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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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Dear MRAS Members,

Welcome to Summer 2024!!

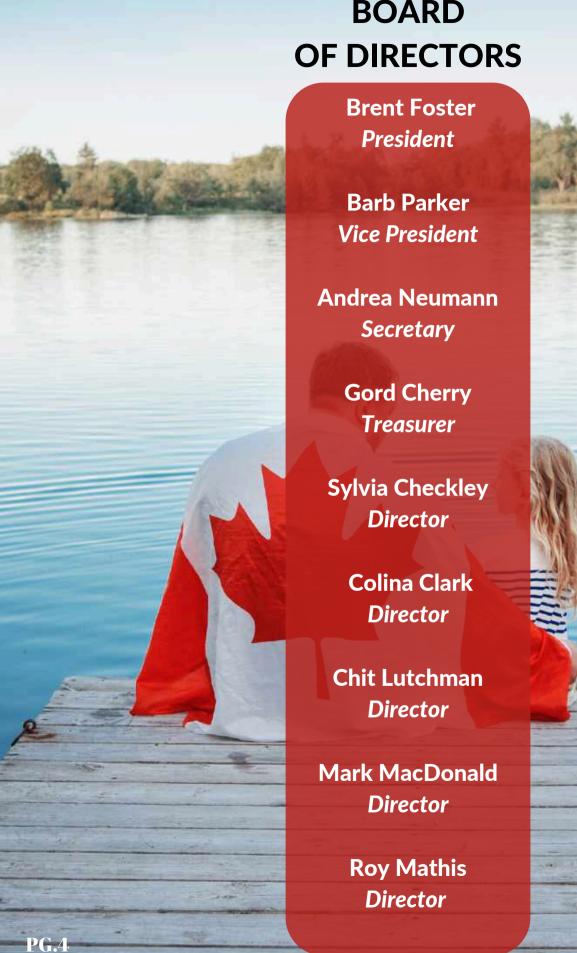
We are just at the beginning of the busy season here at the track, with many events scheduled for this summer season. To help with the workload, MRAS has again received a grant from Canada Summer jobs to employ 4 students over the summer months. Please take a moment to introduce yourselves to Kaiya, who will be working in the office, as well as Rebecca, Luke, and Jessie (photo in next edition) who will be working on the grounds. We are extremely fortunate to have these hard-working students join us. Please make them feel welcome!!

Canada Day is almost here, and everyone is working hard to get ready for the celebration. Canada Day first started in 1917 to mark the 50th anniversary of confederation. The purpose of this holiday is to reflect on what it means to be Canadian, and to celebrate that in your own specific way. As you all know, here at MRAS, we celebrate Canada with a spectacular party revolving around the 118-year-old tradition of horse racing in Millarville. This sport embodies the spirit of competition, athleticism and the bond between horse and rider. At MRAS, we take pride in providing a platform for these talented humans and equine athletes to showcase their skills. This Canada Day, as we gather here at the track, let us celebrate not only the thrill of the races and the joy of being Canadian, but also the values of sportsmanship, dedication and the camaraderie that defines this sport. Whether you are a long-time fan or joining us for the first time, your presence adds to the excitement and enriches the celebration.

See you at the Track! Dan Heyde, Operations Manager



2024 MRAS BOARD



MRAS "Name A Brick" Campaign Continues

Our agriculturally themed playground is much loved by children and adults alike. Many stories have been shared about delighted children and their families enjoying our playground so much that the children don't want to leave! From the barn play structure to the tractor, farm animals and every other piece of equipment, our playground is a hit. It is a credit to all the volunteers who worked to make it a reality and to everyone who donated funds.

Is there someone in your family that is hard to buy for? The MRAS may have the perfect solution for you! For \$200 a brick, you can not only give a long-lasting and meaningful gift but also help MRAS continue to build our playground legacy. Please consider buying a brick and having your choice of a name or names engraved as your individual or family legacy.

The purchase forms are on the MRAS website under Facilities/Playground and also available at the office. For more information, please contact the MRAS office at 403-931-3411.

Thank you for your kind consideration of continuing to build our playground legacy one engraved brick at a time. Here is the link to buy a brick:

https://www.millarvilleracetrack.com/MRAS-Name-a-Brick-Donation/











MRAS EQUINE FACILITIES

Questions about the MRAS Equine Facilities email: grounds@mras-track.com. For memberships email: <u>office@mras-track.com</u>

Hello Equine Members,

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 our building in good condition.

<u>Riding Rules:</u> These have been created and agreed upon to ensure everyone using the facility remains safe and that our facility can be kept in great condition. Please continue to follow the rules and encourage your fellow riders to follow the rules. Click <u>HERE</u> for the rules or go to: https://www.millarvilleracetrack.com/equine/.

<u>Booking Sheet:</u> Please use the booking sheet when you plan to ride and honor your time. This practice is in place to ensure fair usage of the facility and helps the maintenance team plan when they can be in the arena for maintenance.

<u>Manure:</u> Please continue to clean up after your horses. I know the vast majority of you are excellent at this, but it continues to be a problem.

NEW PROCESS

Remove your horse's manure from the arena using the <u>forks and pails</u> and transport it to the blue bins. <u>Pails</u> should not be used for storage of manure; it belongs in the blue bins.

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



UPCOMING EQUINE ACTIVITIES:

The volunteer members of the MRAS Equine Committee are working hard to bring a variety of clinics and activities to the MRAS riding membership and equine community. Please check the website regularly to see what is available at: www.millarvilleracetrack.com, Equine tab under Upcoming Events.

KIDS RIDING LESSONS WITH DANIELLE BARTLETT

Friday mornings: July 3, 4, 5

Danielle is a fabulous instructor that has a wonderful ability to communicate with children and youths of all ages. In these lessons riders will have the opportunity to build skills to develop better communication with their horse. Lessons are designed for any level of rider.

Per Lesson Cost: 2023/24 MRAS Riding Members \$58.00 Non-Members \$67.00 (All prices include GST)

To register or for more information contact Lynn Brunton, lynnbrunton@gmail.com. Once you have registered, payment instructions will be sent to you.

JULY 3-DAY DRESSAGE LESSONS SERIES

Wednesdays evenings: July 10, 24 & 31
OR

Mornings: Thurs. July 11, 25 & Wed. July 31

Work on the fundamentals of Dressage:

- Fine tuning of aids
- Rhythm, balance through suppleness
- Connection and softness through transitions

Lessons are open to both Western and English riders. Participants will be divided into groups based on their riding ability and training needs. Pre-registration required. Must choose evening OR morning classes, NO combination of dates. If interested in both dates, you must pay two registrations fees, no discounts.

Cost:

2023/24 MRAS Riding Members \$170.00 Non-Members \$200.00 (All prices include GST)

To register contact mras.equine@gmail.com

WORKING EQUITATION CLINIC

Part I: Dressage Test and Evaluation – Saturday, July 20 Part II: Ease of Handling Obstacles – Sunday, July 21

MRAS is offering a 2-part clinic for riders interested in Working Equitation. Whether you are completely new to the sport, want to improve your skills or would like to participate in preparation for an upcoming show or event.

Part I: Dressage Test and Evaluation. Each rider will be provided a 30-minute time slot to ride a dressage test of their choosing, receive feedback and re-ride the same test. Limit: 8 riders/time slots.

Part II: Working Equitation Ease of Handling Obstacles. A full course will be set up for each group to learn about and practice the obstacles (max of 4 riders per group. Limit: 12 riders

Costs:

Full Clinic (Part I and II) - Dressage Test Evaluation and Ease of Handling Obstacles

Current 2024 MRAS Riding Members \$ 150.00
Non-Members \$ 175.00
Part II ONLY - Ease of Handling Obstacles

Current 2024 MRAS Riding Members \$ 125.00 Non-Members \$ 145.00

Auditing

Current 2024 MRAS Riding Members \$ 20.00 Non-Members \$ 30.00

All pricing includes GST

Questions and to register email mras.equine@gmail.com



KIDS SUMMER 4-DAY HORSE CAMP

Dates: August 6 - 9

This is a perfect place for that horse loving kid to spend summer days with their horse. Come and have some fun in the sun! There will be a Lessons with Danielle Bartlett 3 of the 4 days plus other riding activities!

Crafts, games, grooming, ranch riding, patterns, showmanship and more!

Kids must have their own horse as there are no horses supplied. It is suggested that an adult stay while their child is riding. Best suited for ages 6 to 12.

Cost: \$200.00 MRAS Riding Members \$240.00 for Non-Members (All prices include GST)

Any questions or to register please contact lynnbrunton@gmail.com

Clinic and Lesson Series Cancellation Policy

MRAS cannot guarantee your spot will be filled in the event of cancellation; however, every attempt will be made to do so. Should your spot be filled, a refund will be issued less a 15% administration fee. If your spot cannot be filled, the full amount will be forfeited.

Substitutions may be allowed; the Clinic Coordinator must be consulted and approve the substitution. MRAS will have no part in facilitating payments from a substitute.

Additional details available about all of the above Activities and Lesson Series are available on the MRAS website: www.millarvilleracetrack.com on the Equine page.

OTHER ACTIVITIES, CLINICS, EQUINE 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 RIDE 2024



Another fabulous and fun Ranch Ride year!

There were over 50 participants, both MRAS riding members and non-members, that attended the Ranch Riding dates (December through May).

Looking forward to next year!

The Wrap Up Show was a great time. A big thank you to all the volunteers and participants who made it a great success.

The 2024 Ranch Ride Wrap Up Winners



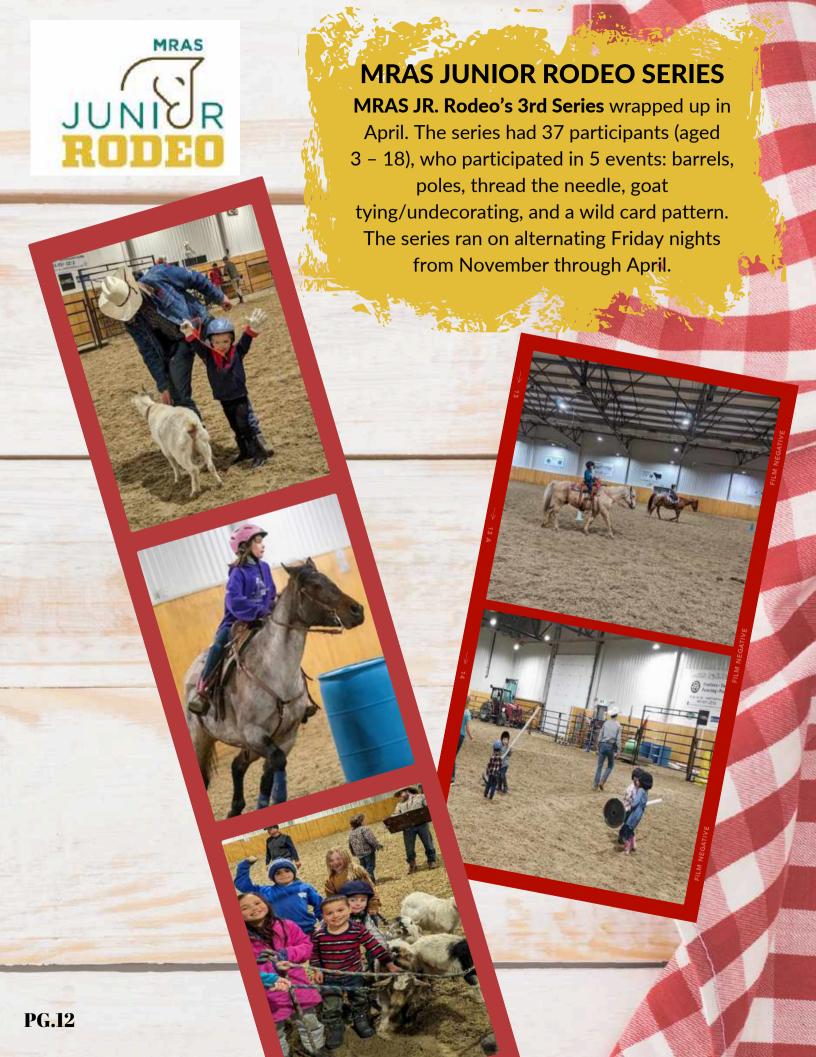




Drill Team Winners











Additional Information: The Series is a pre-registered 12-night program running November through April. Registration opens in October and the program has been waitlisted in the past. For more information email

JRrodeo@mras-track.com



All prizes were generously donated &/or sponsored for the series.

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VOLUNTEER WITH US!

We are looking for gate greeters for our Summer Market Saturday's, June 15th to Oct 12th! Please click HERE to sign up! For more info email:

office@mras-track.com





Millarville Stockland 4-H Club held its Achievement Day on Sunday, May 19TH. Our club this year is smaller but still very competitive. To start the day off we did multi-judging on different types of seeds. Then our cleaver members went first in the morning with their calendar calf's, then showmanship and then a costume class. Next up we had our chute races. We were split into three teams, got 5 minutes for planning and then the race was on. It was very fun.

Then we had our Sheep Show: first up was junior Market Lamb then senior Market Lamb. Justin Watkins won Grand Champion Market lamb and Kenzley Stanley won Reserve Champion Market lamb. After the market lamb class there was a pen of three class which had only 1 competitor, Sage Runge and won first in her class. Right after that class was the Junior and senior Ewe lamb class and with that the grand champion ewe lamb was Sage Runge and the Reserve Champion ewe lamb was Kenzley Stanley's. To continue the day with sheep we had Grand Champion breeding ewe lamb, Justin Watkins and reserve Champion breeding ewe, Sage Runge. The last class of sheep that day was Junior and Senior Showmanship, and the top two places went to the master Showmanship class. The two who won sheep showmanship were: William Penman (junior) and Sage Runge (senior).

The beef show started off mid-afternoon with junior and senior aged heifers and the grand champion heifer was Jessie Blatz and with the reserve Champion heifer was Maddie Watkins. The next classes of beef were homegrown heifers, 2-year-olds/3-year-old cow/calf pairs. And with that our grand champion female was Peyton Christman and Reserve Champion female with Jessie Blatz. Next class was herd class, with Maddie Watkins first place, Harrison Rawn 2nd. Just after that class was the market steer competition with Junior, Intermediate and Senior classes. Grand Champion steer Jessie Blatz and Reserve Champion Sterling Christman.

Now the showing begins, Junior, Intermediate and senior Showmanship has started. Sterling Christman made it on from junior, Peyton Cristman making it off from intermediate and Maddie Watkins making it off senior. And with that we're nearly at the end of Millarville Stockland 4-H beef club achievement day. Then we had a costume class and the final class was Master Showmanship, and Sage Runge won, with Peyton Christman in second.

Thank you to all the judges, volunteers, parents and participants for making this day special for everyone.





If you haven't looked yet, be sure to go online and check out the <u>Fair Book</u>. The book shows all the country fun being offered on August 17 and 18. Print copies are available in the MRAS office while supplies last.

This is a great opportunity to exhibit your skills – ride your horse, show your cattle, sheep, rabbits, or poultry. You can enter one or more classes in Arts & Handicrafts, Fibre Arts, Field Crops, Flowers, Home Cooking & Baking, Photography, Vegetables & Fruit, and Woodworking. Register online with **Showorks** anytime between now and the deadline of August 4, 2024.

Are you interested in volunteering at the Fair – we have all kinds of jobs, big and small, 2 hours to many hours of commitment – there is always room for funloving people. Let us know you are interested by clicking here.

See you at the Fair!

The detailed schedules for each Fair day should be finalized by mid-July. Check the <u>website</u>, <u>Facebook</u> or <u>Instagram</u>.













2023/2024 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP RATES

Family \$75.00 Individual \$60.00 Senior \$45.00 Student \$45.00

2023/2024 MRAS Riding Membership Rates

Annual: November 2023 - October 2024

Family \$475.00

Each additional dependent \$70.00

Individual \$325.00

1/4 memberships (per quarter): (May - July OR Aug - Oct)

Family \$225.00

Additional Dependent \$35.00

Individual \$150.00

Click <u>HERE</u> for more Info and to purchase your Membership!

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MILLARVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Edward Lewis Behm, (EDDIE)

Submitted by Gene Blakley - Vice President Millarville Historical Society

Eddie was born in Spokane Washington but came north with his parents in 1904. Eddie worked for Sam Kieran, one of the founders of the Millarville Races in 1905. Sam served as Race Club President for thirty years. Eddie rode Sam's thoroughbred horses in the Millarville Races as he was small in stature. He was one of the first jockeys at the Millarville Track.

In 1918, Eddie settled in the Kew area, SW21-20-4-W5. He built a log cabin and barn and lived in the cabin until his death. The big forest fire of 1919 would have burned him out but luckily George Silvester was visiting, and they dug a ditch all around the house and saved it.

Eddie never was one to keep up with the times and preferred horses to technology. Having bought a Model T Ford, he put it up on blocks after a failed first attempt at driving. Eddie never married and his horses and dogs and wild cattle were his constant companions. Everyone has a story about Eddie and the best one I heard was concerning a particular City of Calgary Police officer that helped unprivileged children. On a camping trip close to Eddie's cabin, two officers thought that it would be great fun to scare Eddie. While creeping up on the cabin they were unaware that Eddie was peering out of specially designed holes in the walls. A gun shot put the two officers in retreat, armed with a renewed respect for Eddie.

Neighbors were always good to Eddie and made sure that he got supplies from town and made it to the dances at Square Butte. In over 50 years of residency, he was hospitalized two times. The first time was the result of a twig to the eye while riding and the second in 1969 when a neighbour came to see how Eddie was doing and found him in bed with frozen hands, feet, and nose. A snowplough was put into use to clear the snow so an ambulance could make it to Eddie's cabin. This resulted in parts of his feet being amputated. In usual Eddie fashion, he stuffed his boots with paper to facilitate getting around. Neighbors rounded up his cattle and shipped them: a herculin task as some were a little wild.

I visited Eddie with my father many times. As dad could barber, he was enlisted on each visit. Eddie was not a good customer as he would take to talking to himself and us while using his hand to make points.

Unfortunately, Eddie passed away at his home. He loved the hills and said that "he found Calgary too darned lonesome."



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email us
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if you have photos, information, or
questions.

Remembering Betty Eckstrand



Sadly, our Millarville Racing and Agricultural Society community lost a valued volunteer May 2nd, 2024. Betty was a Priddis and Millarville Fair Director for two decades, developing awareness of the llama breed and Fibre Arts sections. She also was a prolific exhibitor, entering many different classes including baking, fancy work, flower and vegetables, spinning and weaving. To celebrate Betty's involvement, she was awarded MRAS Life Member status in 2010.

Betty and her husband Stan were awarded the Outstanding Exhibitor/Contributor Award for the Priddis and Millarville Fair in 2004 to honour their outstanding support to the success of the Fair over many years. Condolences to family and friends. Betty will be missed.

Submitted by Lorretta Stabler - President of Millarville Historical Society

Remembering Donna Evans

December 5, 1938 - May 15, 2024

Excerpt from Donna's autobiography in Foothills Echoes:

"I am the second daughter of Joanna and Harley Hanson. I moved to Millarville with my parents in 1944. We lived on the Freddy Hodgkins place, then moved to Jackson's where we spend a very happy time swimming in the river and playing with doll amongst the big old spruce trees.

I started grade one at Millarville School, at a time it was called Sheep Creek School, but after a year and a half we moved to Kew district where I attended Plainview School. We bought the Gavin Calderwood place. We had a dairy herd so we always saw the sun come up. I lived there all my growing up years and very enjoyable years they were. We had so many really nice neighbours: we used to sleigh ride up and down the big hills making it so slippery when our dads came home form work, they could not make the big hill. In the summer we had picnics. The Kew picnic was the big one of the year, the neighbours all got together, and it was really fun. All the kids would go swimming in the creek. My Mum usually stayed home and did the chores, and it was sure nice to always have a good supper waiting on the table and to know she was there when we came home from school. In grade six, Plainview School closed and we were bussed to Millarville School at its present location. Laurie Lochhead was our first bus driver and later Bob Lochhead took over and was the driver for sixteen years. At Millarville I finished my grade eleven, as that was as high as we could go there. Mr. Dube taught grade nine ten and eleven at that time we took departmentals. always wondered how he did it: just about 100% passed.

I then went to Mount Royal, where I took a Medical Dental Secretary course. Later I worked for Dr. S. Goodfellow, a dentist, until I married David Maxwell Evans, the eldest son of Irene and Elwyn Evans, who was born and raised at Millarville. We still live on part of the home place, where we built a house. David still farms with his dad and we both drive school busses. We have three sons, Donald David, Daryl Elwyn, and Cameron Scott. The three boys have all attended Millarville School. Elwyn also attended Millarville School so the boys are the third generation to attend the same school; we will wait and see about the fourth generation."

Donna was a Millarville Racing and Agricultural Society Life Member since 2004, celebrating her volunteer involvement over many decades. Volunteering as a Priddis and Millarville Fair Director in the Flower section for almost two decades and also volunteered on catering and historical committees. Donna drove a school bus for the Foothills School Division for 30 years and had numerous connections with families and neighbours in the Millarville area.

Condolences to family and friends. Donna will be missed.

Submitted by Lorretta Stabler - President of Millarville Historical Society





119th RUNNING OF THE MILLARVILLE RACES

The longest standing MRAS tradition is filled with activities guaranteed to entertain your entire family including parimutuel Thoroughbred races, Ladies' Side-saddle, Stock Horse, Indian Relay Races and Pack Horse as well as three-legged, foot, and sack races for children.

Thousands of people attend with some taking advantage of a fabulous opportunity to dress up elegantly for the VIP experience.

If you want to up the experience, you can treat yourself to the VIP Experience!

Gates Open: 10:00am Race Starts at 12:00pm. Please refer to your selected time slot for admission time.

Get your shop on! There will be a mini version (60 vendors) of the famous Millarville Farmers' Market during the event.

GET YOUR DERBY VIP EXPERIENCE TICKSTS IN ADVANCE!

A fabulous day to dress up in your carrelegant take on "Derby Western", there are no rules but we expect "It is is fascinators will figure prominently. Your ticket "If it us sent mee to the Races, access to the exclusive VIP tents, and It can Here you have shade, exclusive ATM and exclusive betting terminals are sells out quickly, so get your tickets early!

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CANADA DAY RACES VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Several positions still available including:

- VIP/Tent Runner
- Gate Greeter
- Program Runner
- Kids Foot Races Judges (Adults and Teens needed)

Click to sign up

For more info email: office@mras-track.com







THE Kids Only Shoppe at the Millarville Christmas Market

KOS is the winner of the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Friends of Education Award for Zone
5. Congratulations to Mrs. Claus and her mighty band of Elves!

KOS was nominated by the Foothills School Division (one of 7 school divisions in zone 5) "for their collective generosity and hard work that has made a positive impact on the lives of students and schools". The nomination letter included the following:

"In nominating the Kids Only Shoppe (KOS), Zone 5 member, the Foothills School Division, highlighted the incredible work the KOS has undertaken to foster a deep and supportive relationship with Foothills School Division schools in Diamond Valley (Black Diamond and Turner Valley), Longview, Millarville and Red Deer Lake, all built on meaningful engagement. It was heartening to learn about how an initiative to 'fill the bellies' of the students in FSD schools has evolved into opportunities for community and culture building, for growing student agency (learning through activities that are meaningful and relevant to learners, driven by their interests), and for empowering our students to seek meaning and take purposeful action all while giving back to their school and community in a meaningful way. "

Patty Webb and Carol Papworth attended the Zone 5 award presentation on June 5. All zone winners will be recognized at a gala in November. Between 2014 and 2023, the KOS has donated a total of \$46,370 to select schools in the Foothills School Division for hot lunch programs.



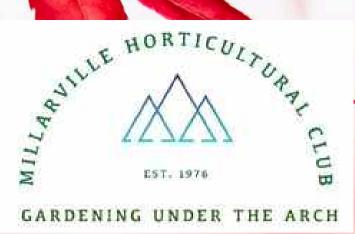


To stay up to date on KOS activities and progress, take a look at our most recent KOS Newsletter HERE!

New elves always welcome. Thank you for your continued support to the KOS.







http://millarvillehortclub.com

UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS:

July 14: Garden Tour

July 14 - 16: Flower Festival at the Anglican Christ Church House on Highway 549

August 4: Garden Tour to Confluence Garden, Deane House and Reader Rock

August 17 & 18: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Priddis & Millarville Fair

September 10: 7 p.m.: Millarville Horticultural Club monthly meetings resume. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month, September to May, at the Millarville Anglican church house.

If you are interested in attending any of our presentations, please contact Louise Patterson Bruns (our new president) at louisepattersonbruns@gmail.com or at millarvillehorticulturalclub@gmail.com.

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!

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Get ready for summer reading and activities with the help of our library.

WOULD YOU?

Consider volunteering on a casual basis or dedicate a shift in the library? A great way to get involved and meet your neighbours.

Classes-

Kids summer program starts the week of July 1 and will run every Wednesday throughout the summer.

A library book, l imagine, is a happy book.

~ Cornelia Funke

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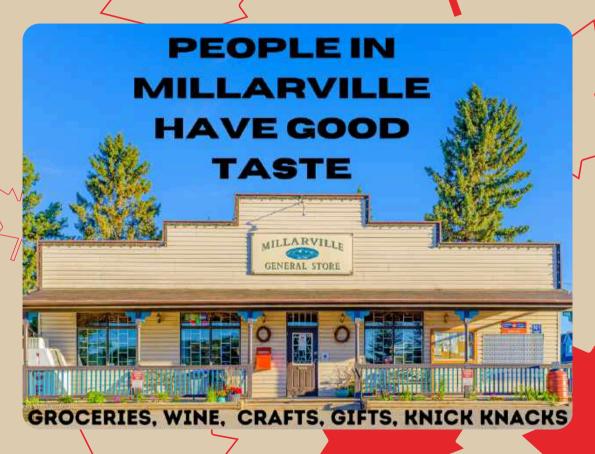
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