

## **ON THE COWBOY TRAIL**

News from Councillor Barb Castell

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It has been a busy January in council which has resulted in the signing of the Joint Planning Agreement with Okotoks on January 18<sup>th</sup>. For details go to:

<http://www.mdfoothills.com/jointplanning.html>

In July 2009, a small group met to discuss the possibility of forming a committee to develop ideas for new recreational facilities for the NW region of the MD - mainly Division 3, 4 and 5. You will be receiving a survey in the mail or you can go to the MD website and click on Recreation Survey for Division 3, 4 and 5 under Public Notices on the right hand side.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/parksandrecreationfacilityneeds>

We really need your input as soon as possible so we can determine what residents really want for this area. Kevin Powell and Kirby Nicholson represent Division 3 as committee members and I want to thank them for agreeing to help with this important venture.

On January 15<sup>th</sup>, I visited the Millarville Community School on assembly day. The Grade Ones had made a request (complete with posters) to have more signs posted along the road to remind people of the speed limit. It was my opportunity to see the "petition signers" and maybe future councillors of the MD. Principal Thorne runs an interesting assembly - reminds me of Art Linkletter - very entertaining.

I was invited to judge the Millarville 4-H Multi-club public speaking on January 31<sup>st</sup>. I judged the juniors and could not believe how amazing they were. In fact, all the different competition categories were out-standing. Thank you Wendy Arkes for inviting me and for the great food afterwards!

There are even more 4-H events in February. On the 13<sup>th</sup>, I attended the High River Stetsons Light Horse 4-H for a completely different experience. Again - great orators and wonderful food. Thank you Megan McLean for having me.

I will be attending the Millarville-Stockland 4-H Beef Club in Millarville on February 20<sup>th</sup> and the intermediate 4-H Multi-Club on February 27<sup>th</sup>. What a great programme the 4-H has for the youth in our communities!

The students at C. Ian McLaren School graduated from the DARE programme (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) on February 5<sup>th</sup>. I was invited to this event since the MD is a supporter of this essential programme. To find out more about this important programme go to:

[www.darefoothills.ca](http://www.darefoothills.ca)

Spring is around the corner - hopefully. I started my tomatoes, petunias and pansies at the beginning of January under my grow lights. March is the month they get moved to the greenhouse - if old man winter co-operates.

My wish for this spring is for moisture in the fields and bountiful gardens.

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