

VILLAGE OF COUTTS NEWSLETTER

**SEPTEMBER
2022**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

TAXES

As of Sept 1, if you have not paid your property taxes a 12% penalty will have been added. If you wish to avoid a future penalty, please pay your taxes in full by Dec 31.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Looking for a volunteer to organize the Remembrance Day Ceremony. For years we have been the only community south of Lethbridge that hosts a Remembrance Day Ceremony on the November 11. It would be nice to carry this tradition on. If you are interested in doing this, please call the Village Office. Thank you!

NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

Darn, we have to say goodbye to summer and hello to fall, it is always sad to see the last days of summer disappear and the days getting much shorter.

The good news, the library is still here full of wonderful books and movies for you to enjoy. We will once again be open on Wednesdays beginning in September, so to refresh your memory our hours are Tuesday 2:00-7:00pm, Wednesday 10:30am-1:30pm and Thursday 2:00-7:00 pm. You are also welcome to come in and use the public use computers once again.

If you are new to Coutts we would love to meet you and get you set up with a library card, there is no charge for a membership at our library.

Our book club will be on Thursday, September 8th at 2:00 pm and it is open to anyone to join in and share books and authors that you enjoy. We would love to have some more people attend.

Milk River Historical Society

As of September 1st, the museum will no longer be open on a scheduled basis. If you would like to tour the museum at any time, please call William King at 403-647-3428 and he will be happy to work with you for a suitable time for your tour.

Our next meeting will be September 15th at 7 pm at the museum. Everyone welcome.

HERITAGE HANDIBUS ASSOCIATION SEPTEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

The Toyota Handibus is scheduled to travel to Lethbridge on Sep 7, 2022. 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 large and small buses are 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 Sep 14, 2022 at the Town Hall. Everyone is welcome, we need more community participation please.

Enjoy the last of summer as we prepare for Fall and all its uniqueness!

PRAIRIE ROSE LODGE BIT'S AND PIECES - SEPT 2022

Don't you just love the fall season and all the unique experiences of harvest? There are no smells like that of harvest-the dust; the grain; the warm evening air. Then there are the sounds which sometimes cause your stomach to clench....the grain auger that never wants to cooperate; the change in the combine motor when it hits a heavier patch (not really a problem some years); the roar of the overloaded truck as it makes its way home. Most importantly, farmers are also making sure all their private firefighting equipment is in top working condition. This is the time of year our farmers answer to the decisions they made in the spring. It is all part of farming. Hey guys- for some, it may not be a bumper crop but Life Is Good.

We continue to enjoy birthday parties along with entertainment and treats and this will continue on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 PM with the festivities presently being held on the patio. To respect the privacy of residents, names of those celebrating their special days will no longer be announced publicly via newsletter.

Though I will miss my monthly writing task, I will no longer be doing the Bits & Pieces article for the newsletters as it is felt that the events of the Lodge will be more accurately reported in a timely fashion by administration. It has always been important to me that the events enjoyed by the residents be shared with the families and the communities and I look forward to having this trend continue. Thank you to the wonderful staff- they were so supportive of all our events over the past years. You always helped with a smile. Congratulations to our great cook-Peggy Sharp- who is retiring. You will be missed.

When one door closes another door opens. Thank you to all and God Bless All- Emma Hult.

**The Village of Coutts would like to thank Emma for all the hours she has spent over the years keeping us up to date on the goings-on at the Lodge.
We will all miss your stories!**



Did you know Milk River has a 4-H Multi Club?



Last year we had beef, sheep and pheasant projects.

4-H Alberta has a variety of projects for your child to try:

- Archery
- Horticulture
- Small pet
- Sewing
- Wood Working
- Craft
- Swine
- Welding
- Equine
- Photography

*please note: leaders are needed for projects to run.

If your child is 9 years of age as of December 31, 2022 and interested;

please join us for a **Parent Meeting**

Monday, September 12 at 6:00pm

in the Angora room at the Milk River Civic Centre.



IT'S A PARTY

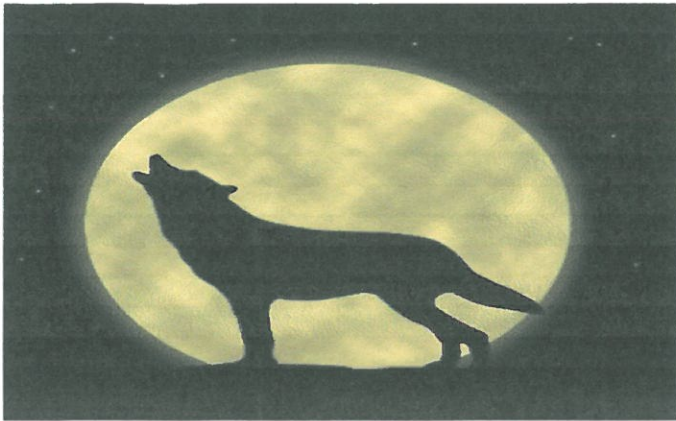


Everyone is invited to attend Mildred Thiessen's **95th** Birthday celebration.

September 17, 2022 at the

Coutts Rec Hall

Come and go 1:00-3:00 PM



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CELL: 403-635-2013

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH FCSS IN SEPTEMBER

TRIPLE P FEAR-LESS

Online Group



Are **YOU** concerned about your child/teen experiencing anxiety?

Triple P group for parents of children and teenagers aged 6-14 years.

In these 6-group sessions you will:

- learn about what anxiety is and how it develops.
 - practice and take home several strategies you can use with your child.
- Including: effective problem solving, flexible thinking, parental modeling and how to build resilience.

A workbook will be provided, which is a valuable tool for making and maintaining progress.

Tuesdays
Sept 13, 20, 27
Oct 4, 11, 18
10:00-11:30 am
Online via Teams

For more information or to register contact:

Penny or **Kim**
 Call/Text: 403 915 4017 403 394 8657
 Email: penny.pittman@fcss.ca kim.frost@fcss.ca



Stay & Play

Drop-in Program for Parents/Caregivers & Children (birth to 5)
 Learning through **play** children develop social and cognitive skills, mature emotionally, and gain the self-confidence required to engage in new experiences.

2nd & 4th Wednesday
 September 14th & 28th
 9:30-11:00 am
 Milk River Civic Center - Agora Room
 321 3 Ave NE

For more information contact:
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 penny.pittman@fcss.ca



Open Play

Drop-in Program for Parents/Caregivers & Children (birth to 5)

- No Registration
- No Structure
- No Charge

1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month
 Sept 19th
 1:30-3:00 pm
 Warner FCSS
 210 3rd Ave
 Village Office - East Entrance

For more information contact:
Penny Pittman
 penny.pittman@fcss.ca or 403 915 4017 text/call



Caregiver Café

Come meet new friends, be part of meaningful conversations and play with your child.

Wednesdays
Sept 21, 28 Oct 5, 12, 19 & 26
10:00-11:30 am
Warner FCSS

210 3rd Ave - Village of Warner - East Entrance

Registration Required!

To register or for more information contact
Penny Pittman
 403 915 4017 or penny.pittman@fcss.ca



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

SEPT

24th

OKTOBERFEST



Milk River Civic Centre
& Football Field



321 3 Avenue

FUNDRAISING FOR

Milk River and District
Agricultural Society

11-11:30

Homemade • Handmade •
Home Grown Show & Seed/Grain Show
Drop Off Civic Center

1:00

Oktoberfest Themed Concession, Games for all ages,
Petting Zoo, Facepainting,
Homemade • Handmade • Home Grown Show
Grain/Seed Display & Live Baking Auction
Silent Auction Items



Progressive 50/50
Scan with your phone here

4:00

Beer Gardens (Family Setting Approved)

7:00

Family Dance - Music by Border Bound

EVERYONE WELCOME!
Thank you for your support.



Pumpkin Patch Farmers Market

Saturday, October 8

10:00 – 4:00

Milk River Civic Center

Interested Vendors

Contact Laura Balog 403-642-7500



Mistletoe Christmas Market

Saturday, December 3 @ Civic Center

Contact Laura Balog for more information

News from the Border Rascals Social Club

As our hot, dry, bug infested summer days shorten and harvesting dominates the landscape, the Border Rascals will resume our monthly executive meetings and pot lucks. Join us at our open executive meeting at the rec' hall at 10:am, Thursday, September 8th. Bring your ideas and suggestions for activities we can enjoy as a group over the months ahead. Membership dues from 2020 will still be good until January 2023!

Our September potluck will be on Thursday, the 22nd at 5:30 pm at the rec' hall. Come and enjoy a harvest meal, conversation and an "after dinner" game of high stakes bingo!

Mardell Peterson and others have started work on improvements at our two village cemeteries. Steve Pain has pruned trees and bushes and with help of the Village crew, removed dead and over grown materials. New top soil and borders surround neglected flower beds. Some new plantings are in and with the help of the village crew to keep them watered, we hope to establish new growth.

Debbie Pain extends an open invitation to come to Book Club at the library where book fans can share their favorite reads with each other. The Book Club meets every second Tuesday at 2:00 pm at the Coutts library.

Bring a friend or new neighbor and join us. Most of us are over 55 years old but don't let that scare you!

from your executive;

Jim Willett, president

Kris Rollins, secretary

Betty Ostby, vice-president

Mardell Pederson, treasurer