

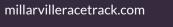




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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS Tuesday - Saturday ~ 9am - 3pm

OUR VISION Millarville Racing and Agricultural Society is dedicated to building community spirit.

OUR MISSION

Millarville Racing and Agricultural Society provides authentic family experiences and exceptional facilities which celebrate our agricultural heritage, inspiring a sense of belonging for the community.

Track Watch

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August 2022





Anna De Paoli MRAS President

Dear MRAS Members,

On Canada day we welcomed over 4,000 visitors for the 118th running of the Millarville races. Despite some wind and rain in the afternoon, it was a fabulous day and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We owe an enormous thanks to Brent Foster and the race committee for reviving this event after our covid hiatus. It was so wonderful to see the smiles on people's faces as they enjoyed the races and reconnected with old friends. We are very grateful to Horse Racing Alberta and Rocky Mountain Turf Club for their tremendous support for our event. Thanks also to Malcolm Sills and the maintenance committee for our new track surface, the feedback from the jockeys and horse owners was all positive.

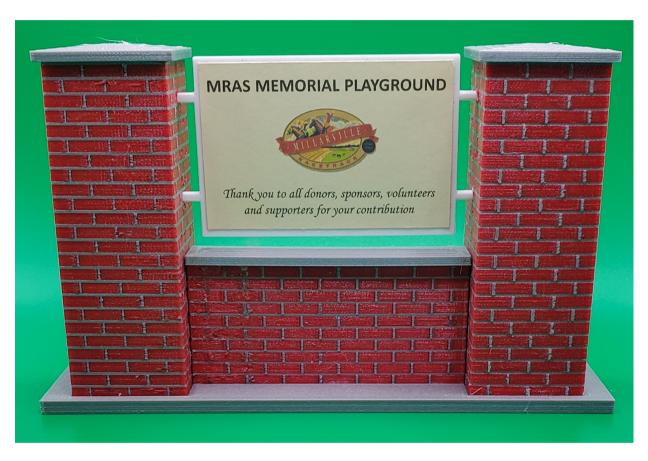
Our Saturday farmers' markets have been attracting around 2,000 visitors each week and vendors are all happy with the crowds. We are looking for volunteers to help us at the gate on market days, this is an important job to greet our many visitors. If you are able to spare a few hours to help us on a Saturday, please contact the office at office@mras-track.com or 403-931-3411

On the playground project, we amazing news! We received word that our Community Facility Enhancement Program grant application has been approved! Huge thanks to Minister Orr and MLAs RJ Sigurdson and Miranda Rosin for supporting our application. We will receive \$125,000 towards our project from the Government of Alberta shortly. We have also raised just over \$30,000 for this initiative.



PRESIDENT'S Message

Please help us to raise the remaining \$30,000 for this project so that we can install our playground in the fall. Our "name a brick" campaign is now open. For a \$200 donation, you can add your name, a family or business name to a brick on our playground recognition structure. Donations of \$1,000 or more will be recognized on the central sign. Thanks to Bob and Faye White for creating a 3D model of the recognition structure. More details and donation forms can be found at https://www.millarvilleracetrack.com/donate/



We now have a stock of MRAS merchandise for purchase at the office, T shirts, caps and toques are available and make great gifts. Please stop in at the office or at the MRAS table at the markets make your purchases.

I hope that you are busy making, baking or growing your fair entries. Online registration is available here: *https://primil.fairwire.com* and the deadline of August 7th is fast approaching. We look forward to seeing you for the return of the full format fair on Saturday and Sunday August 21st and 22nd.

Anna De Paoli MRAS President



MRAS EVENTS

Mark your calendars for our 2022 events!

CAMPGROUND NOW OPEN FOR BOOKINGS

CAMPGROUND OPEN - MAY 20, 2022

> MILLARVILLE SPRING MARKET - APRIL 30, 2022

MRAS GOLF TOURNAMENT - JUNE 10, 2022

RUN TO THE MARKET HALF MARATHON - JUNE 18, 2022

SUMMER FARMERS' MARKET - EVERY SATURDAY FROM JUNE 18-OCTOBER 8 2022 9 AM - 2 PM

> MILLARVILLE RACES - JULY 1, 2022

PRIDDIS MILLARVILLE FAIR - AUGUST 20 + 21, 2022

CHUCKWAGONS, CHARIOTS, AND BULLS - SEPTEMBER 9-11, 2022

MILLARVILLE CHRISTMAS MARKET - NOVEMBER 3-6 + 10-13, 2022

2022 MRAS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Anna De Paoli President

Barb Parker Vice President

Brent Foster Treasurer

Patt Peterson Secretary

Sylvia Checkley Director

> Lai Chen Director

Darcie Jensen Director

Janice Tranberg Director

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> Roy Mathis Director



MRAS EQUINE NEWS

Questions about the MRAS Equine Facilities and memberships, please email: mras.equine@gmail.com

MRAS Riding Memberships

August - October quarter riding memberships AVAILABLE for purchase.

Membership fees and registration information available on the MRAS website: www.millarvilleracetrack.com under Get Involved > Memberships > Riding Memberships

Should you have any questions, please contact MRAS.equine@gmail.com

New riding members will need to come into the office or make an appointment to complete their registration and receive their access FOB and information about booking riding times.

MRAS Equine Activities

Our summer activities have been taking place at the arena and outdoor facilities with Clinics, Ranch Riding and Games Nights.

Check the website regularly on how to register for upcoming equine clinics and activities: www.millarvilleracetrack.com under Facilities > Equine > Upcoming Events

If you have an idea for a clinic or activity you would like to see, please contact MRAS.equine@gmail.com



August 20 & 21, 2022

Priddis & Millarville Fair

Farm Animals • Bench Exhibits • Equine Events • Competitions
Antique Tractor Pull • Hand on Activities for All Ages
Millarville Farmers' Market (Saturday Only) • The Wardens in Concert (Sunday Only)



Farm Animals

Wildlife Displays

Contests

The Wardens

Exhibits



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ARE YOU READY FOR THE FAIR?

There is still time to enter any of the 700+ classes and compete for colourful ribbons, prizes and bragging rights. Challenge your family and friends to some friendly competition. Challenge yourself to put your talent and skill on display. It's all about fun and anyone can participate. The Fair Book *https://tinyurl.com/2022-Fair-Book* has all the information you need. A limited number of paper copies of the book are still available in the MRAS office, Millarville General Store, Priddis Store and Bar T5.

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The Wardens stories and mountain music rise from the very land they've protected as Canadian national park wardens collectively for over 50 years. They have performed widely across western Canada and in the US from Alaska to California and shared a stage with Blue Rodeo and Ian Tyson. And now they are performing at the Fair on Sunday August 21 at 1:30pm. Get your **FREE TICKETS** at https://www.eventbrite.ca/myevent?eid=380436655277 for grandstand seating.

We are looking for some help with setup and takedown – arena flooring, tents and tables. If you have a few hours to spare, daytime, evening, weekend or weekday, please contact Antonia Goudy at fairvolunteercoordinator@gmail.com to sign up.



115th Annual



August 20-21, 2022

PRIDDIS & MILLARVILLE FAIR

DONATION FORM

Donor Information					
Name:Contact Name (please print)		Company Name (if applicable)			
Preferred name	(s) on receipt and donor recognition boards		<u>.</u>		
Mailing Address: _		City	Province	Postal Code	
Phone:		Email:		\cap	
Donation Levels:	Benefactor of the Fair Department (Section) Donor Patron of the Fair Friend of the Fair Supporter of the Fair	\$500 (See page 2 for department list) \$250 - \$490 \$100 - \$240 \$20 - \$90			
Other Donation Options:	Class Sponsorships	Donation Amount: \$			
(Transfer totals from page 2)	Special Cash Prizes				
	Total Contribution: \$				
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	ributions along with this form to: MRAS Fair ' MRAS Office (306097 192nd St. West).	Treasurer / Box 68 / Millarvi	ille, AB TOL 1K0)	

Thank you for your generous support of the Priddis & Millarville Fair – together we will celebrate and continue this important community tradition! Sincerely, The 2022 Fair Committee



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Details for Department Sponsor - \$500 per Department

- Your name will be in a prominent spot in the Fair Book if received by April 1
- Your name on signage in Department on Fair Day
- Your name and/or website listed on MRAS website

Please check your Department Choice for your Sponsorship



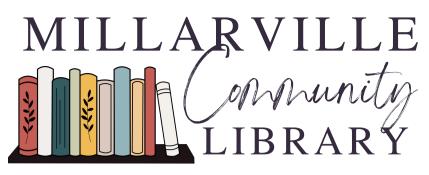
Class Sponsorships

Class Sponsorships: \$30 each, may be in memoriam, donors will be recognized on signage during Fair weekend.

Class No. & Description:	In Memory Of:	Remembered By:	Amount:
Example: 5201 Strawberry or Raspberry Jam	John & Mary Doe	Jack Doe	\$30
1			\$
2	-6		<u>\$</u>
3			\$
		ial Cash Prizes	
Description:			Amount:
Example: Best of Crochet - Fibre Arts			\$50
1			\$
2	<u>\$</u>		
3	<u>\$</u>		



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It's officially summer and the Millarville Library Kids' summer program is up and running. First activity, making beeswax candles, was met with enthusiastic responses. **This is a free drop-in program on Wednesdays from 11 - 4 till the end of August.** Last year we won an award from Marigold Library and a thumbs up from kids and parents. "Fun!" "Awesome!" "Great variety of activities for kids of all ages!"

As stated above, this Kids' Program is free but we gratefully accept donations toward this and our other programs. We received less funding this year and have also been hit with much higher insurance and utility costs. We are not in dire straits but this year the library is asking for your help with donations to help with program planning and keeping our new book selections current. Look for the donation box or call (403) 931-3919 for information on how to donate online. We are a registered charitable society so you will get a tax receipt no matter the size of the donation. Save your summer empty bottles for a bottle donation truck after Labour day. We are planning some new workshops for the fall, including needle felting landscapes and wet felting bowls as well as seasonal cupcake decorations among others. Watch for more information on facebook. Thank you!





Summer is a great time for reading, lying in your hammock listening to sound of the sprinkler or the water lapping under the dock at the lake, or horses pulling fresh, sweet grass across the fence. The History of a Rain by Niall Williams is the perfect book to read at any time. Set in rainy Ireland, narrated by a bed-ridden, book-loving young woman with a penchant for the absurd, it deeply moving, laugh-out-loud funny and "a love letter to reading and its life-saving powers." **Have a wonderful summer!**

Mobile Mammography Screening is coming to:

Black Diamond September 6 to 8, 2022 Oilfields Hospital



Appointments are required. Call to book:

1-800-667-0604 (toll free)

To learn more visit: SCreeningforlife.ca

Due to COVID-19, Screen Test is taking a number of precautions to ensure the safety of our clients and staff. Details will be shared when you call to book your appointment.

Thank you for supporting Screen Test over the past 30 years. Together we are saving lives, one community at a time.

Alberta Health Services



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Post until: Sep. 8, 2022

THOMAS ADAMS

SUBMITTED BY GENE BLAKLEY - MILLARVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Born in England Tom came to Port Hope, Ontario and worked on the railroad. He married and his children were born here. Tom Jr., Bill, Frank, Herb; Jim, Ida, Jenny and Sid.

In 1900 he brought the family to Okotoks. He left them here and homesteaded NW1/4 22-20-3-W5. He and the boys lived in a cave (dugout) until a house was built and his wife and girls joined them.

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As each boy became old enough, they homesteaded – Tom Jr. NE1/4 22-20-3-W5 – Bill SE1/4 22-20-3-W5 – Frank SW1/4 33-20-3-W5 - Herb SE1/4 28-20-3-W5 and later 33-20-3-W5 – Jim SE1/4 30-21-4-W5. They were a hard-working family and often took their wages in cattle and horses. it of body text



Mr. and Mrs. Thomas sr. pose with son Bill and relatives from Vancouver. Mrs. Adams, 3rd from I. Bill Adams (centre), Mr. Admas, extreme

Over the years Mrs. Adams, who was a great cook, catered affairs at the old Rancher Hall. She remembers one time two titled gents took exception to one another and ended up rolling around in the slush caused by the Chinook. This cooled their tempers considerably.

Unfortunately, their son Tom died in the 1919 influenza epidemic. Mrs. Adams died in 1942 and Mr. Adams in 1944. I love this story as a family that carried on together and used the advantage of homesteading to improve the family's position. Hard to believe this was only 120 years ago.

Follow more stories of our pioneers by joining our Facebook group Millarville Society History or email us at *millarvillehistoricalsociety@gmail.com* If you have stories or photos to contribute to our growing archives.

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Millarville Hamlet's 130th Birthday Party August 7th, 2022



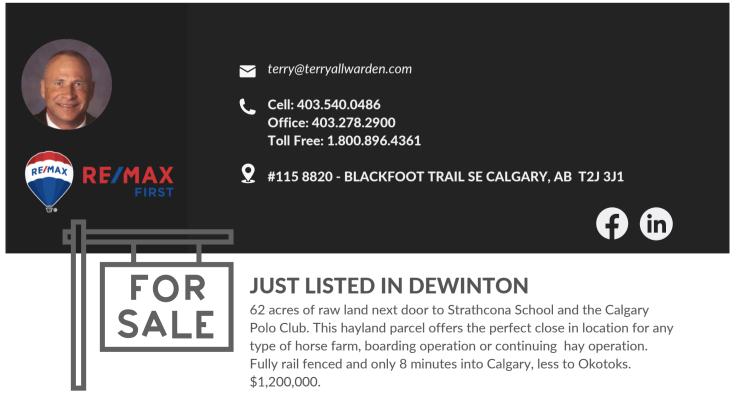
MILLARVILLE'S FIRST POST OFFICE JULY 1892

Join us in Celebrating

August 7th 1:00pm @ the Millarville Racetrack Hall

The Millarville Historical Society invites you and your family for an afternoon of remembrance and learning about the history of this vital community. Representatives of the families that owned and operated the Millarville General Store will share memories. Treasured artifacts and photos will be on display.

Memberships for the Millarville Historical Society will be available.



Advertising Opportunities in the Track Watch!



CONTACT MELONIE at melonie@mras-track.com

The MRAS is looking for 1 New Volunteer Board of Director Member

Preference will be given to those that can fill some of the specialty gaps we currently have such as IT or financial expertise (CPA or equivalent).



If you are interested in joining the Board, please contact Anna De Paoli – MRAS President at mraspresident@gmail.com

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