

ON THE COWBOY TRAIL

News from Councillor Barb Castell

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I am finally ready for winter. All the hoses and gardening tools are put away and the hay is in the shed. My theory is: if you are all prepared ahead of time, winter will not start early; if you aren't prepared, look out.

The summer went by too quickly. Fortunately, the Millarville Community School was paved on time to greet the children and parents and staff. This is a huge improvement.

As well, council approved \$10,000 in financial aid to help with the refurbishing of the Millarville community skating rink. I drove by it the other day and the boards look fantastic.

You will notice the bridge is being replaced at the east entrance to Millarville. The aging bridges all over the MD are slowly being replaced with culverts. The inconvenience will be worth it.

I had the good fortune to ride in the Millarville Ride for STARS on September 27th, although my horse did not share my excitement. He got out of the horse trailer and his eyes got quite large. He had never seen so many horses in one place before. We had to opt for the 3½ hour ride and he pranced and danced for ¾ of it. I loaned my other horse to a friend and he was an angel. Someone might be getting replaced next year. If you would like more information on STARS please visit their website: www.stars.ca

Congratulations to all the winners of the MD Rural Character photo contest. I was honoured to have helped in the judging and was pleased to see the wide variety of shots and excellent photography. Visit the MD's website to view all the winners and the honourable mentions: www.mdfoothills.com

Council held its annual organizational day in October. Roy McLean was re-elected as Reeve and we elected a new Deputy Reeve, Larry Spilak. There are a few changes to the committees that I am on and you can view the complete list on my website: www.thecowboytrail.ca

The Municipal Development Plan (MDP 2010) is nearing completion. What a hard working group of residents we have developing this document. They are to be commended for their time and effort over the last 18 months. After the public hearing, council will go over each and every one of the changes suggested and vote on them individually. Once that is completed the document will be ready to be adopted.

This will be the last newsletter for 2009 and my opportunity to wish all of you a wonderful holiday season. I wish you all a Happy New Year and hope 2010 is good to you.

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