

Glenwood Neighbourly News

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Life in Your Neighbourhood

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October at the Glenwood School

www.glenwoodschool.ca

Our school is pleased to announce the launch of our new website. Using powerful new technology, we will be posting regular news, events, homework assignments with digital attachments, sports and other extracurricular information, photos, videos and more!

School pictures will be taken on Wednesday, October 5th. If you have younger children who are not in school and you would like their pictures taken as well, you are welcome to bring them to the school at 11:00.

Blast Off with the Scholastic Book Fair - October 15th, 16th, 19th. Win \$60.00 worth of product guessing the amount of stars in the jar. You could win \$25.00 of product when you bring your family to the book fair and \$25.00 for your classroom library. Classroom Wish Lists available - donate money to purchase a book for your classroom library. The Book Fair is open from 7:30 am - 3:00 pm in the Library of the school.

As Halloween approaches it is time for the Annual Pumpkin Race. The students will be running a designated course through town. Each student will have to estimate how long it will take her/him to run or walk the course. Two students from each grade who are closest to their estimated time will win a pumpkin. The race will take place on the morning of October 28th. If you are driving around the village on that day please use extra caution around the students. Volunteers are needed to help with this event. If you are able to give an hour of your time on the morning of the 28th please contact the school.

Carved pumpkins can be brought to the school on October 30th and entered into the pumpkin carving contest. There are two categories for judging. One for pumpkins won in the pumpkin race and one for everyone else. Also on the 30th, the halls will be filled with Halloween creatures as they party and get ready for the big night.

Long Grass By-law

Just a reminder that the grass on your property needs to be 6 inches or lower in order to conform with the Village by-law. One last mowing before the snow comes should do the trick.

Tree Trimming Available

Submitted by Barb Michel, Deputy Mayor

The Beautification Committee would like to let you know that Roy Stanford and his son will be available for cutting trees after the first of October. You can call him for this service at 403-653-3228. Many used his services last year and was pleased with his work and his prices.

Rural Information Services Initiative

The Glenwood Library is now equipped with video conferencing capabilities thanks to the Rural Information Services Initiative (RISE) (see Library News). RISE will be launched on October 8th and the Library will be participating via video feed.

10:00 am will be Putting Your Garden to Bed presented by the Royal Botanical Gardens. This presentation will provide you with a survival plan that will bring your garden through the winter healthy and ready for spring.

At 12:00 noon watch the ribbon cutting and speeches as RISE is officially launched. There will also be cake served at the library to commemorate this event.

Legends and Lore of the High Level Bridge will be presented at 3:00 pm by Galt Museum and Archives. Find out the truths and legends behind Lethbridge's landmark bridge.

Other presentations will be offered at the Library throughout the year. Check with the Library for the schedule of RISE presentations.

Irrigation Valves

Perry Hunsperger, the Village foreman will be setting the valves in every irrigation box to prepare for winter. After your irrigation valve has been set, please don't change this setting. The new setting will eliminate the damage caused by freezing temperatures. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Large Metal Object Removal

The transfer site is now accepting large metal objects (such as old cars). Contact the Village office if you need help with the removal of these objects from your property. Cars must have the gas tanks and tires removed before they are taken to the transfer site. For more information contact the Village Office.

Our Rural Post Offices in Jeopardy

Submitted by Sherri Tatlow

On April 21, 2008, the Minister responsible for Canada Post called for a strategic review of the Canada Post Corporation. As of Spring 2009 we have received their recommendations. They are most disturbing. For example:

- The Committee recommends that Canada Post could open franchises as a point of sales option in rural Canada, and therefore, be able to close post offices. The Committee claims that this way, the communities will continue to have the service.

- According to the Committee, the change brought by closing an office and opening a franchise is not a change in the level of service

- In addition, according to the Committee, a review of the moratorium on post office closure is now required.

If you want to read the report, visit the web site at: www.statereview.gc.ca

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO GLENWOOD AND HILLSPRING???

Unless someone wants to buy the franchise our post offices, and most rural post offices, would disappear. In small villages and hamlets like ours, a franchise situation is just not viable.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP PREVENT THIS?????

- Make sure to sign the petitions that are around our Villages. In Glenwood they are at The Village Office, The Library, Van Dan's, and Spur of the Moment Cafe. In Hill Spring they are at the Village Office and at The Trading Post.

- Encourage your family, friends and neighbours to sign it as well

- Contact our MP. Here is his contact information:

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**PLEASE WATCH AND LISTEN FOR MORE
INFORMATION, GET INVOLVED AND SUPPORT
YOUR POST OFFICE**

Glenwood Resident Receives Award

Submitted by Janice Clark

Glenwood resident, Wayne Bevan, was presented with the Top Braider Award for North America on September 22, 2009 in Fort Worth, Texas. The Award was presented by the Academy of Western Artists. He was nominated by a jury of his peers for this prestigious award.

Little Dribblers

Submitted by Sandy Lybbert

The Recreation Board is sponsoring "Little Dribblers" again this year. It is open for kids from ages 5-12. It will run on Saturdays from Saturday, Oct. 17 to Nov. 21. The school has generously agreed to allow us to use their facilities again this year. Thanks to the staff there.

It will begin at 8:30 a.m and run until 9:30 each Saturday morning. Parents are encouraged to stay, watch and help the kids develop their basketball skills. Thanks to Scott Sommerfeldt and those who will be assisting him.

The cost is \$15 and will include a t-shirt. Registration forms may be picked up at the village office or found in your child's backpack from the school. For more information contact Sandy Lybbert at 403-626-3342 or the village office at 403-626-3233.

Community Kitchen and Freezer Meals

Submitted by Sandy Lybbert

The Recreation Board is also sponsoring the Community Kitchen again this fall. It is an opportunity to come and prepare some basic meals to take home and share with your family. The cost will be \$20 and you will take home 2-3 meals.

There is only space for 4-5 people, so if you're interested, please call Sandy Lybbert at 403-626-3342.

Also sponsored through the Recreation Board is the freezer meals. We will get together and plan about 15 meals that can be frozen. The cost of the meals will depend on the choice of entrees. It usually runs around \$150. This is a great way to have the main part of your meal ready with just a pop in the oven. There are no space limitations for this. In fact, the more that sign up, the better deal we can get on the food. Please contact Sandy Lybbert if you're interested at 403-626-3342.

Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving. ~W.T. Purkiser

Lifestyles Program Presentation

There will be a presentation by Linda Tolman of the Lifestyles Program sponsored by the Cardston Clinic at the Community Hall, October 29th at 7:00 pm. All interested community members are encouraged to attend. This presentation is sponsored by the Glenwood Recreation Board.

Aged Cheese Club

The Aged Cheese Club will be the guest of the Hill Spring Seniors on Monday, October 26th. Meet at the Hill Spring Community Hall at 1:00 p.m. The meal will be provided.

For November, the Aged Cheese Club will be attending the Great Canadian Barn Dance on the Friday, November 27th at 6:00 for their Christmas Social. Come and enjoy dinner, entertainment and dancing. The cost is \$12.00 per person for members of the Aged Cheese Club and the club pays the rest.

Glenwood Cat Update

Submitted by Verlene Hansen

Three Glenwood stray cats were spayed in September; Tiger, Rags and Pie. The cost was nearly \$500.00. There is more to be done, but we will have to raise more money first. Donations are very welcome. I am saving pop cans. If you wish to help you can bring cans to the Hansen's at 233 Centre Street.

Winter is coming and there will be urgent rescues and help needed for our little furry friends. It is sad to see them with frozen ears.

Two beautiful adult, very loving cats, have shown up at the Hansen's. Please call if you have lost a family pet (403-626-3811). One is a black and white male and the other is a calico.

Thanks to Keith and Priscilla Law for adopting a beautiful little black and white homeless kitten. Little "Cat" will have a very happy life with the Laws.

5th Annual Christmas In Glenwood Craft Fair

The 5th annual Christmas in Glenwood Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, December 12th in the Community Hall. If you are interested in having a table at the Craft Fair or would like more information contact Tina Lybbert at 403-626-3131.

Harvest Supper

The Glenwood Ward will be hosting the Annual Harvest Supper. It will be held on Friday, October 23rd at 7:00 pm in the Glenwood LDS Church. All community members and their families are invited to attend. Please bring a green salad to share.

Community Calendar

- October 1st - Lifestyles Class 7:00 pm at the Glenwood LDS Church.
- October 5th - Picture Day at the Glenwood School. Preschool Pictures at 11:00.
- October 12th - Thanksgiving.
- October 15th - Book Club 7:00 at Roberta Smith's.
- October 16th - Library Movie Night 7:00 in the Community Hall.
- October 22nd - Jr. High Volleyball Tournament in Magrath.
- October 23rd - Harvest Supper 7:00 at the Glenwood LDS Church.
- October 26th - Aged Cheese Club Pot-luck dinner 1:00 in the Hill Spring Community Hall.
- October 28th - Pumpkin Race at the Glenwood School.
- October 28th - Halloween Carnival for children 11 and under. 6:00 at the Glenwood LDS Church.
- October 30th - Pumpkin Carving and Halloween Parties at the Glenwood School.
- October 29th - Lifestyles Program Presentation 7:00 in the Community Hall.
- October 31st - Halloween.

October Relief Society Meetings

Healthy Living Class - October 1st at 7:00 pm at the Glenwood LDS Church. Contact Colleen Smith at 403-626-3362.

Book Club - October 15th at 7:00 pm at Roberta Smith's. The book for October is *Maniac McGee*. Contact Sherri Tatlow at 403-626-3494 for more information.

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 katkeltthomas@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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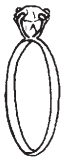
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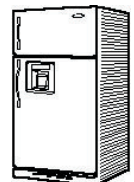


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Life at the Library

The Chinook Arch Regional Library System, of which the Glenwood Municipal Library is a member, has revised their budget to make use of the increases in library funding recently announced by the province. The per capita book allotment will go up to \$2.00 a member, for the next three years and additional funds will be used for a collection of downloadable audio books and e-books, as well as for rotating collections of large print books, audio books and DVDs.

Because library funding is based on per capita membership, it's vitally important that as many residents as possible join the library. Even if you don't plan to use the library often, a low-cost membership can be a great investment in your own lifestyle and in the education and entertainment of the entire community.

The Glenwood Library Board is looking for a few good women (or men) who want to donate a bit of their time in the interests of good community citizenship. As a Board Member you'll meet once a month to guide the Library's future direction and help out with fund-raising activities. We need people from the villages of Glenwood and Hill Spring and from the rural areas nearby for future opening on the Board. If you might be interested, please contact Board chairperson Tina Lybbert at 626-3131.

RISE:

The Glenwood Library is now equipped to be a part of the Rural Information Services Initiative, a partnership between the provincial government and regional library systems. The project's goal is to provide virtual meeting rooms and conference access, using high-speed video Internet access, to rural residents. The presentations will give people in rural communities more opportunities for on-line learning and skill development and increased access to public services. Literacy programs such as English as a Second Language and interactive reading programs will also be offered. It will also be helpful to people taking distance education courses and to businesses that use virtual meeting rooms as a communications tool.

For more information on the RISE system and how you can use it, consult the librarian.

Below are a few of the October programs that will be available using the RISE system:

- A four-part series on Alzheimer's disease - Part 1, on understanding memory loss and the treatments currently available, will be presented by Dr. Roland Ikuta, Medical Director for Alberta Seniors Health Services.
- An ongoing series, "Law @ Lunch" - topics include residential tenancies, working as an independent contractor and the legal issues involved in looking after dependent parents.
- The Alberta Family and Community Resource Centre will be presenting several programs, including "A Family's Guide to Financial Resources Available Through Government Programs," an advanced session on "Drugs and Teens: Current Facts and Recent Trends," and a session on "Pediatric Bipolar Disorder."
- Anita Selby, author of the book, "Re-Create the Senior's Soul," will discuss the importance of recreation and leisure in providing a healthy lifestyle for seniors.

Family Movie Night:

Family movies are again being presented by the Library on the 3rd Friday of the month. The movie on October 16th will be *Imagine That*. Rated PG for some mild language, the movie stars Eddie Murphy, playing a stockbroker who isn't doing too well as a financial advisor, a husband or a father, and his seven-year-old daughter Olivia. The little girl's parents have split up and Olivia is coping with the help of a very special security blanket, one that gives her access to an imaginary world full of castles, dragons, and princesses.

This is a movie about a father learning to connect with his daughter. It's full of Murphy's well-known brand of clowning around, and finding himself in a hilarious fantasy adventure with his daughter. Eventually, he finds the solution to all his problems in his daughter's imaginary world.

As always, the movie starts at 7:00 pm, at the Glenwood Community Centre. Admission is FREE; refreshments will be sold to raise money for the Library.