

VILLAGE OF COUTTS



JULY 2022



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANADA DAY

Picnic in the Spray Park. Hot Dogs, and cake at 4. Come for some family time celebrating Canada. Thank you to Canada Heritage and the Coutts Ag Society for funding to make this possible.

Cemeteries

The cemeteries are looking great. Thank you so much to all the volunteers. If you would like to be part of the next work bee, please call Mardell.

Yards

Just a reminder to Village residents that bylaw 578, "Dangerous and Unsightly Property", is in effect and the Community Peace Officers will be enforcing it, The complete bylaw can be found on the Village website: www.couttsalberta.com, under the heading, "Contact". Inspections have been completed soon and letters will be going out. Thank you to all who have put in the effort to clean up your properties.

Coutts Day—Thank You

Thank you to everyone that gave of their time helping to make Coutts Day a success again this year! We are looking forward to next year!

NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

We have been waiting for a long time for some warm weather, summer is finally here. Summer brings a change to our open library hours as well. Tuesday and Thursday hours remain the same 2:00-7:00pm and we will be closed on Wednesday for the months of July and August. Be sure to come in and get your books and dvds for summer, we continue to get in new materials, there is lots to pick from. Don't forget we also have our free shelf in the hallway if you want to pick up something from there if you are going to the lake or camping.

Our book club will be continuing during the summer and the dates are the second Thursday of the month July 14th and August 11th at 2:00 pm. Please join us to share your love of books and recommendations. We look forward to seeing some new faces as well as the ones who have been attending. Remember this club is open to anyone so spread the word.

Chinook Arch users can now renew their memberships online! A link to the online renewal form has been added to each library website and can be accessed at: <http://chinookarch.ca/get-a-card/ere-new-form>. If you get a notice that your card needs renewing and you're not comfortable doing this yourself just give us a call or drop in, we are more than happy to take care of this for you.

Enjoy your summer and we look forward to seeing you come in for a visit!

From the Mayor

Well, Summer is here and we kicked it off with a great Coutts Day celebration and Coutts Grass Rodeo. Lots of folks celebrating being able to see each other face to face and catch up on the past two years. The (much needed) rains didn't dampen things too much and most folks left happy. Now for some Canada Day hot dogs and cake!

My schedule for the past couple of months involved some travel and between my position as mayor and the Executive chair for SouthGrow I stayed busy.

On the 25th of May I flew out of Lethbridge with the Executive Director for South Grow to a meeting at the Legislature with the other REDA chairs and directors. We met with Ministers Schweitzer and Horner to discuss the future plans for the Ministry concerning our organizations. It was a productive meeting, and we all came away from there with a more positive feeling about the future. We flew back to Lethbridge that night and I arrived home 22 hours after I left.

The 28th was Garage Sale weekend and Steve Pain and I cooked hotdogs and hamburgers at the Rec Hall for the Border Rascals. Smokin'!

On the 31st Council met for a planning session, to examine our priorities for the future. It was a good initial session and we are looking forward to putting our plans into action.

June 1st I traveled to Pincher Creek to the Heritage Acres Farm Museum for the AGM for Alberta SouthWest REDA. It was an interesting and informative evening and also, I got a quick tour of the old equipment barn Some of those tractors were even older than me! If you haven't been there yet sure and put it on your trip list for the Summer. Alberta SW is big on tourism and one of the speakers was Laura Hodge from Bigfork MT talking about the Crown of the Continent Geotourism Council of which SW is a member.

Our June Council meeting featured the auditors report, and we got a clean bill of health for another year.

Of course, the 18th was Coutts Day, and I borrowed a snazzy Mustang for the parade. Threw lots of candy and actually went around 1 ½ timers! Great to see all your smiling faces and all the kids!

On the 21st I was off to Medicine Hat for the Summer Municipal Leaders Conference put on by Alberta Municipalities (formerly the AUMA). It was a catch up session on the advocacy being done by the Association, discussions on topics as diverse as alternate energy and homelessness. Had a good session

On the 23rd I attended the SouthGrow AGM at the Gem of the West Museum in Coaldale. Prior to the meeting some of us met the Mayor Van Rijn took us on a tour of the new Civic Centre being constructed downtown. It is going to be a great facility. Coaldale, as with most of the municipalities on the highway corridor is growing rapidly. I jokingly asked the mayor if we could amalgamate but logistically it just wouldn't work! Again it was a great in person meeting and the future looks bright.

On the 24th the Annual joint meeting of Myors and Reeves from all across the South was held in Taber with guest speaker Associate Minister of Natural Gas and Electricity Dale Nally who explained what he saw as the cause of higher utility costs and what the government is doing to try and ease the situation. There was a good question and answer session, but no one left particularly happy.

29th I was an attendee at a Rural Economic Engagement Session sponsored by Associate Minister Horner in Lethbridge where we had a series of roundtable discussions on the present and future requirements for economic development in rural Alberta.

And that is the last month or so in a nutshell.

It's been a busy month but I feel it has been worth it. The future for our region and our community looks bright!

Enjoy your Summer, be safe, and always wear sunscreen!

Jim

BORDER COMMUNITY WELLNESS FOUNDATION UPDATE SUMMER 2022

It is the mission of the Border Community Wellness Foundation to engage people in taking an active role in their wellness and to inspire philanthropy toward achieving funds to promote said wellness opportunities within the communities of the Border Community Wellness Foundation

The Border Community Wellness Foundation would like to thank everyone for their kind contributions (whether you donated items, helped sell Corvette tickets, bid on the Silent Auction items) which have allowed our organization to help spread wellness and cheer throughout our communities. Our last meeting was a positive one, and we were happy to donate to the following communities and organizations.

- Warner Revitalization Society for the development of their Community Garden/Park
- Tri-Community Food Bank for the building of a food chute to ensure the safety of the volunteers who serve us.
- Milk River Community Garden for a picnic table/umbrella
- Milk River Hospital Auxiliary to help in the completion of the Memorial Garden for residents and their families/visitors.

Thank you to all who have helped make these projects possible. We are looking for members to add to our group, so please contact Robbie Wills 403-344-4312 if you are interested. (Four meetings per year) We are always looking for ideas to support the wellness of residents in our local communities of Warner, Milk River, Coutts and rural residents. Hope to hear from you, and have a WONDERFUL SUMMER!!

Milk River and District Agricultural Society will host a FUNDRAISER



AG Society Style

Saturday, September 24, 2022

Family Fun Event, Games, Festive Food, Pumpkin Growing Contest, Petting Zoo, Silent Auction, Beer Garden, Cabaret and more

Everyone Welcome, more details in upcoming months

CALLING ALL ARTISTS AND ARTISANS

MILK RIVER HERITAGE DAY

SATURDAY JULY 30

ART WALK SHOW AND SALE

QUILT SHOW

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE VENUES DISPLAY SPACE AVAILABLE

PAINTERS-POTTERS-CARVERS-PHOTOGRAPHY

PERFORMANCE ARTISTS WANTED

Drama, Dancers, Musicians, Poetry, Comedy

Contact Linda Cavanaugh (403) 647-3931 – Stitch in Time Milk River

Book your spot – show your stuff!!

Milk River Historical Society

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on July 16th at 1:00 pm at the museum, everyone welcome to attend.

The museum will be open on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from noon to 4:00 pm for the months of July and August. Everyone is welcome to stop in and have a look around or have William King give you the tour. William is available at other times for tours, give him a call at 403-647-3428 to arrange. We will also be open on Canada Day afternoon from noon to 4:00 pm.

Hope to see you all at our AGM or having a tour of the museum.

HEARTFELT THANK-YOU

On behalf of the family of the late Dennis McTaggart, we would sincerely like to thank everyone who joined us for Dennis' Celebration of Life. We were truly overwhelmed by all those who came down to Gold Springs Park to pay tribute and share their special memories with us. It has brought us great comfort knowing that Dennis has touched so many lives over the years. A big thank you goes out to Gold Springs Park for allowing us to have the Celebration there, Dennis loved Gold Springs Park. We are grateful for our extended family and many friends who pitched in and pulled together to organize, prepare, and serve the meal at Dennis' Celebration of Life.

We are very thankful for the support of family and friends during Dennis' journey and battle with cancer. The kindness shown with delivered meals, food trays and flower baskets that were brought to our homes during Dennis' final days and after his passing, were greatly appreciated. The family continues to be supported and comforted with the outpouring of special messages received through phone calls, texts, cards, messages on Dennis' Facebook Memorial page, as well as Messenger. You are all true angels!!

Dennis was extremely grateful for his supportive medical team. The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to; Dr. Imbulgoda and the wonderful staff at the Jack Ady Centre; Dennis's palliative care team, Dr. Smuts, Carol, Kyleen, Andrea, as well as all the staff at the Milk River Health Centre who cared for Dennis in his final days.

Our family wishes to thank the staff at Cornerstone for helping us navigate through all the arrangements.

Words can never express how grateful our family is to be surrounded by such amazing supportive communities. Theresa, Layne & Cary-Anne, Lindsey & Joel, Lee & Kristi and families.



July Newsletter



We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that participated in our programs and classes that were offered this past year. Without your support we couldn't offer programs that are of interest to you. We have many new programs that are going to be introduced in the fall and look forward to seeing you all once again.

Look for our program guide "Vibrant Learning" in your mailboxes in September. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call 403-421-0036 or email warner@taberadultlearning.com



PRAIRIE ROSE LODGE BITS & PIECES-JULY 2022

Hurrah/Hooray/ Hallelujah! We have had rain, the country looks so green, the sun is out and glory be-there is no wind. Enjoy it folks. Life is good. As for visiting the lodge at this time-if you are the designated person, with a mask, sanitize, after a temperature check, visiting can be done in resident's room. Hopefully, after July 1st there may be new direction-just phone the lodge.

On July 7th we hope to be able to celebrate both the June and July birthdays-a total of 10. They are as follows-June- Dee Brown, Norma King, Bev McCoy, Art Furlong, and Merelyn Harty; July-Elane Horgus, Ev Eagleson, Aurelia McKenzie, Gloria Stendall and Wray Swanson. We have a first at the Prairie Rose Lodge-Gloria Stendall will be 100 years young on July 23rd and are we ever going to celebrate. The Good Timers will entertain on July 7th at 7 PM. If we cannot have the general public in, we may have the party on the patio and public sitting in their lawn chairs under the trees. We have done that before. Please keep this date in mind and let's make this a very special party.

If the restrictions are lifted, Terra has many adventures planned. There are plans to visit the Casino in Lethbridge, the Warner bakery, Wring-On-Stone Park, Cheese Factory in Lethbridge, and the enjoyable Golf Cart Tour of Milk River. There are flowers to plant to beautify the lodge. There a plans for a Show and Shine Car Show organized by Tyson Beckman, a Sun Tea party on the patio. In the new school year, it is hoped that Between Friends with the Grade 8's will again be offered.

Personal Touch Fashions will once again be at the lodge on Aug. 31st at 10 AM – 2 PM so be sure to mark your calendars. Also, "If The Shoe Fits" will be back at the lodge on Sept. 15th at 10 AM-2PM. These are great services for people who are unable to get to the city for these items. Please come out and support their efforts so the service continues.

When I listen to the news of the world, we have so much to be thankful for. It is our responsibility to appreciate and protect these blessing. Help those in need; be welcoming, friendly, and inclusive to the newcomers of our town. It is difficult to move into a new area. Be kind and smile. God Bless All-

Emma Hult



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Summer Sizzler Market



Saturday, July 30th 11:00 – 3:00pm

Heritage Hall and Town Hall

on Main Street Milk River

Over 30 Vendors

Market is part of Heritage Day Downtown Block Party

For more information contact Laurie Balog @ 403-642-7500

Free Freezies for Kids

Everyone Welcome



BINGO

You're invited

GAME - FUN - PRIZE



Every Monday Night

Doors open @ 6:30pm Bingo Starts @7pm
Heritage Hall
213 main Street, Milk River, Alberta