

VILLAGE MATTERS

Utility Rates Increase:

Village Council approved a \$5.00 increase in the overall amount paid each month on resident's utility accounts starting on April 1st, 2017, this was done to cover the increasing costs for water, sewer, and garbage services. Also, those residents that are 3 or more months behind in their utility accounts will have that overdue amount transferred to their tax account and a 12% penalty added, this will happen on January 15th, 2017 so if you want to avoid the transfer or the penalty act before January 15th.

Animal Licenses:

Friendly reminder that all dogs and cats are required to have a tag, renewal of tags should be done by the end of January 2017 to avoid being fined if your dog or cat are caught running at large. All large animals that require permits which include horses, chickens must also have those permits renewed by the end of January 2017 or you could be fined as well.

Property Taxes:

Any unpaid property taxes from 2016 will receive a 12% penalty on January 15th, 2017. Also, those residents that are 2 or more years behind in their taxes can expect a letter in February warning them that the Village will be taking against those residents by registering a lien against the title or offering the property for sale to recover all unpaid taxes.



The food hampers, gifts and gift certificates recently distributed to the community are made possible by the generous donations of these local groups: The Warner 4H Club, The students and staff of the Warner School, the Warner Royal Purple/Elks, Cronkhite Cattle company (hamburger), the organizers of the Skate with Santa day (silent auction). There are also several individuals that give generously to the community project. The Warner Church helps to organize the sorting and distribution of these hampers. The staff members at the village office also work hard to help support this project. Thank you to all who support this project. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you!

THANK YOU TO CAROL TOOBY FOR HER LONG 11 YEARS OF VOLUNTEER EMS SERVICE IN OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU FOR THE LONG TIRELESS HOURS, MISSED FAMILY TIME & EVENTS AND LOST SLEEP THAT YOU ENDURED. THERE ARE NEVER ENOUGH THANK YOU'S FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE! THE COMMUNITY IS GREATLY GOING TO MISS YOU!



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Special points of interest

TO BOOK ICE FOR GAMES OR FAMILY PARTIES PLEASE CALL THE VILLAGE OFFICE @ 403-642-3877

TO BOOK THE BOWLING ALLEY PLEASE CALL LYNNE @ 403-421-0341

LIBRARY NEWS



NEW ITEMS BOOKS

No Man's Land by David Baldacci
Night School A Jack Reacher Novel by Lee Child
Chaos by Patricia Cornwell
Turbo Twenty Three by Janet Evanovitch
Odessa Sea by Clive Cussler
Cross the Line by James Patterson
The Mistletoe Secret by Richard Paul Evans
All Dressed in White by Mary Higgins Clark
Because it's Christmas by Debbie Macomber
Because of Miss Bridgerton by Julia Quinn
Dakota Born by Debbie Macomber
Stormswept by Sabrina Jeffries
Bleeding hearts By Ian Rankin
Somewhere in France by Jennifer Robson
After the War is Over by Jennifer Robson
It is about Islam by Glenn Beck
JUNIOR READERS
Fall of the Beasts Spirit Animals Book 3 The Return by Varian Johnson
Fall of the Beasts Spirit Animals

Book 4 the Burning Tide by Jonathan Auxier
The Iron Trial by Holly Black
The Copper Gauntlet by Holly Black
Night of the Ninth Dragon
magic tree House #55 by Mary Pope Osborne
Giselle Christmas Ballet Fairy by Daisy Meadows
Herobrine Saves Christmas a Minecraft Book
Adult and Baby animals by Kelly ward
Lady bugs by Aaron Fritsch
Dump trucks by Aaron Fritsch
Click,Clack, Ho, Ho by Doreen Cronin
Lifetime by Lola. M. Schaefer
Where Do I Sleep? by Jennifer Blomgren
The Great Paper Caper by Oliver Jeffers
Things that keep us warm by Louse Flaherty
My lucky day by Keiko Kasza
Drew the Screw by Mattia Cerato
JUNIOR READERS
A Snowman for Little Bear by Trace Moroney
Happy Pig Day by Mo Willems
The Thank You Book by Mo Willems
The Smallest snowman by Sarah Fisch
Kai to the Rescue by Audrey Penn
The Berenstain Bears learn

about Strangers by Stan & Jan Berenstain
Amazing Animals Owls by Valerie Bodden
Curious George Windy delivery
The Cow Loves Cookies by Marcellus Hall
Braids by Robert Munsch
So Much Snow by Robert Munsch
The Little Mouse, The red Ripe Strawberry and the Big Hungry Bear by Don & Audrey Wood
Noisy Farm Peekabo --- Board Book
DVDs
I, Robot
Hotel Transylvania
Thomas Gets Tricked/ Thomas Halloween Adventures
Harry potter and the Half Blood Prince
Edward Scissorhands
Dirty Dancing
A Merry Friggin Christmas
The New Ghostbusters
CDs
Matchbox Twenty Mad Season
Matchbox Twenty More Than You Think You Are
Garth Brooks Ropin the Wind
Nickelback Silver Side Up
Alanis Morissette Californication
Free Books!
We have a large amount of withdrawn paperbacks of all varieties! Come and fill a bag!

Our 2017 Annual General Meeting for Milk River Minor Baseball Association will take place January 30th at 7:00pm in the Kins-men Room, if you want to be involved, or are interested in being a board member, coach, assistant coach, team manager, or umpire please feel free to attend.
Before we know it, it will be time to start thinking about spring sports. Soon we will be sending out Minor Base-ball registration forms, this year we are offering an Early Bird Registration Promotion. Register your kids early and be entered to win your child's registration fees

MILK RIVER MIXED CURLING BONSPIEL

JANUARY 27-29, 2017

CASH PAYOUT\$

ENTRY FEE: \$160.00 PER TEAM

REGISTER: DONNA CONWAY 403-647-3690

WANTING TO JOIN THE BONSPIEL BUT NO TEAM? CONTACT US!

Barons-Eureka-Warner Family and Community Support Services

is pleased to introduce Matt Fredin as the new Family Counsellor for the County of Warner. If you are seeking help with personal matters that deal with marriage, family, or individual problems, please contact him at 403-752-5430 or matt.fredin12@gmail.com



WARNER WINTER FUN

Warner Winter Fun is now accepting registration for our January session. The start date will be January 17th and we will run until the 28th of March (with no class on February 21st due to school holiday). The fee is \$200 for the 10 week session. Please contact Penny, Tracy or Denise.
dpittman@shockware.com
tracyjones74@hotmail.com
denisejboisvert@gmail.com
Warner Winter Fun sends out a big THANK YOU to the Warner Historical Society and the Milk River Kinettes for their kind and generous donations to our program. We greatly appreciate your support!

COUNCILLORS CORNER

The Arena has been an ongoing project this year, with painting and energy saving upgrades all over the building. Upgrades include spray foam insulation, new furnace, hot water tanks and heaters. Even the Zamboni has been serviced and is working harder than ever. The Village has been inundated with arena bookings for ice time by both local and out of town teams from Raymond, Taber, Coaldale and Lethbridge – and we are happy to accommodate them all! All fire hydrants are now functional and all main valves are 'done'. For 2017, all curb-stops will be identified and those found to be not working will be repaired or replaced.

It's been a busy year as usual. When I look at the committees I'm on, I have to say the Handi-Bus Service is struggling from a lack of board members and community interest. The service is well used and the people using it are appreciative, so we 'five' will continue to do our best. On the other hand, Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Authority is boldly moving ahead toward becoming a Commission.

The Viability Study, Initial Interviews have been completed, but it may be months before we hear any more regarding this. Big 'Thank You' to Chelsea LeCain for pulling together another wonderful Christmas Trade Fair at the arena – despite the temperatures, it was packed with people selling their wares and really well attended by the public. Also, the concession had the great 'eats' I've been hearing about and seemed very busy.

As always, our Council meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 5:30pm. The first meeting of the new year will be January 18th. The public is always invited, so feel free to bring your ideas, complaints, suggestions or questions to us. We can't read minds, so please tell us what you're thinking, observing, getting annoyed about etc.

I guess I've rambled long enough, so
I hope your Christmas was wonderful and
For the New Year of 2017, I wish everyone the simple treasures of life,
Health, Happiness and Enduring Friendships!
Sandi Hedin, Councillor

THANK YOU

On behalf of Ernie I wish to thank everyone for their visits to the hospital and their encouragement and support. For myself, thank you for your cards, support, consolation, food, prayers & shovelling my snow. You are all very dear and true friends indeed. May God bless you all. I love you all.

Shirley

GOLF & BOWLING INFORMATION:

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BOWLING INFORMATION: If you wish to go bowling in Milk River or have a bowling get together with friends, please contact Richard Wright 403-647-3639 or 403-647-4127 or email: rich2bern@aol.com to book bowling functions/parties.

**GROUNDS KEEPER-MAINTENANCE PERSON
2017 GOLF SEASON
RIVERSIDE GOLF CLUB –
MILK RIVER, AB.**

The Board of Riverside Community Golf Society is actively seeking an individual for the 2017 Golf Season to do maintenance and take care of the grounds at the golf course. Applicant must be able to perform routine maintenance on golf course equipment and irrigation system.

Start Date: April 1, 2017 – dependant on weather.

End Date: September 30, 2017

Job opportunity will close when a suitable candidate is found.

Contact Russell Dobrocane: 403-647-3964 (home) 403-492-7787 (cell)

Milk River & District Seniors Society

The Seniors Group meets the 2nd Thursday of each month for their monthly meetings. We would love to have new comers join us. The next Monthly Pot Luck Meeting is Thursday, January 12th - 12:00 PM, at the Heritage Hall in Milk River.

JAWS OF LIFE FUND RAISER: The Milk River Fire Department requires a new Jaws of Life. The Milk River & District Seniors Society will be hosting a Pancake Supper – Thursday – January 19th, 2017 – 5:00-7:00PM at the Heritage Hall with all proceeds going towards the fund-raising project for the Jaws of Life. Please come out and support this worthwhile cause.

PANCAKE SUPPER – ADULTS - \$8.00 KIDS - \$5.00 5 YRS. & UNDER - FREE

FUND RAISER

PANCAKE SUPPER

THURSDAY – JANUARY 19TH, 2017

5:00-7:00PM - HERITAGE HALL

ADULTS \$8.00 - KIDS \$5.00 – 5 Yrs. & UNDER FREE

MILK RIVER & DISTRICT SENIORS SOCIETY is hosting this event to help raise funds to purchase a new **JAWS OF LIFE!** PLEASE COME OUT, ENJOY THE SAUSAGES, EGGS & PANCAKES, AND SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE

**MILK RIVER FIRE DEPARTMENT
NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!**

The AGM for the Warner School Council Society will be held on January 23rd, 2017 5pm @ Warner School.

We will be seeking nominations and will elect for executive positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The terms will begin in January of 2017.

Thanks

To the Milk River Community Business Association

Thank you to the Milk River Community Business Association on behalf of the residents and staff of the Milk River Long Term Care, the Hospital Auxiliary and the communities of Coutts, Warner and Milk River for paying the costs of Bus Service on Tuesdays! Your contributions to our communities are appreciated!



HORIZON SCHOOL DIVISION

Early Childhood Programs

Starting January 9
Registration for
September 2017

KINDERGARTEN...*the journey begins!*

If your child is 5 by December 31, it is time to register for Kindergarten!

EARLY LEARNING...*playful learning!*

If your child is 4 by December 31, they are eligible to be enrolled in Early Learning! Children with a diagnosed developmental delay may qualify for early entry to a program.

Registration forms are available at your neighbourhood school. Bring your child's Birth Certificate or Canadian Citizenship Status card and Alberta Health Care Card. If you are unsure of your neighbourhood school, please contact Horizon School Division office at 403-223-3547.



FURTHER EDUCATION SPRING CLASSES 2017

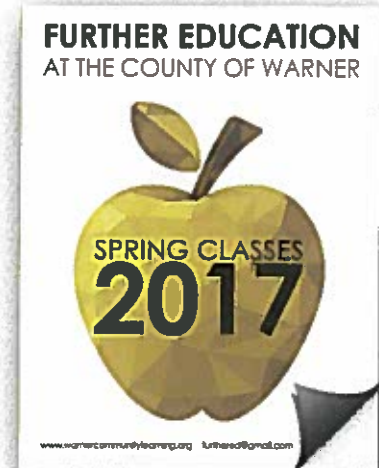
“APPLE BOOK” IS COMING SOON!

Further Education at The County of Warner logo and brand has undergone a significant transformation. The new identity had to satisfy all of the existing expectations of what our original mark stands for... while simultaneously moving the brand forward.

Striving to maintain the iconic and recognizable mark was our primary goal. You can look forward to receiving our “Apple Book” with our Spring 2017 Classes in your mailboxes soon!

The image to the right is reflective of what the new brand and brochure will look like.

As always, feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns at **403.642.8607** or **furthered@gmail.com**.



JANUARY CLASSES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

WARNER WINTER FUN

This preschool program is offered to children ages 3 - 4 years old. It is a fun and social time for preschoolers.

Date: Starts January 17

Time: 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Location: Warner Evangelical Church Basement

Fee: \$200

Register With: Denise Boisvert (403) 715-1010 denisejboisvert@gmail.com or Tracy Jones (403) 421-0150 tracyjones74@hotmail.com

SING MOVE PLAY

Come learn how you can develop your child's musical skills, literacy and creativity.

Date: Friday January 27

Time: 9:00 AM – 11:00 PM

Location: Stirling Parent Link Centre

Fee: Free

Instructor: Debra Gieble Hause Maloney

Register With: Stacey Maynes, Box 72, Stirling, AB T0K 2E0, 403-756-3572.

6 LAWS OF GARDENING

Learn about the 6 laws of plant growth and how the Mittleider method addresses each law.

Date: Tuesday, January 24

Time: 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Location: Stirling Community Seniors Centre

Fee: \$20

Instructor: Debbie Creed

Register With: Stacey Maynes, Box 72, Stirling, AB T0K 2E0, 403.756.3572. Make cheque payable to County of Warner Further Education.

THE GIFT OF DYSLEXIA

Once students remove obstacles to learning they are free to capitalize on the gifts dyslexia can bring. Seminar is applicable to all learning disabilities.

Date: Thursday January 26

Time: 8pm-9pm

Location: Stirling Community Center

Fee: No fee

Instructor: Jenny Shockey

Register With: Stacey Maynes, Box 72, Stirling, AB T0K 2E0, 403-756-3572.

INFANT MASSAGE

In this 5 week course for parents with babies 2 – 10 months, you will learn the special massage strokes that can benefit you and your baby.

RAYMOND

Date: 5 Tuesdays, January 17 to February 14

Time: 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Location: Raymond Parent Link Centre 145 N. 200 W

Fee: Free

Registration: Mary-Rose or Nancy at 403.752.4301

MILK RIVER

Date: 5 Tuesdays, January 17 to February 14

Time: 10:00 – 11:30 am

Location: Milk River Library

Fee: Free

Registration: Myrna Sopal at 403.752.4301

Note: Childcare for older children is NOT available.

RAYMOND PARENT PRESCHOOL

Classes are once a week, starting the week of January 9. Participants to choose one of the following:

AFTERNOONS

Dates: Monday or Thursday afternoon; Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday morning

Time: 1:00 pm to 3:15 pm

Location: Raymond Parent Link Centre 145 N. 200 W

Fee: Free

Registration: In person or online November 15 to December 22, 2016. Mary-Rose or Nancy 403.752.4301

STAY AND PLAY

Program for children (birth to 5 years) and their parents to attend together. There is no charge and registration is not required; drop in.

RAYMOND

Date: Wednesdays, starting January 11

Time: 1:00 pm to 3:15 pm

Location: Raymond Parent Link Centre 145 N. 200 W

Date: Fridays, starting January 13

Time: 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Location: Raymond Parent Link Centre 145 N. 200 W

STIRLING

Date: Mondays and Thursdays starting January 16

Time: 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Location: Stirling Pool

WARNER

Date: Wednesdays, starting January 11

Time: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Location: Warner Village Office

MILK RIVER

Date: Wednesdays, starting January 11

Time: 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Location: Milk River Civic Centre

EXCITING JOB OPPORTUNITY!

PROGRAM COORDINATOR

- *Board and Council Facilitation* – Guide and advise board, provide reports, foster information exchange, promote board development
- *Administrative and Financial Management* – develop and implement annual business plan and budget, document statistics, supervise administrative staff, instructors, program volunteers, seek partnerships for programs/projects
- *Community Programming* – administer County of Warner Write-Break Literacy Project (a volunteer tutor adult literacy service), recruit and assess learners, recruit, train and supervise volunteer tutors, identify priorities for local learning opportunities, plan, develop, coordinate, and evaluate programs
- *Community Relations* – represent the local Learning Council, promote life-long learning, act as liaison between council, member agencies, AB Innovation and Advanced Education
- *Learner Support Services* – provide assistance, information and referrals to post-secondary institutions
- A Post-Secondary Certificate or Degree in Business or Education will be considered an asset but NOT required
- Job involves travel and some evening scheduling
- 24 hours/week at \$24-30/hour
- Requirements: proficient computer skills with Microsoft Office, proficient communication skills, ability to work independently and as a team, a valid drivers license, recognize the importance of confidentiality and a willingness to pursue professional development.

Please submit cover letter with resume and references to:

EMAIL furthered@gmail.com

MAIL County of Warner Further Education
BOX 278 Warner, AB T0K 2L0

DROP County Office
OFF 300 County Road, Warner, AB

Please find our contact information below, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us. Office hours are Monday to Thursday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Alternatively call our Board Chairman at 403.344.4312.



FURTHER EDUCATION AT THE COUNTY OF WARNER

www.warnercommunitylearning.org | furthered@gmail.com | 403.642.8607

LETTER REGARDING "PETITION:"

I am writing this in response to the recent petition. In any democracy, the citizens have the right or do I say obligation to query the operations of governments at any level. However, it also seems reasonable for the citizens to do some basic research before forming conclusions that may be and often are wrong in whole or in part. Looking at the last several months of this Villages operations, I note the following:

- * We have repaved main street.
- * We have relayed some of the sidewalks and provided proper curbing at the intersections.
- * We have replaced 30+ water valves and about 20 hydrants.
- * Repaired and replaced some of the very old sewer lines.
- * Improved the water distribution system. Noting that we do not contract our water. We are part of the Raymond, Sterling, New Dayton etc. water coalition (if that's the proper word). This system is the completion of a mandate of the Provincial Government started just a few years back.
- * Improved some of our drainage ditching. Long overdue.
- * Completed major renovations on the arena; furnace, ceiling, kitchen, bathrooms.
- * Sold vacant lots to increase our Villages population.
- * Entered into working agreements with Milk River and Coutts for garbage pickup to lessen the costs to all the participants. An old thrust that has come to fruition. A good thing.
- * Entered into a working agreement with the County for road grading to decrease the costs of this task as well as not carrying the burden of purchasing additional Village equipment for this task. (Note that the old village grader needed some expensive repair for it's safe operation. Such repairs would have cost this Village in excess of \$60,000.00 on a piece of equipment worth less than \$15,000.00. Not a sound investment. I also note that by using these types of agreements the Village does not have to carry added employees on the payrolla big savings!
- * Advertised or received bids on all work conducted through the Provincial Grants. Unless the Municipal Act has changed, the act requires this. Tenders for small projects need not be advertised. That also is covered in the Legislation.

I believe the Village is making plans to loop the water system of 6th avenue to 7th avenue and thereby laying the foundation to develop Village lots at the west end of 7th. All of these initiatives are necessary tasks to attract people to settle here.

This is only a partial list of what has been achieved over the past few months. Most of these tasks have been initiated by the current CAO. Quite frankly, this Village is moving forward and is doing so because of the work of Mr. Hood and the current Council. While there are some glitches, they are small and I tend to think a normal part of SOP. I think we are going in the correct direction.

Verne Strain

~~~~SPECIAL WITH SERVICE CALL~~~~

Carbon Monoxide Alarm \$10.00

(limited quantities)

## K.C. Heating & Gas Fitting

Journeyman gas fitter ~ class 1(A) tickets AB & BC  
Journeyman Sheet Metal Mechanic  
Journeyman Steamfitter / pipe fitter

- ~~Furnace replacement and service
- ~~A/C Installation
- ~~Hot water tank replacement
- ~~Minor plumbing repairs
- ~~Gas relocation
- ~~Home gas piping

**Reasonable rates:** according to job

Call Alfred at **403 892-6570** (Coutts)

# January 2017 Community Calendar

## January 2017

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed    | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 29  | 30  | 31  | Notes: |     |     |     |
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FREE PUBLIC SKATING 2:30PM - 3:30PM  
 FREE STICK & SHOOT 3:30PM-4:30PM  
 EVERY SUNDAY UNLESS NOTED  
 WARNER MEMORIAL CHURCH SERV 11AM

BELLES EXERCISERS EVERY MON 10AM 4-4H 7PM  
 SENIORS CTR CARDS EVERY MON 7-10PM  
 ROYAL PURPLE 7PM

WARNER FIRE DEPT PRACTISE EVERY TUES 7:30PM  
 TOPS EVERY TUES 5:15PM

BELLES EXERCISERS EVERY WED 10AM  
 LIONS CLUB OF WARNER 7PM  
 WARNER LIONS 7PM

FREE PUBLIC SKATING 2:30PM - 3:30PM  
 FREE STICK & SHOOT 3:30PM-4:30PM  
 EVERY SUNDAY UNLESS NOTED

WARNER SCHOOL COUNCIL SOCIETY AGM 5PM  
 WARNER SCHOOL

WARNER COUNCIL MEETING 5:30PM VILLAGE OFFICE EVERYONE WELCOME!  
 PANCAKE SUPPER 5-7PM HERITAGE HALL  
 MILK RIVER SUPPORT THE MR FIRE DEPT GETTING NEW JAWS

WARNER MEMORIAL CHURCH POTLUCK 5PM & CHURCH SERVICE @ 6PM  
 NO PUBLIC SKATING OR STICK & SHOOT

MILK RIVER MINOR BASEBALL AGM 7PM  
 KINS-MEN ROOM

SENIORS CTR POT LUCK 6PM

NO PUBLIC SKATING OR STICK & SHOOT