

# VILLAGE OF COUTTS NEWSLETTER



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Water Conservation

As a reminder, we are on level II of Water Conservation measures. The Town of Milk River has consulted with MPE Engineering and it has been determined we will have enough water to make it through the winter. Thank you to everyone who adhered to the restrictions. It is because of you that we are in ok shape. They feel that we are safe to lift the restrictions **SLIGHTLY** in order to save trees and shrubs. We are allowing watering 2 days per week for trees and shrubs only. **This does not include grass. Please refer to the attached Public Notice.**

If we find watering is being abused, the restriction will be put back to complete level II until next spring.

### Yards

Please maintain your yards. Cut back any trees/hedges that are encroaching onto or over sidewalks. The Village is receiving many complaints this year about neighboring yards. We do have the ability to issue fines, clean up yards, and add the charges to the land owners taxes. With COVID and travel being not recommended, it is a good opportunity to spruce up your yard. Yard waste, in brown bags, will be picked up on Monday mornings throughout the summer. September 29th will most likely be the last day for pick up....weather depending. Thank you to those that have worked in their yards this year, helping to make our town look attractive.

### Taxes

Taxes have been mailed/emailed. If you have not received yours, please call the Village Office and we can reprint for you. Taxes are due on August 31, however no penalties will be applied until October 1, due to COVID-19.

### MASKS

Please remember to pick up your non-medical grade masks at the Village Office, we have received 8 additional masks for each family member. Enter the Village Office through the Civic Centre Doors....if there is more than one person already in the Civic Centre, please respect social distancing.

### RECYCLE TRAILER

The recycle trailer is still out of service, we are hoping to have it back in operation shortly.

## COUTTS COMMUNITY EVENTS NEEDS YOUR HELP

If you have some time, and would like to volunteer to sell Kinsmen Corvette Tickets in the Park Place Mall, please contact Lori at the Village Office. Our dates are December 28—Jan 4. I'm anticipating that this will be hard week to fill, so any help I can get, I would appreciate. The hours will be dependent upon when the mall is open. The money raised helps to fund events on Coutts Day, and others throughout the year.

If those dates do not work for you, and you are still willing to volunteer, there are other local groups that could use your help. Please call the office, and I can get you in touch with someone.





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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**VILLAGE OF COUTTS**  
**LEVEL 2 WATER RESTRICTION**  
**EFFECTIVE September 1st, 2020**

Effective September 1st, 2020, the Village of Coutts is Revising the Level 2 water restriction in order to allow residents an opportunity to **water trees, shrubs and perennials**. Residents will be allowed to water outside on Mondays & Thursdays only, for the month of September only. The hours are 6am-Noon, and 6pm -10pm ONLY!

The Village of Coutts is asking all users of the water system to take steps to reduce water consumption.

- a. Level 2 Water Restrictions
  - i. All non-essential water use is prohibited (eg.: washing cars, sidewalks, pads, exterior of buildings, etc.)
  - ii. Bulk water sales are prohibited.
  - iii. All non-residential users of water will be requested to reduce hours of operation to contribute to the conservation of water.

These restrictions are intended to ensure that ALL residents receive an adequate supply of water throughout the effected dates and that sufficient reserve supplies are available should they be required for emergency fire fighting purposes. If these restrictions are abused, we will revert back to full Level II Restrictions.

Your cooperation is appreciated. Should you have any questions or require any assistance, please call:

The Village of Coutts, Office at 403-344-3848.

DATED at the Village of Coutts in the province of Alberta this 31st day of August, 2020.

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## Milk River & District Ag Society

**Are you an amateur photographer? Like taking pictures of our local scenes/events?** Do you have a collection of pictures in your drawer or your phone of that elevator coming down, that beautiful sunset, or that herd of antelope hanging out in the field? Well, pull it out and send it to us. We are developing a calendar for 2021 with those types of pictures, along with important "local" dates, such as volunteer organizations meeting times and special events.

We want to highlight the beauty of Milk River and our area, and show off those talented folks in our midst. Send us your picture(s) with your name and description and we will pick the best 12 for this year's calendar. Send it to us by email by end of September. We will have these calendars available for purchase before Christmas.

We have been busy sprucing up the Civic Centre and not quite done yet! As we do one piece we see another spot that needs work. We think you'll really like the new and improved look of the Civic Centre. As always, the Civic Centre is open for your bookings, you may contact the Town Hall at 403-647-3773 to book your function, please remember to follow the Covid-19 guidelines when planning.

With Covid-19 still a concern, the **Harvest Festival** committee has made the decision to wait until next year to launch this new Festival. We will have one fabulous event! Mark the date on your calendar *September 25, 2021 !!*

They meet the first Tuesday of every month at 7PM, in the Agora Room of the Civic Centre, and want to hear your vision....so come join them with your thoughts and ideas and make this Festival one to remember.

Follow us on FB: <https://www.facebook.com/mrdagsociety>

Our email address is [mrdagsociety@outlook.com](mailto:mrdagsociety@outlook.com)



### NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

First off a reminder that beginning in September we will be returning to our regular hours at the library.  
Tuesday 2:30 – 7:30 pm    Wednesday 10:30 – 1:30 pm    Thursday 2:30 – 7:30 pm

Our phone number is 403-344-3804 .

Our promotion for the month of September is library cards. If you don't have one yet or if yours needs renewing come in and take care of it this month and you will be entered for a chance to win amazing prizes! Remember that a library card at the Coutts Municipal Library is FREE! This also applies to County of Warner residents if you choose to use Coutts as your home library.

We have been provided with non surgical disposable masks by the government to hand out to our members and Village residents. With more places requiring these now you are welcome to pick some up from us during our open hours. We have quite a large supply.

We are still having to quarantine our materials so if you return materials that get caught in this time frame you will not be charged overdue fines as we can't check them back in until the quarantine period is over. If you have any questions please give us a call.

## PRAIRIE ROSE LODGE BITS & PIECE-Sept. 2020

I am sure all residents in the south are aware of how serious the shortage of water is and are anxiously following the repairs of the two drops in the Milk River in Montana. Residents asked to stop watering their lawns is a small price to pay to be able to continue to shower and flush. All of us now have the popular "blond" grass that crunches as you walk over it. If your grass is green you will surely hear about it.

Activity at the lodge is still very limited due to COVID 19. The Auxiliary has not been able to have any events or entertainment so have decided to sponsor Harvest Tours in the Heritage Handi-Bus. On August 20<sup>th</sup>, the tour headed north to the Warner area to view the harvesting- which was combining, baling or swathing. I am sure there were many memories that came to mind. Sometime in September there will be another Harvest Tour that will take them out east of Milk River and Coutts. We hope the residents enjoyed the outings in this very trying time.

September 3<sup>rd</sup> there will be a "Break-Out Party" with entertainment by Gordon Kopp and hopefully Ted Swanson. Music will be set-up on the west end of the patio and the residents will be seated under the Pergola. Members of the communities are invited to bring their lawn chairs and their beverage to join the residents at a distance. As the event starts at 7 P.M, it could be a little chilly so bring a blanket.

Once again the Personal Touch ladies will be visiting the lodge on September 17<sup>th</sup> with residents able to shop from 10 A.M. to noon. When residents go to dinner, shopping is open till 2 P.M. to all the public from the communities. Clothing will be displayed in the back parking lot with a tent set up for trying on clothing. This procedure worked very well in the past and allowed both residents and community to shop. After being shut in since March, come out and circulate some of that money you've saved.

I believe that we are looking at many changes in our communities. We can no longer socialize; we cannot fundraise for the "extras" that enhance our community services; what will our school events be like? There are many changes coming but I am confident we will find a way to continue to meet the needs of our area.

Nothing in life is to be feared - it is only to be understood. Be kind, be safe and God Bless.  
Emma Hulit.

## LONG TERM CARE RESIDENT & FAMILY COUNCIL

NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL WILL BE September 17, 2020;

All the resident family members that would like to attend; we will meet at my home at 1 p.m., 516 Main Street, Milk River. If you would like to attend via Zoom, the meeting will also be set up that way so the residents and Rec. staff can attend.

**If you plan on attending at my home please RSVP** so I can make sure we have ample space, email or call 403 647-2677

If you have any concerns and cannot attend the meeting in person or via Zoom, please email your concerns to [proctorjiggs@gmail.com](mailto:proctorjiggs@gmail.com)

DO NOT FORGET TO GET YOUR TICKETS FOR THE RAFFLE.....THE DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF THE DRAW WILL BE DECIDED AT OUR MEETING

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## BORDER COMMUNITY WELLNESS FOUNDATION

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE IN THE BACK YARD OF BOB AND EMMA HULIT; 428 3<sup>RD</sup> AVE. MILK RIVER AT 2 P.M, on September 14.20** *bring yourself, a lawn chair and water.*

*This month the Foundation has purchased all the bedding needed for the new hide-a-bed and 2 reclining chairs. In the Palliative rooms. We trust that the new look to the Palliative Care room and family room will bring peace and comfort to those families that are in need.*

Lana Proctor

Treasurer