



Track Watch

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Tuesday - Friday 10 AM - 2 PM

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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DIRECTOR *Message*



Ian Hathaway
Director

Dear MRAS Members,

As the days slowly get longer and I soak up some vitamin D, the end of winter reminds us with a fury how intense it can be living in the Foothills. I take some solace in preparing for all the growth that will come with the warmth of this year's spring.

2023 is set to be an exciting year for MRAS. Coming out of the Board's strategy session with some new faces for 2023, we will work to improve upon the events we have all grown to love. Committees have started planning already. If you would like to help out with one of our committees this year, please reach out to Barb at mras2021vp@gmail.com.

There are a few events to take note of this spring at MRAS:

- The Riding Committee is putting on some events to close out winter. This will be a great chance to dust your boots off in preparation for the summer riding season. Check the calendar on the MRAS website for the latest dates and contact mras.equine@gmail.com if you would like to sign up.
- The Spring Market will take place Saturday April 29th. This will be an excellent chance to get all the goodness that has been crafted in the winter months, and to find something for that special Mom in your world for Mother's day! I know I will be stocking up on a few things that I am almost out of from my foray at the Christmas Market.
- Construction of our agriculturally themed playground will occur the week after the Spring Market, May 3rd-6th. Come lend a hand and make light work of our fun filled addition to MRAS for the 2023 season.

This may be a quieter time at MRAS for some as the snow covers the race track and rodeo grounds, but this has been a busy time of year for all the 4H members that have been working diligently at their projects and perfecting their public speaking and presentation skills. Numerous 4-legged critters and their handlers or riders can be seen every other weekend at MRAS bonding and growing in skill. There are also various life skill projects that 4H members work on at the MRAS grounds. Did you know that the 4H members that utilize MRAS for their meetings are the largest group of 4H members in the District? If you go to the Races, Fair, Rodeo or Chucks & Chariots you will have met some of these members who have volunteered or competed.

With 2023 being my first year on the Board, I look forward to meeting so many of you. Enjoy the snow while it is here as before long everything will get wet again as winter becomes spring!

Ian Hathaway

MRAS Director



Ian Hathaway and daughter enjoying the snowy season

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Canada Day *Races*

July 1
2023



Volunteers

- Needed for pre-setup and post day of the event, including event day: VIP Tent - Security - Operations.
- Should you be interested in volunteering, contact us at the email address below



Tickets

- General Admission & VIP Tent to go on Sale April 10, 2023
- Tickets available through our website
www.millarvilleracetrack.com

Sponsorship

- If you are looking for opportunities to sponsor this event, contact email address below



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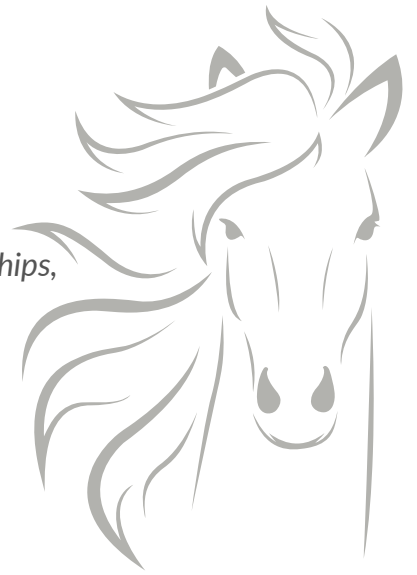
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EQUINE NEWS

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



The MRAS riding rules and sign-up sheet have been developed to help our members have a safe and enjoyable time riding while also maintaining or building in good condition.

The maintenance and riding committee volunteers are still facing regular issues with:

- Cleanup of manure both inside the arena and outside beside trailers, etc.,
- Dogs in the arena – Dogs are NOT Allowed, and
- Booking sheet misuse i.e., booking and not cancelling if you are not going to use the time, booking more riders than are actually riding, booking more than two one-hour slots in a day.

Help us take pride in our arena and its use by following the rules that we have in place,

Thank you!



UPCOMING EQUINE ACTIVITIES:



CLINICS

The MRAS Riding Committee is working on a variety of clinics to offer our riding membership and equine community. See below. Check the website regularly to see what is available at: www.millarvilleracetrack.com Facilities > Equine > Upcoming Events.

If you have ideas or suggestions for any clinics or activities that you would like us to explore, please send us the information to mras.equine@gmail.com. One of our goals is to incorporate activities that our members are interested in.

RANCH RIDING EQUITATION AND PATTERNS

MRAS Ranch Riding program is a great way to work on your equitation skills with the goal of riding a pattern at the end of the day. Skills will include riding transitions, walk, trot, lope, speed control as well as an exercise that will enhance you and your horse's performance in the pattern. The patterns sometimes include obstacles.

Registration opens March 8. Member priority until March 15.

Maximum 10 Riders

MRAS Arena Members \$22
Non-Arena Members \$32
(All prices are inclusive GST)

Any questions or to register, contact:
Lynn Brunton
lynnbrunton@gmail.com
(403) 651-4301

Once you have registered, payment instructions will be sent to you. Payment then confirms your spot.

Dates:

April 15

1:30 - 3:30 pm

April 29

2:30 - 4:30 pm

May 6

1:30 - 3:30 pm

May 27

Wrap Up Show, time, & further details to be announced!

COWBOY CHALLENGE PRACTICE

Join us for a Cowboy Challenge Practice - a time to practice your skills with obstacles and have fun. All ages and skill levels are welcome!

Maximum 12-14 Riders

MRAS Arena Members \$20

Non-Arena Members \$30

(All prices include GST)

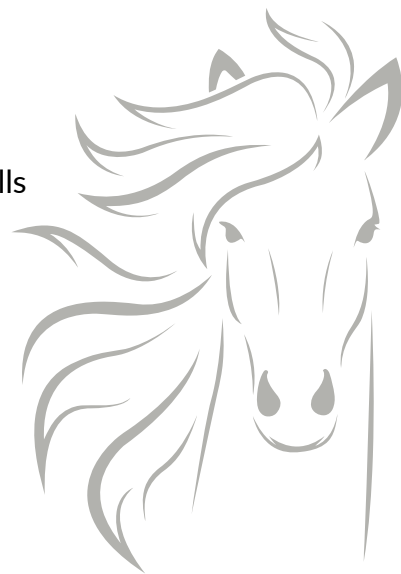
Dates:

March 5

3-5 pm

April 2, 2023,

3-5 pm



Email epi4animalhealth@gmail.com to register. If you have any questions, please contact Sylvia at (403) 629-2960.

Once you have registered, payment instructions will be sent to you. Payment then confirms your spot.

JUST FOR FUN GYMKHANA

This event is great for all ages and skill levels. There will be no timing and we will run two riders side by side on a variety of events including poles, keyhole, stake race and flag race. You will have the opportunity to work on your riding skills all while having endless fun!

Maximum 12 - 14 riders

\$ 15/person for current MRAS
riding members

*priority registration

\$ 20/person non-members

Dates:

March 19

1:30 - 4 pm

April 23

2:30 to 4:30 pm

May 14

TBA

June 11

TBA

Email MRAS.equine@gmail.com to register.

If you have questions, please contact:
Lynn Brunton
lynnbrunton@gmail.com
(403) 651-4301.

Once you have registered payment instructions will be sent to you. Payment then confirms your spot.

Registration will open following each previous event.



MILLARVILLE & DISTRICT RECREATION BOARD

The Millarville and District Recreation Board is now accepting applications for funding for non-profit organizations for 2023. Each year the board receives a grant from Foothills County and disperses funds to successful applicants. In previous years, funding has been provided to local associations, including Millarville Community Library, Millarville Community School, MRAS events, and various 4-H groups.

If you would like to apply for a grant, please **email your request** to chemguy1@mac.com. Please include your group's 2023 proposed budget and a 2022 financial statement. The deadline for applications is **April 30, 2023**.



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YOU MAY HAVE PASSED IT MANY TIMES AND WONDERED? YES, THE ADOBE "SANTE FE" STYLE WALKOUT BUNGALOW OVERLOOKING STIMSON CREEK AND WITH AN "ONLY IN THE MOVIES" MOUNTAIN VIEWS IS FOR SALE! ON THE WEST SIDE OF HIGHWAY 22 JUST 4KM SOUTH OF THE BAR U RANCH TURN OFF, THE ORIGINAL OWNERS HAVE FINALLY MOVED TO TOWN. CALL FOR DETAILS.

Priddis & Millarville Fair



Country Fun for Everyone
August 19th & 20th

The Fair Committee is busily working on a plan for a revamped Sunday offering and lots of new attractions, competitions and exhibits. What does Country Fun mean to you? We'd love to hear what you'd like to see at the Fair. Please send any ideas to fair@millarvilleracetrack.com or message us through Facebook www.facebook.com/priddismillarvillefair/ or Instagram www.instagram.com/thepmfair/.



MILLARVILLE Half-Marathon *run* **TO THE FARMERS' MARKET** On Track for 2023

The Millarville Run to the Farmers' Market Half-Marathon is only four months away! With registration tracking on par with our pre-COVID events, we are expecting 600-700 participants on Saturday, June 17.

Now in its tenth year, the race is a favourite among runners of all levels. As well as a half marathon--starting at the Diamond Valley Oilfields Arena and ending at the Millarville Racetrack--runners can choose the half marathon two-person relay or the famous COBS Cinnamon Bun Run 8-Miler, with its unique and fun "Bunners" and "Runners" divisions.

If you are planning to run this year, take note of the early bird registration deals:

- Half Marathon - \$85 until March 31, \$95 until May 31, \$105 until June 10
- Half Marathon Relay - \$135 until March 31, \$155 until May 31, \$175 until June 10
- COBS Cinnamon Bun Run 8-Miler - \$75 until March 31, \$85 until May 31, \$95 until June 10

The registration fee includes excellent swag and a unique finisher's medal, a breathtaking run through the (former) Black Diamond and Turner Valley to the Millarville Racetrack, and bragging rights, of course! Net proceeds benefit the Millarville Racing & Agricultural Society.

Runners and spectators alike enjoy wrapping up the day with shopping and relaxing at the season opening of the Millarville Farmers' Market.

Check out the details on our website: www.millarvilleracetrack.com/run-to-the-market/



The following is a list of supplies that the Kids Only Shoppe is still in need of for the year:



- Cloth bags- all sizes but 24" x 10" especially needed
- Miniature figurines for snow globes
- Large pieces of fabric - cotton, poly, blend - any design
- Mason jars with lids(all sizes)
- Blue jeans
- Heavier cloth curtains used for making sewn gift bags
- Large plastic or cloth grocery bags for carrying wrapped gifts
- Snazzy socks- lost socks are great as one of a kind, great designs- those fuzzy socks are best! Plain men's white socks are great too for snowmen bodies.
- Small/medium flat canvas boards
- Woodblocks(all shapes and sizes, 2x4 cut offs, triangle shapes, tree shapes, etc.)
- Small embroidery hoops (about 3-4")
- Wood slices- all sizes
- Wood stars - all sizes

- Photo frames- all sizes (glass included)
*need to be in good condition
- Shotgun, shells and rifle bullets (empty/old ones)
- Old fishhooks/fishhook feathers (minus the hooks or we take the hooks off) the red/white fish
- Bobbles (fish bobbles)
- Baseball or softballs(in decent shape)
- Horse shoes



Thank you to everyone who has provided supply donations to The Kids Only Shoppe to date. We are very grateful for your support, but we still have a bit of a ways to go to ensure we have enough supplies on hand to fulfill our inventory needs! We can be contacted at kos@mras-track.com if you have any questions.



Thank you for your support to the Kids Only Shoppe!



Millarville Horticultural Club

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The Millarville Horticultural Club is offering a Creative Landscape Grant in 2023.

The grant is open to non-profit organizations operating in Foothills county. Hard landscaping, permanent plant material and installation costs can be included. The maximum amount is \$1000. The deadline is March 31, 2023. If you are interested in applying for this grant please email Arlene Visser at vissera@hotmail.com or call at (403) 933-2885.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month, September to May, at 7:00 pm. The meetings are held at the Millarville Anglican church house.

Our next meeting is March 14, 2023. We are having a speaker from the Oilfields high school coming to talk about the new and exciting gardening project set up at the school.

If you are interested in attending any of our presentations, please contact Gail Dziuba (587)578-3798 at millarvillehorticulturalclub@gmail.com. The presentation is free for members and \$15.00 for non-members. Whether you are a novice or expert in landscaping or gardening, join our club; \$15/year for singles or \$20/year for a family.

Check us out on Facebook as well!

January/February Report

SUBMITTED BY JOSEPH ARKES

The Millarville Stockland 4-H Club members have been attending lots of activities in January and February. Along with our regular monthly meetings; members attended a Poultry Showmanship Clinic and well as a New Lamb Care Workshop.

Our Main Event was our Club Public Speaking on February 5Th 2023. At Public Speaking all our members got up on stage to present a speech. We had Cleavers speaking on Wayne Gretzkey, Scouting, Spiderman, Chickens, the Ultimate Ranch Truck and the Craziest Goat in the World. Our Junior, Intermediate and Senior members had amazing speech topics as well. Everyone did a great job with their prepared and impromptu speeches. Our leaders keep telling us that public speaking is an important life skill that 4-H can teach us.

We couldn't have this excellent event without our many community judges who come out to help us improve our speaking skills. Thank you to our volunteers for giving us their time on our Public Speaking Day.

Many members have projects calving and lambing and hatching at this time of year. We are all enjoying the baby animals; and the warmer weather. Hopefully it sticks around as our beef members head to their workshops and clinics in the next couple of months.



Sadie and Pyper enjoying lamb cuddles at our new lamb care workshop



Members on Public Speaking Day at Millarville Racetrack Hall

MILLARVILLE Community LIBRARY



As we enjoy an unseasonably warm February as this article is written, we know that winter is not over here in the Foothills. March is traditionally our biggest snow month and it can be chilly. One consolation is that there are always books to be read and workshops to be enjoyed.

Our February seed starting workshop led by Lorraine Clark was a sell-out and participants honed their gardening skills and their anticipation for Spring. Thank you, Lorraine!

Upcoming workshops include Designer Cookie Decorating with Sheila Woolner using professional cookie designs following the method as taught and sold by the English Company Biscuiteers - March 30.

Librarian Natasha will teach the basics of cupcake decorating using Pinterest designs (adults).

Edna Howdle will give an introductory Qi Gong and Sound Bath workshop.

As always, check our Facebook or Instagram pages for more information or call to register (403)931-3917. Stay tuned for the 10th CanFilm Day on April which features National Film Board movies.

The library will be launching a fundraising arm of the library, Friends of the Millarville Library. Sometime in the Spring, watch for an Open House which is planned to build awareness of our library. Many newcomers to the area don't know that we exist right next to the school.

Spring Break is April 3-14 and reduced library hours will be posted.

Come into the library and admire our colourful display of quilts from local artists while you browse some of our new additions for readers of all ages and tastes.

For mystery fans there are two great new books. Legendary storyteller Stephen King goes deep into the well of his imagination in *Fairy Tales*, a spellbinding novel about a seventeen-year-old boy who inherits the key to a parallel world where good and evil are at war, and the stakes could not be higher - for their world or ours.


And Peter May's new book, *A Winter Grave*, is a gripping tale of a murder investigation set in May's native Scotland, but in the year 2051 where warnings of climate catastrophe have been ignored leading to population displacement and immigration wars as refugees flood into habitable countries.

Calgary Foundation Agriculture Awards

Apply by June 1 at
calgaryfoundation.org

A photograph of rolling green hills under a clear sky, with a dirt road visible in the distance.

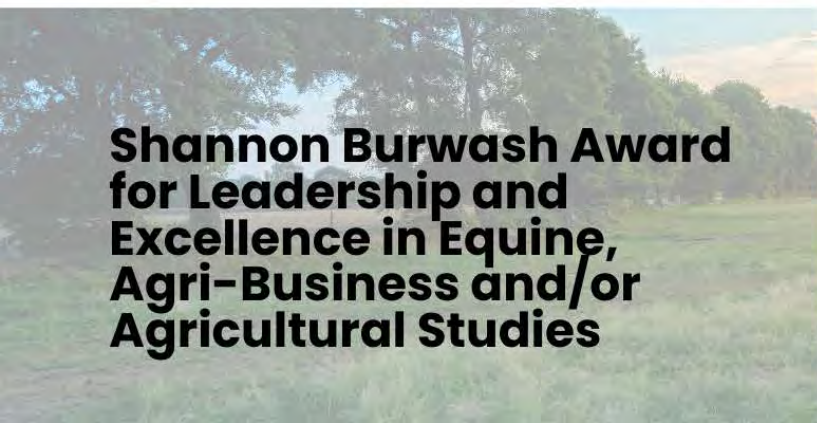
Smillie Family Education Award

A photograph of a hazy, open landscape with a single cow visible in the distance.

Friends of the Stockmen's Memorial Foundation Award

A close-up photograph of golden wheat stalks, slightly out of focus.

Dr. Scott Rairdan Memorial Agriculture Award

A photograph of several horses grazing in a green field, with a line of trees in the background.

Shannon Burwash Award for Leadership and Excellence in Equine, Agri-Business and/or Agricultural Studies

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MARCH	24	UP TO 50% OFF STORE WIDE
DOOR CRASHER SALES 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM		\$5- \$10 -\$20 CLEARANCE ITEMS
MARCH	25	FACTORY REPS ON SITE
CALGARY STAMPEDE ROYALTY MEET N GREET 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM		CUSTOMER APPRECIATION BBQ STORE DRAWS
MARCH	26	SAVE THE GST ON ALL FENCING
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