance!
- 2) We continue to thank the Milk River Kinsmen for the opportunity to sell Corvette tickets at Park Place Mall in Lethbridge. The dates are Monday, Nov. 22- Sunday Nov. 28. The shifts run from 10-3:30, and 3:30-9:00. If you could help out, we would be able to continue to serve the communities that we live in. Thank you. Laura Wills, Ph. 403-344-4312.

If you have anything to donate, or would like to find a friend to sit with to help out with the ticket sales, please give a call to Emma Hulit @ 403-344-2222, Robbie Wills @ 403-344-4312, or Colleen Bianchi @ 403-344-4473

---

## **Milk River Historical Society**

We have 2022 calendars with historical pictures and pictures from the Milk River and surrounding area for sale. Most pictures were taken by our President William King. All proceeds from the sale of the calendar are going to the museum. They are \$20 each. Please contact William King at 403-647-3428 if you would like one or more. Thank you for the support of our museum.

We don't have any scheduled meetings due to Covid restrictions. We are just going on a "to be announced" basis as to when we can have meetings again. We hope it will be soon and will advise when our next meeting can be held.

## PRAIRIE ROSE LODGE BITS& PIECES-NOV. 2021

November brings to a close all the hype of the many municipal elections. Many thanks to all the candidates who came forward with their platforms outlining the changes/improvements for our struggling rural communities. Congratulations and good luck to the winners - now is time for the delivery of those progressive ideas. October has been a wonderful month - too much wind, lovely temperatures, not enough rain but no snow or frigid air. All in all - life is good.

The month of November brings 4 birthdays to our Lodge. Joanne Rolfe - Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>; Dianne Hummel-Nelson - Nov.17<sup>th</sup>; Victor Cemulini - Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>; Jean Erickson - Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Happy Birthday to these fine residents - may you have a great day. Hopefully in January 2022 the Auxiliary will be able to eat cake with you.

Terra McCulloch has shared with me a few of the events coming. On Nov. 10, there will be a Remembrance Day Service for the residents. I am sure there will be memories brought back of the hardship and sacrifices of our communities. Truly a sombre day.

November 17<sup>th</sup> there will be virtual concert with entertainment by Bob Wills & his group (not the Bob Wills from the Sweetgrass Hills).

Folks - we have an opportunity to do some Christmas shopping as the Personal Touch Fashion Girls are coming to town. Our area is so fortunate to have this service for our seniors and the community at large.

There will be a United Church service held at the Lodge on Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>. The Catholic services will be on Wednesdays at 10 AM

The usual games are still a hit with the residents - Horse Race, Yahtzee, Balloon Badminton, Bowling and the very popular Crib games. Terra also reads books to those interested. Thursdays are the beautification days when the ladies get their hair done and their nails painted. All dolled up but nowhere to go.

As you can see days are busy but it would be so much nicer if the public could come in as in the past. A good deed is never lost. He who sows courtesy reaps friendship and he who plants kindness gathers love. God Bless All, Emma Hulit

---

### **CHRISTMAS HAMPER AND ANGEL TREE PROGRAMS**

With the holiday season quickly approaching we would like to remind you about the Christmas Hamper and Angel Tree programs.

The Angel Tree will be going up on November 12 at Milk River Town Office. If you would like to participate by purchasing a gift for a child please come down and pick up an Angel on or after that date. Once you have purchased an age appropriate gift for that child please leave the gift unwrapped, attach the Angel tag to the gift, and return it to Milk River Town Office by December 10th.

If you have food donations they can be dropped off at Milk River Town Office or Coutts Village Office. Cash donations can be made at Milk River Town Office as well and taxable receipts will be issued.

Finally if you or someone you know could benefit from one or both of these programs please contact Darlene Fleming at [403-393-3223](tel:403-393-3223).

Thank you to everyone who participates in these wonderful programs



## Milk River Elementary – November News

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you for supporting our school events!! We are forever grateful for the support we receive from our parents and community members!



**Milk River Elementary Soccer** – We would like to thank our soccer coaches – Team #1 – Ms. Shauna Panczak and Team #2 – Ms. Charlie Garber (Bobbie & Greg Garber). These volunteers made it possible for our soccer players to have a little league playing each other as well as Warner! It was so..... nice to have our eager players back on the field.

### **Upcoming Events: Mark the dates!**

**Halloween Celebrations** – Friday, October 29 – 10:25 A.M. – “Spooktacular Parade” – howl around the gym followed by a visit to the “Haunted House”. There will be classroom activities to follow until the end of the day!



**Remembrance Day Ceremony—Wednesday, November 10**—We are very pleased to be sharing this memorable occasion with our students to honor the veterans of past wars and perpetuate a peaceful and harmonious lifestyle that future generations will continue to live in and strive for. This is our opportunity to preserve their legacy and to encourage new generations to remember the important contributions so many brave men and women have made to our country and to the world. Please “**Take Time to Remember**”.

**Wednesday, November 10** – Report Cards

**Thursday, November 11** – Remembrance Day – NO SCHOOL

**Friday, November 12** – P.D. Day — NO SCHOOL for students

- **Friday, November 26** – School Holiday

**The Milk River Elementary School Educational Society** is looking for parent or community volunteers for our Casino in November!

Monday, November 22 - 1-8pm (3 people)

Monday, November 22 - 8pm-4am (3 people)

Please contact Marina Balog at 403-330-3754 if you can help. Thanks!

Christmas Concert – due to current health restrictions, we will have another virtual Christmas Concert this year. Under the leadership of Mrs. Karen Garber our theme will be “Colors of Christmas”.

# Presentations

with Alberta Health Services

8:00-9:30 pm via Zoom

- Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Talking to Your Kids about Sex
- Nov 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Talking to Your Teens about Sex
- Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ Talking to Your Teens about Gender Identity
- Nov 30<sup>th</sup> ~ Talking to Your Kids about Pornography



Photo by McKaela Taylor on Unsplash

Presented by  
**Tami Buroker**  
Child Development  
Specialist, AHS

For more information or to register contact:

**Penny**

Call/Text - 403- 915-4017  
[penny.pittman@fcss.ca](mailto:penny.pittman@fcss.ca)

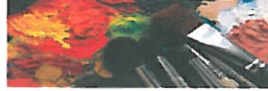
The ZOOM LINK will be emailed to you.

**FCSS**  
Family & Community  
Support Services  
[www.fcss.ca](http://www.fcss.ca)

# WARNER ADULT LEARNING NOVEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

Opportunities to learn this month...

Stained Glass Class – Agora Room Milk River – Nov. 5 & 6  
Excel class Tuesday November 9–30 Agora Room Milk River  
Make Your Life Story Interesting Nov 17 2-4 Stirling  
Paint Night Milk River Nov 19 6:30- 9:30



Ever had Sushi? Cooking class Nov 25 Raymond 6– 9:00  
Nov 26<sup>th</sup> Bread making class 12:30 – 5:30 Milk River



This Photo by Unknown Author is



This Photo by Unknown Author

For More information or to register  
call 403-421-0036  
or email [warner@taberadultlearning.com](mailto:warner@taberadultlearning.com)



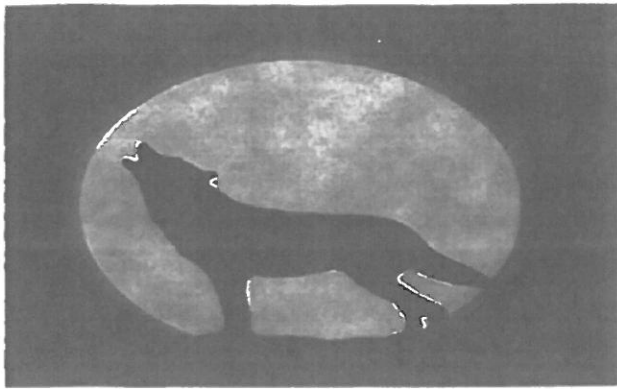
## We are Hiring!

Elections Alberta is currently hiring Returning Officers for the **2023** Provincial General Election in the following electoral divisions:

- Airdrie-Cochrane
- Camrose
- Lesser Slave Lake
- Lethbridge-West
- Peace River
- Taber-Warner
- Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright

If you know of anyone that would be interested in this role, please let them know that the application process is currently open at: <https://www.elections.ab.ca/jobs/returning-officer-recruitment/>.





**LONEWOLF  
HANDYMAN  
SERVICES  
INC.**

**SPECIALIZING IN:  
DECKS, LANDINGS, FENCING,  
AND OTHER CARPENTRY  
PAINTING, ROOFING,  
PROPERTY CLEAN UPS, DUMP  
RUNS, PROPERTY  
MAINTENANCE, MOWING  
AND MORE  
INQUIRE PHONE CELL**

*call*

**CELL: 403-635-2013**

*Healthy - Covid19 Free*

# Mistletoe Market



**Saturday, December 4**

**10am—4pm**

**Milk River Civic Centre 321 3rd Ave**

Enjoy the day shopping, eating and visiting Santa

“Kinette Christmas Shoppe for Mom and Pop”

**Concession Available**

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

***Contact Laurie Balog @ 403-642-7500***

***Following COVID Regulations—MASKS MANDATORY***



If you booked the Civic Centre for your event on any date between December 2021 through to December 2022, please contact the Town ASAP to confirm your event is booked properly. We had some technical problems and lost those bookings in the calendar.... we want to make sure the Civic Centre is available for you on the date you wanted.

The Civic Centre remains open following Covid regulations (masks are mandatory).

#### Upcoming events

- **Nov 2: Spaghetti Supper** sponsored by **MRCSES**, pick up or delivery. Come out and support MRCSES.
- **Nov 19: Business Association's Annual Customer Appreciation **Santa Skate**.** Come roller skate and meet Santa. Enjoy free hot dogs, pop and popcorn.
- **Dec 4: Mistletoe Market.** Come shop, eat and meet Santa. Look for the Poster in this newsletter.

#### Ongoing events

- **Pickleball** - Thursday 7-9PM, contact Sharon Kerfoot for more information, 403-647-8002, *all participants must show proof of vaccination (vaccine passport)*
- **High Fitness** - Tuesday 6-7PM, contact Jenna Smith for more information, 403-330-3410, *all participants must show proof of vaccination (vaccine passport)*

#### Silent auction

Thank you to all of you that donated and purchased in our 1<sup>st</sup> Silent Auction. It was a great success.

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

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

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



The Milk River and District Agricultural Society would like to thank the following individuals and Businesses that donated items for our

**Harvest Festival Online Silent Auction.**

Don Hornford CPA

McTaggart HVAC

Rocky Mountain Equipment

Suzanne and Fred Furlong

Leslie and Floyd Cody

Darwin and Laurie Balog

Milk River Dental Center

Carmen Klatt

Anthony and Maureen Miller

Mane Street Hair Styles

Milk River Watershed Council

Keith Skippen

Town of Milk River

J-T Wine and Spirits

Larry Liebelt

A.Rey Richards

Kim Swanson

Milk River Home Hardware

**Thank you buyers, for your generous support when purchasing the items.**

Avail LLP

Linda Robotka

P & H

ATB Financial

Gwen and Rick Chamberlain

Barb Nemeth

Personal Touch Fashions

Lauren Struth

Ridge Auto Parts

Christie Shields/Sandra Hansen

Donna and Layne Conway

Charlotte Swanson/Paul Vornbrock

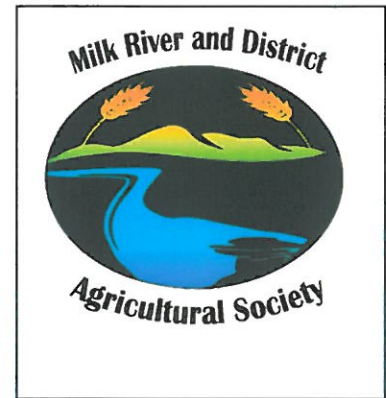
Viterra

Barbara Thielen

Darla Seward

Sheila Garber

Several Anonymous Donors



Are you an artist, crafter, baker or (candlestick) maker? Tired of doing markets or hitting up a store to sell your handmade products? Or looking for one more place to sell your product.

Please join the Facebook group page 'Milk River Season Goodies', there is no fees...whatever you sell for whatever price you choose to set on the item is solely yours. Not a bad thing, no table/space rental fee or commission paid out so you're not losing money.

For vendors, you create your album (so pictures are a must) and add your price and brief description into the description box. You can add or delete photos in your album at anytime, you solely control your album. Looking for vendors only from the Coutts, Milk River and Warner areas to join...given more and more people are shopping online for gifts and holiday decor, you would be online and local.

For the consumers, you get to shop while wearing your pj's and sitting on the couch...doesn't get much easier than that. You get the chance to support local talented people all from the comfort of your home. With the holiday season, it's stressful to shop at the best of times...so please enjoy the ease and comfort of online shopping. Join Milk River Seasonal Goodies on Facebook and let the spending begin.