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TUESDAY - FRIDAY 9:00AM - 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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2024 MRAS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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WE ARE LOOKING FOR BOARD MEMBERS!

Join our Board of Directors to help make a difference in the community!



Elections held at our AGM on December 2, 2024.
Please contact the MRAS president for more info:
mraspresident@gmail.com

Director's Message



**Colina Clark,
MRAS Director**

Greetings from the Track,

MRAS bid September farewell by hosting the Volunteer Appreciation dinner. Thank you to the MRAS staff: event lead Melonie, Craig, Ty, Jessie and Dawsyn for all of your efforts in celebrating and appreciating MRAS' most valuable resource - our volunteers! MRAS President, Brent Foster, shared that our 1500+ volunteers gifted over 25,000 hours to MRAS. MRAS is community based, like I have mentioned before. We are only as strong as the team we have. With that in mind, we are fast approaching our AGM and we are looking for team members. Do you have some time to contribute? Skills, knowledge, experience and interest that could be of benefit for MRAS? We'd like to see you join us as many hands make a lot of fun as demonstrated by our own Mrs. Claus!

As October enters, we say goodbye to another season of the Farmers' Market. This year's market saw an increase in visitors along with a few new vendors within the market family. It was a fantastic market season thanks to the tremendous effort of MRAS Staff (including the summer staff) and the many volunteers. It is such an amazing event, and often used as a model for other Farmers Markets within the province and in Canada.

The final weekend of the summer market season brings Thanksgiving. Of course, Thanksgiving is known for spending time with family, a feast and for sports fans.....football. It's also an opportunity to celebrate, or perhaps just a thoughtful moment, to recognize and acknowledge what we are thankful for and perhaps what we are looking forward to beyond the beautiful Fall colours.

October ends with the spooky Halloween, which actually has roots in an ancient Celtic Festival called Samhain (pronounced "sah-win") a time to celebrate harvest at the end of summer though our summer ends earlier than October, so we have a little fun instead. The Halloween Howl event will be held on the 26th. Join them for a spooky good time!

And before we settle in for the quieter winter season, we have one last market event. The Christmas Market will be held over two weekends in November and though it still seems a little bit away, preparations have been in the work for months. Tickets went on sale September 15th, with many tickets sold to date. Be sure to purchase your tickets before they are sold out.

As I believe most are aware, I am part of the Cian's Mustard team who currently utilize the concession building as a food production facility. And in case you were wondering, my concession building proposal was submitted before I even considered rejoining the MRAS Board. Unfortunately, the timing on things was a bit backwards. Regardless, it is a simple rental that does not infringe on any role that I hold within the MRAS organization. The Collab, as we call it, is stepping up production as we head into the busy Christmas season. We assist other food producers to not only scale up their production but help them secure ingredients, packaging, labelling, food safety and regulations (including traceability) and whatever else that may be needed. Three clients moved with us to this facility; a bbq sauce that won 2021 world bbq sauce title, a hot sauce company with a flavorful line up and another producer that offers a wide variety sauces, dressing and spreads. They all offer delicious products that are staples in our kitchen! In our short time here we've had a few new hot sauces made, two of which by MRAS vendors. We also have a seasoning company working on a product and another producer that uses our space to prep some of the ingredients for a line of dips. In the coming weeks, we have a previous client returning to do a batch of her jam. It is such a delicious place to be!

We are thankful for the opportunity to share this incredible place with others. Thank you for your support and contribution in MRAS, where community is defined by where the heart is.

Colina Clark

MRAS Playground Update

Dear Members, Supporters and Friends,

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.

MRAS thanks you for all the donation support to help cover the additional playground costs . Our "Name a Brick" campaign sold 48 bricks which also helped to build our Playground Legacy Brick Wall.



2024 MRAS STAFF

Dan Heyde
Operations Manager

Melonie McKee
Farmers' Market Manager

Craig Howe
Maintenance Manager

Tylene Hay
Office Administration

Lance Piltingsrud
Maintenance

Jessie Blatz
Maintenance

Dawsyn McKee
Maintenance

Valarie Evenson
Maintenance

Volunteer Appreciation Night 2024

Our Volunteer Appreciation Night was a lovely evening of honoring the incredible volunteers the MRAS is so grateful to have! It was our privilege to name our newest Life Members to the MRAS family. We thanked Barb Parker, VP and Roy Mathis for their service on the Board of Directors. We celebrated the ASBA Zone 5 Friends of Education Award for the amazing work of the Kids Only Shoppe committee led by Ms. Patty Webb!

The food, drink and company felt like home as we rounded up the evening with music and raffle prizes!



Barb Parker with Brent Foster



Kids Only Shoppe Committee with Lisa Penzo, FSDB Trustee (far right)



Roy Mathis with Brent Foster

Congratulations!



Brad Corbiell with Brent Foster & Lorretta Stabler



Sandy MacKenzie with Brent Foster & Barb Parker

New Life Members 2024

Brad Corbiell
Sandy Mackenzie
Mark MacDonald
Arlene O'Brien
Blaine Clark



Mark MacDonald with Brent Foster & Barb Parker



Arlene O'Brien with Brent Foster & Barb Parker



Blaine Clark with Brent Foster & Lorretta Stabler



MRAS EQUINE FACILITIES



Questions about the MRAS Equine Facilities email: grounds@mras-track.com.

For memberships email: 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.millarvilleractrack.com, Equine tab under Upcoming Events.

OCTOBER 3-DAY DRESSAGE LESSONS SERIES

Wednesdays evenings: October 2, 9, 16

OR

Thursday mornings: October 3, 10, 17

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

KIDS & ADULTS FALL RIDING LESSON SERIES

With Danielle Bartlett 🐾

Dates: Fridays, October 11 & 25

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

Adult Lesson Time: 7:30pm

Individual lessons can be purchased provided space is available.

Cost: MRAS Riding Members - Individual purchase \$60 per lesson

Non-Riding Members - Individual purchase \$69 per lesson

(All prices include GST)

Please email 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. Jill teaches clinics and judges Working Equitation in many international destinations and 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 Priority registration until August 10, 2024

Non-Riding Members \$600.00

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

All riding spots have been filled.

One Audit Fee for All 3 Days.

Audit Fee: Current MRAS Riding Members \$40.00 Auditors must register and pay

Non-Riding Members \$50.00 prior to the clinic.

To register contact mras.equine@gmail.com and include your level of experience.


JUNIOR RODEO

Friday evenings: November through April

The MRAS Junior Rodeo Series is a 10-night series of gymkhana and rodeo events offered to junior riders throughout the winter months. This series brings all levels of riders together ages 2-17 to participate in 4 events (barrels, poles, Thread the Needle and a Wildcard).

Series dates: Nov 29, Dec 13, Jan 3, 17, 31, Feb 14, 28,
Mar 14, 28, Apr 11

Registration to open in October.

Once available, registration and other information about the series will be posted on the MRAS website at www.millarvilleracetrack.com under Equine tab 
Upcoming Events

Questions about the series can be directed to
JRodeo@mras-track.com

2024/2025 – The Year Ahead

Some of the MRAS Equine Committee activities and clinics for the membership year ahead:

Ranch Riding

Western Horsemanship

Dressage

Jumper show

Working Equitation

Obstacles Practice

And more

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.

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.



EQUINE MEMBERSHIPS



2024 - 25 MEMBERSHIP PLANS

ANNUAL*

NOVEMBER - OCTOBER

FAMILY \$475

(ADDITIONAL DEPENDENT \$70)

INDIVIDUAL \$325

All year access to
Indoor Riding
Arena and
Seasonal Outdoor
Rings

NEW!

SEASONAL*

NOV- APR OR MAY- OCT

FAMILY \$350

(ADDITIONAL DEPENDENT \$50)

INDIVIDUAL \$225

Choose a 6
month plan for
your Seasonal
Riding needs.

QUARTERLY*

NOV - JAN; FEB-APR;
MAY-JUL; AUG-OCT

FAMILY \$200

(ADDITIONAL DEPENDENT \$30)

INDIVIDUAL \$125

Try out our
Riding facilities
with a 3 month
plan!

* All Equine membership plans
require a General MRAS membership

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2024-2025 MRAS GENERAL MEMBERSHIPS



***New Lower rates for
the upcoming
membership year!***

**FAMILY \$50
INDIVIDUAL \$40
SENIOR \$30
STUDENT \$30**

BENEFITS OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP:

- Free Admission to *MRAS Hosted Events*
- Access to our indoor arena and seasonal outdoor riding facilities with the purchase of a riding membership
- Event committee participation
- Connection with neighbours, friends and our community



Purchase/Renew your Membership HERE OR

GO TO:

<https://www.millarvilleracetrack.com/membership/>

****MEMBERSHIP YEAR: NOV. 1, 2024 -
OCTOBER 31, 2025**

NEW



MRAS would like to introduce the COMMUNAL FACILITIES software module

The next phase in our Facility Rental Booking
Management!

- Access Facility availability by day, week or month at a quick glance.
- Quickly and easily choose dates and times for your event in the booking calendar.
- Manage your rental anytime to add or delete items, dates and/or times.
- Book recurring events in advance.
- Upload required documents to get your rental approved quickly.

GOING LIVE OCT. 1, 2024!

To book your event Click [HERE](https://www.millarvilleracetrack.com/our-facilities/#rentals) or go to:
<https://www.millarvilleracetrack.com/our-facilities/#rentals>



communal



MILLARVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FREDERICK NASH

Written by Marie Nyland

Frederick (Fred) Nash was a respected cowboy and Forest Ranger who was well known in the foothills of Millarville, Priddis, High River, Longview, Turner Valley Black Diamond, and Bragg Creek. Fred was born on November 2nd, 1894 in London, England. He was the son of Henry and Clara Nash of Islington, London, England. Fred immigrated to Canada as a young man and worked in the northern Ontario silver mines before heading west where he worked for horse trainer Neil Campbell near Okotoks. Fred gained superb horsemanship skills and trained and rode as a jockey for the Campbells. He stood 5'5" tall so he made an excellent jockey.

Fred was hired to work as a cowboy at the Bar U Ranch south of Longview and was a valued ranch hand. When the First World War was declared on July 28th, 1914, like so many other young men, Fred volunteered to serve. He signed his Attestation Papers at Calgary on January 25th, 1916 and received Regimental Number 117438. He found himself assigned to the 12th Regiment of the Canadian Mounted Rifles. Following his training, he boarded a troop ship on October 9th, 1915 bound for England. By January 30th, 1916 he was taken on strength with the 2nd, Battalion, Canadian Mounted Rifles. Pte. Nash served overseas for four years, mainly in France. His military file shows that on June 2nd, 1917 Fred visited Paris on a 10-day leave. He earned a Good Conduct Badge on May 1st, 1918 for his actions in the field of battle. As a result of the effects of having been gassed in 1916, Fred suffered defective vision in his left eye and it would tear up in the wind. He was struck off strength and honourably discharged on May 30th, 1919 at age 24.

After returning to Canada, Fred went back to work as a ranch hand at the Bar U Ranch where the ranch managers had held his job for him while he served is country overseas. The Olson family who were managing the ranch at the time employed Miss Florence Butterfield, a young lady, whom Fred had met in England and had persuaded to come to Canada. Fred and Florence were married in January of 1920 and lived in a small log house on the Bar U until they finished building their own home on their homestead. They had filed homestead rights on a quarter section of land on the south side of the Highwood River (NW ¼ Sec 13 Twp. 16 R3W5). As a Forest Ranger Fred was required to work only six months of the year so Fred and Florence spent the winter months on their own place. They added more quarters to their homestead and by 1921 they owned a full section of land that they later sold to Thorpe and Cartwright.

Fred joined the Alberta Forestry Service in 1921, as Assistant Ranger to Pete Leman. His first posting was at the Pekisko Ranger Station where he and Florence settled into a small house. It was 50 miles to High River, the nearest town and transportation in those days was by team and buggy or by saddle horse. In 1922 Fred was transferred to the Sentinel Ranger Station (Highwood) and was the Forest Ranger there until 1929. Fred was an excellent axe man and built many beautiful log buildings. He enjoyed his work with the Forestry and the outdoor life. Some of his duties included stringing many miles of telephone line through difficult terrain throughout his district. He built lookout cabins, barns, bridges and gates. He was an expert packer and an accomplished horseman. A barn that he built in 1923 at Sentinel Ranger Station was torn down by Bert Sheppard in the late 1950s and rebuilt at the Ings Creek Cow Camp on the OH Ranch. (Perhaps this cabin is still there). Fred and Florence's two daughters were born while they lived at Sentinel. Evelyn Hazel was born in 1923 and Irene Florence was born in 1925. As soon as the girls were old enough, they accompanied their dad while he performed his duties throughout his district. Both girls learned to ride, shoot, hunt big game, and pitch a camp just as well as Fred could. He also taught them the art of woodcraft. Both girls were excellent shots. Fred was very proud of them!

In February of 1929 the Fred was transferred to the Big Horn Ranger Station. This was a four-day trip from Sentinel by team and sleigh through deep snow and subzero temperatures. When the family arrived, they found the gravity fed water system had frozen and flooded the home. Thick ice covered the floor locking the chairs and table in a block of ice. They chopped the ice away as best they could and kept fire in the stove burning constantly to thaw the remaining accumulation of ice.

Fred carried out his duties at the Big Horn for 18 years. During this time there were three major forest fires - 1929, 1936, and 1940. Bert Sheppard recalls in his book *Just About Nothing* that the worst year for fire was the extremely dry year - 1936. Early in the summer clouds of smoke appeared in the southwest corner of Alberta from fires in the Castle River in Alberta, and in the Elk River Valley in B.C. The combined smoke from these fires darkened the sun and it appeared as a red glow in the sky. Fred's concern was that the fire would come through McPhail Pass at the head of McPhail Creek. He felt that if a couple of men were placed in the pass, near a little glacial lake that they could stop the fire from crossing into Alberta. Fred alerted the Forestry Head Office and asked for permission to send men to the head of McPhail Creek. His request was denied, and sure enough, on July 23rd the fire came through McPhail Pass and into Alberta. Fred then put his efforts into preventing the fire from coming over Rickert's Pass at the head of Mist Creek onto the headwaters of the Sheep River. Fred and a few men camped at Sheer Cliff Mountain (Gibraltar) so that they could access the grassy pass on horses and prevent any approaching fire. Fred was known to be a hard riding man and during these fires he drove himself relentlessly. One newspaper reporter described him this way, "He came dashing up on horseback, his face black with smoke and grime and his horse played out. He dashed into the corral, unsaddled, threw his saddle on a fresh mount and galloped off back to the fire line!"

He was a good friend to the Stoneys (Stoney Nakoda First Nation) and was particularly fond of Peter Ear. Florence's hospitality was well known; she always had the kettle on and friends and strangers alike were invited in for a cup of tea and a bite to eat. Fred would show his big game trophies and tell of his experiences. Florence and the girls were with him when he shot the near record grizzly and the big cougar whose hides were on the living room wall. Later, he reluctantly parted with his grizzly hide when he was persuaded to allow it to be added to a wildlife museum in Copenhagen, Denmark.

The Canadian produced western movie "His Destiny" starring Neal Hart, Barbara Kent and Guy Weadick was filmed in the Highwood country in 1926 and released in December of 1928. Fred doubled for Barbara Kent. In one scene, following a dynamite explosion, the team bolted wildly out of control, causing Fred and the buckboard to plunge over Gunnery Grade into the Highwood River. It was a memorable experience that ended well.

A popular annual attraction in the Calgary Stampede parade was Fred leading a string of horses, complete with packs laden with fire fighting equipment and apparatus used in both the Forest Reserve and the National Parks by Alberta Rangers and National Park Wardens. After retirement, he continued to enter his pack string in the Calgary Stampede Parade accompanied by his daughters. The pack string stretched out in a straight line of horses, top-packed with wildlife trophies, each diamond hitch perfectly tied. It was a colourful and interesting display.

Fred retired in 1947 and purchased land south of Bragg Creek that had previously been owned by Fred Edgar and later by Frank Wolfe. Fred and Florence Nash and girls were good neighbors to the Burbys and visited often and Fred liked to help at branding time. While living at this location, Fred took clients out from all over the world on big game hunting trips through the Canadian Rockies. From Bragg Creek, Fred and Florence moved to a small acreage at Forest Lawn, Calgary. After a brief illness, Fred passed away at the age of 61 on March 1st, 1952 and is interred in the Field of Honour in Burnsland Cemetery. After Fred's death, Florence spent the winter of 1952-53 as housekeeper on the Archie Hitchell ranch. She then moved to Edmonton where she worked as House Mother at the General Hospital for 14 years, retiring in 1967.

A plaque dedicated by the Province of Alberta to Fred and Florence Nash stands at "Nash Meadow" a beautiful spot at the site of the Big Horn Ranger station on the South Fork of the Sheep River where they spent so the majority of their years while Fred was a Forest Ranger.

Sources: Our Foothills – Jacqueline Bews

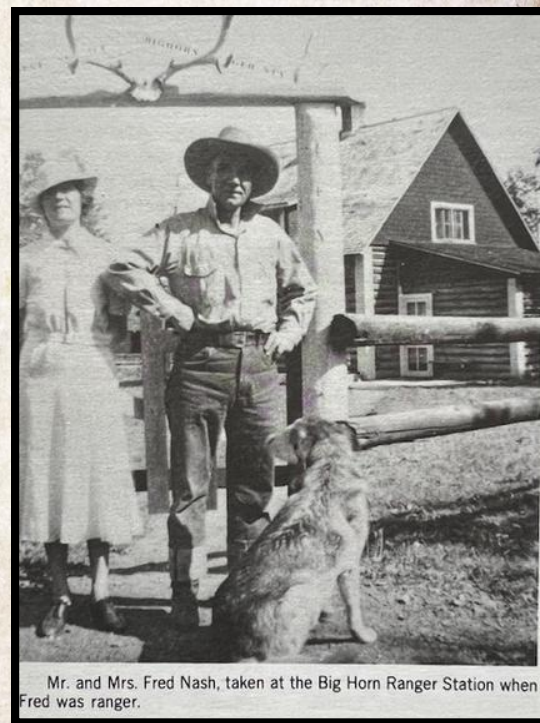
Just About Nothing – Bert Sheppard

In The Light of the Flares History of the Turner Valley Oilfields

WW1 Canadian Expeditionary Force database records



Fred Nash Pack String parade



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nash, taken at the Big Horn Ranger Station when Fred was ranger.

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

**Want to help us beautify the
MRAS grounds for the
Christmas Market?**

We need :



2 - 3 foot Spruce boughs



Willow branches



**Please drop off outside the MRAS
office by
Wed, Oct. 16th.**

Thank you!



MILLARVILLE *run* TO THE FARMERS' MARKET

We are looking for a Lead or Co-Leads for the 2025 *Millarville Run to the Farmers' Market* Half Marathon!

- Organize and lead the committee/event for a great cause
- Support the local community
- Work with many passionate, energetic volunteers

For more info, please contact Andrea:
mras.secretary@gmail.com





**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**



**CASINO
BLACKFOOT**

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



CAMPGROUND CLOSES OCT. 14TH!

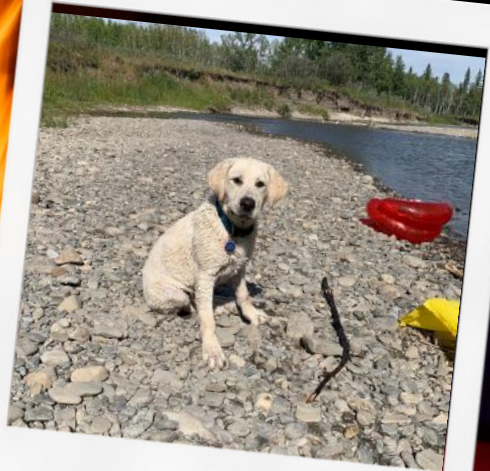
Celebrate Thanksgiving at Millarville Campground



**Agricultural
Themed
Playground**



**FARMERS' MARKETS
ALL SUMMER!**



CREEK ACCESS



**ALL NATURAL, LARGE
SITES**

RESERVE NOW!

<https://www.campspot.com/book/millarvillecampground>

A wooden sign with the text "HAPPY THANKSGIVING" is the central focus. The sign is oval-shaped and made of light-colored wood. It is surrounded by various autumn-themed items: a large, vibrant red and yellow leaf, several pinecones of different sizes and colors (dark brown, light brown), acorns, and a piece of dried, orange-colored fruit. The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly a wooden table or a rustic backdrop.

HAPPY
THANKSGIVING

Nov 7th - 10th

and

**Nov 14th - 17th
2024**

**make it,
bake it,
grow it!**

300+ VENDORS

**PRE - PURCHASE TICKETS
ONLINE IN ADVANCE**



MILLARVILLE CHRISTMAS MARKET

**THURSDAY
9am - 5pm**

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY
9am - 6pm**

**SUNDAY
9am - 5pm**

Tickets
\$7.50
12 & UNDER FREE

MEMBERS!
Get your free
tickets online.
*No guarantees
at the gate.

millarvilleracetrack.com  

Volunteer With Us!

We are looking for several volunteer positions for our Christmas Market , including:

- Set-up/Tear down
- Indoor/Outdoor Decorating
- Gate greeters
- Parking Attendants
- Lunch Prep/Servers

To sign up click [HERE](#)

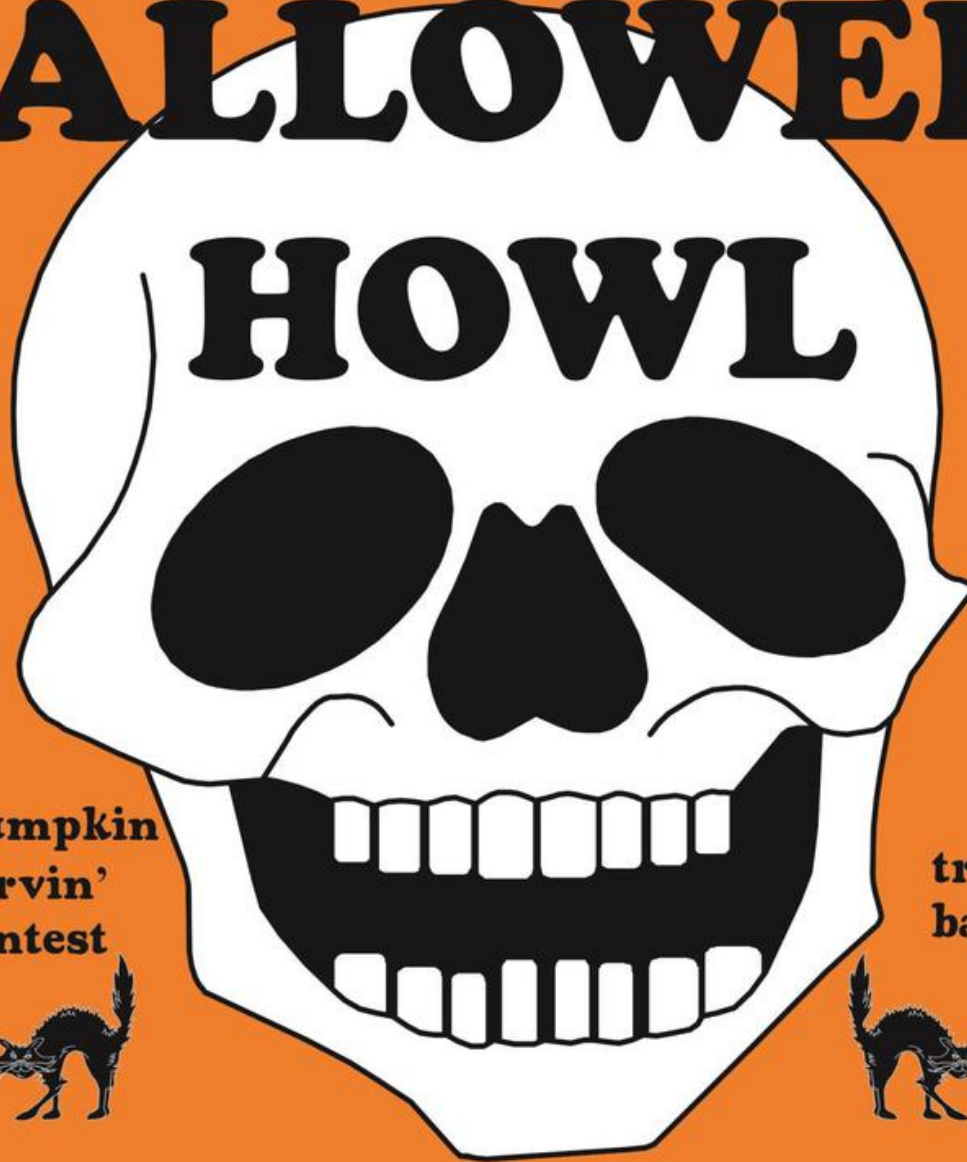
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**Millarville Racing
& AG Society
proudly sponsors the...**



HALLOWEEN



**pumpkin
carvin'
contest**



**treat
bags**

games



**costume
parade**

**Saturday, October 26th
6:00 pm- 10:00 pm at Racetrack Hall**

Please bring:

*One bag of wrapped candy per child *A carved pumpkin for the carving contest (prizes!) *Peanut free appetizers or treats for the potluck.

**Food bank donations are also being accepted.*

Contact
Kristen
Parker:
403.931.4002
to volunteer for
a shift or to
help with the
haunted house



Kids
Only
Shoppe

THE Kids Only Shoppe at the Millarville Christmas Market

We are just a handful of weeks away from the big event - the Christmas Market where the efforts of all the KOS crafters will be put on display.

Many more KOS volunteers will help our young shoppers select and wrap their gifts. Sign up sheets are now available for shifts in the

Shoppe:

Setup & Takedown - Nov 5, 6, 13 and 18: volunteersignup.org/3FAHC

Shoppe - Nov 9 and 10: volunteersignup.org/BTEX9

Shoppe - Nov 16 and 17: volunteersignup.org/RLDMM

The October KOS newsletter includes all the activities leading up to the market. Enjoy HERE!

Please contact Barb at kos@mras-track.com if you have any questions.

NEW ELVES ARE ALWAYS WELCOME - USE THE SIGN UP SHEETS FOR MARKET WEEKENDS OR COME TO A WORKBEE.



GARDENING UNDER THE ARCH

<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.

Thank you for all the delicious food that was brought to the potluck for the September meeting.

Our September meeting was a Salute to our Volunteers, and featured our huge number of Committees that our Hort Club supports. We heard reports and check ins from all committees. Committee Heads and their dedicated committee members were celebrated with a big cake. Thank you all.

We then had presentations on Fall Planted Garlic by Louise. And The Honey Merchants with Katie Merchant, who brought a wonderful display of honey boxes and tools, and some of her delicious products for us to taste. Katie also brought packages of bee-friendly flower seeds for us to encourage the bees in our gardens.

Just a note to Committee Heads. For our AGM on November 12, we would like a written or spoken report, or both, on your activities for the past year.

It is always important to update and ask for people to take on a leadership role, either as a member of the executive, or serving on a committee for our many events.

The roles of Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer are both up for renewal this year. Both Lorraine and Brenda will be travelling extensively in the New Year and would like someone else to step up. If you would consider either of these roles, please call Louise at (587) 834-1885.

Our October 8 meeting we will have our member Renée Miller do a presentation on her specialty, Dehydrated Vegetables, Fruits and Herbs. Renée grows and preserves all these in her spacious Okotoks garden.

Best wishes to all as you complete your harvest as the weather gets cooler.

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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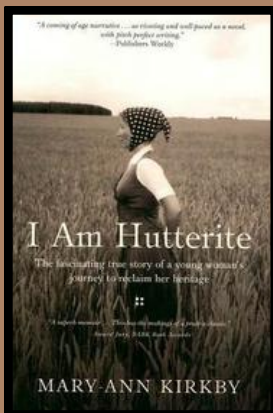
Our wonderful volunteers are back preparing for another fantastic year at the library. They keep the doors open Monday to Friday from 9am - 3pm with extended hour on Wednesday from 9am - 7 pm.



Marigold library system is always improving its **E-resources**. **Kanopy** has added lots of new movies and shows, especially ones for kids. **Brainfuse** offers homework help with tutors. You can schedule an appointment and they are there to assist. This is all free with your library card.

Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) and look for upcoming classes in Foraging, houseplant care, making your own personal skin care items, phishing and scam alerts, and Christmas Crafts.

Our library is always receiving new books and has recently added a lot of new material to the kids section. Please drop by and have a look.



A book recommendation "I am Hutterite" by Mary-Ann Kirby. "I really liked it because it's beautifully written, it's Canadian, and gives us a glimpse into a culture that few of us know anything about."
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