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Life in Your Neighbourhood

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New Years Resolutions

For many people the New Year means wanting to start things anew and being better in the coming year. But have you made New Year's resolutions before only to forget them by the end of January? Experts at the University of Maryland offer these tips to help you reach your goals:

1. Avoid perfectionist thinking. While we certainly always want to better ourselves, it is healthier to think in positive terms than it is to focus on how much we fall short of our aspirations.
2. View setbacks as lessons for growth. Mistakes can be and usually are opportunities for learning.
3. Make realistic resolutions.
4. Don't keep your resolutions to yourself. Tell someone you trust about your resolutions.
5. Make resolutions that are meaningful to you.
6. Take small steps. Set realistic goals that are attainable and then take small steps that will bring success.
7. Fine-tune your spirituality. (www.umm.edu)

Do you need help in deciding your resolutions?

Here are ten suggestions from advice columnist Ellie Teshler for resolutions to thrive and not just survive.

1. Face the future with courage and creativity, and don't let fear be your guide.
2. Laugh a lot.
3. Greet the people you meet day-to-day with a ready smile, unforced politeness and respectful patience.
4. Indulge every child you know with excess encouragement.
5. Care for your body with good nutrition and healthful movement.
6. View spontaneity as a present of time and inspiration and not an intrusion.
7. Admire lovely things without a need for possession.
8. Learn and care about the environment as much as about the economy.
9. Focus your mind on the things that matter.
10. Cherish the people you love every day, in every reasonable way and let them know that you love them.

Remember that a resolution is not accomplished in a day so reward yourself for the small success that you do have with your New Year's Resolutions.

Thank You

The Recreation Board would like to thank all those who braved the cold and sang to friends and neighbours during the Annual Hay Ride. Thanks also for your patience in dealing with the problems with the flat deck. Warm hearts and good friends helped make it past the obstacles that were encountered. The winners of this year's coloring contest were:

Ages 4-5 - Ashlyn Goetz

Ages 6-7 - Calvin Goetz

Ages 8-9 - Natalie Umpherville

Ages 10-11 - Jaylee Lybbert

Thank you also to Recreation Board members for their work in making the Hay Ride such a success.

Spring Glen Park Bookings

If you would like to reserve Spring Glen Park for your summer family reunions and activities, now is the time to do it. Call Brad at the Village Office for the dates you would like to reserve before they fill up.

Business Licenses and Building Permits

It is again time to renew your business licenses for the Village of Glenwood. All businesses in Glenwood, including home businesses, need to have a current business license. The licences can be obtained at the Village Office. You may also purchase an Alberta South West business license. This will give you a business license for all communities in Southern Alberta for one fee. Contact Brad at the Village Office for more information.

Recreational Vehicle Bylaw

Recently in the mail each resident received a copy of the proposed Recreational Vehicle Bylaw. The Village Council would like to encourage any residents that have comments or concerns about this bylaw to submit them to the Village Office. Your comments are greatly appreciated. Copies of the proposed bylaw are available at the Village Office.

We spend January 1 walking through our homes, room by room, drawing up a list of work to be done, cracks to be patched. Maybe this year, to balance the list, we ought to walk through the rooms of our lives... not looking for flaws, but for potential. ~Ellen Goodman

Happy New Year

The Village Council and administration would like to wish all residents a very happy New Year.

The Village would also like to thank all those who volunteer their time on the various boards in the Village. Your work and effort are greatly appreciated and the Village Council is looking forward to working with you in 2009.

Skating Rink Hours

The recent cold weather has made for great skating. The hours for the skating rink are as follows:
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Reserved for the School
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Mixed Skating / Hockey
5:00 - 8:00 - Family Skating
8:00 - 10:00. - Hockey Soft pucks only

Please help keep the skating rink nice by keeping the change rooms clean, and putting all garbage into the cans that are provided.

A reminder that only soft pucks are to be used on the rink. These pucks can be purchased at the Village Office. Using the soft pucks lessens the damage to the boards surrounding the rink.

Prepay your Village Utilities

If you would like to save money on your water, sewer, irrigation and garbage charges this year, pre-pay at the Village Office. When you pre-pay your year's utility payments the Village of Glenwood will provide December's services free of charge. Pay 11 months and get 1 month free. This offer expires on March 31st. Contact Brad Salmon at the Village Office for more information.

Dog License Renewal

The first week of January is the time to renew licenses for dogs. Those residents who purchased a license later in the year will have the fee for their 2009 license pro-rated, which means that you will receive a credit towards your new license. Having all residents renew their dog licenses at this time helps the Village to simplify the licensing process. You will not be given a new tag unless the tag is worn out. A letter will be sent out in the mail with more information or you may contact Brad at the Village Office.

Those in the county need not register their dog but the Village is encouraging all county residents to do so. If your dog is registered and finds its way into town, the village will know whom to return the dog to. This way your family pet will not be lost and considered a stray.

Book Club

The Relief Society Book Club will meet on January 29th at 7:00 p.m. at Verene Kutsch's. This month's book is *Tuesdays with Morrie*. All women who are interested in joining this book club can contact Colleen Smith at 403-626-3362 for more information.

Come and join us for Glenwood Ward's 100th Birthday Celebration 2009

Talent Night

Friday - February 6, 2009

Glenwood School - 7:00 p.m.

Admission: 1 Dozen Cookies per family
Families Welcome!!!

Green and Gold Ball

Date: Friday, April 24, 2009

Glenwood School at 9:00 p.m.

Orchestra: The Raymond Canadians

Formal Dress: Ages 12 and up

Admission: a Pan of Squares

Glenwood Ward Pioneer Days

Friday and Saturday July 24th & 25th 2009

Glenwood Ward Reunion / Multi-Cultural Evening

Friday October 23, 2009 (tentative) 7:00 p.m.

Potluck

Families Welcome

Neighbourly News Submissions

Submissions to the Neighbourly News are welcomed and appreciated. Please include your name with your submission. You may e-mail your submission to katkelthomas@gmail.com. You may also phone Kathy Thomas at 626-3602 with your information. **The deadline for submissions is the 26th day of each month. Any submissions received after the 26th will be placed in the next edition.**

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Disorder in the Court

Things people actually said in court, word for word:

Q: Trooper, when you stopped the defendant, were your red and blue lights flashing?

A: Yes.

Q: Did the defendant say anything when she got out of her car?

A: Yes sir.

Q: What did she say?

A: What disco am I at?

Q: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

Q: Were you present when your picture was taken?

Q: How far apart were the vehicles at the time of the collision?

Q: You were there until the time you left, is that true?

Q: You say the stairs went down to the basement?

A: Yes.

Q: And these stairs, do they go up also?

Q: Mr. Slatery, you went on a rather elaborate honeymoon, didn't you?

A: I went to Europe, sir.

Q: And you took your new wife?

Q: Can you describe the individual?

A: He was about medium height and had a beard.

Q: Was this a male or a female?

Q: Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your attorney?

A: No, this is how I dress when I go to work.

Q: Doctor, how many autopsies have you performed on dead people?

A: All my autopsies are performed on dead people.

Q: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?

A: The autopsy started around 8:30 p.m.

Q: And Mr. Dennington was dead at the time?

A: No, he was sitting on the table wondering why I was doing an autopsy.

Community Calendar

January 5th - Back to School.

January 8th - Jr. High Basketball - girls in Stirling; boys in Raymond.

January 9th & 10th - Lady Cougar Classic at the Cardston High School.

January 14th - 27th - High School Exams.

January 15th - Jr. High Basketball - girls in Raymond; boys in Hill Spring.

January 16th - Last Day of Regular Classes at the Cardston High School.

January 16th - Library Movie Night 7:00 in the Community Hall.

January 21st - Jr. High Basketball - boys in Stirling.

January 22nd - Jr. High Basketball - girls in Glenwood.

January 26th - Aged Cheese Club Dinner 1:00 in the Community Hall. Bring one potluck dish and your own dinnerware.

January 27th - Toonie Carnival at the Glenwood School.

January 28th - PD Day - No School.

January 29th - High School 2nd semester starts.

January 29th - Jr. High Basketball - girls in Glenwood; boys in Cardston.

Compliment Day - January 24th

Compliment Day is a great opportunity to say something positive about the people you come into contact with. Everyone has good attributes. It's easy to find compliments for family and loved ones. It's more challenging to compliment people you don't like.

How many compliments should you give out each day? The common suggestion is five compliments to five different people. Take up the challenge and celebrate Compliment Day. Even try to compliment those that you don't like. (familycrafts.about.com)

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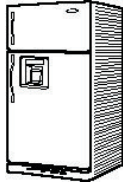
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Life at the Library:

As we mentioned last month, fines for overdue library materials will increase starting January 1, 2009. Members will now be fined 25 cents per item, per day, (up from 10 cents) for overdue books, audio books and magazines. Fines for overdue movies will remain \$1.00 per item, per day. These fees and fines are still lower than those charged by most other members of the Chinook Arch Regional Library system. For example, many libraries in the system charge 25 cents for each overdue book and \$3.00 per item/per day for each overdue movie.

At the same time, we must reinstate library fees for our members. Annual library memberships for residents of Glenwood, Hill Spring and the County of Cardston will be increased to \$5.00 per person and/or \$10.00 per family. This membership fee will be in effect starting January 1, 2009, or whenever your current membership expires. Dues for residents outside the County will increase to \$10.00 per person and \$15.00 per family. Dues for residents of the Blood Reserve will be \$25.00 per person, as they do not pay library taxes. Again, these fees are still lower than those charged by most libraries in the system, but are necessary to offset the higher cost of materials and other expenses.

New Winter Hours:

As of January 1, 2009, the Glenwood Library will be open on Wednesday afternoons instead of Tuesdays. The change is intended to benefit library members from Hill Spring and elsewhere in the County, who travel to the waste transfer station on Wednesdays. While you're out dropping off your trash and recyclables, why not drop by the library and pick up some good reading, viewing or listening?

Our hours will now be:

Monday – 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Tuesday – closed
Wednesday – 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Thursday – 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Friday – closed
Saturday – 9:00 am to noon
Sunday – closed

Thank You:

A warm thank you to all of you who came out on a cold winter day to attend our Christmas Craft Fair, December 13th. Though the weather certainly wasn't conducive to being out and about, we had a reasonably successful event and many of you went home with some beautiful gifts and tasty foods. Thank you also to Santa, our volunteers and all the crafts people, bakers and candy makers.

Family Movie Night:

Our next FREE family movie night will be, Friday, January 16, at the Community Hall, starting at 7:00 pm. This month's feature film is "Kit Kittredge, An American Girl," starring Abigail Breslin and based on the highly popular 'American Girl' series of books by Valerie Tripp.

In this story, Kit's family is experiencing hard times and is forced to take in boarders to earn some extra income. Among the odd assortment of characters who come to live in her house is a magician (Stanley Tucci), a driver for the local mobile library (Joan Cusack) and a dance instructor. A number of robberies are committed in town and suspicion falls on a group of hoboes living in a camp near the river. Kit investigates and meets young Will, who becomes the prime suspect when a footprint found near the site of a robbery matches his boot. It's up to Kit to prove Will's innocent. Refreshments will be sold.

Bright Books for Dull Winter Days:

January can often be a sad time for many people. The excitement of Christmas is over, the skies are gray, there are bills to pay, you've got the flu, and it's cold out too. The library has the perfect solution to these winter blahs – a humorous book to change your mood. Here are some excellent authors whose work will amuse, entertain and intrigue.

Douglas Adams – The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy (and other books in the series)

Janet Evanovich – Her Stephanie Plum mysteries are absolute delights, the kind of books that remind us how much fun reading mysteries should be.

Lillian Jackson Braun – The Cat Who series. Mysteries solved by two feline detectives.

Lawrence Sanders – Any of the books featuring the gentleman burglar, Bernie Rhodenbarr.

Carl Hiaasen – Can't get away to Florida for the winter? Hiaasen is a great substitute.

Terry Pratchett – Wonderful entertainment for young readers and adults. Going Postal and Making Money were instant bestsellers and his new book for children, Nation, is also receiving rave reviews.

M.C. Beaton – Any of the books featuring the cranky but lovable detective, Agatha Raisin.

Maddie Hunter – Her Passport to Peril series are perfect pick-me-ups for dreary days.

Hugh Laurie – Yep, the same Hugh Laurie that stars in the popular television show, House. In addition to being a brilliant comic and serious actor, a marvelous reader of audio books and a screenwriter, Laurie has written a wonderful spoof on spy stories, The Gun Seller.