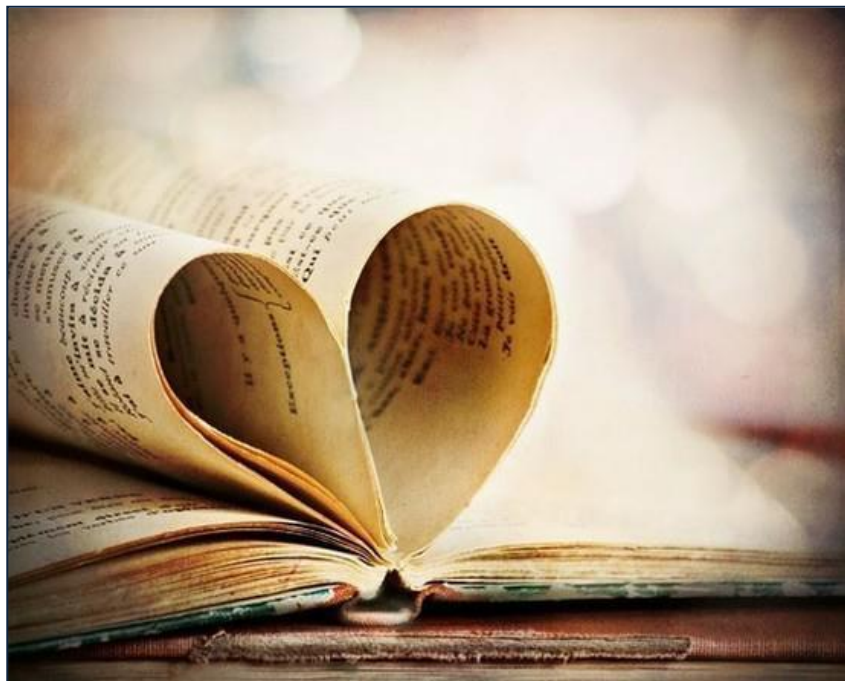




TRACK WATCH

February 2012



"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

— Dr. Seuss, *I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!*

FEBRUARY OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

2012 MRAS Events

Millarville Farmers' Market

June 16th – October 6th 2012

"Run to the Farmers' Market" Half Marathon

June 16th 2012

Millarville Races

July 1st 2012

Millarville Rodeo

August 3rd – 5th 2012

Priddis & Millarville Fair

August 18th 2012

Millarville Christmas Market

November 9th – 11th 2012

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A message from the President...

There we were, first thing in the New Year, putting final touches on the business plan and budget for inclusion in the grant application to Alberta Agriculture I sure dislike that 15th Jan deadline. A huge thank you to the Directors and staff who put in the extra effort.



Threepoint Kitchen and Catering – Sunday Brunch started in January. I am usually well ahead of Mr. Gilchrist (Calgary Herald food critic) when it comes to finding all good places to eat. I gathered family and came down for the Sunday Brunch and managed to eat up the hours with good food and friendly conversation.

Brunch is open Sunday only 11:00am-2:00pm (closed on Feb. 12th this month). I definitely plan on spending a lot of Sundays at the Racetrack Hall... “fulfilling my duties as a board member – of course.” Hope to see you there!

A traditional Robbie Burns Supper was held at the Racetrack on the 25th of January. The evening was filled with traditional Scottish entertainment. The highlight, for me, was hearing George Duncan pipe in the Haggis. What an honour to have a world renowned piper at our event. Of course, food is always high on my list and Stephanie did not disappoint. The food was outstanding. It was truly an evening of eat, drink and be merry.

To everyone who hasn't renewed their membership and anyone wishing to become a member, please stop by the office and pick up your membership form. You can also download the form from the website www.millarvill Racetrack.com. MRAS memberships are broken into several categories:

Individual membership	\$36.75
Family memberships	\$42.00
College Student or Senior (over 60)	\$26.25
Single Arena membership	\$236.25
Family Arena membership	\$341.25

Members of the MRAS receive substantial benefits including:

- Free gate admission to all Farmers' Markets, Races, Rodeo, Fair and Christmas Market
- Substantial discount rates on facility rentals and advertising rates in Track Watch
- A voice/vote in MRAS matters
- The right to yell at the Chairman of the Board

I invite you all to come and enjoy the facility, its many events and the fun activities scheduled for 2012.

Regards,

Lloyd Erickson

President, MRAS



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On The Cowboy Trail

News from Councillor Barb Castell

Division 3 - M.D of Foothills No. 31

February 2012

Happy New Year!

Some of you may know that a special person retired from Public Works. I am sure all of you who know him wish to join in thanking Al Orum for all the years of service to the MD of Foothills. I tried to convince him to stay on as our grader operator, but after 35 years he says he deserves a rest. We will miss his friendly wave as he ploughed the roads around Division 3. Al was my neighbour when I lived on the south 80 of his parent's home quarter in the late 70's and early 80's. A real gentleman – salt of the earth. We will miss you.

Welcome to our new grader operator, Will Galloway.

In November, Council attended the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMDC) in Edmonton, www.aamdc.com. We met with two new ministers regarding Municipal Sustainability Initiative funding. We also met with the Minister of Transportation as well as staff from the new ministry of Environment and Water.

We were comforted that the new minister of Municipal Affairs, Doug Griffiths, would continue our funding. He was also interested in hearing our point of view on various issues in the MD of Foothills. Doug has many new ideas he shared with us and you can go to his website for more information: www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca

Be sure to respond to the MD's Growth Management study which is on our website, www.mdfoothills.com. If you do not have access to high speed internet and wish to view the video, please contact the MD office. I also have DVD copies of it. Your feedback is critical to decisions council must make in the very near future. Where will growth go in the MD of Foothills in the next 30 to 50 years? Have your say.

Also, if you did not get your MD of Foothills news, please let me know. Some people threw it out thinking it was junk mail as it came wrapped in a plastic cover and survey cards to protect it. There is a lot of useful information in there – worth saving to refer to.

I hope that you are all staying warm and keeping active... Spring is just around the corner!

Barb Castell

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At the Race Track Hall

Friday February 10

Saturday March 10

Saturday April 14

Saturday April 28

7:00 pm – 11:00 pm \$2.50 per Player

*Please bring a snack to share with the group.
Call Pearl Laycraft for more info 403 931 3493*

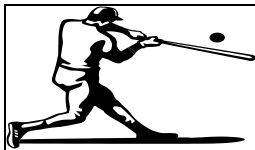
MILLARVILLE WILDCATS

**Baseball & Soccer Registration
for boys and girls ages 5 through 15**

**Thursday, March 8th, 2012
Ranchers Hall from 6-8pm**

Please bring your child's
Alberta Health Care number.

If you have any questions prior to registration,
please contact one of the following:



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First Annual "Run to the Farmers' Market" Half Marathon!

Come join us in helping with an exciting new event at MRAS!!!

The first annual Millarville "Run To The Farmers' Market" Half-Marathon will run Saturday, June 16, 2012. This is a point-to-point, 21.1 km running race starting in Black Diamond and finishing just as the famous Millarville Farmers' Market is opening for its 30th season. Our goals are to promote Health & Wellness, Community, Local Agriculture and to have the event serve as a long standing fundraiser for our non-profit Society.

If you are interested in volunteering for this event and hearing our plans for the day, you are invited to join us for any of our upcoming committee meetings. In February we are meeting at the Racetrack Hall on Wednesday Feb. 29th at 7 pm.

While having running experience is helpful, it is not necessary to assist us with putting together this exciting new event. ***Not a runner? No problem. Come out, join the fun and help anyway.***

In addition to those willing to volunteer for a few hours on Race Day in June, we will also be looking for those willing to help with the overall organizational aspects of the Race ahead of time, specifically in positions of:

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR - assigns volunteers to required tasks, working with other Team Captains

OPERATIONS CAPTAIN - responsible for the start area in Black Diamond and overall race day operations

FINISH LINE CAPTAIN - responsible for the Finish Area. Reports to the Operations Captain

REFRESHMENTS CAPTAIN – responsible for beverage stations through the race course. Reports to the Finish Line captain

SPONSORSHIP COORDINATOR – responsible for soliciting individual, business, and corporate sponsorship to fund the race

COMMUNICATIONS CO-ORDINATOR - responsible for developing required radio equipment and protocols and training for race day

RACE PACKAGE COORDINATOR – responsible for coordinating race packages in conjunction with race timing company

If there is a volunteer with Race Director experience, we would love to have you on board in that position with the Millarville "Run To The Farmers' Market" Half Marathon as well. There are many other integral & important volunteer jobs that we are looking for with flexible time commitments – if you have a couple of hours on Race Day, or a few hours a month leading up to Race Day, we want to hear from you!

For more information please join us on February 29th at 7 p.m. Call Krystal Meade at 403-931-3411 or e-mail eventsmanager@millarvilleracetrack.com for more details.



Bagpipes, Kilts and Scotch... What More Could You Ask for?

Guests were out in kilts, sashes and finery for Robbie Burns Night at the Race Track Hall on January 25. The Haggis ceremony began when the Master of Ceremonies, Lloyd Erickson was signaled from the kitchen that all was ready. He asked the guests to stand and receive the Haggis and the piper, Uncle George Duncan who led in the chef, Stephanie Quackenbush carrying the Haggis aloft, followed by Brenda Birch carrying 4 shot glasses of whiskey. They marched around the room to the front table. The platter was placed on the table in front of the M.C., who then invited the chef and the piper to join him in a shot of whiskey to toast the Haggis. Together they raised their glasses in the Gaelic toast "Slainte Mtath". The Toast to the Haggis was then recited, including knife wielding, by Bruce Gordon.



The evening carried on with fine scotch, a hearty roast beef dinner, including haggis, Highland Dancers, and dessert. John Dakers recited The Toast to the Lassies, and the reply was by Marlene Bray. A piping medley and "stand-up comedy" by Uncle George Duncan was a riot of laughter. The fun continued with a Millarville White Hat ceremony for Uncle George, music and dancing. Guestswere sent out into the winter night with the singing of Auld Lang Syne. Thank you to everyone who attended the evening and we hope to do it again next year.



Photos courtesy of Rick Charlton. Top - Uncle George Duncan & Stephanie Quackenbush piping the Haggis. Middle - Master of Ceremonies, Lloyd Erickson, Uncle George, and Bruce Gordon making the first cut. Bottom - Highland Dancers from the Varsity Community Centre performed for guests to round of applause and awe.

Threepoint Kitchen & Catering – Winter Brunch

Threepoint Kitchen & Catering will be offering a winter Brunch at the Racetrack Hall.

Sunday's Only 11 am – 2 pm

*Closed the following dates:
February 12 & May 6*

Beat the winter blues on Sunday afternoon with a home cooked Brunch Buffet.

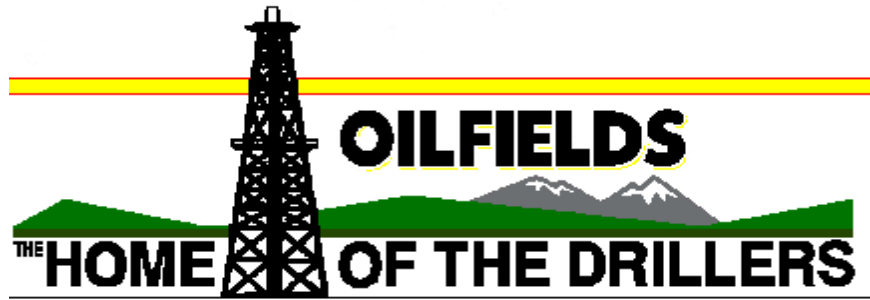
Also – Don't forget that we can cater your next event!

Talk to Stephanie for details

threepointkitchen@millarvilleracetrack.com or

(403) 612 - 6557





Oilfields School's Quest Fundraiser Set for February 11th, 2012

Mark your calendar! The Friends of Quest Education Foundation will host the Fifth Annual Quest Auction and Dinner on Saturday February 11, 2012. This fundraiser for Oilfields High School's awarding-winning Quest program will take place at the Flare N' Derrick Community Hall in Turner Valley. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

The event will feature a hearty and delicious dinner prepared by Chef Tim Babey of Millarville Catering, entertainment by Southern Alberta's rising musical stars "The Travelling Mabels", both a live and silent auction – including a dessert auction just in time for Valentine's Day!

Raising funds for students' futures

Oilfields School has received the Ken Spencer Award for innovation in teaching and learning from the Canadian Education Association (CEA) for the Quest program, which enhances the delivery of high school education. Incorporating wilderness adventure and service learning, Quest students are challenged to unleash their own excellence and discover how much they have to offer others. It's the experience of a lifetime and your support can help make this happen!

As this program exceeds the scope of funding provided by Alberta Education, funds raised will help support program elements such as weekly adventure learning, service projects that give back to the community, and a mid-winter expedition. Quest students will also have the chance to experience a year-end kayaking trip on the west coast or a canoeing trip.

Event organizers are soliciting auction items, both big and small, such as outdoor gear (fishing, hiking, skiing), vacation packages, sports tickets/memorabilia, and services.

Tickets are \$30 and are only available in advance of the event until February 3; no tickets will be available at the door. To purchase a ticket or donate an auction item, please call 403-938-4973 or email gauzerc@fsd38.ab.ca.

For more information please contact:

Carol Gauzer, Auction Organizer

Oilfields High School

403-938-4973

gauzerc@fsd38.ab.ca



Friends of

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Education Foundation

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5th Annual Auction & Dinner for Oilfields High School

Saturday, February 11, 2012

5:30 p.m.

Tickets \$30.00 available until Feb. 3, 2012
at the OHS Front Office

Flare n' Derrick Community Hall in Turner
Valley featuring music by

“The Travelling Mabels”!

BBQ bison dinner by chef
Tim Babey of Millarville Catering.

NEW THIS YEAR: Dessert auction and a cash bar
with wine and beer.

Auction donations or info: 403.938.4973



Members and guests welcome

MILLARVILLE MUSICAL RIDE

The Millarville Musical Ride is a drill team who do performances and parades. We are starting to recruit for the 2012 season. If you would like to:

- *Improve Your Riding Skills*
- *Perform for Appreciative Crowds*
- *Have Your Horse Learn from their Experiences*
- *Make New Friends*



This team is just what you're looking for! You must supply your own horse, transportation and make a commitment to be part of this wonderful team. The group's main goal is to *improve their riding ability and to have fun while doing this.*



We are looking for riders of all ages. If you would like to come and join us or if you would like more information please call **Sue Dunne (403) 931-3452** or **Donna Buckland (403) 938-6499**.



Event Committee Volunteers Needed for 2012!

Have you considered volunteering in 2012? The MRAS Event Committees are actively recruiting new members to help them with planning and executing their events.

Come check out one of their upcoming committee meetings listed on the schedule on the back of TW, or call the Event Chairperson to see what they are all about!

The event committees are always looking for new committee members to get involved and be a part of the great traditions of the MRAS.

“Run to the Farmers’ Market” Half Marathon

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Priddis & Millarville Fair Chair

Donna Kendall

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Millarville Community Library



Library hours for Family Day week – the school is closed from February 20th – 24th and the library will only be open the following days and times:

Tuesday, February 21st from 9:00 – 3:00 & Wednesday, February 22nd from 10:30 am – 7:30 pm

The Foothills Continuing Education Council Winter/Spring calendar is out and there are lots of classes that you could be taking. If you did not get a course guide with your Western Wheel, you can pick up a copy at the general store, school or community library. Some classes have already started but there are lots to choose from that have not yet begun.

If you have a half day to spare every week or every other week, become a library volunteer. You do not need any experience, we will train you. It is a great way to get out of the house and meet new people and be first in line to see all of the new books. Call the library at 403-931-3919 if you are interested.

There will be an art exhibit in the library from January 31st to February 27th. It is titled **A Bird in the Hand** and the art works selected for the collection examine the many ways birds have been approached by visual artists. Featuring art work produced by some of Alberta's most important artists and art educators, this exhibition examines not only how birds have been portrayed, but also explores some of the reasons and possible meanings behind these investigations. In the process viewers are invited to consider their relationship to the 'fine feathered friends' who share our homes, backyards and the air we breathe. The AFA Travelling Exhibition Program is financially supported by the Alberta Foundation for the Arts.

Millarville & District Recreation Board

The Millarville & District Recreation Board is accepting applications for funding for non-profit organizations for the coming year. Each year the board receives a grant from the Municipal District of Foothills No.31 and disperses the funds to deserving groups.

If you would like to apply for a grant, please send a letter stating your request along with a budget for 2012 and a financial statement from 2011, to Box 59 Millarville, AB T0L 1K0.

In previous years funding has been provided to groups such as the Millarville Sports Association, Millarville Community Library, Millarville Community School, Oilfields High School, West End Band Program, various 4-H groups, and athletes and dancers who compete at an international level.

The deadline for applications is March 1st. For further information please call Norma Dawson at 403-938-7832 during the day. We are always looking for new community members to sit on our board. If you are interested please give Norma a call.

ATTENTION MRAS MEMBERS

In attempts to increase memberships at the MRAS we are inviting all of our existing Members to participate in our Membership Drive. Recruit your family, friends, and neighbours to join the MRAS organization!

We will reward your efforts!

When a new membership is bought and they mention your name you will receive a \$10 lunch voucher redeemable at the Threepoint Kitchen Winter Café on Friday afternoons in the Hall from 11am – 2pm.



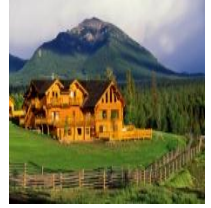
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Millarville Racetrack Facility Schedule – February 2012

LEGEND: **CAMPSITE** **FULL FACILITY** **HALL – UPPER** **FARMERS MARKET** **INDOOR ARENA** **RODEO RING** **SAND RING** **QUONSET** **BASEBALL/SOCCER FIELD**

PLEASE NOTE: SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO ONGOING CHANGES, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT (403) 931 3411 FOR ANY SCHEDULING QUESTIONS

USER GROUPS DO NOT USE THE ARENA IF IT IS COLDER THAN -15.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 RODEO MEETING 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	2 SHEEP CREEK WEAVERS MONTHLY MEETING 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM MRAS WESTERN NIGHT 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	3 THREEPOINT KITCHEN CAFÉ FRIDAY LUNCH 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM	4 SADDLE SORES PUBLIC SPEAKING 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM CALGARY TRAIL RIDERS 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
5 MILLARVILLE MUSICAL RIDE 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM THREEPOINT KITCHEN CAFÉ SUNDAY BRUNCH 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM	6 MILLARVILLE MUTTS 6:15 PM – 8:15 PM	7	8 4H BEEF MEETING – HALL 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	9 SHEEP CREEK WEAVERS 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM FAIR MEETING 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	10 THREEPOINT KITCHEN CAFÉ FRIDAY LUNCH 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM SADDLE SORES 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	11 SADDLE SORES 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM 4H BEEF PUBLIC SPEAKING 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM GAMES NIGHT 7:00 PM
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What's in your Track Watch!?

Have a suggestion or an article of your own that you'd like to see in Track Watch? Want to get word out about a community event?

Submit your writing, photos, and ideas by the 18th of each month to:

TrackWatch@MillarvilleRaceTrack.com or call (403) 931-3411