

VILLAGE OF COUTTS NEWSLETTER JAN 2025



TAXES AND UTILITIES

We will once again be offering discounts in January (5%) and February (4%) for prepayment of taxes. Please contact the office in January to find out the amount needed to pay for you specifically. Utility prepayments will also be taken for residential properties. The payment amount is \$412.50, which results in one month free of water distribution, sewer and garbage fees. Utility prepayment is only available in January. Dog/cat licence fees are also due in January.

FRIENDS OF COUTTS LIBRARY—AGM

The Friends of the Coutts Library Society will be having their AGM on January 16th at 6pm in the Library. Anyone interested in joining the society is more than welcome to come to the meeting.

Winter Water Operations – Normal (Update from the Town of Milk River)

As we move further into winter, the Town is working under what is considered "normal operating conditions", (similar to previous years) and the water reservoirs continue to remain steady at a 100% level.

Your dedication to water conservation during this challenging year has made a significant impact. Thanks to the combined efforts of our community, government partners, along with the work of our operational teams, administrative staff, and town council, we've been able to maintain full levels in the water reservoirs.

The challenge will be in 2025 where we know the siphon break in the US is scheduled to be completed late August, early September. This means that the diversion canal will not be operational as we enter the summer season.

Council has been working hard to establish a supplementary water supply for next summer. Enlisting the services of MPE Engineering, a supplementary water supply has been identified to come from Middle Coulee, just north of the village of Warner. The Town anticipates having to have a company on standby to assist in rolling out overland pipe to transfer water, should it be needed.

With the uncertainty of next summer, Council will be monitoring the situation and potentially revisiting water restrictions for the community.

We want to express our deep gratitude to everyone who have worked diligently to reach this point. Your cooperation has been key, and we are confident that with your continued support, we can navigate the 2025 summer season responsibly.

For the latest updates on the St. Mary Siphon Break, please visit:
<https://www.facebook.com/milkriverproject/>

BORDER RASCALS SOCIAL CLUB

Happy New Year. Welcome to 2025. After a very busy December, January is much quieter. Our regular meeting is Thursday, January 9th at 10am.

Our potluck will be held on the 23rd. Doors open at 5pm. This is our AGM meeting. Come out and vote for all the different positions. Membership fees (\$5.00) are due. Help support our potluck and related activities throughout the year. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Milk River Historical Society

Our item of interest this month is a pair of snowshoes. What says winter and January more than snowshoes? The pair we have in the museum were given to Bob Bogle from the Red Earth Native Community when he was Minister of Native Affairs. They are handmade and include moose hide and were stained with linseed oil.

Continuing with our January tradition of including some of the comments we got in our guest book over the past year. We are proud to include all the different places that people come from to see our museum, of course many from Milk River, Lethbridge and the County of Warner but also; Peace River AB, Port Alberni BC, Holland, Banff AB, Manor SK, Turner Valley AB, Mill Bay BC, Houston Texas, Salem Missouri, Cochrane AB, Osoyoos BC, Cascade Idaho, Creston BC, Vernon BC, Cardston AB, Kyle SK, Medicine Hat AB and Germany.

Some of the comments written are:

- Had a blast, so much cool stuff from Kaitlyn
- Thank you for the tour, we appreciated your hospitality William from Keith & Connie
- Tour and tour guide was great, very interesting, lots of history from Samara
- I got a great tour through the mesmerizing museum and I would love to come back when I am in Canada again. Thank you from Nicolas Kinger – Germany
- Wonderful tour – so interesting to have such an engaging tour from David & Sandra
- Amazing tour with William King & Terry Michaelis – old friends. Lots of memories!
- So interesting and lots of memories. William was great from Laurence & Diane

Our next meeting will be on February 20, 2025 at 7pm at the museum. As always, if you would like a tour of the museum call William King at 403-647-3428.

We would like to wish everyone a very happy and healthy new year. Thank you for your support of the museum over the past year. Hope to see you in 2025!

MILK RIVER MINOR BALL - CONCESSION

The Milk River Minor Baseball Association is looking for someone to lease and run the concession at the Milk River ball diamonds for the 2025 season. Interested parties can email MRMBA at mrminorball@gmail.com for information or call Denise @ 403-647-6107.

Christmas Hamper and Angel Tree

Another Christmas season has come and gone I am once again trying to figure out how to say thank you in a way that shows enough gratitude.... I just don't think there are words to say thank you enough to everyone that contributed to the Christmas Hamper and Angel Tree Programs!!! 29 Christmases were brighter because of all the support that we have received.

My first thank you will be to everyone that donated or bought the packages at Riverside Market and/or took an angel off the tree. That is the heart and soul of these programs and each and every one of you that participated are the real reasons these programs are a success!!! Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Next I would like to send a huge thank you to Linda Cavanaugh who does such an amazing job organizing the food and getting the hampers ready to go. She truly has a heart of gold and without her the program would not be able to continue. Thank you also to Linda's helpers this year...we so appreciate your generous help!

Huge thanks to the Town of Milk River – Kim and Trudi help with the Angel Tree and accept donations and without them none of this would be possible. Thank you also for the use of the Council room to organize – every program needs space and this one is perfect. Thank you also to the Village of Coutts for your continued support of these programs

Thank you to Riverside Market for your generous support and to the wonderful employees at Coutts CBSA who donate breakfast items for every family!!

Thank you to everyone that helps deliver hampers – RCMP, Peace Officers, Jeff Austin with the Sheriffs and CBSA send helpers when able and it is greatly appreciated! A special thank you goes out to Tanya and Monti Smith for delivering to Coutts – you are truly amazing!!!

Thank you to April Brower and the Grade 8 class for your donation – fantastic learning about the heart of the holiday season!

Finally, I just want to say one final thank you to anyone I may have missed. So many people donate extra toys, gift bags, treats for each family and please know that each and every one of you is so appreciated for what you do for our community!!!

Darlene Fleming

MILITARY SERVICE RECOGNITION BOOKS

The 2025 issue of the Military Service Recognition Book will be the last year that it will be printed in book form. Starting 2026 the book will be online only. If you or anyone that you know has served in any of the services, now is the time to submit their story. These stories must be submitted before January 31, 2025. There are copies of these books from past years located at the public library, school library, seniors lodge, or the town office. These forms are on the very last page of the books and are very self explanatory. I also have copies of this form if you are interested in submitting a story. Call (403) 666-2260.

◆ FROM PRAIRIE ROSE
◆ Happy ◆ LODGE
◆ new year! ◆

We are excited to be welcoming in the New Year at Praire Rose Lodge! 2024 was so good to us, & we created so many wonderful memories. We'd like to start the New Year by thanking SO many members of our Community that contributed to our Angel Tree project over Christmas – your generosity warmed our hearts & made Christmas extra special for each of our Residents! From the bottom of all of our hearts... THANK YOU!

This month you can look forward to all of our activities getting back to their regular schedules. Community Coffee will take place each Tuesday at 10:00am. We encourage all of our Community members to join us! There is always homemade treats prepared by our wonderful staff, & a cup of hot coffee, or tea ready to enjoy! A favourite event, 'Grand Pals' will resume every other Wednesday, beginning January 8th. If you have littles, we encourage you to bring them down, or if you'd just like to come down & get in on some giggles & baby snuggles, we would love for you to join us for that too. The 1st Tuesday of the month FCSS will be here for another Drumming Class, & they will join us again on January 17th for Memory Café. The Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting the monthly Birthday Party on the evening of January 8th. We have 3 resident birthdays this month, so it will be a great celebration!

As a reminder, we will continue to run 'Meals on Wheels' in 2025 – menus & applications are available on the Community Bulletin board outside the main office in the Lodge. Our 6 week menu plan is also available there so you can easily plan your days, weeks, or even months of meals.

From all of us at PRL – Happy New Year!! We are excited to share with all of you all of the goodness that we know 2025 will bring!

*Find us on FaceBook: Prairie Rose Lodge – Ridge Country Housing
Find us on Instagram: prairie_rose_lodge_rch*

BORDER COMMUNITY WELLNESS FOUNDATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOLLOWED BY REGULAR
MEETING

WEDNESDAY , JANUARY 29, 2PM

MILK RIVER TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM

Please join us for the Border Community Wellness Foundation
AGM and Regular meeting on Wed. Jan. 29, 2pm. Milk River
Town Hall

Find out what we did in 2024, and the new projects we have
planned for 2025.

We have a vibrant group of members with great ideas, but we
love to hear from residents of

COUTTS, MILK RIVER, WARNER, AND SURROUNDING AREA

To find out what you are doing to maintain your wellness, and
areas that you feel could be enriched.

EVERYONE WELCOME!



Travel & Heritage App Coming for Summer 2025



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SOUTHERN ALBERTA OUTDOORSMEN
UPCOMING EVENTS



Fishing day- December 28th 2024, Goldsprings park, 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Family ice or shore fishing day with lunch and hot drinks provided by the Southern Alberta Outdoorsmen

Predator Hunt and Measuring day- January 3rd and 4th, Milk River Heritage Hall

Predator hunt during legal hunting hours on the 3rd and until noon on the 4th, bring your harvest to the Heritage Hall between 8 a.m. and noon on Saturday the 4th for scoring and refreshments.

Outdoorsmen 11th Annual Swap Meet & Gun Show - March 8, 2025, Milk River Civic Center, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Guns, Hunting, Optics, Re-loading and Fishing Gear. \$500.00 door prize, Admittance \$5.00

****Vendor tables \$25.00. Call: Clayton Taylor 403-634-7258 Rodger King 403-344-2124**

Awards Evening - Saturday, March 16, 2025 – Coutts Civic Center, AB. – 4:30 p.m. This year we will be doing a

POT-LUCK SUPPER If you plan to attend, please bring a supper or desert dish. SAO will provide coffee, water and juice. You are welcome to bring your own refreshments as well. **The evening will begin with socializing, silent auction, raffles and cocktails. Supper at 6:00 pm**

Come on out for a fun night!

Family Fishing Weekend and Camp Out –June 6th, 7th and 8th at Goldsprings Park.

Please book your own reservations if you plan to camp! Saturday, as usual, will be the main event with SAO supplying dogs and drinks

January at a glance

Mondays	<p>OPEN PLAY at <u>Warner FCSS - 210 3rd Ave</u> 9:30 - 11:00 am START DATE is January 13th 2025</p>
Wednesdays	<p>STAY & PLAY at the <u>Milk River Civic center - Agora room</u> 9:30 - 11:00 am START DATE is January 15th 2025</p>
Mondays January 20 to March 17	<p>CONNECT Parent Group - <u>Online</u> 5:00 - 6:30 pm 10 week program for parents of teens/pre-teens who are experiencing behavioral & emotional problems</p>
Mondays January 22 to February 19	<p>FAMILY TRANSITIONS TRIPLE P - <u>Online</u> 9:30 - 11:30 am A 5 week program for families experiencing complicated parenting due to separation or divorce</p>
General Interest Classes	<p>Paint with Jen - Saturday January 25th <u>Warner Library</u> 10:00 am to Noon</p>
	<p>East Indian Cooking - Monday January 27th <u>Milk River Civic Center</u> 6:00 - 8:00 pm</p>
	<p>Intro to Baking: Cream Puff & Eclairs Wednesday January 29th <u>Milk River Civic Center</u> 6:00 - 8:00 pm</p>

VISIT THE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER
www.fcss.ca

Warner Adult Learning
Jan 2024 Newsletter

Hello
Everyone

We would like to thank everyone that has participated in our programs this past year!

We are planning for our next session of classes starting in January of 2025. We will have some new offerings but you can send us your requests for classes and we will see what we can do to meet your needs or wants.

Call us at 403-421-0036 or email
Warner@taberadultlearning.com

Coutts Grass Rodeo Association

AGM

Annual General Meeting

Thursday, January 16th, 2025 at 7 PM



Please join us for our AGM and monthly meeting to follow. New members welcome.

**Milk River Civic Center - Agora Room
321 3rd Ave NE Milk River**