

# Track Watch

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## OFFICE HOURS

TUESDAY TO SATURDAY 9:00 AM - 3:00PM

## 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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# 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/>



# President's Message



**Brent Foster**  
**MRAS President**

Greetings from the Track,

I trust as we near the end of Summer 2024 (yikes!) that you had an opportunity to enjoy time away with family and friends. Over the last month, MRAS hosted a number of events including the 117th - Priddis Millarville Fair and the Okotoks Pro Rodeo. I had an opportunity to visit the Fair on Saturday and was amazed at the number of exhibitors and the variety of departments with overall attendance well ahead of last year by 23%. Well done Fair Committee! Also, the OK Pro Rodeo was sold out!

However, the season is not over - we have continued to see great attendance at the Millarville Summer Market along with new vendors and the number of Campground visitors is also seeing increased numbers. All this is not possible without great staff and volunteers.

Thank you to Dan for pushing forward with grant applications and as such MRAS was awarded a \$66,474 Agricultural Societies Infrastructure Revitalization Program grant towards a \$87,000 allocated toward the purchase and installation of a public address system throughout the MRAS site. This system will enhance our ability to broadcast messages in case of adverse weather events, missing children and other safety concerns in the MRAS grounds. Thank you to Dan and crew for initiating this.

The MRAS is making small steps towards finalizing the plans toward the large capital projects - Arena Build out (Phase 2a), solar installation and relooking at the arena footing. No firm decisions have been made, but we are getting closer on pricing and timing. More to come.

With September upon us, can I extend an invitation to all volunteers to sign up to attend our volunteer appreciation event on September 21, 2024 at 6:00pm at the MRAS Hall. Please RSVP to [Melonie@mras-track.com](mailto:Melonie@mras-track.com).

Further to the note on the fair - Charlene and I were impressed by this exhibitor at the Fair his knowledge and care of his chickens. Great to see youth as part of the Fair!

See you at the Track!  
*Brent Foster*



# 2024 MRAS STAFF

Dan Heyde  
*Operations Manager*

Melonie McKee  
*Farmers' Market Manager*

Craig Howe  
*Maintenance Manager*

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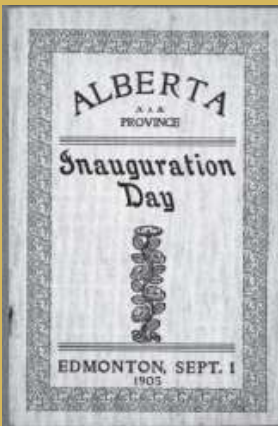
Jessie Blatz  
*Maintenance Summer Student*

Valarie Evenson  
*Maintenance*



# Happy birthday Alberta!

**Celebrate our proud Heritage ,  
unique spirit and culture on  
September 1st!**



On Sept. 1, 1905, Alberta became a province. The inauguration was hosted in Edmonton, where approximately 20,000 people attended - an astounding number, since the last census counted the population of the city at 4,176!

On May 14, 1914, Alberta's first major oil and gas discovery took place in Turner Valley. The Turner Valley Gas Plant is now a national and provincial historic site, sharing this moment in Alberta's history with the world.

Alberta is currently home to more cattle than people.

Alberta's two provincial colours are blue and gold, representing the big blue sky and vast golden prairies of the province.





# MRAS EQUINE FACILITIES



Questions about the MRAS Equine Facilities email: [grounds@mras-track.com](mailto:grounds@mras-track.com).

For memberships email: [office@mras-track.com](mailto:office@mras-track.com)

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.

Riding Rules: 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 [HERE](#) for the rules or go to: <https://www.millarvilleracetrack.com/equine/>.

Booking Sheet: 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.

Manure: Please continue to clean up after your horses. We 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 forks and pails and transport it to the blue bins. Pails 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,

*Thank you!*



# 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.millarvillercetrack.com](http://www.millarvillercetrack.com), Equine tab under Upcoming Events.

## 2024/2025 MRAS Riding Membership Rates

### ANNUAL: November 2024 – October 2025\*

Family - \$475.00

Each additional dependent - \$70.00

Individual - \$325.00



### SEASONAL: Nov -April OR May - Oct\*

Family - \$350.00

Individual - \$225.00

Additional Dependent - \$50.00

### QUARTERLY (per quarter): (Nov - Jan/Feb - Apr/May - Jul/Aug - Oct)\*

Family \$225.00

Additional Dependent \$35.00

Individual \$150.00

\*No pro-rating

\*All Equine Members must also have a General Membership

To renew or purchase your General and Riding membership plans and/or for more info click [HERE](#) or go to: <https://www.millarvillercetrack.com/membership/#generalmembership>

## SEPTEMBER 3-DAY DRESSAGE LESSONS SERIES

Wednesdays evenings: September 4, 11, 18

OR

Thursday mornings: September 5, 12, 26

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 base 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 \$180.00

Non-Members \$210.00

(All prices include GST)

To register contact [mras.equine@gmail.com](mailto:mras.equine@gmail.com)

## KIDS & ADULTS FALL RIDING LESSON SERIES

With Danielle Bartlett 🐾

**Dates: Fridays, September 6, 13 & 20, October 11 & 25**

Lesson Times 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 pm

Lessons can be purchased as a package or individually

Cost: MRAS Riding Members \$290.00 for all 5 lessons. Individual purchase \$60 per lesson

Non-Riding Members \$335.00 for all 5 lessons. Individual purchase \$69 per lesson

(All prices include GST)

Riders will be divided into their appropriate riding level groups, in a group of 4 riders or less. When registering please advise the earliest time you can get to the arena as we are considerate of those times when making groups.

Registration will open for MRAS Riding members August 1 and for Non-Riding Members August 10.

Please email [lynnbrunton@gmail.com](mailto:lynnbrunton@gmail.com) to register or for more information.

## WORKING EQUITATION 3-DAY CLINIC WITH JILL BARRON

Friday through Sunday, October 18-20, 2024

Jill's approach to training horses and riders blends classical techniques and natural horsemanship. Her expertise has won her global accolades and Championships. She teaches clinics and judges Working Equitation in many international destinations. She is the only judge in North America to hold three cards.

**ANY BREED OR TYPE OF TACK IS WELCOME.** The first 2 days of the clinic will focus on Flatwork and Horsemanship Skills and the final day will be obstacle work.

Cost: Current MRAS Riding Members \$540.00

Non-Riding Members \$600.00

**50% deposit required to complete your registration. Balance required 30 days prior to clinic start.**

**Audit Fee:** Current MRAS Riding Members \$40.00

Non-Riding Members \$50.00

**One Audit Fee for All 3 Day**

**Auditors must register and pay prior to the clinic.**

To register contact [mras.equine@gmail.com](mailto:mras.equine@gmail.com) and include your level of experience.

### 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.millarvillercetrack.com](http://www.millarvillercetrack.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](mailto:MRAS.equine@gmail.com). One of our goals is to incorporate activities that our members are interested in.



## MILLARVILLE STOCKLAND 4H CLUB STARTED SUMMER OFF WITH A BANG!

On Thursday May 30th, 2024, in the morning our club came to the Stampede grounds and set up all of the stalls for the animals for the big 4-H on Parade Show. There was a steer weigh-in in the afternoon, and we also marched in the Club Grand entry. Right after that our club went to multi-judge for whomever signed up for it.

On Friday May 31st, 2024, our club came to the barns in the morning to re-clean stalls (put clean shavings in) also at the same time we exercised the beef animals who were quite full of it. The first show of the week was beef female show with multiple members from our club participating in this competition. Our members did well, and lots moved forward either for conformation or showmanship.

Then on Saturday June 1st, 2024, same as Friday, our club came to the barns around 6:00am and had to re-clean stalls again. We also had to take our beef animals for exercise and walking. There was a pancake breakfast that had pancakes and sausages with the breakfast. "The pancakes were "really good"!"

The cleaver kids got to do their stuff on Saturday. There was also a steer show on this day and our members did great, with some of them moving forward with their animals and all of them moving forward in Showmanship.

At the end of the day on Saturday, our club cleaned up and headed home.

Summer has been a nice break, but now we are getting ready for our new club year.

Do you want to learn more about farm animals? Well, our club does cattle and sheep. We train, show and groom animals for competitions that have multiple prizes to win including scholarships in some competition. You can join this club at the youngest age of 6 and the oldest age of 21.

4-H doesn't just train animals there is so much more to do! Our club gets together once a month for monthly business meetings that are run by you the 4-H member and we get together once a month to learn more about our animals and special activities that we do within a club such as: volunteering for events, learning more about our animals, planning activities like Laser tags and Public Speaking. 4-H is so much more than livestock. Come checkout our club on Sunday, September 29 4-6 pm at the Millarville Racetrack Hall (at the Millarville Racing and Ag Society) for more information on joining. **Checkout our Facebook page [HERE](#) or email us: [millarvillestockland@gmail.com](mailto:millarvillestockland@gmail.com)**

Club Reporter – Pyper Stanley



The members of the Millarville Stockland Club enjoying a mid-summer sweet treat at the local DQ.

# Buy Now

## 2024/25 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP RATES

**EXCITING  
NEW RATES  
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2024-2025!**

Family ~~\$75.00~~ = \$50.00

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Student/User Group ~~\$45.00~~ = \$30.00

Additional Independent ~~\$15.00~~ = \$10.00

\*Membership starts November 1, 2024 and expires  
October 31, 2025

Click [HERE](#) for more Info and to renew/  
purchase your Membership!

# WHY BECOME AN MRAS MEMBER ?

Purchasing a membership with MRAS provides you with great opportunities and privileges.



Connection with neighbours, friends and our community.



Event committee participation



Access to Indoor and outdoor riding facilities with riding membership.

We encourage all regular users of MRAS facilities to get involved. For more information about any of the MRAS Memberships, please click Here and/or contact [office@mras-track.com](mailto:office@mras-track.com).

**Nov 7th - 10th**

*and*

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office@mras-track.com



## MILLARVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



On Sunday September 15, the Millarville Historical Society and the Dierkens family invite members to visit the historic buildings. We will start with a PowerPoint presentation and talk at the Church House at 1:00 pm, then proceed to the farm for a tour of the barns and the Edwardian house.

The old Macklin Place holds many historic memories, from the mid 1890s to the present day. Recently purchased by Steve and Julie Dierkens, the historic barns are being restored, and new fences and roads now grace the property. Beautifully set into the big hills with natural springs, this farm has many stories to tell.

It was originally homesteaded in 1893 by Frederick Hova Wolley Dod, the avid entomologist who cataloged hundreds of species of moths and butterflies of the area and sent mounted specimens to the great museums of the world between 1895 and 1917. He published the definitive 'Lepidoptera of Alberta' in 1910. He was the foremost entomologist in Western Canada for over 20 years.

In 1912, he built the beautiful 2 storey Edwardian house with all modern conveniences, with file cupboards and collecting rooms for his beloved butterflies. He also built several barns and outbuildings that still stand today. Sadly, Mr Dod went off to WWI in 1917 and did not return, dying in Mesopotamia in 1919.

Dr. Thomas Macklin and his son Hugh took up the property in 1921, and it was the Macklin Place for almost 50 years. Hugh and Dessa were stalwart members of the Millarville community their whole lives. In 1951, their sons Jack and Alec built the big dairy barn that we still see today.



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## Millarville Historical Society's Annual AGM Meeting

Held Sept 4 -7:00pm at the Millarville Racetrack Hall  
Celebrate with us about our year's progress, renew  
your membership for 2024-25, and share input for  
next year.

Coffee/tea and snack will be provided. Our society  
invites members to volunteer on committees. Hope  
to see you then!

Read more historical articles on [Facebook - Millarville Historical Society](#) or  
email us [millarvillehistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:millarvillehistoricalsociety@gmail.com) if you have photos,  
information, or questions.



# AS WE COME INTO HARVEST TIME

By Eugene Blakley – Millarville  
Historical Society Vice President

## **I didn't write this but thought it important to share:**

Harvest 2024 has begun. If you all who are not farmers wanted to know what the price of wheat is right now, it is \$5.40 a bushel..... **Value of US Dollar:** As wheat prices are primarily denominated in US dollars, fluctuations in the value of the dollar can impact the effective price of wheat for importing countries, influencing demand dynamics.

It's about the same as it was in 1972 which was - \$4.86 a bushel. A loaf of bread in 1972 cost 25 Cents.

A bushel of wheat yields 42 one-and-a-half pound commercial loaves of white bread OR about 90 one-pound loaves of whole wheat bread. A bushel of wheat makes about 42 pounds of pasta or 210 servings of spaghetti. There is approximately 16 ounces of flour in a one-and-a-half-pound loaf of bread.

You can buy a loaf of bread for \$7 today. \$294 for 42 loaves of bread if they cost \$7. The farmer gets 5.40 per bushel minus the storage fee. He is the one who grows the wheat. The one who is a steward of the ground the wheat grows in. The one who hires people to help him cut his crop. The one who spends hours on the combine and tractors to feed the world. The one who makes payments on his equipment his whole life, and he makes \$5.40 per bushel. We are feeding the world, and we can't afford to buy the bread back to make our own sandwiches. Things are not right in this world.

I would like to add that the suicide rate for farmers is quite high when things are this bad. Please pray for the farmers who are trying to feed the world.

As our historical society is not a political group, I thought this introduction was pertinent even though I did not write it. In our district, we get to look back at how we got here, as understanding history is the prescription for a better tomorrow.

## **I did write this.....**

Let us pretend that we could go to an agriculturally rich country today and for the sum of \$10 get 160 acres of land and the opportunity of getting another 160 acres (Pre emption) for an additional \$10.

Now all you had to do was plough up 10 acres of that land and sew it to crop each year for three years. In your spare time you had to build a habitable building that contained a stove, table, and a bed. If you did this, you could lay claim to the additional 160 acres (The Pre emption). Now would you leave family and the nice warm home of your parents and undertake this challenge?

That is exactly what our pioneer ancestors did in this very country. They could catch a harvest train in the east. This was a train heading west. You could squeeze into a bench seat made for two but holding three individuals. The seat was wood slats that provided extreme comfort and support. You could use the small square stove at the back of the train that is shared by all to heat your porridge, tea, or possibly bacon. Sleeping? Well, that would have been plain Hell, and many got off the train in places like Brandon, as farmers looking for labourers came on the train to hire. A few days work and then deciding the train is not feasible, so you take off walking through Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and possibly Alberta, even though they have a different name than now. The benefit that you get, a road view of the country and the friendliness of the inhabitants. Short days of work for food would sustain your travels.

Once you seen a section of the country that appealed you went to the Dominion Land Office and got an idea of where you could go and look at your prospective land. The best way was to locate the survey stakes that marked the train right of way. Once orientated, you could look for the iron stakes that were in the northeast corner of each Section of land. Once you locate the stakes then you had to decipher the roman numerals engraved on the side of each stake. Now, if the stakes were rusted then you had a new problem to conquer. If you could have afforded it you could have a tent, but most slept on the ground with a blanket. Food was what could be carried or caught. The problem now is that many people are looking for land, so it was best to record a few sites that appealed to you before going back to the Land Office. Once there you encounter mass crowds of men doing just what you are doing. So, many slept on the steps to ensure access in the morning. Maybe you could talk someone into holding your space while you get something to eat or go to the bathroom. After all of this you may have to choose another property other than your first choice.

Now you are a landowner, only if you can prove up that to the government's rules. Hopefully you can get financing from family back east to buy a plough, horses, seed, etc. to start the process. Many repeated the trip back east and then returned the following spring with equipment. Unfortunately, this venture for many was a one-way street, they have gotten out here but not much money and low skill level. Even with the skills and money return on investment is 2 years away. Nice part is no land tax other than sweat tax. Neighbours became friends as the old saying "misery loves company" applies and since money could not purchase labour you traded yours for theirs. Knowledge could be shared, skills could be learned, and before you know it a community is formed. This venture by today's standards makes perfect business sense. No debt, no labour costs, free resources equal a viable long range investment plan.

The most important thing was a mate that had the same vision as moving into a one room shack with blankets for room division, hauling water by hand, cutting and splitting wood for fires, plus innumerable other chores and tasks took a special woman. Then there was the business of catching and flinging out of bed those obnoxious pests that fly and crawl. Your new address was a few roman numerals on a steel spike. This does not even, in a small way, depict the pitfalls and challenges of our pioneers. At this point I will leave it to your imagination to complete this tale. When I think of the perseverance of the families that are still on the land, and the idea that for all that history you still make the same wage as 1972.

It is fun to put yourself in these pioneer's lives if it is from the pages of a book, in front of a good fire with a coffee at your elbow, but maybe we should try to walk in their shoes.

Thought it would be fun to find out how we got here. Just another Musing...Enjoy





**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

We are doing a fundraiser  
March 4 & 5, 2025 in conjunction  
with the Ace Casino Blackfoot!  
We need volunteers for a variety of  
positions and shifts. For more info  
please contact Tylene @  
[office@mras-track.com](mailto:office@mras-track.com)



# THE HIDDEN GEM OF THE FOOTHILLS!

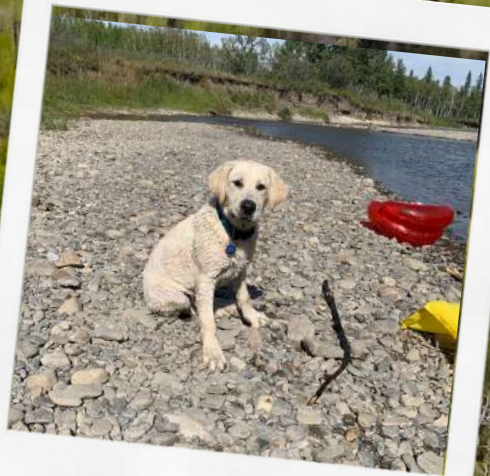
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# 2024



**By Yvonne Sterrenberg on behalf of the Volunteer Fair Committee**

The 2024 Priddis & Millarville Fair was a resounding success, marked by record-breaking attendance and a vibrant display of community spirit! The weekend had excellent weather, save for a brief shower on Saturday that did not dampen spirits during the pie and quilt auction.

The Fair was a true intergenerational affair, with both young and old immersing themselves in the experience of exhibiting, volunteering, and attending the Fair.

- 4400 guests on Saturday and 2500 on Sunday (record attendance on both days)
- 2075 ribbons were awarded to celebrate the talents of our 511 exhibitors and competitors
- 408 participants received prize payouts. 41 received over \$100
- The youngest exhibitors were 2 years old. The oldest exhibitor age disclosed at registration was 83.
- Over 250 individuals volunteered their time. This does not include the guilds or organizations that came to offer their information and expertise, such as the Sheep Creek Weavers, Calgary and District Bee Keepers Association, Alberta Institute for Wildlife Conservation, Stampede City Model A Ford Club, Foothills Model T Club, Agriculture for Life, Turner Valley Firefighters, and Alberta Organic Producers.

Creativity flourished with 329 cookies transformed into edible art, over 100 rocks receiving colorful makeovers, and sheaves were tied by our enthusiastic guests. Sheep Creek Weavers and the Arts & Handicraft Departments shared their expertise with our guests and had them participate in "Make and Takes" too.

What a tremendous effort by this community, from donors and sponsors to our hundreds of volunteers. The Fair is a testament to the power of community and the joy of shared achievements, with numerous events and competitions showcasing the best of our local culture and creativity. Thank you to our generous sponsors and volunteers! Financial and in-kind contributions, as well as volunteer time and effort, make this event possible.

**We are proud to announce Carol Papworth as our Outstanding Exhibitor/Contributor of the year. Her dedication and contributions will be celebrated in the October issue of Track Watch.**

**The following link is to Bill Jackson's interview with the CBC Calgary Eyeopener:**

**<https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-5-calgary-eyeopener/clip/16088241-rooster-crowing>**

## Benefactors of the Fair

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# Thank you!

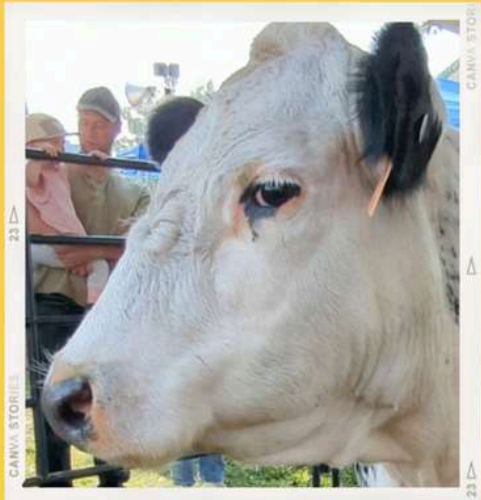
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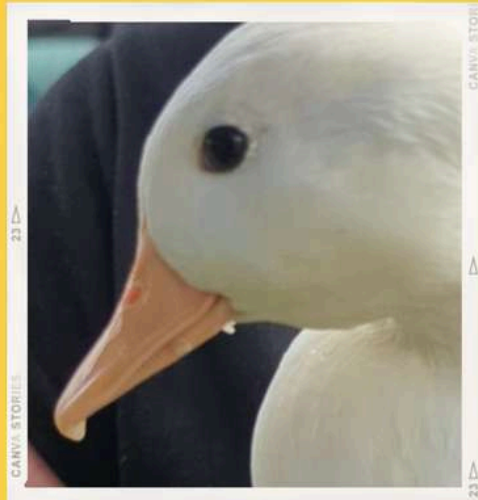
**Cow-Plop-  
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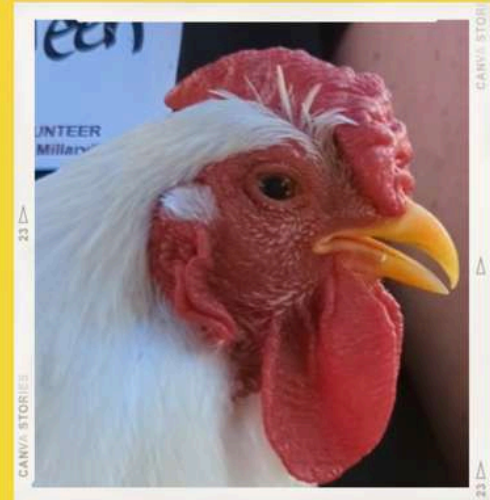
**Duck, Duck  
Poop**



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**Cock-a-  
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- 1. Arts and Handicrafts: Sophia DePaoli**
- 2. Jr Arts and Handicrafts: Jordynn Mills**
- 3. Field Crops: Patty Webb**
- 4. Jr Field Crops: Reece Kinnear**
- 5. Flowers: Alicja Brydges**
- 6. Jr Flowers: Colbie Johnson**
- 7. Home Cooking and Baking: Elena Truelove**
- 8. Jr Home Cooking and Baking: Josey Rawson**
- 9. Photography: Julie Thomson**
- 10. Jr Photography: Lee Vizer**
- 11. Vegetables and Fruits: Edie Pujo**
- 12. Jr Veg. And Fruits: Gavan Klemencic**
- 13. Woodworking: Hannah Mortimer**
- 14. Jr Woodworking: Calvin Berrigan**
- 15. Poultry Waterfowl and Pigeons : CK1 Bantams**
- 16. Jr Poultry Waterfowl and Pigeons: Wesley Van Genugten**
- 17. Sheep: Lorri Lyster**
- 18. Jr Sheep: Hailey Oldale**
- 19. Beef Cattle: Maddie Watkins**

<http://millarvillehortclub.com>

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month, September to May, at 7:00 p.m. The meetings are held at the Millarville Anglican Church House on Hwy 549.

Our September 10 meeting will be a potluck at 6:30 pm. This will be our Fall Potluck, so come early and bring your favourite dish, especially things from your garden.

Salute to our Volunteers September 10 meeting:

We will celebrate our dedicated Hort Club Volunteers with a big cake to kick off the new season.

Presentations September 10 meeting:

\*Fall Planted Garlic with Louise.

"Ready to plant garlic" will be for sale at our October 8th meeting . \$15 / pound.

"The Honey Merchants" :Product for sale



#### FAIR REPORT:

Many thanks to the entrants for entering the amazing vegetable, fruits and flower classes There were literally hundreds on display. It is not too early to think about next year's fair on August 16 and 17, 2025.

#### GARDEN TOURS:

Many thanks to Paul Rishaug, the new Confluence Garden (Fort Calgary), and the Reader Rock Garden. The garden tours did not disappoint . Great weather and lots of flowers!!

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



# THE Kids Only Shoppe at the Millarville Christmas Market

September marks the start of final push towards preparing for an anticipated busy Kids Only Shoppe at the November Christmas market. Check the newsletter for upcoming workbee dates and timelines for dropping off donated items. We are happy with progress made to date, but each year more children discover the KOS experience, so we are always looking for new ideas and new items to offer for sale. Our continued gratitude to all our volunteers and crafters!

Here is the latest copy of everything news for the KOS, click the [KOS Newsletter HERE](#). Enjoy!

Feel free to reach out should you have any comments or questions to [kos@mras-track.com](mailto:kos@mras-track.com).

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

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This year marks the 15th anniversary of Kidney March, a three-day, 100-kilometre charitable march held annually in the Calgary area. On the first day, Friday, September 6th, approximately 500 Kidney Marchers, Crew, and Volunteers will begin their heroic journey from the Millarville Racetrack.

Kidney March is the only walk of its kind in the world. No other walk goes this far, for this long, for this cause. Kidney March is a true testament to the indomitable human spirit and the power of collective action.

Kidney disease is a leading cause of death in Canada and there is no cure. It's called a silent killer for a reason. By the time you know you have it, it's often too late. Unless we stand up and act, this silent disease will continue to take lives and livelihoods.

It's not every day that ordinary people get to be heroes, but at Kidney March they do. The Kidney Foundation is thrilled to see Kidney March celebrate its 15th anniversary and continue to grow every year. Join us in 2024 for an unforgettable journey where kidneys may fail, we won't.

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**Deadline is the 19th of the month for the following month's  
Track Watch publication.**

# Chucks, Chariots & Bull Riding

Millarville Race Track  
September 6 - 8, 2024



## Friday, September 6

Chuckwagons and Chariots 5:00 pm

## Saturday, September 7

Chuckwagons & Chariots 4:00 pm  
BRC Bulls Under the Lights 7:00 pm

*Featuring Indian Relay Races  
& Trick Riding Saturday!*

Tickets will be available online through  
Eventbrite and at the gate  
Follow us on Facebook - Millarville  
Chuckwagon & Chariot Races

## Sunday, September 8

Chuckwagon & Chariot Finals 1:30 pm

Don't miss the ever popular Mini Chuckwagons! Beer Gardens all weekend!



*Photo courtesy of: Ray Watkins*



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