

# GLENWOOD GLEANINGS

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## BACK TO SCHOOL

Times have changed and, due to COVID19, our lives are different in many ways, but the excitement and anticipation of a new school year will always prevail. Whether you are a teacher, home-schooling, online learning or your children/grandchildren will be able to return to an actual school building this year, the Village of Glenwood Council and Administration wish you all the best for the new school year.



## Glenwood Library

### Library Hours:

Monday 12-4 PM

Tuesday 12-4 PM

Wednesday 1-5 PM

Thursday 3-7 PM

Questions? Call 403.942.8033

## Glenwood Community Hall

The Glenwood Community Hall is still closed to most public and private events. Village Council meetings will be held there on regularly scheduled dates and times, as it is large enough to facilitate the required social distancing requirements. If you are showing symptoms, please do not attend.

**The next Village Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 7:00 PM.**

## Spring Glen Park

~ **gates close for the season on September 28, 2020.**

~ Monday night camping is free for all local residents.

~ Powered sites \$30

~ No power \$20

~ Tents \$15

~ Kitchen \$150/\$75

~ Entire Park \$750

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## Village Office News

### *Administration Staff Changes*

Carrie Kinahan has been appointed as the new Chief Administrative Officer. Marilee Campbell will continue, two days per week, in the position of Assistant CAO. Pop into the office to congratulate Carrie on her new position and share some of your ideas about our fine village. As Carrie learns her new position, among other things, she will be reviewing and familiarizing herself with the bylaws and policies used to govern our municipality.

### *Unsightly Premises*

The village office has received several complaints regarding long grass, untidy premises, old vehicles, old dilapidated buildings, etc. Please make an extra effort during this time before the weather turns cold to clean up and tidy your property in and around your homes and yards. If you know one of your neighbours doesn't have a truck, offer to take a load of garbage or yard waste to the transfer station for them.

### *Irrigation Water*

The irrigation water is scheduled to be turned off for the season on Monday, September 28. Be sure your yards and trees get a good soaking before that day.

### *Main Avenue Road Project*

Beck's Excavating will be completing a road reconstruction and utility installation project beginning around Sept 16 along Main Avenue between 1st Street NW and 4th Street NW. We will make personal contact with each property owner prior to project start.

### *Irrigation Rate Increase*

Village Council passed Bylaw 245.2020 Rates, Fees & Charges Bylaw, containing an increase to the Irrigation Water rates effective July 1, 2020. The new rate is \$8.00 per acre (or part thereof) per month. The reason for this

## Gone but not Forgotten...

**BILL WERNER MICHEL, passed away August 20, 2020 at the age of 84** Written by Barb Michel "With a happy/sad heart, I would like to announce the passing of my eternal sweetheart, Bill. He had a very rare and very aggressive form of cancer. In such a short time, it ate away at his body. He was such a trooper and was so brave and would never complain (except for those dang tubes coming out of his back as he had a hard time laying down). Thank you so much to all who have sent love and kindnesses to me. It is all so appreciated. We had a family funeral in our home.

**MARLENE DIETRICH CHURCH HAMON, passed away April 29, 2020 at the age of 86** Marlene was born May 9, 1933 in Dietrich Idaho to Jerry Church and Ida Jonetta Matson. She went to school and grew up in Dietrich along with her older sister Betty Lou.

She met and married Arnold Stocking and they had five children, Jerry, Gaydena, Yolanda, Hyrum and Utahna. Utahna died in infancy. The marriage later ended in divorce.

In 1953 Marlene was baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She would serve and remain active in the Church the rest of her life.

While on a vacation in southern Alberta she met her second husband, Joseph LaBoucane. Their marriage was blessed with a son, Ian.

increase is to help fund the rising costs of maintenance and upkeep of our aging irrigation system. The system was installed nearly 20 years ago, and now we are having to repair frequent breakage and replace some infrastructure. Your patience is appreciated with the billing error from July, but those errors will be fixed on September's bill. Those who have paid in advance for the entire year, to receive the December utilities free, will need to make a small top up payment. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the village office at (403) 626.3233.

## Glenwood Library News

**Hey everyone, the bidding has started!!!** Have you bid yet? Come on over to the library and check out all the great items up for auction to celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. You can also bid on our library Facebook page. The final day of bidding will be on **September 12 from 11:00 – 2:00 at our Open house** celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Glenwood Municipal Library's opening. Please help us to build a better library for the area. In the end, you, the patrons will have a great place to come and visit and learn. Thank you for your continued support. We'd love to celebrate with you on September 12. Come enjoy some cake and get your final bid in!

## Tough Country Internet

Tough Country Communications has extended their offer of **free installation** to all Village of Glenwood customers until the end of September. They are a local internet service provider that provides wireless internet to individuals and businesses in Southern Alberta and BC. At no charge to the village, they have connected their wireless system to the Axia Supernet located in the Glenwood Library. Then they distribute that fiber speed internet service (VMAX) to all their customers located within a one-kilometer radius of Saputo, where their equipment is located. Tough Country also installed high speed wireless internet at the village office and community hall, free of charge, as a service to our community. If you are interested in signing up

## **Gone but not Forgotten...** (cont)

Also during this time she met Trevor and Mildred Hamon. The families became best friends across the years. When her marriage to Joseph ended in divorce, Marlene and her children moved back to the United States.

On July 2nd, 1986 she married her Eternal Companion, Trevor Clarke Hamon after the passing of his wife, and Marlene's good friend, Mildred.

Together she and Trevor served as a missionary couple in the Cook Islands, in Papua New Guinea and with the Lamanite Branch in Glenwood.

Marlene took great pride in her extended family. She kept a close count of all the kids, grandkids, great grandkids and great, great grandkids, and she enjoyed their visits and the phone calls and the times they shared together.

A Private Graveside was held at the Glenwood Cemetery.

for their service, email [info@toughcountryinternet.ca](mailto:info@toughcountryinternet.ca).

## **History of the Glenwood Area**

*(Part 4 in a Series written by Dora Law, probably written in the mid 1980's)*

In 1914, one telephone came into the district. It was placed in the Edward Leavitt home and was a direct connection to Cardston. In 1920, telephones were all put through the district with the switchboard in Edwin Leavitt's home. Later it was moved into a part of Vans and Dans Store. In 1965 a separate telephone building was erected and the dial system came into effect.

Sylvan Wood, son of Ben Wood, was the first child born on the Cochrane Ranch and in 1907 Adelaide Beaves Law was the first baby blessed in the Glenwood Ward. Vergie Buck, daughter of Sam and Bertha Buck, was the first death in Feb 1910.

The first world war saw many of the young men go into the services. Of this number, only Stanley Read and Sam Law are still living here in Glenwood.

In 1916, Stewart's bought the first car, a McLaughlin Buick that cost one team of horses and \$900. A pulley or block and tackle with three iron stakes went with the car as part of the equipment to pull it out of the mud holes.

On November 14, 1914, a committee officially appointed to organize a Municipal Council met at the home of Edward Leavitt. Up to this time, civic affairs were looked after by the R.C.M.P. who were stationed in a barracks near the river south of Hillspring. They patrolled the territory on horseback to see that there was no trouble, such as hunger or lawlessness.

On January 4, 1915, the elected members of the Rural Municipality of Cochrane No. 10 met in Edward Leavitt's home. These members were John S. Smith, James M. Billingsley, George L. Stringam, Edward Leavitt, Walter H.



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Caldwell, William E. French, E.A. Law acted as secretary. At this meeting, James M. Billingsley was elected Reeve, with Walter H. Caldwell Deputy Reeve. It was decided to hire a secretary. In other business at that meeting, it was decided to choose sites for a cemetery for both Hillspring and Glenwood. James M. Billingsley was given the responsibility of picking out the location for Glenwood's Cemetery.

The first bylaws passed made it illegal for anyone to allow pigs to roam at large on the townsite.

Office equipment and books were ordered from Christies Book Store in Brandon, Manitoba. John Petersen of Hillspring was appointed the first secretary at a salary of \$300 per year. At the March 8, 1915 meeting, George L. Stringam was elected Reeve as the former Reeve, James Billingsley had passed away. V.I. Stewart filled the vacancy.

Land was valued at \$10 per acre and town lots at \$30 per acre for assessment purposes. The municipal tax was set at 1.5 mills and 9.5 mills for school tax.

Jordan Law was the first weed inspector. July 5, 1915, \$300 was appropriated for road construction. April 26, 1915, the cemetery was definitely located in the site now being used. In 1915, Waldemar C. Lybbert was appointed the first constable at \$25 per year. In 1916, a petition was circulated to get a rural telephone and tri-weekly mail service. Edward Newby was the first Health Officer in 1917 at the salary of \$25 per year. During those early years, horses, cows and machinery were taken in and sold to collect taxes due on the land.

1918 saw the outbreak of Influenza. There was no hospital or nurses. The nearest doctor was in Cardston, but there were several women in the district who were good, practical nurses and who gave freely their time and talents. There was Elizabeth Newby, Bertha Buck, Sara Stringam, Sara Webster, Annie Greene and others who will long be remembered as ministering angels by friends and neighbours. The Flu Bug attacked almost everyone and many were unable to survive.

Then there was the winter of 1919-1920 that will always be known as the "Hard Winter". The summers of 1918-1919 had been very dry and scarcely any crops were raised. The winter of 1919 set in very early and very severe. There was almost no food and many farmers took their horses and cattle and drove them north into the Vulcan and Blackie districts where feed was more plentiful. Those farmers who kept their livestock in the district were forced to haul hay, straw and grain for feed from Cardston to keep them alive. Feed was shipped in there and sold at exorbitant prices. It was rationed and often a man would have to make a trip every day to keep a few horses and a milk cow alive. Then to make matters worse, the price of livestock declined by the spring so badly that the animals were only worth a fraction of what it had cost to winter them.

The extreme drought of 1919 following severe dry years finally brought the farmers together to organize for irrigation. Several of the men in the district had organized into a private irrigation

committee and had surveyed and dug some ditches near the present Dam site on the Belly River. The province stepped into this and insisted they go through the proper channels. On August 30, 1919, the first official meeting of the United Irrigation District was held. These men were Edward Leavitt, George L. Stringam of Glenwood, and Seymour B. Smith of Mountain View. Mr Seymour B. Smith was elected chairman. Philip Baker was secretary/treasurer. Application was made to the Bank of Montreal for a loan to build the project. Engineers in Calgary, Spokane and Salt Lake City were asked to submit bids for building of the dam on the Belly River. Edward Leavitt and Seymour Smith canvassed the district to see how much water was wanted by the people. A firm in Calgary offered to draw up plans for the Dam and spillway for \$500 and application was made to Waterton Lakes Park for a permit to get timber for the project.

There had been a similar organization affected in the east end of the district known as the Lone Rock Irrigation Co. On September 25, 1920, they merged with the United Irrigation District and sold their water rights to them for \$100.

People of the district signed up for 15,055 acres. The present number of acres covered by water is 35,000.

In the fall of 1920, \$30,000 was borrowed from Union Bank of Canada at 7% interest. The Bank of Montreal had refused a loan.

The U.I.D. Council floated bonds and persuaded the Provincial Government to guarantee them. In this way, the necessary money was raised. All in all, \$100,000 was borrowed. The whole project cost \$550,000. Also, the farmers all over the province were dissatisfied with the government, so they decided to organize and elect farmer candidates. In 1921, George L. Stringam of Glenwood was elected to represent Cochrane and Cardston districts for the United Farmers of Alberta Party. This position he held until the year 1935 when the Social Credit Party was swept into power with Nathan Eldon Tanner as member of Parliament for this district.

(to be continued)

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