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We're firing Up the Grill!

Join us for our Annual Member
Appreciation BBQs this September.

This September, EQUS is once again hosting a series of Member Appreciation BBQs across our Service Area. Your Board of Directors, CEO and staff will be on hand to chat with members and thank you for being part of Canada's largest member-owned utility!

All BBQs will be hosted from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on the following dates:

- **Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at the South Area Office in Claresholm** (#3 Alberta Road, Claresholm)
- **Thursday, September 6, 2018 at the Central Area Office in Innisfail** (5803 42 Street, Innisfail)
- **September 18, 2018 at the North Area Office in Onoway** (4804 41 Street (Range Road 21), Onoway)

Join us for burgers, smokies, snacks, refreshments and giveaways. Plus, enter to win a \$100 power bill credit.



Each year, these BBQs are a way for us to connect with our membership and answer any questions you may have. Additionally, we welcome the opportunity to thank our members for 71 years of co-operative success!

For information on more EQUS events, visit www.equs.ca/members/events.

Grand Opening Medicine Hat Facility

We officially opened our new facility south of Medicine Hat on July 23. If Medicine Hat is your closest office, bill payments and member inquiries can now be answered at the new office!

Check them out at 12003 Rge Rd 60A
in Cypress County!



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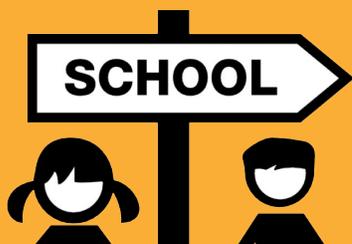
EQUS Community Connection Update Backpacks for Schools

EQUS Community Connection (ECC) is implementing the third year of its successful "Backpacks for Schools" program. The Committee has agreed to rotate the program each year to a different Area. For the 2018/2019 school year our efforts will focus on the Rich Valley School located in the North Area.

It's time to round up your fellow neighbours, friends and family to help put together one or multiple backpacks. Each gender neutral backpack should include the following basic supplies that would be suitable for all grades: white erasers, glue sticks, pencil crayons (or wax for elementary), pencils, pencil case, red and blue ballpoint pens, different colours of highlighter felt pens, duo tangs and a hand held pencil sharpener. With these basic supplies the school or family can then top it up with additional supplies as needed.

Please provide your backpack(s) to any of our Area Offices no later than August 10, and ECC will ensure that they are delivered for distribution to students in need.

The ECC committee is excited about this program and have challenged staff to get involved too! With your help, students in the EQUS Service Areas will be ready when the school bell rings in September.



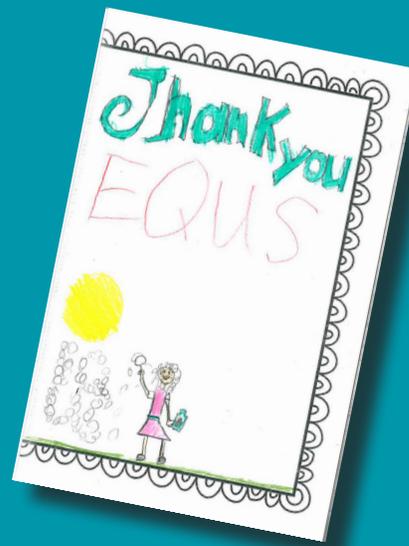
Operation Round Up(dates)

Dear EQUS,

I wanted to thank you for your financial sponsorship regarding the Dare to Care Program. Between the staff and students who were involved in this day, ALL were moved by this program. There were laughs, tears and a very strong message that was heard loud and clear.

On behalf of our staff and students, I want to extend a big thank you for financially sponsoring Dare to Care, we would not be able to have such a valuable program come to Huah Sutherland School without your contribution.

- Janet C.
Family School Wellness Counselor



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Second Quarter Wrap Up Member Appreciation

Fresh off the assembly line, the new EQUUS Community BBQ wasted no time in getting right to work. The EQUUS team was busy throughout all three of our Areas with our annual Member Appreciation Events, including grilling up a storm with our new Community BBQ at Pancake Breakfasts in Onoway, Dunstable, Rimbey and Irricana. We were also proud to play a partnership role in the South Area for the AT Walk in Fort MacLeod.

Aside from filling empty bellies with pancakes, sausages, hamburgers, hot dogs and more, EQUUS staff also handed out some great swag to both members and those new to EQUUS.

It's been a great start to the summer so far, we look forward to seeing you at our next member appreciation event!



Third Quarter

Transmission Rate

Quarterly update on transmission charges.

Effective on your Service to July 31st billing, your transmission rate increased. The FortisAlberta AUC approved rate, which is applicable for REAs, for Q3 of 2018 is 4.3858¢/kWh.

Included in the calculation of this rate is a 2018 Balancing Pool Allocation Rider (BPAR), which is a charge, a Transmission Adjustment Rider (TAR), which is a charge and the Quarterly Transmission Adjustment Rider (QTAR), which is a charge. This increase reflects a 2.98% increase from Q2 of 2018.



The 12th Annual EQUUS Charity Golf Tournament

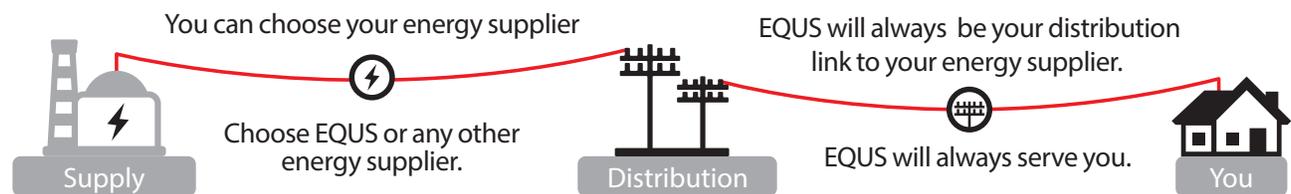
Thank you to those who participated in the EQUUS Charity Golf Tournament, which was held on July 18, 2018 and benefitted mental health initiatives within our Service Area.

Eighty players took part in the sold out tournament, which was held at the Innisfail Golf Club. EQUUS would like to thank Altec Limited, who was the tournament's Title Sponsor for the fourth year in a row, in addition to all sponsors and donors that helped make the tournament a success.

Congratulations to this year's winners - the EQUUS Central Area Team, made up of Stuart Bell, Kyle Burkitt, Jay Kirkham and Chad O'Neill.

We are tallying the donation totals and will share the final number in our September newsletter.

For more information on EQUUS' community involvement, visit www.equs.ca/community/.



All members are free to purchase electricity services through EQUUS' regulated rate tariff or from a retailer of their choice. The delivery of electricity to you is not affected by your choice. If you change who you purchase electricity services from, you will continue receiving electricity from EQUUS. For a current list of retailers you may choose from, visit www.ucahelps.alberta.ca or call 310.4822 (toll free in Alberta).

Power ⚡ Out?

To report a power outage in your area, or for other services such as construction or vegetation management, please call your local Area Office.

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