

Track Watch

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OFFICE HOURS

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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2024-25 MRAS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Happy New Year!

I hope that everyone enjoyed the holidays, creating memorable moments for you and your loved ones.

On behalf of the staff and the board, I would like to thank all who lent a hand in caring for the track over the break. MRAS is truly about people and our people make the magic happen.

Thank you!

I look forward to the remarkable year ahead with the moments and memories that we create!

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We would love to hear from you, please reach out:

mras.feedback@mras-track.com



*Happy New
Year!*





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.

Sign up [HERE](#)

2025 MRAS STAFF

Dan Heyde
Operations Manager

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*Farmers' Market & Events
Manager*

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Lance Piltingsrud
Maintenance



MRAS STAFF INSIGHTS AND ADVENTURES

NEW!

Welcome to our new Track Watch feature! Each month, we'll share articles written by our MRAS staff to help you get to know us and stay updated on our adventures. We'll kick off with introductions and move on to department news. We're excited to share our stories, photos, and updates with you!



Hi! My name is Tyrene but everyone calls me "Ty". I have been volunteering for MRAS for almost 2 years now. I first started camp hosting in 2023 with my hubby, Jason, who many of you know as well. We did that for half the season. While camp hosting, I organized and ran the kid's races on Race Day, a valet to and from the grounds from the parking lots during the Fair as well as ran the tug of war and hay bale toss for the Fair. I continue to volunteer for these events every year.

I was hired on as the Office and Market assistant in Sept. 2023. My role quickly evolved into an office administration role as MRAS is multi-faceted and very busy throughout the year. Currently, my major responsibilities include facility rental bookings, Track Watch creation, editing and distribution, User group management and engagement, Membership management, Communal development and implementation, website management and of course Customer care and satisfaction.

I am very grateful to the MRAS for inviting me into their family. Like everyone else, Co-vid affected my well-being even just from the social isolation aspect and the very worst part was losing my Mom a few months before we applied to the camp host position. So being welcomed with open arms into this community at that stage in my life has been life-changing. Finding my worth again and making my Mom proud have been my goals for the past few years. I will continue to endeavour to be the best person I can be and share my love for life with everyone I encounter in my daily adventures.

I love coming to work everyday and working with our incredible team. And I adore all the volunteers that give their time and spirit so selflessly. You have been a great inspiration to me! I feel incredibly honoured to have you all in my life.

Wishing you all the very best in 2025.

MRS. CLAUS AND ELF MELONIE'S ANNUAL ROAD TRIP

THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN

The Kids Only Shoppe was once again a gigantic success that enabled the MRAS to make a substantial contribution to food programs within our community. The morning began with the very Canadian road trip essentials of Tim Horton's coffee and Timbits. The air was crisp and the trees were glistening with thick hoarfrost that brought a magical Christmas feeling

G. JAN MCLAREN

The schedule was altered a little bit this year as this school happened to have an assembly first thing. The school was gathered in the gym and Mrs. Claus was introduced as a special guest. Mrs Claus presented the \$1800 cheque with explanation on how the money was acquired and how it will benefit their hot lunch program. It was received with cheers, clapping, and thanks you!



LONGVIEW SCHOOL

Second stop, Longview school with 79 students. They do such an amazing job of their breakfast program. All students participate in all aspects from set up, food prep, serving, clean up and EVERYONE gets fed.

We were escorted to the Grade 1/2 class, they are always so excited to see Mrs. Claus! Huge thank yous, hugs, smiles as in previous years. We were able to hit the other class rooms as well (it's a pretty small school!) While we approached the 5/6 class we can hear through the door 'I think Mrs. Claus is here! FINALLY!' Proof that they anticipate this visit each year so very much!

OILFIELDS HIGH SCHOOL

Next stop, back to Diamond Valley for Oilfields. This is such a heartwarming stop as they prove that you are never too old to be

excited about Mrs Claus and candy canes. They line up for the treat, a hug and always make sure to say thank you.



Mrs. Claus and I are always curious to see what Mr. Bretzlaff will be wearing too, it definitely gets more impressive each year! The hat this year was 10 out of 10.



TURNER VALLEY SCHOOL

The last couple of years, this school has really made Mrs. Claus feel welcome and appreciated. SO much so it is hard to hold back the tears, honestly! Upon arrival, there is an

announcement made though the school “ We have a special guest in the building, please make your way to the hallways and bring your singing voices”

Every student in the school, every teacher and volunteer line the hallways, singing Christmas carols, Mrs. Claus is lead through the droves of children by a teacher playing a guitar, leading the children in song.



Candy canes are handed out to all children. Their manners are out of this world, everyone is so appreciative to see her and receive this wonderful gift to help with their hot lunch and fresh fruit program.



OILFIELDS FOOD BANK

This is a new addition this year, one that is very needed during this time of year. The Oilfields Food bank is located in Turner Valley and run by volunteers.

There was a work bee in action upon our arrival, sorting piles of donations that had come in.

Glen was so grateful for the donation and explained how the money will be put towards their lunch program that distributes lunch items that help feed little bellies in our community.



MILLARVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

This is the closest school to the Racetrack, learning commons for 280 students. Upon arrival we were escorted to the gymnasium where the Kinders were wrapping their class. The lead of the Hot Lunch Program was there to accept the KOS donation in lieu of the principal, which was a nice change. We were able to explain the KOS, the 60 volunteers, the 7000 items that were crafted by this brilliant crew and how much money we were able to give back to the community this year and the \$80,000+ over the last 10 years. The details are always met with amazement and deep gratitude for the effort.



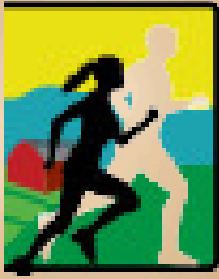
RED DEER LAKE SCHOOL

The last school we visit on this road trip is Red Deer Lake. The size is deceiving, they have 480 students there! We were able to get in a quick visit with the Kinders and let them ask a few questions “what is Santa's fav cookie?” Do you know how many times I've seen Santa?”



WISHING YOU JOY

As we close this newsletter, we send our warmest wishes to you and your family over the holidays and thank you to all that make this day such a special one for the kids, big and small, in our wonderful community!



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



Campground Host(s) Wanted!

Are you ready to be the heart and soul of our serene Millarville campground? The Millarville Racing & Agricultural Society (MRAS) is on the lookout for four dedicated individuals or two dynamic couples to take on the role of Campground Host for the 2025 camping season.

 Availability:

- May 16 – July 31, 2025
- Aug. 1 – Oct. 13, 2025

What we offer:

- Stipend-paid position
- Accommodation, electricity, water, and propane all included by MRAS

Your Role: As our Campground Host, you'll be our on-site ambassador, greeting campers with a smile and ensuring everyone has a pleasant stay. Responsibilities include:

- Being a model camper and maintaining a tidy host site
- Knowing MRAS campground rules and local points of interest
- Managing all reservations via our online system (computer skills required)
- Performing light maintenance tasks independently

If you or someone you know is interested, send us your contact details and availability at office@mras-track.com or call 403-931-3411 for any questions.

Learn more about MRAS and our beautiful campground at [MRAS Campground Website.or](https://www.millarvilleracetrack.com/campground/); <https://www.millarvilleracetrack.com/campground/>

Join us and make this camping season unforgettable! 🏕️

For more info Click [HERE](#) or go to:

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



MILLARVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Millarville Historical Society wishes one and all a very Merry Christmas and a bountiful New Year
Written by Eugene Blakley – Millarville Historical Society Vice President

I thought it may be fun this Christmas to create a family in the Millarville area in 1890. This family is fictional, but I believe it gives the present feeling of how it was in the early years. Having forged west in the hopes of becoming landowners and to carry their destiny in their own pockets they brought values and mores from their birth homes into the wilderness.

A Christmas to Remember in Millarville

It was December 1890, and the Millarville valley lay blanketed in fresh snow, the rolling hills and pine forests glistening under a pale winter sun. For the MacAllister family, this would be their first Christmas in their new homestead. The small log cabin they had built in the spring stood sturdy against the cold, smoke curling from its chimney into the crisp air.

Inside, Eliza MacAllister was busy at the hearth, stirring a pot of stew made from the last of their preserved venison. The savory aroma filled the room, mingling with the faint scent of pine from the small tree Thomas and Annie had brought in that morning. Decorated with strings of popcorn and dried cranberries, it stood proudly in the corner, its top brushing the low ceiling.

"It's not much, but it feels like Christmas," Eliza said with a smile as she adjusted baby Clara on her hip.

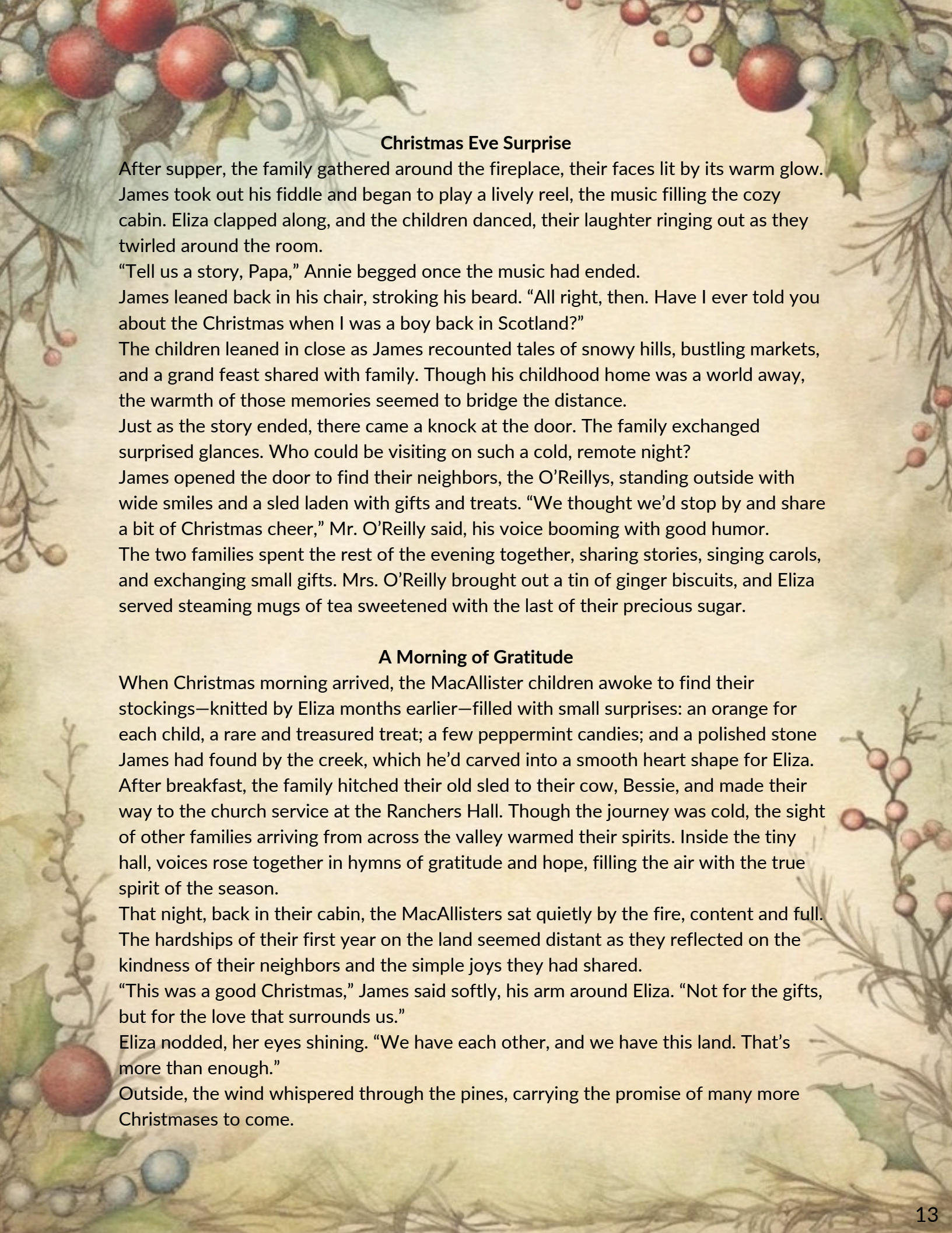
James, seated by the fire, nodded thoughtfully. "We'll make it special. Even out here, miles from town, Christmas is what we make of it."

Preparing for the Day

The children had spent the morning collecting pinecones and sprigs of holly from the nearby woods to decorate the cabin. Annie carefully arranged the holly on the mantel, while Thomas fashioned a star from thin strips of birch bark to top the tree. James had cut a few thick logs for the fireplace, ensuring the family would stay warm through the night.

The MacAllisters didn't have much, but they had saved a few treasures for the occasion. Eliza had managed to sew small gifts for the children: a wool scarf for Thomas, mittens for Annie, and a soft flannel doll for Clara. In return, the children had secretly carved a wooden trinket box for their mother and a new pipe holder for their father, working late into the evenings after chores.

As the sun dipped below the horizon, casting the valley in hues of pink and purple, James stepped outside to fetch more firewood. He paused for a moment, looking up at the endless stars that seemed brighter and closer than ever in the clear winter sky. The stillness was profound, broken only by the distant howl of a wolf.



Christmas Eve Surprise

After supper, the family gathered around the fireplace, their faces lit by its warm glow. James took out his fiddle and began to play a lively reel, the music filling the cozy cabin. Eliza clapped along, and the children danced, their laughter ringing out as they twirled around the room.

“Tell us a story, Papa,” Annie begged once the music had ended.

James leaned back in his chair, stroking his beard. “All right, then. Have I ever told you about the Christmas when I was a boy back in Scotland?”

The children leaned in close as James recounted tales of snowy hills, bustling markets, and a grand feast shared with family. Though his childhood home was a world away, the warmth of those memories seemed to bridge the distance.

Just as the story ended, there came a knock at the door. The family exchanged surprised glances. Who could be visiting on such a cold, remote night?

James opened the door to find their neighbors, the O’Reillys, standing outside with wide smiles and a sled laden with gifts and treats. “We thought we’d stop by and share a bit of Christmas cheer,” Mr. O’Reilly said, his voice booming with good humor.

The two families spent the rest of the evening together, sharing stories, singing carols, and exchanging small gifts. Mrs. O’Reilly brought out a tin of ginger biscuits, and Eliza served steaming mugs of tea sweetened with the last of their precious sugar.

A Morning of Gratitude

When Christmas morning arrived, the MacAllister children awoke to find their stockings—knitted by Eliza months earlier—filled with small surprises: an orange for each child, a rare and treasured treat; a few peppermint candies; and a polished stone James had found by the creek, which he’d carved into a smooth heart shape for Eliza. After breakfast, the family hitched their old sled to their cow, Bessie, and made their way to the church service at the Ranchers Hall. Though the journey was cold, the sight of other families arriving from across the valley warmed their spirits. Inside the tiny hall, voices rose together in hymns of gratitude and hope, filling the air with the true spirit of the season.

That night, back in their cabin, the MacAllisters sat quietly by the fire, content and full. The hardships of their first year on the land seemed distant as they reflected on the kindness of their neighbors and the simple joys they had shared.

“This was a good Christmas,” James said softly, his arm around Eliza. “Not for the gifts, but for the love that surrounds us.”

Eliza nodded, her eyes shining. “We have each other, and we have this land. That’s more than enough.”

Outside, the wind whispered through the pines, carrying the promise of many more Christmases to come.

A Tribute to Loraine Debnam

By Lorretta Stabler – Millarville Historical Society President



Sadly, Loraine passed away October 18, 2024. She was a MRAS Life Member since 2023. Her Racetrack contributions included many years volunteering at the Races & Fair, Appreciation Nights, and catering for numerous events. For many years, Loraine was an avid Priddis and Millarville Fair exhibitor. An amusing article written by Loraine in Going to the Fair titled Beginner's Luck is a timely reminder for others to participate in the yearly country fair. She championed and supported community projects and events such as 4-H. For more than eight years, Loraine wrote monthly editorials in the MRAS Track Watch, sharing her views on community issues.

Loraine was a memory bank of details and history, a consummate organizer, a sharer of wisdom and a source of logic and comfort. Fondly known as Mrs. D., she touched the lives of families whose children attended the Millarville Community School, where she worked faithfully for many years. Loraine was an exceptional listener and communicator. She was a strong supportive advocate for others and was "a force" in helping Millarville School attain Community School status in the early 1980's. Envisioning possibilities, Loraine helped create a better more connected community for everyone.

Loraine is truly missed by friends, relatives, co-workers, and neighbours.

Holly, Loraine's daughter, sent me this article that Loraine wrote many years ago for the MRAS Track Watch. It aptly demonstrates Loraine's incredible editorial expertise, inviting readers to seek out possibilities which might become a reality.

A Possibilitarian by Loraine Debnam

We were discussing our plans and goals for the upcoming year when my daughter remarked that I truly was a possibilitarian. It was a term that I had not heard before and questioned the source. She told me that it came from the writings of Dr. Norman Vincent Peale. This author, minister (and founder of Guideposts magazine which is non-denominational and inspirational) passed away nearly a quarter century ago but his philosophy continues to inspire new generations. His book, "The Power of Positive Thinking" was written in 1952 and stayed on the best seller list for 186 weeks. Statistics reveal that it has sold over 5 million copies and been translated into fifteen different languages. My daughter's reference was to his message "no matter how dark things seem to be, or actually are, raise your sights and see possibilities, always see them, for they are always there." I believe that and try to think that way, but it's certainly not always easy.

My dictionary says that a possibility is something that has the potential for favorable or interesting results, that it represents good future prospects and that it presents a good outlook for opportunities yet to come. I have a friend whose mantra seems to be "it is what it is" but that implies that nothing can be done to change the circumstance or issue. That is unacceptable to me since that attitude guarantees that the problem or difficulty will never be solved or fixed. Even though there may be challenges that we did not create or things that happen which are beyond our control, it is how we respond that fuels, nourishes and sustains a healthy attitude. Thinking positively takes practice and courage. Allowing your thoughts to be manipulated can be toxic.

It has been my experience that noxious attitudes occur in a variety of places. Firstly, the things we observe, read or hear (especially gossip) can influence our thoughts in negative ways. Do we really want a sixty second news clip, a headline on a tabloid magazine or an overheard conversation to define what is real for us? Can we let them disrupt our balance and destroy our center of gravity with their "spin"?

People can do that to us as well, I have found. The expectations of others may cause us to erect emotional walls of protection because we are captive to their vision of how things ought to be. Even though we may love them dearly, their judgmental, critical or close-minded attitudes cannot be allowed to divert us from who we really are, rather than what they think we are (or should be). These individuals are not supportive or positive; too often the result is old patterns of responding or old self-imposed guilt being resurrected. There's certainly nothing wrong with asking for help when problems seem to be overwhelming but we have to be courageous in tangible ways so that we remain empowered when we are seeking more affirmative outcomes. We all have gray spaces or days in our lives, but positive actions and deeds help us to change the focus and move forward. Changes happen one choice at a time. We have to believe that there are options which hold promise and potential. If we change our approach or perspective, I am certain there are always possibilities.

2024-2025 MRAS GENERAL MEMBERSHIPS



New Lower Rates!

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. 2024 - OCTOBER 2025**



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.millarvilleraetrack.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 transport it to 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.

KIDS RANCH RIDING

Saturday, January 18th

Time: 2 to 4pm

Fun filled way for kids to work on and develop their equitation skills and ride a pattern at the end of the day. Good for any age and level providing they are riding independently, can stop their horse and the horse is good in a group of horses.

Cost: 2024/25 MRAS Riding Members \$15.00

Non-Members \$20.00

(All prices include GST)

Any questions and 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. This is a non-refundable program.

RANCH RIDING at MRAS

Sunday, January 19

Saturday, January 25

11 am to 1pm OR 1:30 to 3:30 pm

This is a fantastic way to work on your equitation skills and have fun in a relaxed environment with other riders. The goal is to ride a pattern with ease at the end of the day. The patterns may include some Obstacles. It is best if the horse you are bringing has good guide at all gaits, can back up, stop on command, move off your leg, rider can lope with confidence (at minimum trot) and the horse is ok in a group of horses.

Cost: 2024/25 MRAS Riding Members \$22.00

Non-Members \$32.00

(All prices include GST)

*Upcoming Ranch Riding dates: Saturday, Feb. 9th and Sunday, Feb. 22nd

Any questions and to register contact lynnbrunton@gmail.com. 403-651-4301. Once you have registered payment instructions will be sent to you. Payment received then confirms your spot. This is a non-refundable program. Maximum 10 riders.

JANUARY DRESSAGE LESSONS SERIES

with Kimberly Cox

Wednesdays evenings: January 8, 15 &
22

OR

Thursday mornings: January 9, 16 & 23

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.

Cost:

2023/24 MRAS Riding Members

\$189.00

Non-Members \$219.00

(All prices include GST)

Registrations accepted to Friday, Dec.
27th. Contact mras.equine@gmail.com
if interested in a spot.

Next 3-day Dressage Series in March.

PROGRESSIVE 3-DAY ENGLISH RIDING/JUMPING LESSONS

with Stephanie Patterson

Monday evenings: February 3, 10 & 17

Group times:

4 - 5PM; 5 - 6PM or 6 - 7PM

Stephanie Patterson was a Hunter/Jumper for
many years, working for competitive and successful
barns as an assistant trainer in Calgary, Vancouver
and Ireland. She loves being able to help horse and
rider pairs in their jumping journey whether it's just
starting or has been going for a long time.

Lesson Series Format:

Maximum group size - 4 riders

Lesson 1: Flatwork prep for jumping

Lesson 2: Gymnastics

Lesson 3: Course work

Minimum riding requirements:

Walk/trot/canter, ability to stand in stirrups

Previous jumping experience:

No recent jumping experience*

18"-2'

2'-2'6"

2'6"-2'9"

3'+

Cost:

2024/2025 MRAS Riding Members \$120.00

(priority registration until December 27th)

Non-Members \$150.00

(All prices include GST)

Please email MRAS.equine@gmail.com to reserve
your spot. Please indicate your class time
preference and jumping experience. Registrations
accepted until January 20th.

Any questions about the lesson series, please
contact Caia Williamson directly at
caiawilliamson@hotmail.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.



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

For your
Seasonal Riding
needs.

QUARTERLY*

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

FAMILY \$225

(ADDITIONAL DEPENDENT \$30)

INDIVIDUAL \$150

Try out our
Riding facilities!

* All Equine membership plans
require a General MRAS membership

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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.

Tuesday January 14, 2025 is the next meeting .

This exciting workshop will be led by Louise Patterson Bruns and Lindsay Bruns .

"Medicine from the Garden and the Wild "

A look at dozens of herbs that grow around us and how how we can use them for food and medicine.

We will be making a lovely Calendula salve which everyone can take home for \$5.

We will also have a few pint jars of Fire Cider premade for \$10. Come to learn what this is !



If you are interested in attending any of our presentations, please contact Louise Patterson Bruns (our new President) at louispattersonbruns@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 .

MILLARVILLE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The library will be closed from Dec 21-Jan 1st. We will be open Jan 2 from 10-7. Open regular hours on Jan 6th. Have a wonderful break!

Would you?

Consider teaching a class or give suggestions of classes to have in our library?

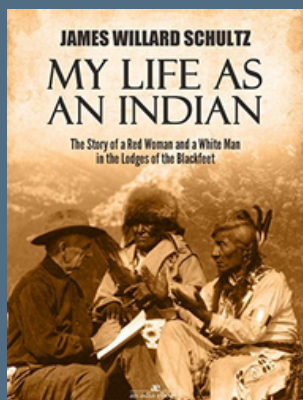
Join us on the Library Board?

Please talk to Natasha if either of the above sparks your interest. 403-931-3919

Upgrade to Libby

You'll find the same great titles from your library in a modern, easy-to-use app. Plus, you can enjoy offline reading, Apple Carplay and Android Auto support, push notifications, and more.

Your loans, holds, and wish list will be waiting for you in Libby. Learn more at meet.libbyapp.com.



Need a read?

My Life as an Indian by J. W. Schultz

"This book was written over 100 years ago. Schultz sought a life of adventure living amongst the Piegan Blackfeet of Montana Territory. One of the very best books I have ever read." *Don Moench, Diamond Valley*

Bouquets

Thank you to all the Volunteers and our librarian Natasha for their dedication in keeping our library active and alive. Thank you to all our patrons who make use of our library services. We wish you all a wonderful holiday season and all the best in the New Year.





2024/25 AFMA Award Nominations

Outstanding Market Manager of the Year Award

Candidates strive for continuous improvement. They are teachers, visionaries, and big picture thinkers. They are in tune with what customers want and with what vendors need. They show creative thinking, creative problem solving, and integrity.

Outstanding New Vendor Award

This award recognizes the diversity of the talents of AFMA's new Make it, Bake it, Grow it vendors. This award is for vendors who have been selling three years or less. The products have to be local and unique. Characteristics of excellence and uniqueness include: packaging, labeling, marketing, popularity and customer impact for the market.

Outstanding Perennial Vendor Award

This award recognizes the diversity of the talents of AFMA's long term Make it, Bake it, Grow it vendors. Products have to be local and unique. Characteristics of excellence and uniqueness include: packaging, labeling, marketing, popularity and customer impact for the market. These vendors have products that have stood the test of time, have a loyal customer base, and attract customers to the market.

Wanda Klimke Memorial Award

Named in remembrance of Wanda Klimke, long time dedicated AFMA board member, and a good friend of our association.

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