

**VILLAGE OF COUTTS
NEWSLETTER
JUNE 2024**

*Happy
Father's
Day!*



COUTTS DAY

See the poster at the end of this newsletter

UNSIGHTLY YARDS

The Bylaw Officers will be around checking yards the first/second week of June. They will be giving warnings and time frames in order for residents to comply with the unsightly yard bylaw. Failure to comply, may result in the homeowner being fined. Please clean up your yards...including the space in your alley. Alleys are not for storage. Thank you!

TAXES

Property taxes will be mailed on June 19th. Please note they are due August 31st which is a Saturday. You can pay with a post date cheque if you wish and date it August 31st, or put cheque in our mail slot before Tuesday Sept 3rd at 8am. If you are paying by online payment, please allow 5 business days for it to reach our bank. Payments not in our bank account by August 31st, will have a penalty applied. Etransfers can be made no later than August 31st. If you have questions, please call the office.

SKUNKS

There are currently a few skunks we are trying to trap. Yes, all cats caught are being let go. Someone is springing the traps. The traps are being set on certain residential properties. Going onto someones property with out their consent is trespassing, and a crime. PLEASE, whoever is springing the traps, stop. If we find out who it is, we will with the homeowners help, consider trespassing charges. This is very frustrating. Skunks are not pets, they belong outside of the town limits, as they carry disease, and spray dogs, etc. We are trying our best to rid the town of them, so these actions will not be tolerated. Talk to your kids as well. We do not know if it is kids just playing around or adults being malicious. But who ever is doing it, it needs to stop!

THANK YOU to our wonderful supporters of our Coutts Post Offices' fundraising efforts towards Canada Post's Community Foundation Campaign.

We raised \$102.95 of which stays in Alberta and supports Children's programs. This definitely puts us on the map as an active caring Postal Service serving our Coutts Village & a Rural & Aden delivery service.

Congratulations to our winners :

Gardening Basket—Jurreen Albert

Home Baking Basket—Robin Betts

Thanks again everyone for all your support to this worthy cause.

Tracy, Robbie, and Carla—"A Stronger Canada—Delivered"

NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

Wow, summer is almost here. The sky is blue, the sun is shining and things are growing after the lovely rainfall that we have received and soon school will be out for this year. A reminder that during July and August the library will not be open on Wednesday's but we are open regular hours on Tuesday and Thursday from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm to help with all your reading needs. If you are going away on holiday and don't know for sure if you want to take a library book with you we have a good supply of books on our free shelf in the hallway by the library and you find something there that will fit your reading needs while travelling and you don't have to return them.

If you would be interested in making a dreamcatcher we have found an indigenous artisan who will offer classes. The cost is \$35.00 and includes all supplies. If there is enough interest we will make arrangements to offer this class. Please call the library to let us know and we will make a list of those who would like to try their hand at this.

The library board is working on their Plan of Service for the next three years. If you have any thoughts or suggestions about our library please give us a call or drop by in the next couple of weeks, we would love to hear from you.

The next drop in book club will take place on Thursday June 13th at 2:00 pm here at the library. This is open to anyone and we encourage you to come and see what this is all about.

HERITAGE HANDIBUS ASSOCIATION JUNE 2024

The Toyota Handibus is scheduled to travel to Lethbridge on June 5, 2024. 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.

Both buses are available for charters.

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

Next meeting at the Town council chambers on June 12, 2024 at 6:30 PM. Come and be involved.

MARK YOUR CALENDER SATURDAY AUGUST 3RD.

Pancake Breakfast 8:00-10:00 @ Milk River Civic Centre

Candy Parade 11:00—Theme "Anything Aggie"

Activities on the Football Field—12:00-2:00

- **Kids Games**
- **Bouncy House**
- **Blacksmith Demonstration**
- **FCSS Community Trailer**
- **.....and More**

Fire Department Slip and Slide—more details to follow in the July Newsletter

A THANKS TO THE COUTTS FIRE-DEPARTMENT

I, JAKE SMITH OF 324 3RD STREET COUTTS, WOULD LIKE TO THANK VERY MUCH THE COUTTS FIRE DEPARTMENT, FOR THEIR RESPONSE TO MY HOME ON MAY 7TH 2024. ON THAT EVENING THERE WAS VERY BAD STRONG WINDS, AND BLOWING SNOW, I SAT THAT EVENING WATCHING T.V. WHEN HEARING A LOUD CRASH. UPON GOING TO CHECK OUTSIDE, I SAW ABOUT A TEN FOOT SECTION OF MY TREE HAD SMASHED INTO MY HOME AND BROKE THE GAS-LINE GOING TO THE HOUSE.

SMELLING NATURAL GAS VERY STRONG; IN AND OUT OF MY HOME, I QUICKLY GOT MY CAT OUT TO MY VEHICLE TO CALL 911.

IN NO TIME, THE COUTTS FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS ON SCENE, LETTING NEAR BY NEIGHOURS BE AWARE OF THE SITUATION. THE GAS COMPANY WAS CALLED AND ON THEIR WAY; HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE ABOUT THREE/FOUR HOURS BEFORE ARRIVING: THE FIRE DEPARTMENT STAYED ON SCENE ASURING ME EVERYTHING WOULD BE FINE, THE GAS COMPANY SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIX THE ISSUE.

THE MEMBERS I SPOKE WITH HAD PUT MY MIND AT EASE, REASURING ME, THEY WERE DOING ALL THEY COULD; THE GAS HAD BEEN SHUT OFF GOING TO MY HOME. THE GAS COMPANY MEMBER HAD FINALLY ARRIVED, SEEING THE SITUATION AND DID FIX THE ISSUE. I WAS BACK IN MY HOME BY 2:00AM.

AGAIN, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO THE COUTTS FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR BEING THERE, AS WELL SPECIAL THANKS TO BOTH MEMBERS TYLER AND ROSS, I SPOKE WITH THEM DIRECTLY DURING THE ORDEAL, WITH EMPATHY FOR MY SITUATION, THEY WERE VERY UNDERSTANDING. I THANK THEM AND ALL OF THE MEMBERS AGAIN VERY MUCH. I AND THE COMMUNITY IN WHOLE, ARE GLAD GOOD PEOPLE, SUCH AS THE MEMBERS OF COUTTS FIRE DEPARTMENT ARE THERE OF ALL OF US.

THANK YOU AGAIN FROM JAKE T SMITH 324 3 RD STREET COUTTS.

THANK YOU

The family of Verne Rudhart would like to thank everyone that attended his Celebration of Life gathering at Gold Springs Park. It was an absolutely beautiful day. We couldn't have asked for a nicer one. We would also like to thank everyone for all the cards, phone calls, and messages of condolence that we have received since Verne's passing in January. Also, a special thank you to the ladies who provided muffins and squares for the refreshments at the memorial gathering. The support of our friends, family and community is very much appreciated.

MISSING CAT

Missing small female tabby cat. Tag #180, name is Tinker. Will have scar marks from a recent spay surgery. If you have seen her, please call the office to be reunited with her owner.

MILK RIVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The museum will be open on Canada Day from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Stop in and have a look around while you are out celebrating our nation's birthday.

Our AGM will be held on Saturday July 20th at 10am. Please save the date and come out to the meeting. We need to fill some positions due to the loss of some of our executive this past year. We would love to see some volunteers for positions.

Our next meeting is Thursday, June 20th at 7:00 pm at the museum.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

As always, for tours of the museum call William King at 403-647-3428.

MILK RIVER MEDICAL CLINIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Milk River Medical Clinic, Dr. Theresa Akewe and Dr. Pieter Meyer

Would like to announce that Mark Simons (CCPA)

Will be returning to the clinic and the Health Center Starting May 27/24.

You can phone and book appointments with Dr. Akewe, Dr. Meyer or Mark

By calling 403-647-3599.

We are looking forward to having Mark back !!

Thank you to the community for all your support!!

BORDER RASCALS SOCIAL CLUB

Hello everyone. The first month of summer is upon us.

We invite everyone to help us celebrate Seniors Week with a community barbecue on Jun 8th, at 5pm at the Rec Center. If you are able to attend please RSVP either Mardell Peterson at 403 344 3886, or Steve and Deb Pain at 403 603 8578, as soon as possible. This is enabling us to purchase supplies needed. We would appreciate you bringing a salad or dessert. Games will follow dinner, they will be outside, so bring your lawnchairs.

Our regular meeting for the Border Rascals Social Club is June 13th at 10am. This will be our last meeting till September, and cards will resume in the fall. We are having a bake sale at the Rec Center on June 15th, during Coutts Days. It will start when the doors open after the judging is complete. We will also have popcorn, and snow cones for sale, while supplies last. Enjoy a wonderful summer season. We hope to see all of you in the fall.

FREE CAMPING TRAILER

CAMPING TRAILER TO GIVE AWAY...PLEASE CALL JURREEN AT 403-344-3998

THANK YOU

The Village of Coutts along with The Coutts Fire and Rescue Association would like to acknowledge THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF LETHBRIDGE & SOUTHWESTERN ALBERTA our appreciation for choosing our application as one their grant recipients.

The Community Foundation receives numerous grant applications and we are so thankful to have been chosen to receive \$15,000 for fire fighting equipment and breathing apparatus. At a time when budgets are tight, we appreciate the grant funding in order to help keep our residents, properties and surrounding areas protected with our fire service.



**JOIN US AT THE COUTTS CIVIC CENTRE ON FRIDAY JUNE 7TH
FROM 10-11 AM TO CELEBRATE AND RECOGNIZE SENIORS' WEEK.**

COFFEE AND SQUARES PROVIDED BY THE VILLAGE OF COUTTS



Milk River and District Ag Society

Collectables, Antiques and Vintage Items Sale

Do you have collectibles, antiques or vintage items to sell?

Are you looking for that collectible, antique or vintage item from your past?

When: June 1, 2024, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

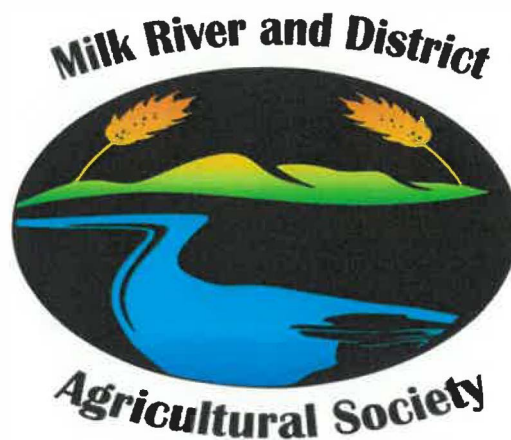
**Where: Milk River Civic Centre
321 3rd Ave North East, Milk River**

Snack concession available

**For more information or to become a vendor call:
Jera at (403) 393-8542**

Or email mrdagsociety@outlook.com

In addition to the Collector Sale at the Civic Centre, the Ag Society will also organize a Milk River Community Garage Sale to coincide with the indoor event. So, if you are planning a home garage sale and would like to be added to this community map, please call Jera at the above number for more information.



SCREEN TEST

Mobile Mammography Screening is coming to:

Milk River

June 29 & July 2, 2024

Prairie Rose Lodge, north side



Appointments are required. Call to book:

1-800-667-0604 (toll free)

To learn more visit: screeningforlife.ca

*Thank you for supporting Screen Test for over 30 years.
Together we are saving lives, one community at a time.*



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FOR LIFE.CA**



Post until: Jul. 2, 2024



PRAIRIE ROSE
LODGE
MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER

The nice weather always brings with it so much excitement here at Prairie Rose Lodge! We are busy getting our patio & yard ready for lots of Summer activities!

This month at the Lodge, the Auxiliary will be hosting a Father's Day Bingo on June 10th, as well as a Father's Day Pie Social on June 14th. We will be celebrating 'International Picnic Day' on June 24th, Personal Touch Fashion will be here on June 25th, & the Mobile Mammography Screening Unit is coming to the North side (back parking lot) of the Lodge from June 29th to July 2nd.
Appointments are required. Please call 1-800-667-0604 to book your spot.

This month we will also be setting up & enjoying our outdoor lawn games, having ice cream parties on the patio, & enjoying all that the good weather has to offer.

We would like to extend another heartfelt THANK YOU to the Ladies Auxiliary! They helped our Residents celebrate Mother's Day this past month for an entire week! Our PRL Mom's felt so special with all the extra care & attention, & as always, we appreciate all the Auxiliary Ladies do for us, & for them!

Community Coffee will continue throughout the Summer – Please join us Tuesday mornings at 10:00am, our Residents always love company!

PRL has joined social media!! Please feel free to follow along on both Facebook & Instagram. We hope to keep you all updated on all the happenings around the Lodge & throughout Ridge Country Housing's many facilities within the County of Warner. You will also find all the information for our upcoming BBQ Fundraiser scheduled for July 18th on both Facebook & Instagram.



You can find all our social media posts here:



Facebook: Prairie Rose Lodge – Ridge Country Housing



Instagram: prairie_rose_lodge_rch



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CELL: 403-635-2013

Yes I do Small Jobs

CELEBRATING SENIORS' WEEK

Senior's Week is June 3–9, which means it's time to celebrate the seniors in our lives! It is important to recognize seniors' contributions to communities across Alberta. Here are just a few ways to appreciate seniors in your community:

- Offer assistance to seniors with daily tasks such as grocery shopping, cleaning, yard work, and appointments.
- Spend quality time with seniors to ensure that they feel valued. This can be through frequent phone calls, visits, or activities.
- Volunteer for organizations that provide supports for seniors.
- Support accessibility in your community. For example, help a senior with their yard work to ensure that they can get to and from their homes safely.
- Ask a senior for advice. They have a lot of knowledge that can come in handy.

Seniors' contributions are vital for our communities. FCSS offers a wide range of programs and services for seniors so they can continue to live well in rural Alberta. See below for details:

- **Annual Seniors Conferences:** Which provide seniors with an opportunity to learn, laugh, and connect with resources in their community.
- **Workshops:** Presentations are provided on a wide range of prevention topics to support everyday wellness.
- **Information and Support:** Seniors, families, and caregivers can receive information on a variety of resources including personal directives, Alberta Seniors benefits, and special needs assistance for seniors.
- **Referral:** If the FCSS Senior Services team is not able to help you directly, they will find an organization who can!


For more information about FCSS programs and services for seniors, please visit our website at www.fcss.ca or contact Renee White at 587-370-8518.

Visit www.fcss.ca for more information.

Renee White
Senior Services Coordinator



SERVING: Barnwell | Barons | Coaldale | Coalhurst | Lethbridge County | County of Warner | Coutts | Milk River
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STAY & PLAY

WHAT
In this drop-in program, parents/caregivers and their children 0-6 years, engage together in self-guided and structured play, which encourages healthy attachment and development.

WHEN
Wednesday, January 10 - June 12
9:30-11:00 am

WHERE
Milk River Civic Centre
321 S Ave NE - Agora Room

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Penny
403-915-4017 (call/text)
Penny.Pittman@fcss.ca



DOWN SYNDROME SUPPORT GROUP

WHAT
In this group, parents of children with Down Syndrome, of all ages, gather to connect and find support from families with similar needs.

WHEN
Second Monday of each Month
7:30-8:30 pm

WHERE
Online
A meeting link will be sent after registration

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Jackie
403-732-5470
Jackie.Pomeroy@fcss.ca


OPEN PLAY

WHAT
In this drop-in program, parents/caregivers and their children 0-6 years, engage together in self-guided play, which encourages healthy attachment and development.

WHEN
Mondays, January 15 - June 10
9:30-11:30 am

WHERE
Warner FCSS
Village Office - 210 S Ave (west entrance)

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Penny
403-915-4017 (call/text)
Penny.Pittman@fcss.ca






AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP

WHAT
In this group, parents of children with Autism, of all ages, gather to connect and find support from families with similar needs.

WHEN
Last Monday of each Month
7:30-8:30 pm

WHERE
Online
A meeting link will be sent after registration

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Jackie
403-732-5470
Jackie.Pomeroy@fcss.ca






SENIOR COFFEE CHATS

WHAT
In this drop-in program, FCSS counsellors promote peer-mentoring relationships among seniors and offer insights and senior-friendly coping strategies that help them deal with life's challenges. Warm drinks and snacks are provided.

WHEN
Thursdays, January 11, February 6, March 14,
April 11, May 9, June 13
9:00-10:00 am

WHERE
Warner Senior Centre
105 S Ave, Warner

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Leanne
587-370-8334 (call/text)
Leanne.Osque@fcss.ca





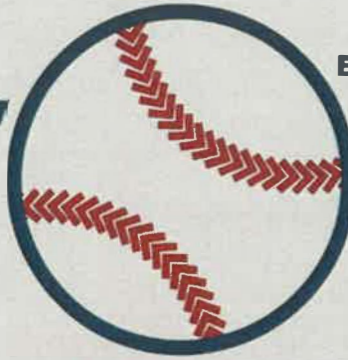
FCSS and the NeighborGood trailer will be at Coutts Days and Warner Day!
Drop by and see what fun things we have in store :)



PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE TO ALL RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF WARNER REGARDLESS OF LOCATION

MILK RIVER

BALL DIAMONDS



The Rory Russell Memorial

we
remember
him

RED
TEAM

BLUE
TEAM

AUGUST 2-4, 2024

GET YOUR TEAMS IN & LETS HAVE SOME FUN!

BEER GARDENS & CABORET ON SATURDAY

COED: 7 & 3  COST: \$400

CASH PRIZES AWARDED

MILK RIVER, ALBERTA

403-647-4399

FOR MORE INFO CALL/TEXT
LANCE SCHAMBER

REDCREEKCATTLE@GMAIL.COM



VILLAGE OF COUTTS

COUTTS DAYS CELEBRATION

Friday, June 14 - Sunday, June 16th 2024

THEME - FARMING & RANCHING - *PAST & PRESENT*



CANDY PARADE

SATURDAY 11 AM



HOT DOG LUNCH

12 PM - COUTTS SCHOOL YARD
(Free-Donations Accepted)



KIDS GAMES

SATURDAY 12:30-1:30 PM COUTTS SCHOOL YARD
Thanks to FCSS (Family community support services)



AG FAIR

SATURDAY 1 PM AT THE REC HALL
Entries Accepted 7-8pm Friday & 8-9am Sat at the Rec Hall



SLO PITCH

ALL WEEK-END CONCESSION AVAILABLE



RODEO

FRIDAY 5 PM SLACK
SATURDAY 1PM "NEW" LOCAL FAMILY RANCH RODEO
SATURDAY 6PM PERFORMANCE
SUNDAY 1 PM PERFORMANCE
BEER GARDEN & CONCESSION ALL WEEK-END



FIREWORKS

SATURDAY 11 PM



Sponsored by Coutts & District Ag Society, Coutts Community Events
& The Village of Coutts. A big thank you to all volunteers!



Coutts Days Fair Tag

fold over to cover name

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Age (Kids only):
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