

VILLAGE OF COUTTS NEWSLETTER



**FEBRUARY
2023**

 *Happy
Valentine's Day*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPAYMENT OF TAXES

You have up until the end of February to receive a 4% discount on your taxes. Call the Village Office to get the amount you need to pay.

UTILITY BILLS

If you receive your bills via email and have not received your January bill, please check your junk folder. If you do not have it, please contact the office. Your bill will still be due and payable Feb 28, 2023, so please make sure you have received it.

PET LICENSES

Yearly pet license registration fees are due. \$30 if non-spayed or neutered, \$5 for spayed or neutered.

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

Save the Date: FOCL Spring Fling will be April 5th. This is a free event, donations are gratefully accepted. FOCL buys capital items for the library for everyone to use. Details to follow.

NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

Chinook Arch has been successful in securing a grant to once again provide digital literacy classes to patrons. These classes are open to anyone and they are free. The first class is "Introduction to Computers" and will take place in person in our library on Tuesday February 28th from 5:00 – 6:30 pm. If you are new to computers or feel that you wouldn't mind an update please register for this class. We will have some posters to put up in the near future so please look for them and I will keep you updated.

We will also be adding a therapy lamp to our collection that patrons can check out for three weeks. We are receiving this from Chinook Arch and were fortunate to be one of the libraries picked in a random draw. There will be no renewals on this piece of equipment nor can holds be placed on it. You must check it out at the library and return it to the library in person. These have been proven to be helpful with seasonal affective disorder (SAD) or in other words, lack of sunshine, particularly in the winter months. Some of the benefits - boosts mood, improves sleep, increased energy, eliminate brain fog, heightens focus and concentration and the list goes on. This will be available soon.

Don't forget that we have a wonderful selection of jigsaw puzzles that you can check out to do at home as well as puzzle trays. We also have a puzzle set up in the library that anyone is welcome to come in and work on if you don't want to take one home, actually three have been completed since we set up the first one and a new one is going up today so stop in and check out all that we have to offer.



News from the Border Rascals Social Club

The energy of the new year has our club reviewing our place in the village. We call ourselves the Border Rascals Social Club and originally, we were organized by seniors for seniors but.... that was then and this is now! We would like to be a "social club" for all ages and welcome new members of all ages to check us out. We are currently looking for new members who are interested in community events, monthly potluck dinners, utilizing the village rec' hall for social gatherings, friendly games, card tournaments and neighborly conversations. We have a monthly, open business meeting every month from 10-11am at the rec' hall when you can come to share ideas. And, of course our monthly potlucks offer good food, conversation and after dinner activities like bingos, pool, shuffle board, board games and cards. Membership dues are \$5.00/ adult collected annually in January. Membership entitles you to all club activities and group rates for group supported outings like plays and field trips. Maybe joining the Border Rascals Social Club is your next best thing!

With Old Man Winter here for the next few months, we are reminded of the dangers of frozen water pipes, drafty doors and windows and icy roads and sidewalks. Keeping safe and warm could be as simple as doing a few repairs around the house like replacing weatherstripping, caulking windows or closing off unused rooms. Bring out some extra throws or grandma's afghan to drape over the sofa and snuggle up when watching tv. And with so much winter sunshine, passive solar heat is free during the day if you open your drapes and let it in. Andkeeping snow and ice off your steps and walkway reduces chances of falls.

As we all wait for longer days and chinook winds don't forget to catch up on a good book from the library. And keep the soup pot simmering and the tea pot on!

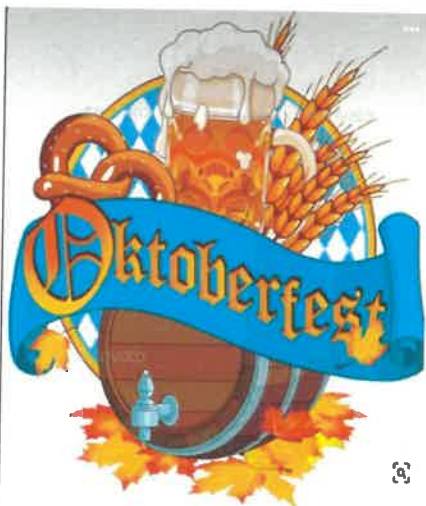
From the Border Rascals' Social Club executive,

Jim Willett, president

Kris Rollins, secretary

Betty Ostby, vice-president

Mardell Pederson, treasurer



Save the Date

Milk River & District Agricultural Society

2nd Annual Oktoberfest

Saturday, September 23, 2023

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



A.B.E. Alberta Basic Education

February 7th - Apr 27, 2023

Call Val at 402-223-1169 for more information

Digital Discovery Helps!



When working on your computer do you sometimes feel like this? Having trouble with your electronic device or just needing some help? Want to take a course to get you up to speed, or to refresh your memory? It's as easy as 1,2,3. Just call 403-421-0036 to set up an appointment. Hope to hear from you soon!

Stirling Morning Conversational English

This class will focus on English reading and writing skills. Students will practice speaking and listening skills and so much more.

FCSS Building in Stirling

Tuesdays February 21, to April 25, 2023

9:00 to 12:00 Cost \$40.00

For more information and to register call 403-421-0036



MILK RIVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be held on February 16th at 7pm in the museum. Everyone is welcome to attend. Museum address is 113-1st Ave NW, Milk River.

If you would like a tour of the museum, please call William King at 403-647-4328 to arrange a suitable time.

PRAIRIE ROSE LODGE UPDATE

WE'VE HAD A WONDERFUL JANUARY HERE AT THE LODGE! TERRA HAS KEPT THE RESIDENTS VERY BUSY WITH LOTS OF EXTRA ACTIVITIES. WE ENJOYED A 90TH RESIDENT BIRTHDAY, & ALSO HAD A TON OF FUN AT A SPECIALLY TEA PARTY. WE CELEBRATED NATIONAL MARSHMALLOW DAY, HAD A BOWLING PARTY, & CREATED SOME EXTRA SPECIAL VALENTINES CRAFTS FOR THE UPCOMING 'LOVE DAY'.

THIS MONTH:

THIS MONTH WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO 'THE SHOE FITS' BEING HERE ON FEBRUARY 7TH. WE WELCOME MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TO JOIN US FOR THAT

FROM 10:00AM TO 2:00PM.

WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FORWARD TO SOME LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FROM MIKE BLACKMER IN FEBRUARY AS WELL.

WE ARE HAVING A CHOCOLATE FONDUE PARTY, WE WILL BE CELEBRATING NATIONAL PIZZA DAY WITH A PIZZA MAKING PARTY, & A JOHNNY CASH MOVIE MARATHON TO HONOUR NATIONAL JOHNNY CASH DAY!

FROM THE STAFF & MANAGEMENT OF PRL...
HAPPY FEBRUARY EVERYONE!

A SPECIAL THANKS AGAIN TO THE LADIES OF THE AUXILIARY AS THEY SO OFTEN HELP OUT AROUND THE LODGE WITH SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR OUR RESIDENTS



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AND MORE
CALL JAKE**

CELL: 403-635-2013



NOTICE OF JOB OPPORTUNITY

Canada Border Services Agency
Southern Alberta and Southern Saskatchewan District
Coumts, AB

STUDENT CASHIER

- Location:** Canada Border Services Agency, Port of Coumts, Alberta
- Employment Period:** Part time employment up to May, 2023. Full time or part time employment May 1, 2023 to September 4, 2023 with the possibility to be re-hired for part time (up to 37.5hrs/wk) employment during the 2023/2024 academic year.
- ***Students will be expected to work various shifts, evenings, weekends as well as statutory holidays.**
- Job Description:** Perform cashier functions and minor clerical duties related to the position (eg. filing, general office duties, answering the telephone)
- Language:** English Essential
- Salary:** Various, starting from \$15.40 / hour
- Who may apply:** Students currently enrolled in full time studies. (Including Grade 10, 11, 12, College and University) and returning to full time studies in the fall of 2023.
- *Proof of education (full time study) will be required.
- Note:** Students must be 16 years of age by May 2023.
- Conditions of Employment:** Reliability/Security: Reliability Status
Lifting or carrying up to 25kgs.
- Apply By:** February 13, 2023.

Students interested in applying for the advertised position must apply online and complete an application for the **Federal Student Work Experience Program (FSWEP) Campaign**.

Please visit the link to the FSWEP Campaign below:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-service-commission/jobs/services/recruitment/students/federal-student-work-program.html>

Click on "Apply to the Ongoing Student Recruitment Inventory".

We thank all those who apply. However, only those referred by FSWEP will be contacted.

Si vous désirez recevoir l'information inscrite dans cette annonce en français, S.V.P. envoyez un courriel à: Recruitment.PRA-CBSA-Region@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca

/ If you would like to receive the information listed in this notice in French, please e-mail following recipient: Recruitment.PRA-CBSA-Region@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca

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

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

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

