

Track Watch

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm

Saturday- 8:00am - 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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DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

Message



Joe Vetere
Director Of Operations

The past four months have marked an exceptionally successful and high-momentous season around the Millarville Racetrack. Events started right when I came on board in May with the annual Spring Market, followed closely by our Summer Markets and highly engaging third-party rentals. This initial momentum set a strong foundation for the summer, continuously ramping up to one of our signature events the Millarville Canada Day Races which saw muddy conditions but a fantastic turn out and event overall. Moving into August saw a record-breaking weekend for the Priddis and Millarville Fair.

My hat goes off to the committee lead by Suzanne Sills and others who did a jaw dropping job getting things organized. We did last minute have to postpone our equine activities to later dates, but we're excited to add them to our Summer Market programming and run them in conjunction on Saturdays (please check the website and socials for dates and times). Immediately following, was the Okotoks Pro-Rodeo weekend which drew vast crowds to the grounds for their event.

The seamless execution of these small and large-scale events was made possible through the rapid transformation of the grounds, driven by the exceptional efforts of the MRAS Staff and a dedicated network of volunteers who meticulously plan and care for the property. My sincere gratitude is extended to our MRAS Staff and seasonal staff for the profound hard work and dedication demonstrated throughout the peak operational months. Simultaneously, the campgrounds maintained steady reservation numbers throughout the entire summer, serving as a core pillar for us. Our camp host Ed, has done a fantastic job hosting and keeping the sites clean for the next guests arrival.

A major highlight of the season emerged for me when the manager of the Farm Strong Games was unable to attend, prompting a great team building challenge for our MRAS team. The entire team stepped forward to collaborate, pitching in seamlessly to deliver a highly successful program with lots of laughs, big smiles on everyone's faces and potential a new record for the bale toss. Further success was found at the signature Pie Auction, where the community's resident Pie Queen (Patty Webb) showcasing the pies and staple Life Member Bill Jackson catching bids. The ultimate distinction went to an exceptional peach pie, which secured the winning ribbon after three painstaking attempts to perfect the recipe by Arlene O'Brien. Sincere congratulations are extended to all participants and ribbon recipients for their outstanding submissions and making the 2026 Priddis and Millarville Fair such a success.

Looking forward, the 2026 season is positioned for a strong and highly anticipated conclusion. Strategic planning is currently focused on the upcoming Christmas Market, with ticket sales officially launching on September 15. The Summer Market will formally conclude with the Final Market on October 10. Autumn programming will then feature the community-favourite Halloween Howl, where patrons are invited to showcase their best creative costumes with all ages welcome. This will pave the way for the grand seasonal finale, The Millarville Christmas Market scheduled to take place during the first and second weeks of November (November 5-8 and 12-15), closing out a profoundly special year down at the track.

Thank you to everyone who have made this 2026 season so exciting and brought so much energy to the community and the Racetrack.

With appreciation - Joe Vetere - Director of Operations MRAS

We would love to hear from you, please reach out
feedback@mras-track.com

WELCOME TO THE MRAS MAINTENANCE STAFF & CAMP HOST



**Craig Hill
Maintenance**



**Lance Piltingsrud
Maintenance**



**Hartley
Maintenance**



**Ed MacNevin
Camp Host**

THANK YOU

We at MRAS would like to say Thank You to our amazing summer students. We appreciated their hard work and dedication over the summer. We would like to wish them both the best as the start back to school.



**Jessa
Summer Student**



**Ciara
Summer Student**



MRAS VOLUNTEER BOARD MEMBERS

As a registered Agricultural Society in Alberta, MRAS is required to have a governing board of 10 Directors. We are looking for 2 people to join us for a 3 year term starting December 2026. This is a wonderful opportunity to provide support to a well established, community focused and fully staffed organization that is recognized widely for fun filled events and unique markets.

Ideal Candidates should have:

- a record of contributing to an organization
- training or expertise in finance, human resources, communication, or events planning
- flexibility to commit to 10-20 hours per month
- familiarity with and/or experience on a non-profit Board is an asset

If you have questions or for more information please contact the President of MRAS at president@mras-track.com

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EVERYONE HAD COUNTRY RUN!

Fair weekend was a record-setter for attendance and participation! Approximately 12,500 people passed through the gates to shop the market vendors, view the exhibits and displays, cheer on their favourite tractor in the pull, participate in make & takes, see the animals and birds up close, and learn about agriculture and nature close to home.

Feedback from volunteers, vendors, staff and visitors was over-whelmingly positive and media coverage was great. Congratulations to all who exhibited.

It was with great disappointment that due to unsafe footing for riders and horses, the English Light Horse, Western Light Horse and Gymkhana shows were postponed.

Rescheduled dates are **September 26 for Western and Gymkhana** and **October 3 for English**.

Registration will re-open for Western and Gymkhana on September 1 via this link:

www.assistexpo.ca/priddis-millarville-fair/. The new entry deadline is September 19, 2026.

Classes for the English Show are full so new registrations will not be accepted.

OUTSTANDING EXHIBITOR/CONTRIBUTOR AWARD WINNERS



The winners of this award have demonstrated outstanding performance and/or contribution to the ongoing success of the Fair through exhibiting, volunteering, sponsoring, managing, leading, inspiring - in other words, going above and beyond for an extended period of time. Congratulations to Patty Webb and Doug Martin!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We are searching for an energetic, organized person to take on the role of Chairperson for the Priddis & Millarville Fair. This is the ideal time to learn about how the Fair runs from start to finish. Work with the incredible volunteer organizing committee, contribute to a valued community tradition - and have FUN. The right person for the role needs to be skilled in:

- Project management or project planning
- Creative problem solving
- Active listening skills and strong verbal and written communication
- Solid foundation in Microsoft Office

For more information or questions, please reach out to fair@millarvilleracetrack.com.





More Fair News

2026 Award of Excellence Winners

Department	Exhibitor	Department	Exhibitor
Alpaca Fleece	Kim Wagner	Photography	Barb Larson
Arts & Handicrafts	Annabelle Denson	Photography Jr	Kaylee McKenna
Arts & Handicrafts Jr	Spencer Jenkins	Photography Jr	Arya Berrigan
Beef Cattle	Holt Haywood	Poultry, Waterfowl, Pigeons	John Wimmenhave
Dairy Goats	Brad & Nicole Hollman	Poultry, Waterfowl, Pigeons Jr	Ashton Veenendaal
Fibre Arts	Winona Doram	Sheep	Andrew Pailsey
Fibre Arts Jr	Jaycie Houser	Sheep Jr	Brennan Ostermeier
Flowers	Paul Rishaug	Quilting	Jean Carruthers
Flowers Jr	Colbie Johnson	Vegetables & Fruit	Alicja Brydges
Home Cooking & Baking	Michelle Messmer	Vegetables & Fruit Jr	Mateja Klemencic
Home Cooking & Baking Jr	Brodie Johnson	Woodworking	Joel Horning
Honey	Lyndon Janiskevich	Woodworking Jr	Leah Ball
Llama Fleece	Lee Moltzahn		

A Small Sample of the 3000+ Entries



Thank You to all of our Sponsors, Donors and Volunteers - we couldn't do it without your generous and invaluable support!



The Kids Only Shoppe (KOS), is a place where children ages 5 to 12 can shop for family and friends each November during the Millarville Christmas Market. Products sold in the Shoppe are mostly handmade by an enthusiastic group of local volunteer crafters, and supplemented with donated product from the market vendors. The Shoppe has grown into a welcoming and supportive community of it's own for our crafters and volunteers. Like-minded people, now numbering more than 100, meet to craft, sort and price items or work in the Shoppe during the weekend days of the Millarville Christmas Market. New volunteers welcome anytime!



SEPTEMBER WORK BEES

All work bees are held in the Hall at the Racetrack unless otherwise noted. Please RSVP to kos@mrast-track.com if you plan to attend. A few days before each bee, participants will receive an email with any special instructions or implements needed.

Monday Sep 14, 1:00pm-4:00pm – framed sentiments, packaging & pricing painted rocks

Monday Sep 21, 1:00pm-4:30pm – pine cone people lead by Catherine

Wednesday Sep 30, 1:00pm-4:00pm – oven mitt stuffing

Monday Oct 5, 9:30am-3:30pm – mug, cup and beer glass stuffing

CHRISTMAS MARKET DATES

The KOS is set up in the Picnic Shelter and runs during market hours on each weekend day - November 7, 8, 14, and 15. Shifts are roughly 3 hours in duration and volunteers are needed to assist the children to shop, and wrap and label gifts. Shift details will be included in the October Track Watch and sent to anyone currently on the KOS volunteer list.

UTILIZATION OF FUNDS REPORT

Under the guidance of a volunteer organizing committee, the KOS distributes a large portion of its annual net profits to several youth-focused food programs including meal programs at 7 public schools in the Millarville, Diamond Valley, Longview, and Okotoks areas and the local food bank. Participating schools are required to report on how the funds were used. Other local programs are approved on a case by case basis.

Since inception, the KOS has redistributed \$95,568 to 13 different programs.

Did you know that the word used to describe a group of elves is mischief? If you want to join the mischief, let us know via email to kos@mrast-track.com.

2026-2027 MRAS GENERAL MEMBERSHIPS



FAMILY \$51

INDIVIDUAL \$41

SENIOR \$31

STUDENT \$31

BENEFITS OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP:

- Free Admission to *MRAS Hosted Events* (*Canada Day Races & Christmas Market*)
- 10% discount on Campground bookings
- Access to our indoor arena and seasonal outdoor riding facilities with the purchase of a riding membership
- Event committee participation
- Eligibility to vote at MRAS AGM & in MRAS Committee meetings
- Connection with neighbours, friends and our community



GO TO:

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

****MEMBERSHIP YEAR: NOV. 1, 2026 - OCTOBER 31, 2027**

MRAS EQUINE NEWS

September 2026



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.

SEPTEMBER LINDY BARRON WEEKLY LESSON SERIES

Wednesdays mornings: Sept. 2, 16, 23, 30

NO LESSON SEPT. 9th

These lessons are designed for the more experienced rider and horse. They have a reining foundation therefore exercises and instruction will be based on improving reining and ranch riding skills and will have a degree of difficulty.

Ride time approximately 1 to 1.25 Hour

Group size approximately 4 Riders

Group 1: 10:00 to 11:15 AM

Group 2: 11:15 AM to 12:30 PM

Cost: MRAS Riding Members \$272.00

Non-Riding Members \$310.00

Email lynnbrunton@gmail.com to register. Once your spot is confirmed, payment instructions will be sent to you.

If you are unable to attend all lessons, there may be the option to purchase them individually or share a spot with another rider. [Check with the Clinic Coordinator for opportunities](#)

When registering please be prepared to ride at either time. Times will be assigned once registrations are complete and will remain the same for the series.

These lessons will continue monthly. Registration will open mid-month the month before.

Clinic Coordinator - Lynn Brunton 403-651-4301

AQHA PATTERN PRACTICE

Sunday, September 13

10am – 2:30pm

This is a great opportunity to have some fun and challenge your skills riding AQHA Ranch Ride Patterns. The day starts with Rail Work and then moves on to the AQHA Pattern that is chosen for the day. Depending on the complexity of the pattern two patterns may be ridden in a day. For best success and fit for this program you should be comfortable at all gaits including a lope. Horses must be good in a group of horses.

To register or for more information contact lynnbrunton@gmail.com. Payment can be sent once you have confirmation you have a spot.

Cost: Current 2025/26 MRAS Riding Members \$20.00

Non-Riding Members \$30.00 Interest may be expressed before the priority registration time for members is up. A list will be created in order of interest for available spots.

MRAS Activity Coordinator - Lynn Brunton 403-651-4301

This is a non-refundable program. No substitutions without consent of the coordinator.

TENTATIVE 2026 NEXT DATES: OCT 4 & 18

Registration will open a few weeks before, watch for the email.

KIDS & ADULT RIDING LESSONS

With Danielle Bartlett 

Friday evenings: Sept 11, 25, Oct 2, 9, 16 & 23

Danielle is a certified Equestrian Instructor and holds a Licensed Coach Certification with Equestrian Canada. She has an excellent ability to communicate with all levels of riders to reach their goals. She has a background in reining, working with young horses and showing.

Cost: Six Lessons

Current MRAS Riding Members - \$390.00

Non-Riding Members - \$450.00

To register or for more information please contact lynnbrunton@gmail.com. Once you are registered payment instructions will be sent. Payment then confirms the spot.

Any questions, please contact: lynnbrunton@gmail.com

MRAS EQUINE NEWS continued



SEPT/OCT DRESSAGE LESSON SERIES

with Kimberly Cox

Wednesdays Evenings

Sept. 23, 30, Oct. 7 (alternate date: Oct 14)

Ride times between 4:30 and 7:30pm

Dressage training for you and your horse to fine tune aids, bring rhythm and balance through suppleness, and create connection and softness through transitions.

Basics of dressage remain the same no matter which style (English, western) saddle you choose to ride in. Groups will be arranged (as best we can) based on rider level with a maximum of 4 riders per group in each one-hour lesson.

If you are interested in registering, please indicate your level:

(A) Introductory (no Lope)

(B) Intermediate (Walk, Jog, Lope with confidence)

(C) Advanced (experience with patterns and transitions at all three gaits, looking for more finesse and polish)

Cost: 2025/2026 MRAS Riding Members \$ 195.00

Non-Members \$ 225.00

All pricing includes GST

Please ensure all dates, including the alternate date (used if a day needs to be rescheduled) work for your schedule when registering. If the makeup lesson date is not used this can be an additional lesson, price tba.

Email MRAS.equine@gmail.com to reserve your spot. Payment instruction will be provided upon registration confirmation. Participants will be notified of their weekly ride time closer to the lesson start date.

EASE OF HANDLING (EOH) OBSTACLES PRACTICE

Sunday, Sept 27th

Morning and Afternoon Groups

Working Equitation is a growing sport in the horse world for both western and english riders. Typically Ease of Handling is Day 2 of any multi-day Working Equitation competition. If you are already competing and need some more practice time or are interested in trying something new, please join us.

An EOH course will be set up (10-11 obstacles), participants will have practice time and then an opportunity to ride the course as you would in a show.

Cost: Current 2025/26 MRAS Riding Members \$30.00

Non-riding Members \$40.00

This is a non-refundable program.

Clinic and Lesson Series Cancellation Policy (unless otherwise stated):

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.

For more information about the activities and lessons listed and to see what is available, check the website regularly at:
www.millarvilleracetrack.com Equine tab under Upcoming Events.

EQUINE MEMBERSHIPS



2025 - 26 MEMBERSHIP PLANS

ANNUAL*

NOVEMBER – OCTOBER

FAMILY \$475

(ADDITIONAL DEPENDENT \$70)

INDIVIDUAL \$325

All year access to
Indoor Riding Arena
and Seasonal Outdoor
Rings

SEASONAL*

NOV – APR OR MAY – OCT

FAMILY \$350

(ADDITIONAL DEPENDENT \$50)

INDIVIDUAL \$225

For your Seasonal
Riding needs.

*All Equine membership plans
require a General MRAS membership

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**Renew your Seasonal Membership Now and Take
Advantage of the Outdoor Sand Ring**



MILLARVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Celebrating the Millarville Races
by Lorretta Stabler - Millarville Historical Society President

Good News Story

We're excited to share that this Fall 2026, the Millarville Historical Society will open the Millarville Historical Society Museum in the upper mezzanine of the MRAS arena – a new space dedicated to preserving and celebrating our local history. Thank you to the MRAS Board for helping us navigate this new chapter and leasing us a space.

This will allow us to have our first ever Museum in this area. The first Millarville Historical Society, members who authored the two history books in the 1970's, dreamed of having a local museum for all to enjoy. Now this dream will be a reality and cherished for years to come.

Our dedicated directors have been working very diligently to finish constructing the new space, organizing our artifacts, photos, and stories so that we can provide a learning space for all ages.

Our 2026 MHS Events Coming Up:

Sept. 3 - MHS Annual General Meeting – renew your membership (Sept 1, 2026-August 31, 2027) and celebrate with us on our accomplishments this year. See you at the Millarville Racetrack Hall at 6:30pm.

Sept. 17th - Millarville Community School 75th Birthday Celebration – as part of the school celebration, we are showcasing displays of the history of the Hamlet 3-6 pm at Millarville Community School

Oct. 3rd – Members Dinner at Millarville Racetrack Hall, excellent catered supper and two special local speakers who will share stories of 125 years of Ranching in our area, and Stampede Royalty celebrating their 80th Anniversary. Reserve your dinner by Sept. 23rd
by email: millarvillehistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Consider becoming a member and help us continue collecting photos, artifacts, and stories about our Foothills areas in our new Museum.



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Country Lane Quilters Stitching Comfort

By Lorretta Stabler

Country Lane Quilter's Guild began in 1989 offering members classes, work days, retreats, plus support and camaraderie.

Since 2004, the Country Lane Quilter's Guild has contributed handcrafted quilts to the Children's Hospital Mental Health Cuddle Quilt Program. To date, our guild has produced over 1,500 quilts for hospitalized children aged 3 to 14. These quilts, created with care and skill by our quilt members, allow each child to select a personal quilt for comfort during their stay and to bring home, providing reassurance and emotional support.

The quilts are a welcome comfort for recipients, as voiced by some of the recipients.

"Your thoughtful gift keeps me warm and snug when I'm all alone in the hospital at night. Thank you, so very much" wrote one child.

"My quilt makes me feel a little happier when I see it to know someone cares about people like me. I am so grateful that there are people like you in this world who would take the time to make a quilt for someone they never even met to raise their spirits."

"Feeling un-special is always the worst, but this quilt will be my stronghold. When I'm feeling hopeless, I can say: A random stranger, cares, so I must matter, right?"

"I love the quilt. It makes me feel strong inside."

Another focus of our guild is creating comfort quilts for community members to comfort them in times of need, thus sustaining the tradition of quilting while supporting the broader community.

We meet the first Saturday of each month from Sept to June at the Millarville Christ Church House at 9:30 and visitors and new members are welcome.

If you are interested in finding out more about Country Lane Quilter's Guild and perhaps joining our group, learning quilting skills in a positive and caring atmosphere, contact our Facebook Group- Country Lane Quilters Guild or email: clqgmillarville@gmail.com for more information

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This is Horse Country

By Louise Patterson Bruns – MHS Director

The Millarville area has always been Horse Country, from the Indigenous Peoples, to the NWMP, the explorers, surveyors, fur traders and settlers, right on up to today.

The Blackfoot Confederacy people acquired horses by the mid 1700s from the Spanish colonizers' horses that multiplied and spread up through the Great Plains in the Native Trade Routes. The Blackfoot, Cree, Assiniboine and others heavily relied on horses for travel, trade, status and sustenance.

Bison hunting was expedited by horses to track and haul bison.

Mobility: a rider on a horse could cover four times the distance of a person on foot in a single day.

Wealth, trade systems and community structures adapted to center around horse ownership.

The NWMP crossed the country in 1873 and 1874 on horseback to reach Fort Macleod and set up the fort there. Then they went on to Calgary to build the fort at the Confluence of the Bow and Elbow Rivers in 1875.

The Millarville area settlement got its first Post Office with NWMP veteran Malcolm Millar in April of 1892. Horse teams brought out the mail and supplies from Calgary.

Malcolm Millar, along with several local ranchers and horse enthusiasts, mainly from England and Ireland, set up the first Millarville Races in 1905.

Other founders of the Races were:

The land for the original dirt track for the Races was granted to the Race Committee rent free from French rancher Raymond de Malherbe.

E. J. 'Sam' Kieran, who in the 1906 Canada Census, had 180 horses on his ranch. He supplied horses to the NWMP, local farmers and ranchers, and heavy horses for delivery of goods in the city. He also had some good thoroughbreds for the Races.

'Buckskin Charlie' Wilkinson, who was known for his buckskin jacket around the community. He was a thoroughbred man, who also rode his own horses in the Races. Charlie also milked cows and delivered cream to the city to support his family.

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MHS Displays at the 2026 Priddis & Millarville Fair
By Lorretta Stabler – MHS President

Our Society was delighted to showcase displays at the Fair on the history of horses in keeping with the Year of the Horse.

Heavy horses were once essential for breaking new prairie land, pulling ploughs through tough sod so ranchers could plant grain or turnips. At the Priddis and Millarville Fair, that working heritage turned into competition. Ranchers teamed up with their draft horses in the heavy horse pull, urging them to drag a stone boat loaded with increasing weight – a test of strength, skill, and partnership.



A huge thank you to Heritage Park for the loan of this heavy harness and Paul Ariss, who organized this display.



Marie Nylund brought a 114-year-old sawbuck packsaddle made by Jim Muncaster and his sister, Mary. The saddle was most likely used by their brother Alfred Muncaster on trail construction in the Kananaskis Lakes.



Louise Patterson Bruns brought two saddles: a woman's Side saddle that ladies have used for many years for the Millarville Races and a child's saddle used for children's riding lessons for many years.

Thanks to Louise and Marie for bringing their personal artifacts!

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Sheep Creek Weavers Fibre Arts Guild



THE SHEEP CREEK WEAVER'S ANNUAL EXHIBIT AT SHEEP RIVER LIBRARY

For close to a decade the Sheep River Library has hosted a community exhibit to showcase the beautiful fibre arts of The Sheep Creek Weavers Fibre Arts Guild.

2026 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Sheep Creek Weavers so it is fitting that this year's annual September event at the Sheep River Library will have a focus on celebrating fifty years of creativity, friendship and community.

Fibre Art displays will include a range of unique solo and group creations. Making this year's show even more special, on display will be several of the various interest groups 50th Anniversary Projects.

The Sheep Creek Weavers Guild would like to acknowledge and thank our event community partner, Sheep River Library Manager Jan Burney and her staff along with their most recent Library Board Art Co-ordinator Andy Lees alongside his wife Chester Lees.

Please come and visit starting September 3rd. Library hours are Monday through Saturday 10 - 5 closed on Statutory Holidays. The library is located at 129 Main St NW, Diamond Valley, Alberta.



2026 FIBRE ARTS SALE



SHEEP CREEK WEAVERS
1976 - 2026

⁵⁰Fifty
YEARS OF FIBRE ART

October 17 & 18, 2026
10 am - 4 pm
Millarville Racetrack Hall
www.sheepcreekweavers.ca

MILLARVILLE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Calling all community members!!! Whether you are new to Millarville or have just discovered our little library, we would like to offer you and your family a free one-year membership. Pop in to see us and learn more about the library's resources and offerings!

Please note that our email has changed and you can now reach us at amclibrary@millarvillelibrary.com

We are excited to host author Bonnie Beswick on Sept. 24th at 7pm. Bonnie's varied experiences in law enforcement, owning a small restaurant, time in the oil patch and traveling the world, add authenticity and depth, to both her murder mystery series (The Janice Maidstone Mysteries) & a women's fiction series (Lady Mary, Argentina).

Some of our other upcoming events are: 2nd Annual Pumpkin Derby to be held in collaboration with the Sheep River Library in Diamond Valley on October 24th; Bow Making Workshop to be held in late Oct (contact us if you're interested); and Children's Author Krista Phillips is coming in Nov.

The Turner Valley Bottle Depot continues to help the Library with our fundraising efforts. When returning your bottles, please let them know that your deposit is going to the Millarville Community Library. Thank you so much!



MILLARVILLE HORTICULTURAL CLUB

Gardening

UNDER THE ARCH
— Est. 1976 —

Millarville Horticultural Club (millarvillehorticulturalclub@gmail.com) or <http://millarvillehortclub.com/>

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month , September to May at 7 pm.

The meetings are held at the Millarville Anglican Church House on Hwy 549 East

The Millarville Horticultural Club has been having a great summer celebrating our 50th Anniversary since founding of the club in 1976.

At the Fair on Saturday August 15, after the Pie and Quilt Auction, we unveiled our beautiful new sign on the wall of the hall above the office entrance. Founding members Bill Jackson, Patty Webb and Sandy Gregg, along with Claire Perks from Little Monkey Metals, and president Louise Patterson Bruns unveiled the sign. We also have a bench with the same design to be installed at the Churchyard in September.

At the huge bench show in the arena, the Hort Club also sponsored many classes to commemorate our 50th. We had classes in Junior and Senior Flowers, Vegetables and Fruits. As well, we had numerous entries in our Art and Photography classes on the theme of 'Horticulture in the Foothills.'

The Hort Club will display these beautiful paintings and photos at our September 15 meeting, which is a Fall Potluck in honour of our 50th Anniversary and our huge corps of volunteers. 6:30 at the Churchyard House. All members please try to attend.



New members always welcome at our upcoming meetings

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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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24th

HALLOWEEN HOWL

Sponsored by: Millarville Racing & Agricultural Society

ALL AGES WELCOME



TIME: 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm | LOCATION: Racetrack Hall

ADMISSION: One bag of wrapped candy per child
AND One potluck item (Peanut Free Please!)

ACTIVITIES: Pumpkin Carving Contest, Games, Treat Bags,
Costume Parade & HAUNTED HOUSE

FUNDRAISERS: CASH BAR
& LOCAL FOOD BANK DONATION DRIVE!

NEED VOLUNTEERS: Shift Work - Text Leanna @ 587-664-4072
| Haunted House - Text Kristen @ 403-669-9502

make it,
bake it,
grow it!



MILLARVILLE CHRISTMAS MARKET

EST. 1905

Nov 5-8th
Nov 12-15th
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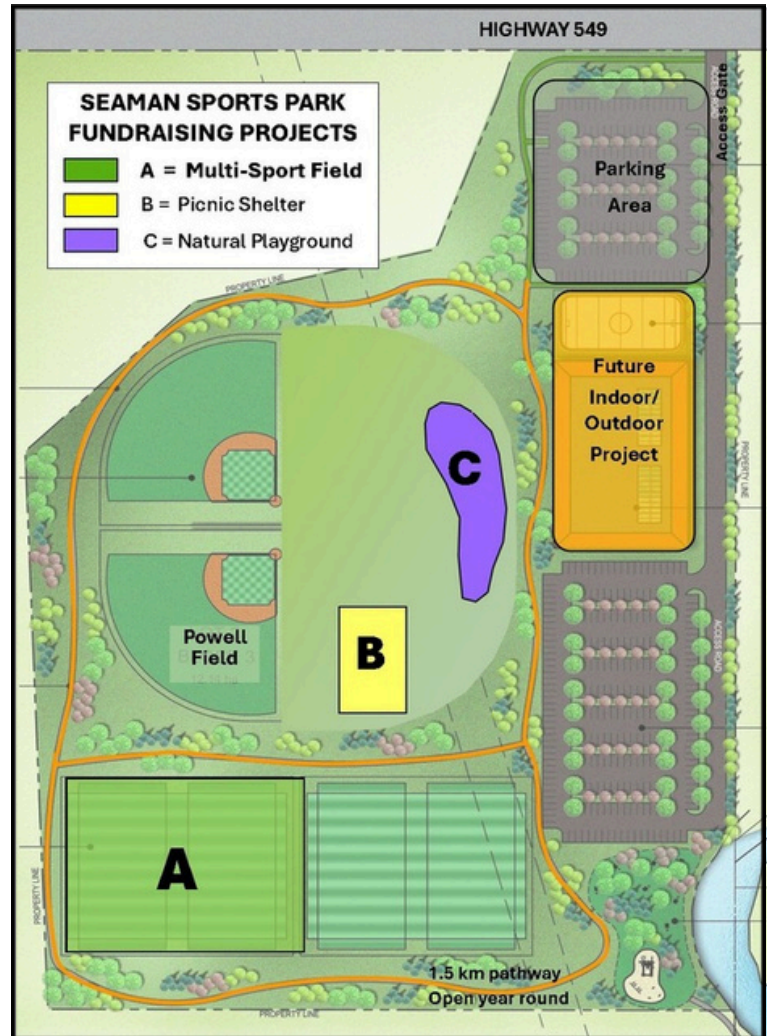
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