

VILLAGE OF COUTTS NEWSLETTER



**MARCH
2023**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FRIENDS OF THE COUTTS LIBRARY SPRING FLING—SOUP AND SANDWICH & ENTERTAINMENT

April 19.....Poster Attached.

SNOW REMOVAL

Keeping your vehicles off the road, or moved when we are plowing makes it much easier for us to get the job done. It also prevents the ice from accumulating once the snow starts to melt. Please move vehicles that are not in use to help you and your neighbors to have a clean street. Thank you!

DOGS

We have noticed quite a few people walking their dogs with no leash. This leads to them not noticing that they need to clean up after them. Please put a leash on your dog when walking, and clean up after them, always!

The stray dog is still on the loose, if you happen to get it into your yard, or somewhere secure, please call the Village Office.

NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

Book Club this month is on Thursday, March 9th at 2:00 pm at the library. Hope to see you there.

The therapy lamp is now available for checkout. You can borrow it for three weeks and it must be picked up and returned in person. As well, we now have three hot spots that are available for borrowing. You can check out these for one week at a time and also must be picked up and returned in person.

We have more jigsaw puzzles for you to borrow and have some children's puzzles as well. There is a puzzle set up in the library and anyone is welcome to stop in and work on it.

The March foot traffic promotion is Read an Ebook week March 5 to 11th. Share an ebook recommendation and be entered to win a book seat. Book seats can do it all! They allow you to hold your book or tablet hands-free, whether you are travelling, sitting on your sofa or curling up in bed. A random draw will take place the following week. For more information inquire at the desk. To enter you must visit the library during open hours the week of March 5th. Good luck!

KERV'S KORNER

THANK YOU!

Wow! It's been 40 years since the Thiessen Family held the Grand Opening of **Kerv's Korner Food Store** in Coutts.

Its location on the hi-way was perfect starting with Gulf Canada we had a self-serve gas bar with convenience store. Later becoming Petro-Canada, Mom and Dad added a Bake Shop. Mom (Mildred) was famous for her sticky buns, ham and cheese rollups, donuts and hoagies. Through the years the merchandise changed. We had a slurpy machine, popcorn, movie rentals, greeting cards, souvenirs, beer, cigarettes, lottery and all the candy a kid could want.

In the 90's Dad built on a Currency Exchange. Tourists would stop, change their money and off to the Calgary Stampede, then North to Alaska.

Sadly, the Village was changed, and the fate of the store was written on the wall. I would like to Thank all past employees and customers for supporting Kerv's Korner. You made it what it was!

Times have changed and we will be closed for business on **April 1, 2023**.

Until our next Kerv's Korner venture, you will find Kelly and I still working, but on other projects.

Thanks again, Michelle.

NEWS FROM THE BORDER RASCALS SOCIAL CLUB

It is hard to believe it is March already even though we can't wait for spring. The seed catalogs have arrived in the mail and it is so tempting to try new offerings in the garden. Over time there must be a small fortune planted in those flower beds! But spring would not be spring without at least one trip to the garden centres and perhaps we will organize such an outing as a club activity in May.

This month we celebrate **St. Patrick's Day** and all things Irish. We are planning an Irish menu for our potluck on March 23rd so come and share some traditional dishes. We might even find some Celtic music to enjoy. Can any one dance the jig??

Our membership drive continues. Yearly dues are just \$5.00 /adult. Members enjoy group rates for club supported activities and field trips as well as chances at winning our 50/50 draw at each monthly potluck. We enjoy gathering at the Rec' Hall which is free for village citizens to host events of all kinds, from birthdays, anniversaries, family reunions to committee meetings or crafting projects. The hall can be booked through Lori at the village office.

As spring approaches, we all look forward to coming out of "hibernation" and starting something new even if it is just "spring house cleaning!" Maybe this is the year for that big yard sale? I'll buy your stuff and you can buy mine!

From the Border Rascals' Social Club executive,

Jim Willett, president Kris Rollins, secretary

Betty Ostby, vice-president Mardell Pederson, treasurer

MILK RIVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We have a large number of history books, they are titled Under 8 Flags, Milk River and District. There are two large books in a set. These books were published in 1989 and they have a collection of interesting stories from all of the residents at the time and all the history of Milk River. If you take a tour of the museum and make a donation, you will receive a set of books.

For a tour of the museum or if you are interested in History Books, please call William King at 403-647-3428

Our next meeting will be on March 16th at 7pm at the museum.

The museum address is 113 – 1st Avenue NW in Milk River.



FRIENDS OF THE COUTTS LIBRARY

SPRING FLING

APRIL 19—5:30 PM

COUTTS CIVIC CENTRE

**SOUP AND A BUN, DESSERT, JUICE/COFFEE.
GAMES & PRIZES**

**THIS IS A FREE EVENT, OPEN TO ALL.
DONATIONS ARE GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED**

**ALL FUNDS DONATED GO TOWARD
PURCHASING ITEMS FOR THE LIBRARY**



MRWCC Farm Succession Planning Workshop

Farm Succession Planning – Facilitator: Reg Shandro

March 9th 2023 - 9:00am-3:00pm Lunch provided

Cost: \$20.00/person, \$40.00/Farm (2-4 max)

Location: County of Warner Agricultural Service Board Meeting Room, Warner AB

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A farm succession planning workshop will introduce the cultural, functional tools, and necessary processes that have been designed with practicality in mind to smoothly transition farming/ranching operations within families and within businesses. Ensuring a succession plan is in place will help safeguard family stewardship legacies remain intact with the next generation.

This workshop can assist with identifying the current state of producer's businesses and design a pathway towards a desired future. This process will identify and clarify expectations, establish timelines, and formally design the future of watershed operations.

Reg Shandro

Mediator, Advisor, Aggie

100's of Kitchen Tables, 1 Commitment



Reg Shandro would rather be in the pasture than on the show circuit; A proud father of 5, he aims to optimize the health of family and farm, bringing practical remedies to even the most persistent issues. With his multi-disciplinary background in finance and managing family dynamics, he has a unique combination of business acumen and human understanding. Blending bank experience with straight-forward honesty and a hearty sense of humour, Reg focuses on transformation, not transactions. He is a leader in the field—the only one with his wide-ranging yet specialized skill set. In 2006 Reg became a qualified Mediator and founded **Farmacist Advisory and Mediaton Services Inc.** Over the years he has developed a proprietary process that gets the job done, increasing family harmony and farm prosperity. He wears three hats in his professional practice. First he is a mediator, remaining neutral in tough, complicated disputes. Second, he is an Expert Advisor—defined as having over 10,000 hours of practice—able to stick his “knows” in with tact to serve his clients. Third, he is a resource, ready to connect you with trusted professionals.

To Register or for more information contact: mary@mrwcc.ca or 403-647-3808.

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HERITAGE HANDIBUS ASSOCIATION MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER

The Toyota Handibus is scheduled to travel to Lethbridge on Mar 1, 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 only the small bus is 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 Mar 8, 2023, at the Town Hall. Everyone is welcome, we need more community participation please, come and participate in the new community plans.

Season to Season Markets Presents



Spring Fling 2023

Saturday, April 8

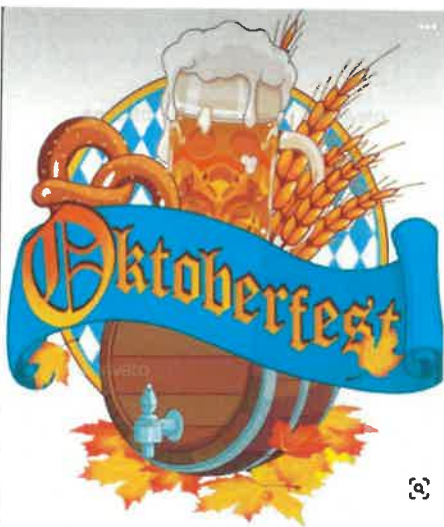
Milk River Civic Center

Donations towards Breast Cancer Society of Canada Accepted

Contact Laurie Balog for information

403-642-7500

Everyone Welcome



Save the Date

Milk River & District Agricultural Society

2nd Annual Oktoberfest

Saturday, September 23, 2023

Milk River & District Agricultural Society 50th Anniversary 1973-2023

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

9th 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
Roger: 403-344-2124
Craig: 403-344-2146
R Clayton: 403-634-7258

Milk River and Coutts General Interest Courses

DIY Painted Cactus Rocks

Jillian Boyd (FCSS)

- Date: **Saturday, March 11**
- Time: **10:00 am - 12:00 pm**
- Location: **Town of Milk River**
- Fee per registrant: **\$5 (includes supplies/snack)**



Learn how to make a clay pot garden filled with painted rocks that resemble beautiful cactuses. Fun for ALL ages!

Introduction to Chip Carving (Wood)

Margaret O'Hara

- Date: **Tuesday, April 4th**
- Time: **6:00-9:00 pm**
- Location: **Coutts FCSS**
- Fee per registrant: **\$125 (includes supplies that you get to take home with you!)**

Learn how to remove small chips of wood from a flat surface to make a lovely trivet or display piece. Leave the course with all the supplies needed to continue this awesome hobby!

Making MILK Chocolate in MILK River

Eleventeen Bean to Bar

- Date: **Friday, May 5**
- Time: **2:00 - 4:00 pm**
- Location: **Town of Milk River**
- Fee per registrant: **\$55 (includes supplies)**

Milk River residents will learn how to make delicious milk chocolate by melting, pouring, tempering, and packaging hand-made chocolate.

DIY Wire Rings

Karin Champion

- Date: **Thursday, May 11**
- Time: **6:00 - 9:00 pm**
- Location: **Milk River Town Hall**
- Fee per registrant: **\$65**



Learn some basic wire bending techniques and create three rings for yourself from copper wire. (Ages 14+)



All classes over \$5 are buy one ticket and get the second ticket free!

To register for these courses, contact Kaitlynn at (403) 795-4627.

Hurry! Space is limited

DIY Pressed Flower Cards

Karin Champion

- Date: **Thursday, April 13th**
- Time: **10:00 am -12:00 pm**
- Location: **Town of Milk River**
- Fee per registrant: **\$55 (includes supplies)**

Create beautiful pressed flower cards using locally pressed and dried flowers, stamps, and decals. All supplies included.



For more information about FCSS programs and services, please contact 403.795.4627

or Kaitlynn.weaver@fcss.ca