



Track Watch

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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.



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PRESIDENT'S *Message*



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

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Director

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Saturdays 9AM - 2PM

June 18th -
October 8th
2022

Over 180 Vendors
ENTRY FEE BY DONATION



MILLARVILLE
**FARMERS'
MARKET**



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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



SATURDAY/SUNDAY
August 20 & 21, 2022

COUNTRY *fun* FOR EVERYONE

9am - 4pm Admission by Donation



115th 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)



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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.

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 _____

Mailing Address: _____
City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Would you like to receive general Fair info by email? Yes ☐ No ☐

Donation Levels: **Benefactor of the Fair** \$500 +
Department (Section) Donor \$500 (See page 2 for department list)
Patron of the Fair \$250 - \$490
Friend of the Fair \$100 - \$240
Supporter of the Fair \$20 - \$90

Donation Amount: \$ _____

Other Donation Class Sponsorships \$ _____

Options:
(Transfer totals from page 2) **Special Cash Prizes** \$ _____

Total Contribution: \$ _____

Department Donors and Special Prizes received by **April 1, 2022** will be recorded in the Fair Book. All donations will be displayed on signage during Fair weekend.

Please make your cheque payable to: Millarville Racing & Ag Society (MRAS) *or to receive a tax receipt*, make it out to: Priddis Community Association.

Please mail all contributions along with this form to: **MRAS Fair Treasurer / Box 68 / Millarville, AB T0L 1K0** or drop it off at the MRAS Office (306097 192nd St. West).

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Arts & Handicrafts	<input type="checkbox"/> Horse Costume	<input type="checkbox"/> Poultry
<input type="checkbox"/> Arts & Handicrafts, Jr.	<input type="checkbox"/> Home Cooking & Baking	<input type="checkbox"/> Sheep
<input type="checkbox"/> Beef Cattle	<input type="checkbox"/> Home Cooking & Baking, Jr	<input type="checkbox"/> Stage Entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> Fibre Arts	<input type="checkbox"/> Light Horse - English	<input type="checkbox"/> Tractor Pull
<input type="checkbox"/> Fibre Arts, Jr.	<input type="checkbox"/> Light Horse - Gymkhana	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetables & Fruit
<input type="checkbox"/> Flowers	<input type="checkbox"/> Light Horse - Western	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetables & Fruit, Jr.
<input type="checkbox"/> Flowers, Jr.	<input type="checkbox"/> Photography	<input type="checkbox"/> Woodworking
<input type="checkbox"/> Goat, Dairy	<input type="checkbox"/> Photography, Jr.	<input type="checkbox"/> Woodworking, Jr.

.....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. _____	_____	_____	\$ _____
3. _____	_____	_____	\$ _____

.....Special Cash Prizes.....

Description:	Amount:
Example: Best of Crochet - Fibre Arts	\$50
1. _____	\$ _____
2. _____	\$ _____
3. _____	\$ _____



MILLARVILLE Community LIBRARY

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!**

SCREEN TEST

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.

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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.

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.
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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.



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.



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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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