

VILLAGE OF COUTTS NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER 2021



ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMEMBRANCE DAY

I would like to thank Charles Stewart for the many years he has spent delivering our Remembrance Day Service. He spent many hours putting the services together, and we are grateful for his time. I am now looking for a new volunteer to take over the planning, as Charles has announced his "retirement". Is there someone/group out there wanting/willing to take on this task? Having done the service myself in past, I can offer some planning assistance as well. Contact me at the office. Thanks, Lori

YARD WASTE

Yard waste bags will continue to be picked up throughout September. Thank you to everyone that worked on their yards this summer.

ELECTION

The Municipal Election is October 18, 2021. If you are considering running for election, please pick up Nomination Papers at the Office. Nomination Day is September 20. Your nomination papers must be handed in Sept 20 between 10 am and noon.

CORVETTE TICKETS

Coutts Community Events will be selling Corvette Tickets in the Mall Nov 1-7th. If you are available for a shift, please call the village office. The money we are paid to sell tickets helps to fund Coutts Days and other activities. If you are willing to do a shift, I would appreciate it. Thx

NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

Well I guess summer is on it's way out and fall on the way in and with that we return to regular library hours. Beginning September 1st we will return to Tuesday 2:30 – 7:30 pm, Wednesday 10:30 am – 1:30 pm, Thursday 2:30 – 7:30 pm and our phone number is 403-344-3804. Please remember that our phone service is with Milk River Cable so if there is an outage with them we do not have phone service either.

We are able to have in person classes again and continuing with the computer sessions that were offered before Covid shutdowns we are continuing with One-To-One Digital Skills by appointment only. This session is being offered on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 from 5:00-6:00 pm at the library. Having some trouble with your technology? Have an issue with the digital world you'd like answered? Sign up for a chat with the Chinook Arch Digital Literacy Librarian and we will troubleshoot together. Sign up at your library and leave a description of your issue. Registration will close two days before the scheduled date. For more information or to register: 403-344-3804 or help@couttslibrary.ca

We have lots of new materials for your reading enjoyment and we have a new large print block of books that come to us from Chinook Arch so come in for a visit and check us out!



The **Quad Municipality Healthcare Support Committee** is made up of residents and elected officials from the County of Warner, Coutts, Milk River, Warner, and the southern portion of the County of 40 Mile.

Our purpose is to attract, support, and retain the health professionals in our area. We do this by assisting in recruitment, advertising, and by recognizing the value and efforts of the professionals who serve within our boundaries.

Our committee is looking for additional members from all communities. We need to ensure that our healthcare professionals know that they are appreciated so that we can keep all their services close by. To do this we need more volunteers to be able to expand our communication efforts and programs.

We usually meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested, our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 7th, in the Milk River Council Chambers. If you plan on attending or would like more information, please call, or text Scott MacCumber at (403) 647-6677. Thank you.

News from the Border Rascals Social Club

September has to be one of the best months of the year to live here. Summer heat gives way to cool evenings and golden landscapes. The work of the harvest finishes and garden produce fills larders and freezers. The smoky skies are blue again and the Sweetgrass Hills have reappeared! Life is good.

Our open executive meeting on September 2nd at 10:00 am at the Rec' centre is an opportunity for all to attend. We will be making plans for monthly potlucks, activities we might sponsor during the winter months and any ideas for reasons to be sociable as friends and neighbors. We have a lovely hall and mini kitchen that needs to see more action! We are looking forward to seeing you all at the tasty potluck this month. Come out and enjoy it on September 23rd at 5:30 pm at the Rec' Hall. (note the date is the 23rd not the 16th as was advertised in last month's newsletter!!)

We would like to know if there are enough card players out there to have a card night at the hall. Crib, Pinochle, Rook, Rummy whatever we want. We also have shuffle board, pool and bingo available. Maybe we could have different games each month?

Are there people in the village that would teach a class about a skill or craft they enjoy? We would like to hear from you. Let's get together and have some fun. The coffee is always on or tea if you please!

From your Executive;

Jim Willett, president

Kris Rollins, secretary

Betty Ostby, vice-president

Mardell Pederson, treasurer



PRAIRIE ROSE LODGE BITS & PIECES - SEPT. 2021

Does anyone know how they keep doing "it" year after year? Summer 2021 was one of the hottest on record coupled with the least amount of moisture recorded. To this sad story, add an infestation of grasshoppers and sawflies. These troopers are also faced with some of the highest input costs ever. I am talking about our agricultural sector trying to make another year in a partnership with Mother Nature and God. A very important component of a successful operation is the lady of the household. Understanding and accepting the fact that the business comes first - maybe this year there is no vacation; no repairs to the home; every dollar needs to go to pay the bills, seed, or replacement stock.

Why are they still there? Well, do you remember that bumper crop we had last year and the calf prices? These "next year" people are to be admired and should be an example to all. They are people of faith, optimism and strength. They are the backbone of our country and we need them. Hang in there. Well, that's my aggie rant for this month.

The month of September sees only one resident celebrating a birthday - that being Tom Taylor on Sept. 4th. Have a great day Tom and hopefully the Auxiliary will be seeing all you residents starting January 2022 - that is if we can kick this Covid-19.

Terra plans once again to have the Country Concert series - seems that was enjoyed by many of the residents; so many of us enjoy those old country/western tunes.

During September there will be a country harvest road tour. I hope you folks are able to find an area where the crops and grass are a bit green and encouraging. However, this past bit of moisture has somewhat alleviated the threat of fire.

There will be a fall craft for all you crafty people and otherwise there will be the same entertainment schedule - movies, games, and visiting. It is a great place to try to learn one new thing you did not know about one of your fellow residents and always remember to be kind.

I am sure that at times it is difficult to decide what to do. Life is full of give and take - give thanks for our many blessings and take nothing for granted.

God Bless All. Emma Hult

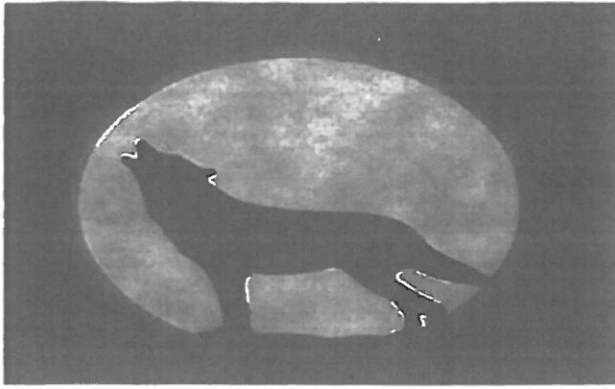
Milk River Historical Society

We would like to thank everyone who visited the museum on Heritage Day Downtown Block Party on July 31st. We had lots of wonderful comments and feedback. We thank everyone who took the time to visit and also for the many donations we received.

The museum will be open on Harvest Day, September 25th from 10 to 4. Please stop by and see for yourself what a treasure our museum is.

Oral History follow-up to the beginner class will be held on October 2nd from 10 to 5 at the Heritage Hall. If you wish to attend, please pre-register with Dale Leffingwell at 403-327-2438. A small registration fee will include lunch.

Next meeting will be on September 16th at 7:00 pm at the museum 113 - 1st Ave NW. Everyone is welcome to attend.



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Harvest Festival

SEPTEMBER 25th

Milk River Civic Centre

FUNDRAISING FOR

Milk River and District Agricultural Society

8:00am

Smoker Cook-off contestant start

9:00-10:00 am

Bench show drop-off

10:30am -12:00pm

Bench show judging

1:00-4:00pm • SMOKER TASTING • SILENT AUCTION •
• CONCESSION • BENCH SHOW • CHICKEN BINGO •
• PETTING ZOO • KIDS GAMES • WAGON RIDES •

4:00pm-1:00am

• 50/50 • TRAIN RIDES •

Beer gardens and live music by Border Bound

5:00pm

Smoker cook-off competition complete

6:00pm

Judging and sampling

EVERYONE WELCOME TO JOIN IN ON THE FUN

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October 20 & 21, 2021

Prairie Rose Lodge



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