

# VILLAGE OF COUTTS NEWSLETTER



**NOVEMBER 2020**



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Water Conservation**

Some great news from our neighbors to the south: The repairs needed to the drops along the Milk River have been completed. They were able to run water for a couple weeks, and we are looking to be in good supply for the winter. We are very thankful for their efforts in getting this done. MP Motz was successful negotiating a temporary crossing authorized so cement and aggregate could be hauled from Cardston. This saved many miles of trucking. Without this crossing, the work would have taken much longer, and it most likely would not have been completed. The project was solely funded by the American Government.

### **RV'S AND TRAILERS**

RV's including trailers and motor homes must be moved off the street for the winter. Please also remove any vehicles that are not running and not being used.

### **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

As with most events in 2020, COVID has led us to cancel the Remembrance Day Service. We will be lowering the flag in the Cenotaph Park, as usual. There will be a few wreaths placed at the Cenotaph, and we encourage families to pay their respects throughout the day on their own. If you would like to place your poppy on a wreath, please do so. When pulling up to the park, if there is another family already there, please wait for them to leave before approaching. Please take the time to remember family members and loved ones that served for our Country. Poppies are available at the regular locations, Kerv's Korner, ATB, Hills of Home Restaurant, Post Office, and the Duty Free. The money generated stays local to Foremost, Bow island, Coutts, Milk River, Warner and HALO Air Ambulance. See further in for a list of donations the Foremost Legion has given.

## **AG Society AGM**

The AG Society AGM will be held at 6pm on November 10th in the Rec Hall. Directors Needed!

Social Distancing protocols will be in effect. If Gathering Restrictions change between now and then, allowing less people, notice will be given if the meeting is cancelled.

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

At the Organizational Meeting on October 13th, elections within the Council were made.  
Jim Willett will remain as the Mayor  
Scott MacCumber will remain as the Deputy Mayor  
Each Councillor retained the positions they held on the various committees they sit on.

### Update from Councillor Scott MacCumber

#### Milk River Watershed Council of Canada

As most of you may have noticed, the Milk River is flowing again thanks to all the diversion drop repairs and rebuilds. Starting Tuesday, October 27, diversions from the St. Mary to the Milk River will decrease daily reaching zero on Saturday October 31. We will likely see higher flows until the middle of next week when we will see a full return of natural flows only until spring. Melting snow this week may cause unstable banks and the potential for some high water or minor flooding, so please be careful if you out around the river. Thanks to all of you for your conservation efforts this summer to get us through the project. Our next meeting is set for November 26, 2020.

#### Quad Municipality Healthcare Support Committee

Dr. Ovwasa is accepting new patients. Call (403) 647-3599 for an appointment.  
The ad for a new doctor can be found on [doctorjobsalberta.com](http://doctorjobsalberta.com). We will give area tours to all potential candidates. And we will keep you updated throughout the process.  
Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

#### Recreation Board

The old playground at the spray park has been removed and the installation of the new structure has begun. The install will be completed based on the weather.

#### CHRISTMAS MARKET - HERITAGE HALL

MILK RIVER, ALBERTA

FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 20<sup>th</sup> - 3:00-7:00PM

#### Multi-Vendor Market

- ◆ Kim Balog - Scentsy - Wax Warmers, Scent Waxes, Cleaners and more
- ◆ Shirley Hawco - VoxLife - Socks, Insoles, Patches, Knee Braces, Muscle Rubs
- ◆ Bonnie Rowland (Boomer) - Towels
- ◆ Amanda Miller - Knotty Armer - Rustic cabin farmhouse decor, signs and more
- ◆ Kathrine Huber - Mama's Bakery - Bread, Cookies, Cinnamon Buns and more
- ◆ A.Rey Richards - A Moment in Time Photography - Calendars, Books, Cards
- ◆ Natasha Bryce - Avon - Makeup, Bath products, lotions and more
- ◆ Barb Hoyt - Prairie Pickling - Pickled Garlic
- ◆ Elise Wilker - Epicure - Herbs & Spices, Cookware & Utensils, Food Products
- ◆ Dylan Lowry - Beyond Hot - Sauces
- ◆ Dorothy Brunner - Dease Design - Jewelry
- ◆ Lauren & Robin Stelten - Twisted Bean - Coffee, coffee beans & flavored coffee

Shirley 403-647-7551 or Kim 403-421-0183

This Market has been cancelled!

## POPPY CAMPAIGN

The Royal Canadian Legion annual Poppy Campaign has begun. This year the campaign runs from October 30 to November 11, 2020. Those of you that have wreaths or crosses may set them out during this time frame. Poppy trays will be picked up on Thursday November 12. Donation slips will be coming through the mail as usual or you can give your donation to The Village of Coutts Office in an envelope clearly marked Foremost Legion c/o Raylene Hobbs. Cheques are to be made out to R.C.L. Poppy Fund and mailed to Foremost Legion Box 538 Etzikom, Alta. T0K 0W0 (note change of address). The 2020 Poppy Campaign monies will come your way. See below for past donations.

### *For Your Information*

The Poppy Campaign is a Dominion wide project that all Royal Canadian Legion's get involved with. The monies raised through wreath sales, donations, and poppy sales goes directly into a separate bank account. No cheques can be written out of this account except for legitimate expenses or Command approved Donations. In recent years donation monies have been dispersed as follows:

2017	Foremost Medical Clinic	\$972.58
	Blood pressure monitor with stand	
	Foremost & District Fire Department	\$2241.72
	Thermal imaging camera	
	HALO air ambulance	\$500.00
2018	Coutts Fire & Rescue	\$1286.22
	Rescue stretcher, blood pressure cuff	
	Milk River Medical Clinic	\$3040.80
	EKG machine	
	HALO Air Ambulance	\$500.00
2019	Foremost Medical Clinic	\$788.56
	2 Nebulizer Units, 2 Stethoscopes,	
	2 Blood Pressure Cuffs	
	Bow Island Pleasant View Lodge	\$288.72
	Oxygen Reader, Blood Pressure Machine,	
	Temperature Thermometer	
	Foremost Fire Department	\$3513.62
	5 Burn Kits, 4 Type 2 First Aid Kits,	
	Type 3 First Aid Kit, Spine Board and Straps,	
	Stretcher Straps, Scoop Stretcher, 1-4 Gas Monitor,	
	Thermal Imaging Camera	
2020	Warner, Milk River or Coutts	

## NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

**INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS** – Thursday, November 5, 2020 from 5:00 – 6:00 pm at the library. If you are wanting to attend this class I need you to pre-register please by NOON on Wednesday, November 4, 2020. The instructor is coming from Lethbridge to teach this session and if no one is coming it will be cancelled.

**November 11** is Wednesday this year and as this is a stat holiday the library will not be open on this day.

Even though our world still isn't what we are used to, it is wonderful to have the library open once again and to see and have a visit with our patrons. Stop in or give us a call if there is anything we can help you with, we have lots of great material and movies and continue to have new things coming in as well. Stay warm and enjoy some great reads or listens until next time!

## Thanking each and everyone of you!

**From ATB in Milk River and our Agencies in Coutts and Warner** We want to extend a huge thank you to all of those that helped raise over the lofty goal of \$5000.00 to go to the

### **Alberta Children's Hospital.**

The final total will be posted on Monday November 2nd!

Again thank you to you all for making this possible. We will be posting photos as well of the

Man Makeover that Jay O'Hara has bravely agreed to, in case you miss the live stream!



## Christmas Hamper and Angel Tree Programs

With the holiday season quickly approaching we would like to remind you about the Christmas Hamper and Angel Tree programs.

The Angel Tree will be going up on November 12 at Milk River Town Office. If you would like to participate by purchasing a gift for a child please come down and pick up an Angel on or after that date. Once you have purchased an age appropriate gift for that child please leave the gift unwrapped, attach the Angel tag to the gift, and return it to Milk River Town Office by December 11.





### Milk River Elementary – November News

We are using a new COVID style hot lunch format for this school year! We are pre-ordering meals from the Sandstone Restaurant and they are delivered to the school.

The Hot Lunch dates for **November** are **Wednesday, November 4, 18 & 25** and **Tuesday, November 10**.

**Upcoming Events: Mark the dates!**

**Sunday, November 1** – Daylight Savings Time ends. Turn back your clocks.

**Monday, November 2** - Newsletter

**Thursday, November 5** – 2:45 P.M. – Virtual Assembly hosted by the Grade 2 class.

**Wednesday, November 11 – Remembrance Day – NO SCHOOL** – Even though we are unable to host a Remembrance Day Ceremony this year we would like to take this time to honor the veterans of past wars and be thankful for the peaceful and harmonious lifestyle that future generations will continue to live in, and strive for.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. This bitter conflict raged for six years and saw over one million brave Canadians serve in uniform around the globe. The war in Europe had ended with the surrender of Germany in May 1945, but the fighting continued against the Japanese in Asia and the Pacific. Finally, the opposing forces were forced to surrender, and Victory over Japan (V-J) Day was marked on August 15, 1945. Canada and many other countries would rejoice that the Second World War was over at last, but also grieve the heavy sacrifices that had been made.

We would like to recognize those who have served our nation and take this opportunity to preserve their legacy and to encourage new generations to remember the important contributions so many brave men and women have made to our country and to the world.

**“Take Time to Remember”**

**November 12 & 13 – P.D. Days – NO SCHOOL** for students.

**Tuesday, November 17** – 8:30 A.M. – School Picture retakes

— 3:30 P.M. — **Parent/Teacher Interviews**

**Thursday, November 19** – Report Cards

**Wednesday, November 25** – 4:00 P.M. – School Advisory Council Meeting

## PRAIRIE ROSE LODGE BIT'S & PIECES - NOV. 2020

Well my friends - that was a good dump of heavy wet snow. The Ag sector I am sure are just smiling. We had a lovely long fall to enable everyone to complete the harvest most farmers dream about. Hay is plentiful for the first time in 3 - 4 years and an ample supply of straw for baling. On top of all this good luck - most farmers/ranchers were able to get their bales hauled. Now, let's get back to all the snow. We might just as well have a mega amount, be snowed in as we have to stay home due to COVID-19. The increase in active cases is puzzling, however, when you see the numbers of last year's flu cases, it is not so shocking. You may be interested in knowing that husband is so concerned he dare not go out to shovel snow. He firmly believes the virus is outside the door, waiting to pounce on him. Only a loving wife would fall for that line.

No surprise for the month of November birthdays. We are still not able to celebrate as we have in the past. However, we certainly are able to acknowledge and congratulate those residents. New resident Ernie Sexton - Nov. 14; Joanne Rolfe and Dianne Hummel-Nelson - Nov. 17; and Jean Erickson - Nov. 23. Happy birthday to these great residents. Wish we could be there to celebrate with you but all of us realize safety is the focus now and when able, will we ever have a big bash.

The usual events continue to entertain everyone. They play games: horse race, cribbage and the usual on-going puzzles. There will be a number of crafts to do and also the decorating for Christmas.

Personal Touch Fashions will be at the Lodge just in time for Christmas shopping. This is such a great convenience, not only for the residents but also for community folk who do not wish to venture to the city with the increase in COVID-19. The venue will be as last visit - tables between the dining room and lounge with resident shopping from 10 AM to noon. General public is invited in from noon to 3 PM. All of this is happening on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Please come out, support the girls and get your Christmas shopping finished.

Our Lodge residents regret having to miss Curtain Calls "It's A Wonderful Life" on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, and 2 Christmas Fairs - Craft Fair on Nov 20<sup>th</sup> and the Very Merry Market on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, both at the Heritage Hall. A very emotional fact is that there is no Remembrance Service on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>.

At this time when we are all thinking of our health, I found a quote of Charlie Chaplin who lived to be 88. He stated the 6 best Doctors in the world are: the sun, rest, exercise, diet, self-respect and friends. A wise word to live by.

Blessings to the residents and families who are supporting AHS directions; blessings to the staff who continue to care for the residents of the lodge under constant monitoring. It is an added stress. God Bless all. Emma Hulit.

## RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY GOLF SOCIETY

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY - DECEMBER 7, 2020 - 7:00 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS - TOWN OFFICE

MILK RIVER, AB

There are 3 positions on the Board that need to be filled. We need golfers to attend the AGM, step forward to be on the Board, and help in any way they can. Please come out to the AGM!



# Attention Parents/Caregivers

With your health and safety in mind we are slowly returning to in-person services.

FCSS continues to adapt to support you, and will continue to offer services online as well as the following in-person service delivery options:

- One-on-one supports
- Caregiver/Parent groups
- Youth groups
- Parent and child play opportunities, both indoor and outdoor



**FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT PENNY**

**Penny.pittman@fcss.ca**

**403-915-4017 call or text**

***Clients must follow COVID-19 protocols based on <https://www.alberta.ca/biz-connect.aspx> guidelines.***



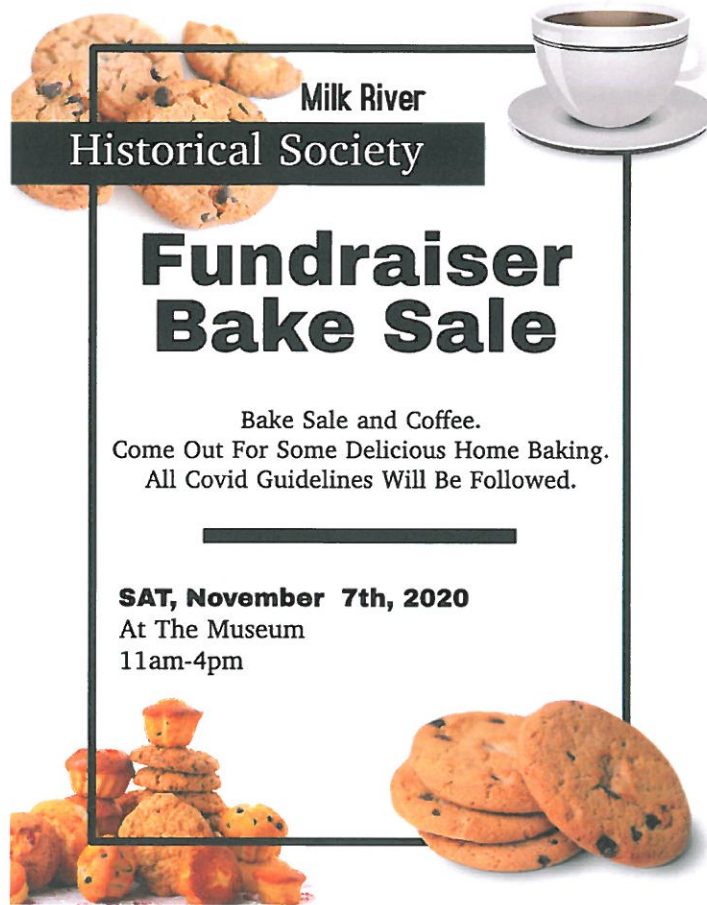
# FCSS FAMILY VIRTUAL SUPPORT SERVICES

## NOVEMBER 2020

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>2</b> <b>ONLINE CIRCLE TIME</b> 11:30-12:00 Jackie & Kim Fehr	<b>3</b> <b>FACEBOOK LIVE! Q&amp;A</b> Teen/Tween Talk Tuesdays 1:00pm Penny & Amanda	<b>4</b> <b>CAREGIVER CAFÉ</b> 10:00-11:00 am Myrna & Janet  <b>ONLINE CIRCLE TIME</b> 11:30-12:00 Jackie & Kim Fehr  <b>FACEBOOK LIVE - CAREGIVER CAFÉ</b> 1:00 pm Penny & Kimmy  <b>TRIPLE P Teen GROUP</b> 6:00-8:00 pm Amanda & Penny	<b>5</b> <b>TRIPLE P Parent Toddler Tips</b> – Nightmares and Night Terrors 1:30–2:00 pm Kim, Kimmy & Jackie  <b>TRIPLE P Parent Teen Tips</b> – Chores 7:00–7:30 pm Kim, Kimmy & Jackie	<b>6</b> <b>FACEBOOK LIVE - CIRCLE TIME</b> 10:00-10:30 am Myrna and Janet
<b>9</b> <b>ONLINE CIRCLE TIME</b> 11:30-12:00 Jackie & Kim Fehr	<b>10</b> <b>FACEBOOK LIVE! Q&amp;A</b> Teen/Tween Talk Tuesdays 1:00pm Penny & Amanda	<b>11</b> <b>REMEMBRANCE DAY</b>	<b>12</b> <b>TRIPLE P Parent Toddler Tips</b> – Fighting & Aggression 1:30–2:00 pm Kim, Kimmy & Jackie	<b>13</b> <b>FACEBOOK LIVE - CIRCLE TIME</b> 10:00-10:30 am Myrna and Janet
<b>16</b> <b>ONLINE CIRCLE TIME</b> 11:30-12:00 Jackie & Kim Fehr  <b>INFANT MASSAGE</b> 10:30-11:30 am Kim Fehr	<b>17</b> <b>FACEBOOK LIVE! Q&amp;A</b> Teen/Tween Talk Tuesdays 1:00pm Penny & Amanda	<b>18</b> <b>CAREGIVER CAFÉ</b> 10:00-11:00 am Myrna & Janet  <b>ONLINE CIRCLE TIME</b> 11:30-12:00 Jackie & Kim Fehr  <b>FACEBOOK LIVE - CAREGIVER CAFÉ</b> 1:00 pm Penny & Kimmy  <b>TRIPLE P Teen GROUP</b> 6:00-8:00 pm Amanda & Penny	<b>19</b> <b>KIDS HAVE STRESS TOO</b> 8:00-9:00 pm Stacey & Janet  <b>BOYS BRAINS &amp; GIRLS BRAINS</b> 10:00-11:30 AM Tami Buroker & Penny  <b>TRIPLE P Parent Toddler Tips</b> – Disobedience 1:30–2:00 pm Kim, Kimmy & Jackie  <b>TRIPLE P Parent Teen Tips</b> – Friends & Peer Relationships 7:00–7:30 pm Kim, Kimmy & Jackie	<b>20</b> <b>FACEBOOK LIVE - CIRCLE TIME</b> 10:00-10:30 am Myrna and Janet
<b>23</b> <b>ONLINE CIRCLE TIME</b> 11:30-12:00 Jackie & Kim Fehr  <b>INFANT MASSAGE</b> 10:30-11:30 am Kim Fehr	<b>24</b> <b>FACEBOOK LIVE! Q&amp;A</b> Teen/Tween Talk Tuesdays 1:00pm Penny & Amanda	<b>25</b> <b>ONLINE CIRCLE TIME</b> 11:30-12:00 Jackie & Kim Fehr  <b>CAREGIVER CAFÉ with Mother Goose</b> 9:30 am Penny & Brenda  <b>FACEBOOK LIVE - CAREGIVER CAFÉ</b> 1:00 pm Penny & Kimmy	<b>26</b> <b>KIDS HAVE STRESS TOO</b> 8:00-9:00 pm Stacey & Janet  <b>TRIPLE P Parent Toddler Tips</b> – Toilet Training 1:30–2:00 pm Kim, Kimmy & Jackie	<b>27</b> <b>FACEBOOK LIVE - CIRCLE TIME</b> 10:00-10:30 am Myrna and Janet
<b>30</b> <b>ONLINE CIRCLE TIME</b> 11:30-12:00 Jackie & Kim Fehr  <b>INFANT MASSAGE</b> 10:30-11:30 am Kim Fehr				

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Milk River  
Historical Society

# Fundraiser Bake Sale

Bake Sale and Coffee.  
Come Out For Some Delicious Home Baking.  
All Covid Guidelines Will Be Followed.

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**SAT, November 7th, 2020**  
At The Museum  
11am-4pm

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## MILK RIVER & DISTRICT SENIOR CITIZENS' SOCIETY

### Monthly Meetings:

The Milk River & District Senior Citizens' Society monthly meeting is Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 1:00PM in the Heritage Hall... **MEETING ONLY**, no luncheon due to COVID-19 restrictions. Our meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month. Old timers and newcomers to the area are always welcome.

### Seniors Membership:

Membership to our Seniors Group is \$5.00 annually. Sales of 2021 Membership Cards will begin in November. Please ask any Executive Member as they have cards.

### Bingo:

Bingo is in full swing now and players seem to be quite happy – Doors open at 6:00PM – Bingo starts 7:00PM Sharp.

Volunteer workers are still needed on Bingo Night. Positions are: Co-ordinator, Cashier, Caller, and Floor Sales. If you would like to join our workers and have some fun, please call Dennis Littau, Bingo Coordinator 403-921-1066.

### Seniors Coffee:

Senior Coffee - Monday to Friday at Heritage Hall 8:30–11:00 AM. Stop in, catch up on all the News, enjoy the coffee, socialize, and guaranteed you will get a chuckle or two in. Open to anyone who would like to join in.

### Heritage Hall Rental:

Hall Rental – contact Joni Johnson – 403-860-8552 - \$60.00 for rental, maximum of 50 people (half of capacity as per COVID-19 regulations). Kitchen available to renters.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING?

The Milk River Cable Club office will be closed Wednesday, November 11 for Remembrance Day. Thank you to all our Veteran's and those actively serving. ❤️

As Milk River and Coutts Internet subscribers are aware, we have been having intermittent outages throughout the past few weeks affecting Milk River and Coutts only. We have started seeing an improvement in this issue and continue to work to ensure reliable service. Our sincerest apologies for the inconvenience these outages have caused to many of you.

We have unfortunately had 2 break-ins at one of our internet towers just East of Milk River. We are very disheartened that someone would do this, as it does not just target the Milk River Cable Club, but also affects many of our members. Security measures have been taken, and we ask that anyone with any information please contact the Milk River RCMP: 403-647-3955.

On a happier note regarding towers, Miami Colony and Milk River Cable Club have been working together to set up a new tower site located at Miami Colony. This new tower will allow us to offer more reliable internet service to existing subscribers in the area and allows us to offer service to the Hamlet of New Dayton and up to Stirling! We anticipate the tower to be in complete working order by the end of this month, weather permitting.

Our VOIP phone system continues to have intermittent interruptions. We have replaced failing equipment and increased phone bandwidth to handle the increased call volumes our phone system is seeing.

If you are experiencing phone quality issues or call failures, we NEED you to please provide:

1. The date and time of the call
2. The number calling/being called
3. Exact details of what happened.

Without these specific details, we cannot troubleshoot any further.

#### **MRCB Board of Directors**

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#### **Apartment for Rent**

One Bedroom Apartment available for Rent in the Village of Coutts

Single Adults or Couples only (no children, no pets)

Secure Building.

\$600/month + 1-month damage deposit

***To inquire please call Chris at 403-752-3696***



The Ridge Water Services Commission provides water treatment and transmission services to the County of Warner No. 5, the Town of Raymond, Town of Milk River and the villages of Coutts, Stirling and Warner.

Ridge Water Services Commission

## Utilities Operator

This 'Hands On' position will be responsible for operation of the water treatment/distribution system and the wastewater collection/treatment.

### Responsibilities:

- Operation of the Water Treatment & Distribution System and the Wastewater Collection & Treatment System
- Recording and Reporting Data
- Travel within the County of Warner to the various facilities
- On-Call Responsibilities with overtime required

### Requirements:

- High Integrity and Team-Based Mentality
- Understanding of Water and Sewer Systems
- Competency with Google Docs, Microsoft Office and Excel considered an Asset
- **Must be available to meet On-Call duties**
- This role will be required to maintain the following certifications: Level II Water Treatment & Distribution, Level I Wastewater Treatment & Collection
  - For the right individual, these certifications may be able to be obtained after being hired

### We Offer:

- Long Term, Stable Employment
- A Team-based, Supportive Environment
- Fulfilling and Challenging position
- Medical / Dental Benefits & Pension
- Positive Working Environment
- Competitive Compensation
- Company Vehicle to use for Work Related Travel

Please apply online at [hire-standard.com](http://hire-standard.com) or email resume to [info@hire-standard.com](mailto:info@hire-standard.com)

We thank all applicants for their interest, however; only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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