

# VILLAGE OF COUTTS



**JANUARY  
2022**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Looking ahead to 2022, 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.

### **HALO—AIR AMBULANCE**

HALO AIR AMBULANCE CALENDARS are available for purchase at the Village Office for \$25.00. Buy one for a chance at winning cash prizes throughout the year. Supply is limited so get them while you can.! There are only 3 left at the office.

## **Heritage Handibus Newsletter January 2022**

We wish all the residents the Best of the Holiday Season and the New Year. May 2022 be kind to all of us.

After more than a year our Board of Directors was finally able to hold a long overdue meeting. We donned our masks and socially distanced in the Council Chambers of the Milk River Town Hall. We met and welcomed our newly elected officials who joined us as representatives of Coutts, Warner and Milk River. New members are always welcome. Thank You Olwen Green as you retire from your years on the HHB board. We appreciate your commitment and your input into the various meeting discussions.

The buses have not been on the road much in the past year, thanks to Covid and the restrictions brought on by that virus. The only use has been a few trips by the residents of Prairie Rose Lodge.

We have scheduled our Annual meeting, also many months late. We hope to meet on February 9, 2022. The public Meeting is scheduled to begin at 630 PM at the Milk River Town Hall. The Heritage Bus board meeting will follow the Annual meeting.

As always, the HHB board members invite residents of Coutts, Milk River, Warner, County of Warner, and Stirling to attend the annual meeting and hear what is happening with our buses. New members are always welcome.

## UP AND COMING AGM'S

If you are interested in sitting on any local boards, attending an AGM is a good place to start.

**Coutts and District Library Board**—Tuesday January 18th—6pm in the Coutts Library

**Friends of the Coutts Library**— Thursday January 20th—7 pm Coutts Library

**Coutts Ag Society**—Tuesday February 1st—6pm—Coutts Civic Centre

**Milk River Handibus Society**—Feb 9, 6:30 PM Milk River Council Chambers (Town Hall)

**Milk River Historical Society**— regular meeting Jan 20th—7pm at the Museum

## NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

Welcome to a new year, hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season filled with lots of fun, food and family. We look forward to seeing your smiling faces once again. We will be open for business on January 4, 2022 at 2:00 pm with regular hours.

Library Board AGM will take place on Tuesday, January 18th at 6:00 pm at the library with the regular meeting following. Anyone is welcome to attend these meetings.

## Milk River Historical Society

For the end of the year, we thought you might enjoy reading some of the comments people left in our guest book. Why don't you make it a 2022 resolution to come and visit our wonderful museum that has been visited by people from all over? We would love to see more school children come and learn about the history of this area too. William King is available for tours, call him at 403-647-3428 to arrange your private tour.

Here are some of the comments we received:

-Thank you for the wonderful tour and the beautiful displays – a visitor from New York

-Thanks for a great tour and all your hard work. The museum is wonderful – a family from Edmonton

-Maybe we should give William a nick name of "Memory Maker or Whisperer".

-Thanks William for the full tour of the museum. Enjoyable and interesting learning about the history of Milk River & area from a local person.

--Interesting collection of the area. Thanks Willie

-Lovely displays, lots of wonderful memories! Thank you – visitors from Cardston

-A wonderful tour William, you are such a source of great information -Airdrie

-Thank you! A wonderful museum. William is very engaging and we enjoyed listening and learning on our visit – Grande Prairie

-Thank you Mr. King for helping us understand more about the olden days in our community. 11 kids and two teachers from MRES in 2019

**We are planning to have a meeting on Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the museum.** Everyone is welcome but this is subject to change due to Covid regulations.

All of us at Milk River Historical society would like to wish all of you a happy, healthy 2022. We are all so hopeful that things will return to "normal" soon!

## **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 almost in tears because I am so 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, 26 Christmases will be a little brighter.

First off, I would like to thank Marion Martin who does such an amazing job organizing the food and getting the hampers ready to go. Thank you also to her helpers this year: Janet Reese, Connie Ainscough, Victoria McCulloch and Linda Cavanaugh. Daria Snow was a great keeper to me and I send a huge thank you to her!

Thank you to everyone who donated food and purchased packages at Riverside Market and especially to the Milk River Kinettes for their generous donation and Milk River Elementary for supporting us at the Christmas concert.

Also sending huge thanks to the Town of Milk River for their amazing support of us with Riverside Market for their kind and generous support, The Village of Coutts and Canada Border Services Agency for their continued support.

We would like to thank all the wonderful people that helped to deliver the hampers. This year we had help delivering from Canada Border Services, ATCO Gas, The Peace Officers, John Hood and Tia Swanson and Victoria and Abilene McCulloch. 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. The Coutts employees of CBSA for their generous donations of breakfast items for the Christmas Hampers. This is a truly special thing and is greatly 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

## Milk River Elementary – January 2022 News

Thank you to all that were able to come out and help us celebrate the Christmas season at our Concert on **Thursday, December 16**. Our students enjoy performing for all of you as much as we enjoy watching them! We were very appreciative of all the non-perishable food items and cash donations for the local food bank!

**Friday, December 17** – last day of school before Christmas holidays...hayride and Minute to Win It.

### **Many thanks ...**

- Brett & Vicki Losey for making the hayride possible. The hay wagon was awesome, and we really appreciated the tour around town!
- Town of Milk River for supplying all our kids with a treat!
- Mrs. Hughes for organizing the Minute to Win It stations – so... much fun!!

**Horizon School Division – Early Childhood Services** – Registration begins on **January 10** for the **2022/2023 School Year! Early Learning** – If your child is 3 on or before **September 1, 2022**, they are eligible to be enrolled in Early Learning. **Kindergarten** – If your child is 5 on or before **December 31, 2022**, it is time to register for kindergarten! Registration forms will be available online at [horizon.ab.ca](http://horizon.ab.ca) or at your designated school. You will need your child's original Birth Certificate or Canadian Citizen Status card and Alberta Health Care card.

We are looking forward to our coed grades 3 – 5 mini-basketball season in the New Year. We hope to have many students sign up to play and will be looking for volunteer coaches, timekeepers, and referees. Please call the school if you can help us out with any of these volunteer positions. We are hoping for one or two teams from Warner as well, so be on the lookout for further information once teams and schedules are finalized!



**From the staff and students at Milk River Elementary School –**

**We wish you a Happy, Healthy and Joyous New year!!**



# **LONEWOLF HANDYMAN SERVICES INC.**

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**Happy New Year**

**From**

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**Wishing you all the very best for 2022**



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