

**VILLAGE OF COUTTS
NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY 2025**

*Happy
Valentine's
Day*



TAXES

Tax payers that would like to prepay for the 2025 year, still have a chance to get a discount in February. If you are considering prepaying, please call the office to get the amount. Paying in February, results in a 4% discount.

DOG LICENSES

Dog license fees were due in January. Spayed or neutered are \$5 and non-altered are \$30. Please pay and register your dog at the Village office.

NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

Well I guess it's still winter for awhile so come in and pick up some good reading for those days when it's too cold or icy or windy to go outside. Don't forget also you puzzle lovers that we have over 170 jigsaw puzzles on our shelves that you are welcome to borrow.

Book club this month is on Thursday February 13th at 2:00 pm in the library. We welcome anyone to join us to share their love of reading and talk about books and authors. It's an excellent way to expand your reading horizons.

We are in need once again for some items to put in the back of our shelves so that is easier to see what is on the shelf instead of losing the books at the very back of the shelf. The two items that work the best are 1 litre milk jugs, plastic or cardboard and the long twelve pack pop cases, they are the perfect size. Please rinse milk jugs out really well before bringing them in. You can drop them off during library hours.

The library board is planning to have a used book, dvd, vhs sale on Thursday April 10 from 4-7 pm here at the library. Items are on sale for \$5.00 per bag, bring your own recyclable bag or we will have plastic grocery bags available for your use. These items will be set up in the hallway by the library. At the same time we will be holding a bake sale which will be set up in the library. If any of our library patrons or community members would like to donate items for the bake sale we would be happy to receive them. Please come to the far south doors to access the library and sale.

We still have three desks and chairs in the hallway that we are looking to find new homes for. If you are interested in any of these items you can give us a donation and take them away. The desks are very heavy so you need to bring some muscle to move them.

Hope to see you soon!

BORDER RASCALS SOCIAL CLUB

The Border Rascals had our January potluck last night the 23rd. It included our annual AGM meeting. Our annual memberships were renewed, anyone else who missed this can easily catch up in February. The three positions on our board, of chairman, secretary, and treasurer, were voted on, and all positions remain as were. Lori Minor took over secretary half way through 2024, and was voted to continue. Our February planning meeting will be on the 13th, at 10am. With our next monthly potluck on the 27th. 5.30pm at the Rec Center. The \$5 fee for memberships was for attending these, as well as participating in all our activities. No memberships has a \$5 charge for attending a potluck. Hope to see lots more of our friends and neighbors throughout this year. Happy Valentine's Day to all and those that we all love. 😊

For Your Information

The Poppy Campaign is a Dominion wide project that all Royal Canadian Legion's get involved with. The monies raised through wreath sales, donations, and poppy sales goes directly into a separate bank account. No cheques can be written out of this account except for legitimate expenses or Command approved Donations. In recent years donation monies have been dispersed as follows:

2022	Milk River Health Center	\$2071.69
	Amenities cart, 2 sets wicker furniture	
	Milk River Health Center	\$1133.97
	CPR meter 2	
	Milk River Medical Clinic	\$2065.30
	High Frequency Desiccator, tips for Desiccator, 2-adult pulse oximeters	
	\$500 of this donation was received from Gas Alberta Give Back Program (nominated to 2022 Poppy Fund by Chinook Gas Co-op Ltd)	
	Coutts Fire & Rescue	\$1367.59
	7305 Series Homecare Suction unit with internal filter, Water Jet Burn Kit, Tactical gunshot trauma kit, 2-emergency obstetrical kits, touchless thermometer, Combustible gas leak detector	
2023	Forty Mile Fire Service	\$1584.12
	Two Airway Management Kits -includes supplies to fully stock these kits	
	Bow Island Pleasant View Lodge	\$2286.08
	2 Wheelchairs	
	Bow Island Health Center	\$2515.02
	Bariatric Wheelchair	
	Milk River Prairie Rose Lodge	\$1865.83
	2 Nesting cocktail tables, 3 accent tables	
	\$500 of this donation was received from Gas Alberta Give Back Program (nominated to 2023 Poppy Fund by Chinook Gas Co-op Ltd)	

VENDORS WANTED MARCH MADNESS MARKET

**Saturday March 22, 2025
10 AM to 4 PM
Heritage Hall, Milk River**

**Tables are \$20.00 Each. Contact Sharen Cotie at 403-849-0753 email; slcotie@gmail.com or
Diane LaPointe 403-393-5287 email: ponchosuzyq@gmail.com**

MILK RIVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

What says February more than Valentine's Day and love? Our item of the month is a book filled with hundreds of newspaper clippings of engagements and weddings. Many of these announcements have pictures included, they are from 1943 to 1990. Perhaps your parents or grandparents or even your own engagement or wedding announcement is in this book. Come check it out at the museum. Or call William King at 403-647-3428 for a tour or just to see the Engagements and Weddings book.

Our next meeting will be on February 20th at 7pm at the museum. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Season to Season Markets Presents



Spring Fling Market 2025

Saturday, April 19

10:00am – 4:00pm

Milk River Civic Center

321 3rd Ave. N

Contact Laurie Balog for information

403-642-7500

Everyone Welcome

Milk River Ridge School – February 2025 News

Thanks to the efforts of all the staff at Milk River Ridge School and the Horizon School Division Maintenance and Technology departments, we have settled very nicely into the **NEW** school. We are very proud of our new facility and would like to thank everyone that was able to come to the Open House on Tuesday, January 14. There was an excellent turnout and so many stayed to take in the Senior High Boys and Girls basketball games in the new gym. Thank you also to everyone that supported our concession as we are putting the proceeds towards new school jerseys!

Mini-Basketball— We are looking forward to our coed grades 3–6 mini-basketball season. Thanks to our volunteer coaches, we will have two mini-ball teams this year. We are hoping that Warner will also have a team which will give us lots of games to play for these very enthusiastic basketball players! We will start practicing on February 27 and hope to start playing games the middle of March. The finalized schedule will be posted in the March Newsletter.

Tuesday, January 21 – We celebrated “**Bell Let’s Talk Day**” with many activities and swag for the students. This is a campaign created by the Canadian telecommunications company, Bell Canada, to raise awareness and combat stigma surrounding mental illness in Canada.

Monday, January 27 – Family Literacy Day takes place every January 27 to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. Milk River Ridge School celebrated literacy by hosting a Family Literacy Day on Tuesday, January 28 that included an afternoon of family activities, refreshments and a “**Books are Brilliant**” Magic show.

Milk River Ridge School – February Basketball home games:

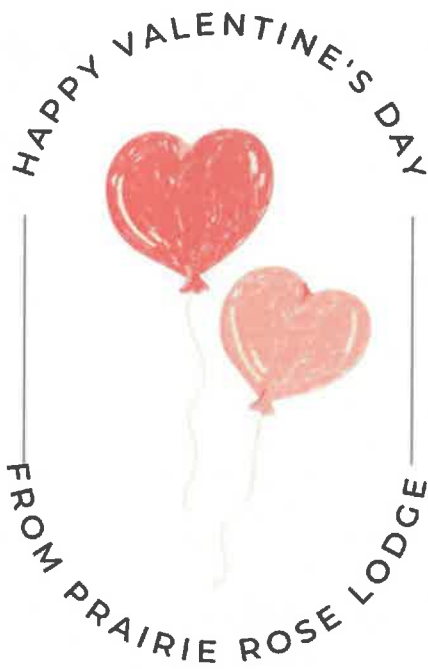
Thursday, February 6 – 4:00 – Tier 1 Boys vs Barnwell

Friday & Saturday, February 7 & 8 – Senior Girls & Boys Home Tournaments – (the boys will be playing in Warner) come out and cheer on our teams!

The week of **February 3** is Championship Basketball Week for our Tier 2 Girls and the week of **February 10** is Championship Week for our Tier 1 Boys. There are also playoff and seeding games for our Seniors throughout the month of February and we wish all our teams the best of luck!

Upcoming Events –

- Thursday, February 6 – 2:45 P.M. – Elementary Assembly
- February 10 – 14 – “Spirit Week”
- Tuesday, February 11 – K–6 – Farm Safety programs
- Thursday, February 13 – K-5 Report Cards
- Monday, February 17 to Friday, February 21 – Family Week – NO School!
- Monday, February 24 – P.D. Day NO school for students.
- Tuesday, February 25 – 2:45 P.M. – Basketball Pep Rally
- Wednesday, February 26 – “Pink Shirt Day” – we will support anti-bullying by wearing a pink shirt to school on Wednesday, February 26. Today our diversity is becoming more visible than ever as people continue to embrace their cultures, identities, and true selves in more open and direct ways; making the need to “**Choose Kindness**” and have a greater acceptance, respect, and inclusion for everyone so important.
 - o 6:00 P.M. – School Advisory Meeting



We have lots of exciting things happening in February at Prairie Rose Lodge! On top of our regular seasonal craft days, we will also be doing a Valentines themed fondu party with our Residents.

We are always so excited to try something new, & we look forward to this being a very special event.

We have a special guest vendor coming on February 4th from 10am to 2pm. 'Paper & Pen' will be here to showcase their stationary products, unique pens & notebooks, office supplies & art materials. Please feel free to stop in & see all that they have to offer.

The ladies Auxiliary will be hosting the monthly Birthday Party on February 12th, & everyone is welcome!

'Grand Pals' will continue on February 5th & 19th- these special visits are always a highlight for our residents! As well, FCSS will be here for 'Memory Café' on February 20th. We hope to also get the Residents back to the new school to enjoy some more basketball games, as that was a big highlight trip of this past month. They loved touring the new school, seeing so many familiar faces, & taking in all the action of both the Girls & Boys Teams.

Community Coffee will continue to run each Tuesday morning at 10:00am - as always, we would love a visit from all of you!

We would also like to extend a heartfelt Thank You to The Foremost Legion poppy chairman Raylene Hobbs, who recently presented Prairie Rose Lodge a cheque in the amount of \$1865.83. The funds were used to purchase 2 sets of nesting tables and 3 sets of accent tables for the common area of the Lodge. These funds were made available from the 2023 Poppy Campaign.

We appreciate all the support we have received from this wonderful organization over the years!





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The Grad Class of ERHS/MRRS is excited to run a silent auction at the 40th Anniversary Corvette Dance on **March 1st, 2025**

The funds raised will go towards our grad celebration on June 6th, 2025.

Please consider contributing an item to the silent auction. If you would like to support the grad class of 2025, you can drop off your donation at Smart Alice or call:

Kieran Bakke (403-915-5811)

Tracy Bakke (403-642-7782)

Thank you for your consideration!

Grad Class 2025

Bottle Drive

Sunday, February 23rd

**Support The ERHS/MRRS
Grad Class of 2025!**

If you wish to participate, please leave your cans & bottles on your front driveway on Sunday, February 23rd. Our Graduates will be driving around collecting your generous donations in the Coutts & Milk River area. Thanks for your support!

**For more information, contact:
Jorja Garber (403-966-3624)
Jayden Holland (403-393-5955)**

**Collection
between 2-6pm**



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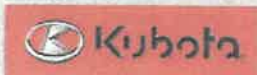


GORD BAMFORD

APRIL 12, 2025

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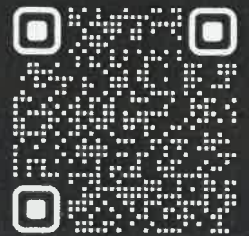
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Tickets and registration at local municipal offices

Weekly Pre-booking is promoted and encouraged

Ensure your trip availability/facilitate driver scheduling

Pre-Booking: Milk River Town Office (403-647-3773)

Monday to Thursday, 9am - 12 noon, 1pm - 4pm

Inquiries/van availability during service week call/text

our co-ordinator D.S. Fraser or Steve @ 403-603-8578

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CONTACT MARALEE 403-635-4588

FEBRUARY & MARCH HOME GAMES



Sunday February 8 @ 11am
Sunday February 9 @ 10am
Saturday March 8 @ 5:30pm

Come cheer on your favorite hockey players!

**Concession
50/50**

#PINKSHIRTDAY

WHEN: February 26th is Pink Shirt Day!

WHAT: Pink Shirt Day raises awareness about the importance of promoting a supportive, kind, and accepting school, work, and home environment. Wear pink to support anti-bullying day on February 26th.

Other ways to be kind during the month of February:

- Hold the door for a stranger.
- Shovel your neighbour's sidewalk.
- Express gratitude to people in your life.
- Leave a kind note for your parents, teachers, friends, siblings, or spouse.
- Go in to visit the bank teller instead of using the ATM.

SIGNS OF BULLYING:

- Anxiety
- Low self-esteem
- Lack of interest in activities
- Changes in mood

WHO: Resources for those who are experiencing bullying

- FCSS Counselling Intake at 587-370-3728 (call or text)
- Kids help phone (a toll-free phone available for any youth) 1-800-668-6868
- Alberta bullying helpline 310-1818 (call or text)
- Mental Health hotline 1-877-303-2642
- Child abuse hotline 1-800-387-5437

FCSS offers many programs that can help prevent bullying as well as to support those who have experienced bullying, including free Counselling Services and programs that help support youth to make healthy transitions towards adulthood.

To learn about FCSS programs visit our website: www.fcss.ca



Submitted by:
Michael Fedunec
Counselling Services Supervisor

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