



News and Views

News From the Doctor Recruitment Committee Katharine Hockney

Greetings to One and All!

This is a "Hear Yea! Hear Yea!" announcement. In fact, you have my permission to spread it like wildfire.

The Doctor Recruitment Committee has been hard at work trying to find some new doctors for us. As of January 2012 we are communicating with 3 doctors that have expressed an interest in coming here. How great is that? I would like to put some minds at rest as well. The clinic and emergency have been staffed at all times; we have not been left unattended. At this time we have two doctors helping Dr. Lewke-Bagle in the clinic. Dr. Sue Christenson, who is here on certain Wednesdays of the month and Dr. Daniel Bester, who

is here every Thursday. We should be throwing our hats into the air with pride and confidence that we are being cared for during this difficult time. Ok, back to my reason for writing. I need some help. We are having a doctor visit the clinic and area on Saturday, February 4, 2012. The doctor's name is Dr. Olive Usher. I think it would be a great thing if we all turned out to welcome her. I have booked the Council Chamber at the Town Office in Milk River for this event, we will meet from 1:30-3:00 p.m. Oh, and by the way, when you come out to meet her, is it possible to bring some goodies to go with the coffee and tea? Come out and show your support. If you have any questions or

need some "coffee gossip" about what is happening, the Doctor Recruitment Committee has a phone number: 403-647-8008—you can call for updates any time.

Thank you for your patience and help with us trying place a doctor here.

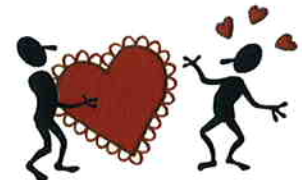


Please come out and show your support to visiting doctor Dr. Olive Usher!!

Town Of Milk River

Special points of interest:

- > I wanted to make it a Special Valentines Day, so I tied by boyfriend up. And for three solid hours I watched what I wanted on T.V. ~ Tracy Smith
- > Today is Valentines Day, or as men like to call it - Extortion Day.
- > Romance is glamour which turns the dust of everyday into a golden haze.



Bowl One Bowl All Free Open Bowling

Family Day, Monday February 20th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. bring your family & friends to the Riverside Golf Clubhouse and enjoy some 5 pin bowling. No experience necessary, cost of admission is FREE. Please call the Town Office @ 403-647-3773 before noon February 17th for lane reservations. Come out and enjoy a fun filled FREE day of bowling with your family!!

BOWLING PARTY



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BINGO

**Every Monday
Heritage Hall
7:00 p.m.
All Ages
Welcome!!**

Milk River Seniors Highlights

The Milk River Seniors hosted a successful pancake supper with the proceeds being donated to the Prairie Rose Lodge Building Fund. The sum of \$730.00 was raised at the supper with the Seniors donation another \$770.00 making the donation totaling \$1500.00. Any donation made through the Milk River Seniors will be issued a tax deductible receipt. The sum of \$500.00

was also donated to the Milk River Municipal Library. A crib tournament will be held on March 17th at the Heritage Hall. Anyone interested in joining the Seniors will be most welcome. We are desperately in need of new members! Regular monthly meetings are held the second Thursday of every month except July and August. Potluck lunch is served at 12:00 noon followed by a short

meeting. The next meeting will be held on February 14, 2012 at 12:00 noon. Bring your sweet heart out to lunch!! For further information regarding the seniors organization please call Don McCoy @ 403-647-3843.




I hope to see you at my Pre-Budget Consultation meeting.
Jim Hillyer

LETHBRIDGE MP JIM HILLYER

cordially invites you to a Pre-Budget Consultation Meeting!

Saturday, February 18th - 10:00 to 11:30 AM

Milk River Heritage Hall

213 Main Street, Milk River

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How would you like your tax dollars spent?

Written and oral presentations are encouraged. Everyone is welcome!

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ERHS Basketball

- Mon Jan 30 Sr Novas vs St Marys 6:00 pm
- Mon Jan 30 Sr Comets vs St Marys 7:45 pm
- Tue Jan 31 Gr.9 Novas vs Vauxhall 5:15 pm
- Thurs Feb 2 Gr 9 Novas vs DA Ferguson 4:30 pm
- Thurs Feb 2 Gr 8 Novas vs WR Myers 5:45 pm



3rd Annual Family Dance

4 Local Bands
Sat Feb 4, Milk River Civic Centre
7pm-11pm
\$10/person \$20/family
Concession Available
Sponsored by Milk River Ag Society
DON'T MISS IT!

Milk River Library Corner - Check It Out

January is Family Literacy Month. Come to the library and pick up an entry form to fill out to win a basket of goodies including books, magazines, a game, candy, and popcorn. There is a limit of one entry per Family. This contest will be open until February 15, 2012. Don't forget February 2, at 6:30 PM is the annual Library Board Meeting, Come meet your Library Board and voice your opinions on the future of Milk River Library.

With all the television news of solar flairs creating spectacular Northern Lights, remember that brisk dark

winter evenings are great for stargazing. The Chinook Arch system has many excellent books to borrow. '365 Starry Nights', 'The Stargazing Year', 'Astronomy without a Telescope', and 'Stargazing with Binoculars' are a few of the books you can borrow. You can come to the library and we will help you order in the books or go on line and search under stargazing to see a list on of what is available.

This is the time of year that the Library staff pulls old books and movies from the shelves. If you are planning a trip south and would like

to take some disposable reading with you, come to see our selection. We charge \$00.25 per item.

The Library Board is considering extending Library hours if there is enough interest from the public.

Please come in or e-mail us at help@milkriverlibrary.ca with your ideas on what the best time for you to visit the Library would be.

The Library is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 11am to 6pm and closed on all Alberta Government Holidays.



Come and check out everything that the Milk River Library has to offer!!

Milk River Elementary School News

We ended the month of January with a very exciting performance by HOJA. They are a Canadian acapella group that perform favorite songs from the 50's to the present, that span every style of music - from doo wop to rock, country to disco - no genre is safe from Canada's acapella heroes!

It was awesome to be able to open this performance to the community and we would like to thank everyone that attended. We were also pleased that Warner Elementary could join us as well as the Grade 6 class from Erle Rivers. What a great way to involve our community and expand our Fine Arts experiences!!

We are looking forward to February and a month full of learning and excitement at Milk River Elementary.

The month starts off with our coed grades 3-5 mini-basketball season. We have four teams that will practice once a week with the first games scheduled for Thursday, February 9 at 3:30 p.m. Warner School has 1 team so we will also be travelling to Warner but there will always be a game at M.R.E.S. Please give us a call to find out who is playing or just come by the school, (February 9th and 16th) cheer on the players and help promote the joy of basketball.

Milk River Elementary School &

Missoula Children's Theatre are proud to present "Cinderella", the week of February 27 - March 2. The touring actors will hold auditions on Monday morning, February 27 followed by a week of rehearsals and ending with the performance on Friday, March 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Milk River Elementary School gymnasium. We are looking forward to an excellent show and welcome everyone to come out and enjoy "Cinderella". There will be a silver collection at the door to help cover production costs!

Be on the lookout for further mini-basketball games in March!

"Mark you calendar for March 2nd at 7:30 p.m. and come out for an evening of entertainment at the M.R. Elementary School" The M. River Elementary Students along with the Missoula Children's Theatre will be performing "Cinderella".



Something Special for Valentines Day

All you need is some bananas and some fresh fruit.

Hold banana curve side up. Remove the 1/4 layer, using a sharp knife. With a melon scooper make a shallow groove to hold other fruits. Spritz the banana with orange juice or lemon juice to keep it from discoloring. Fill banana boat with assorted fruits and garnish with a dollop of whip cream.



Do your part to clear snow and ice off sidewalks Help others - Become a Snow Angel

Thank you to all those Snow Angels that braved the cold this past month and kept our sidewalks clear of snow and ice.

For some seniors and persons with disabilities, moving snow can be difficult and even dangerous.

When it snows, lend a hand to people who could use help shoveling their sidewalks.

Nominate a Snow Angel

Has someone been an angel and helped you shovel?

Say thanks by nominating them as a Snow Angel. Tell us about the good deed and the Snow Angel and/or your group could get recognized. They will receive a thank you letter from the Town of Milk River, recognized in our "News & Views" and be entered into a draw to win a monthly prize.

To nominate your Snow Angel, pick up a nomination form at our office or go to our website www.milkriver.ca and type in Snow Angel.



Bits 'n Pieces From the Prairie Rose Lodge

The Residents welcomed in 2012 with Bingo followed by snacks, thanks to Bonnie.

Since then we've been blessed with five Grade 10 girls coming in twice a day for 2 weeks to entertain any interested Residents with card games, Wii, giving manicures and just visiting. They were very pleasant to have around and remember you're all welcome to come back anytime. Thank you!

On Thursday, January 26, Richard & Deborah's Roaring 20's Show hit the Lodge at 2:30 p.m. What a wonderful hour of fabulous musical entertainment. The Handi-Bus brought residents from our local Long Term Care as well as residents from Ridgeview Lodge in Raymond were in attendance. What a shame you all missed it!!

In the evening our very active Seniors Society held a pancake supper @ 5:00 p.m. in the Heri-

tage Hall with proceeds going to the Prairie Rose Lodge Building project. Very nice gesture and a very good meal. Thank you all for your efforts!

While I'm passing out "Thank Yous" I neglected to thank our Christmas Elf Jayden Johnson and her friend Maggie Carroll for passing out gifts at our Lodge Christmas Party! Sorry!

The River of Life Teen Group hosted a Bingo for the Residents on Jan. 19th. Bingo is always enjoyed here.

Between Friends returned from their holiday with their new leader Cindy Chisholm and helper Cheryl Stewart. Their project this week was creating a collage with their partners.

Les and Emma Lindeman have moved on to Long Term Care and have created an empty feeling here. We miss Emma's whistling and signing. Always happy! Bernice Robinson is still in St.

Michaels receiving therapy. Oh how fast things can change in this Lodge and usually not for the better. So many losses, but we have so many wonderful seniors living here & such a caring Staff. Makes one think that it isn't a really bad place to live. (I wouldn't have to cook). Friday the 13th was a very lucky day for Norm & I (no we didn't win the Lottery, something better!!). We were blessed with a 7lb 2oz Great Granddaughter, Claire Evelyn, parents are Crys-tie & James Praskach of Picture Butte.

I'll wind this up on that happy note and talk to you in February. "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the World. It's the only thing that ever has!"

~ Margaret Mead.

Till next month, as always,

Joyce



4-H Pancake Supper

When: February 21/12

Where: Milk River
Civic Center

Time: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Come out for a great supper and support our local 4-H Club!

Everyone Welcome!

