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If you have any events or useful information for residents of the Village of Ryley, please contact Angel at 663-3653 to have it included in the Village Voice at no charge. Businesses welcome. All information must be submitted one week before the end of the month.

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Remembering Vimy - 100 Anniversary April 9, 2017

The 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge will be marked on April 9, 2017 with special events in France and Canada. The battle of Vimy Ridge was one of the greatest battles led by Canada during World War I. Since their entry into the war in 1914, Canadian divisions had not been very successful. In October and November of 1916, the four divisions of the Canadian Corps took up position at the base of Vimy Ridge, which was occupied by the Germans. Throughout the winter of 1916-1917, the troops prepared for a major British offensive against the German lines. The Canadian Corps, at the northern extremity of the line, had to capture the Ridge to protect one flank of the British army. Vimy Ridge is an eight-kilometre-long hill with a maximum height of 110 metres, and it dominated the entire region. It was riddled with tunnels and trenches and reinforced by barbed wire, bunkers, nests of machine guns and artillery. At dawn on April 9, 1917, the Canadian troops (35,000 men) attacked the Ridge. It took three days of heavy combat and injured or killed more than 10,000 Canadian men. The British attack to the south was met with defeat; the only troops to emerge victorious were the Canadians. This victory by ordinary men from all parts of Canada, who united to become the Canadian Corps, was for many a symbol of Canada's ability to affirm its unity and its faith in the future.

The image above features the Canadian National Vimy Memorial. This beautiful and richly symbolic monument commemorates Canadians who served during the bloody First World War. Engraved on its walls are the names of the 11,285 Canadians who died in France and have no known grave. Two towering pylons sitting on a massive base represent Canada and France. The monument also incorporates 20 large stone sculptures of figures that represent ideals for which Canada fought, such as truth, justice, hope and peace.

On the left of the poster, "Canada Bereft" is featured in detail: a striking statue of a woman, her chin forlornly resting on her hand as she gazes downward brooding over the graves of her valiant dead. The statue represents those who were left behind to mourn their loss.

An historical photograph taken during the Battle of Vimy Ridge completes the poster's design. It depicts the advance of the Canadian Corps' 29th (Vancouver) Battalion across No Man's Land and through the German barbed wire at Vimy. In total, some 3,600 Canadians lost their lives and over 7,000 more were wounded.

2017 marks the 150th anniversary of Confederation. It is very fitting that this same year includes the centenary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge, where many suggest that Canada came of age as a nation.

Greetings from Village Council

We would like to thank Janet Winsnes for her dedication in serving the Village of Ryley and community as Chief Administrative Officer (CAO). We have all benefited from her passionate service over the past 2 ½ years. Some of her most significant contributions include overseeing the construction of our new village office and the construction of 50th Avenue. We have had a few bumps along the road, but there is no denying that Janet has given her all to this position and deserves accolades for her efforts. We wish her a happy and rewarding retirement.

A few months back the Village secured the services of a recruitment professional to assist in filling the CAO position when Janet retires. As a result of the recruitment efforts we are excited to introduce to the Village our new CAO, Michael Simpson. Michael comes to us from the Village of Willingdon and will be a great fit to our village team and to our community, welcome aboard Michael.

Recently, Village Council was reminded about an FCSS program that established a list of volunteers willing to perform various services, and council would love to see if a similar list could be established in the Village of Ryley. This would be similar to the snow angel program that has been a part of the village for years and could include services such as snow removal, grass cutting and minor jobs. If you have a skill or service that you would be willing to volunteer to those in need we ask you to please contact the village office. The village hopes to have a list to provide to individuals who request this service. Due to privacy laws, village staff will be unable to release any identifiable information without prior consent.

During the Regular Council meeting in March, council voted to approve the Operating and Capital Budgets for 2017. The Operating Budget was approved with a 2% raise in tax revenue. This will likely translate to a tax increase for a majority of village rate payers (individual property increases will depend on the assessed value of your property). This increase is intended to offset the impact of the provincial Carbon Levy and begin to reduce the village’s dependency on landfill funds for operating. Capital Budget highlights include an upgrade to the main lift station, purchasing a columbarium for the cemetery, replacing some of the sidewalks on Main Street and replacing the ice plant in the curling rink. We wish you a happy and healthy start to Spring 2017.

Good Bye to Janet Winsnes

On Wednesday, April 5th from 3 pm to 7 pm the Village Office will be open to anyone who wishes to stop in and see Janet Winsnes off to her next new adventures in life. We will have coffee and treats available.

Employment Opportunity

The Village Office is now accepting applications for the Summer Employment Personnel. Summer employment will be full time 30 to 40 hours per week, possible start date May 1 or later depending on applicant availability. You must be over the age of 16, preference will be given to students returning to school/collage/university in the fall. Send resumes to Village office at Box 230, Ryley, AB, T0B 4A0, or drop off during office hours. Resumes will be accepted until a successful candidate is found. Office is located at 5005-50 St.

Complaints - Written complaints need to come through the municipal office in order to be registered. All complaints to the Village of Ryley must be in writing—the village and bylaw officer can then take steps to enforce or address the issue. If you have any question please contact the office at 780-663-3653. Thank you.

Stubble Burning

If you are looking at burning stubble please contact Beaver Emergency Services Commission at 780-336-3041 for a permit. “Stubble” means any harvested or unharvested herbaceous plants or plant parts, standing, spread or in swathed windrows grown on land.

BUSINESS BIZZ

Businesses Advertise Here!

The Village Voice is now accepting business ads. Now that we are a two page paper with a business section, businesses can advertise at no charge. You can send your information to angel@ryley.ca or drop off at the village office during office hours. For information and cut off dates please contact Angel at 780-663-3653.

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AHS - Addictions Counsellor. Sherwin Ward Thursdays, by appointment only. Please call 780-672-1181 Ext. 3305

AHS - Child & Adolescent Therapist. Gary Campagnola – *PhD, R. Psych.* Tofield Mental Health Clinic 5024 – 51 Ave. 662-7061

TIPS – *Teaching Independence and Parent Support.* Carol Maki – 780-918-1966(Cell) or email: cmaki@cafcl.org

Child & Family Counsellor. Charlene Irvine, irvinecounsellingservices@mail.com. Cell (780) 281-0541. Office (780) 662-7067

Alcoholics Anonymous ~ Meeting in Tofield held at Bardo Lutheran Church, 5609-48 Street, Tofield. Use back door or call 780-424-5900 24 Hours, meeting lists are available at each meeting.



Beaver County Community Adult Learning Program (CALP)

Community Adult Learning Councils will be focusing on providing Literacy and Foundational Learning, Family Literacy and Community Capacity Building Programs (as directed by our funders *Alberta Innovation and Advance Education*). Our FOCUS is to be a resource centre to assist adults in navigating the various pathways, to reach their educational and career goals. Supporting the Communities of Tofield, Ryley, Holden, Bruce, Viking and Kinsella, Alberta.

GED Preparation via Web Conference - April 11 to June 22, 2017 Register by April 1. Held in Ryley.

No Fee - Call for details and to register - space is limited, 780-663-3730. The GED (General High School Equivalency Diploma) Preparation Program provides the skills to challenge the GED Exam. Instruction is given in basic math, reading skills, and writing skills. Students receive a High School Equivalency Diploma from Alberta Education upon passing the GED Exam. (Instructions, Books, Calculator, Exam Included)

Wills, Enduring Powers of Attorney and Personal Directives - April 22, 10 am to 12:30 pm \$15. Register by April 14.

Learn the essentials of will planning including the elements of will drafting, and what you can and can't do with a will. You will also learn the importance of creating an Enduring Power of Attorney and a Personal Directive.

Beaver County Community Adult Learning Program (CALP)

PO Box 140, Ryley, AB T0B4A0 - Beaver County Office Building Main Street, Ryley

780-663-3730 / 1-866-663-1333 Email: calc@beaver.ab.ca www.beavercountycalc.ca

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Community Business Showcase 2017 ~ Saturday, May 13th

Are you looking to develop your networking or customer base for your new or existing business? Do you have a new product or service you would like to showcase to the community? Are you a home-based, cottage, or startup business or non-profit organization? If you answered yes to these questions then join us for the Community Business Showcase in Viking on Saturday, May 13 from 9 am to 5 pm at the Viking Carena Complex. This venue is an opportunity to expand your existing connections with other business operators and meet new customers who may be unaware of your business venture, service or product. Register by April 13, 2017 to hold your space. For more information contact Doug Lefsrud, Recreation Director, 780-336-3466, ext. 4 or email doug.lefsrud@viking.ca

Quit Smoking & Win!

Register today for your chance to WIN a car or cash prizes! Every registrant will receive a discount coupon towards the purchase of Nicoderm or Nicorette. Further terms and conditions apply; see official program rules at www.runtoquit.com.

House for Rent

Two bedroom house for rent in Ryley. For further information please call Carol at 780-688-3626.

7th Annual Junior Players Showcase ~ April 28th & 29th

You are invited to the Junior Players Showcase and Dinner Theatre of Rising Stars Convention on April 28 and 29 at the Paragon Theatre in Holden. www.beaverhillplayers.com

Dinner at 5:30 pm - Shows at 7 pm

Tickets: \$5 per person and \$2 for ages 12 and under. Buffet Dinner add \$10 **RESERVE EARLY!**

For information and tickets please call 780-688-3535



Youth Drop In Spring Break Activities!

Tuesday, April 18 *Bowling.* Tabb Lanes in Camrose. 12 (noon) to 4 pm. Grades 3 to 5. \$10 each.

Wednesday, April 19 *Nerf Wars.* Tofield Curling Club. 10am to 3pm. Ages 10 to 17. \$10 in Advance.

Thursday, April 20. *Zoo2U.* Tofield Arena. 1:30pm to 3:30 pm. Grade 3 to 5 & Younger siblings. All siblings under 7 must be accompanied by an adult.

Friday, April 21. *Millennium Place & Jump Park.* Sherwood Park. Grade 2 to 12. \$20 each.

All forms and money must be in by April 13, 2017. Questions? Want to Register? Please call the FCSS at 780-662-7067.

Bussing provided from North Star Outreach School Tofield (4748-58 Ave.) West end of Tofield arena.

Spring Into Art ~ Saturday, April 1st

Studio 14 Art Association is holding our 4th Annual Open Season Event Spring Into Art at the Gallery on Saturday, April 1st starting at 4:30 pm. Free Entry. Live Entertainment by Andrea Nixon and others. Donations gratefully accepted. Light Lunch available. If you are an artist and would like to display a piece/s that evening we would gladly accept your work. For further information please contact either Ernie at 780-688-3852, Gail at 780-688-3988 or Elaine at 780-603-9729. You can also email: ernestwhiteside@gmail.com

Large Item Pick-Up ~ Thursday, May 11th

Beaver Municipal Solutions large item pick-up is a no charge service to the communities that BMS provides.

Residents will be responsible to place their large items on the FRONT street by the curb (not on grass or boulevard) the evening prior to the municipality's date as listed above. Items should be placed at least 3 feet (1 meter) away from parked vehicles.

Freon products such as freezers, fridges, water coolers, etc. must be identified with a BMS sticker in order to be collected. Residents are required to pay \$25 per item with Freon, at either the Village Office or at the BMS Office in order to obtain their sticker.

Acceptable Items: Mattresses, couches, recliners, white goods & appliances, tires, and propane tanks.

Unacceptable Items: Grass clippings, trees, tree branches, large chunks or amounts of cement, bags of garbage, small wooden items that would fit into a garbage bin (little dresser, foot stool, etc.), and electronic waste. These items are accepted at the Ryley Landfill, Lindbrook Transfer Station or Viking Transfer Station at anytime.

If you have questions or concerns please contact our office at 780-663-2038, ext. 102.

WECAN Food Basket Society

April Fees due April 7th. Pickup is Thursday, April 20th. What do I get in a WE CAN Food Basket Order? Fresh food is the staple of any healthy diet. Our food basket offers 3 cuts of frozen meat, 3 types of fresh vegetables and 3 kinds of seasonal fruit every month, along with helpful recipes to prepare healthy meals. Meat Orders are \$15 and produce orders are \$10. Membership is \$5 and lasts until March 2018. PLEASE NOTE: Food orders that are not picked up will not be refunded. WE CAN reserves the right to sell unclaimed baskets or distribute them to families in need. For more information call: WE CAN Food Basket Society of Alberta 780-413-4525 Website: www.wecanfood.com or email Tofield Depot at: TofieldWECAN@gmail.com

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Saturday, April 1st.
Seventh-day Adventist Church Vegetarian meal. See ad for details.
- Thursday, April 6th.
Village Market, 10 am to 2 pm at the Ryley Community Centre. Easter Turkey Dinner available.
- Friday, April 7th.
Sunshine Club Crib Tournament, 7pm at the Ryley Sunshine Club, 5124-50 St.
- Tuesday, April 4th.
Committee of the Whole Meeting, 6:45pm at the Ryley Municipal Office.
- Friday, April 14th.
Municipal Office CLOSED for Good Friday.
- Tuesday, April 18th.
Regular Council Meeting, 6:45pm at the Ryley Municipal Office, 5005-50 St.
- Saturday, April 22nd.
Spring Fling & Sweetheart Splash, 5:30 at Ryley Community Centre. See ad.
- Wednesday, April 26th
Ryley Summer Bust Out Festival Meeting, 6 pm at the Ryley Municipal Office, 5005-50 St.
- April 28 & 29
7th Annual Junior Players Showcase. See ad for details.

Spring Fling & Sweetheart Splash ~ Saturday, April 22nd

Beaver Heritage and Agricultural Society proudly presents Spring Fling and Sweetheart Splash Dinner and Silent Auction at the Ryley Community Centre. Doors open 5:30 pm - Dinner at 6:30 pm. Tickets \$30 per person - Cash Bar. Dinner Entertainment featuring Gregg Dodds - Magician. 4 Course Gourmet Meal (Catered by River Rock Café) ~ Door Prizes ~ Silent Auction ~ Live Auction All proceeds support the Ryley Pool and Wellness Center. ***For the Kids - Pool Party or Babysitting*** Tickets: River Rock Café - Ryley 780-663-3300 (VISA.MC available) KC & Co Ins. - Holden 780-688-3865, Tofield 780-662-0165 & Mundare 780-764-2238 Proudly Sponsored By: Crop Production Solutions, Dodds Coal Mine and Ryley Lion’s Club

Beaver Heritage & Agricultural Society

Beaver Heritage and Agricultural Society received \$60,000 grant money from the provincial government to assist with the HVAC upgrade to the swimming pool. The Ag Society is hoping to start the upgrade this summer and they appreciate the support they have received from the Clean Harbors Enhancement Fund, generous individuals and businesses in Ryley. This funding helps provide the needed matching dollars to receive the provincial funding. Fund raising events, shared services funds from the village and Beaver County, along with donations from the village toward the swimming lessons and memberships, keep the pool operating. Please remember to purchase your Spring Fling and Splash tickets from River Rock Café or any Agricultural Society member.

Paragon Theatre

Paragon Theatre, in Holden, shows 2 movies on the second Saturday of each month; one at 3 pm and one at 8 pm. Admission, information, and updates are on www.beaverhillplayers.com



MLA Wes Taylor & Ag. Society member Lonnie Lauber

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Mystery Play ~ Monday, April 3rd

Parents/Caregivers and children 0-6 years of age - FREE - Join trained facilitators with Beaver County Family Literacy and Parent Link Centre in a morning of fun! Come on out - activities, stories, crafts and songs. Open to all Beaver County Families. Held at the Ryley Good News Community Church from 10 to 11:30 am. Monday - April 3rd, May 1st For more information please contact CALP at 780-663-3730 or 1-866-663-1333.

Calling all Vegetarian’s ~ Saturday, April 1st

YOU ARE INVITED to join us for a vegetarian meal and visiting at 1:00 pm Saturday, April 1 at the Ryley Seventh-day Adventist Church. The main meal will be supplied and if you would like to bring a desert it would be appreciated, but not required.

Ryley Swimming Pool

Monday and Wednesday 7:00 am - 9:00 am Friday 7:30 am - 9:00 am Monday and Wednesday 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Sunday 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

For more information check for updates on Ryley Today and our Ryley Pool Facebook page or call us at 663-3505.



Mother’s Day Tea & Bake Sale ~ Wednesday, May 10th

Held at the Lutheran Church, Ryley from 1 to 4 pm. Come and visit with friends and neighbors and maybe pick up some homemade baking.

Ryley Lions Club Mother's Day Brunch ~ Sunday, May 14th

Ryley Community Centre from 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Everyone Welcome! Adults: \$15.00 Ages 6 to 12: \$7.00



2017 Ryley Summer Bust Out Festival ~ Saturday, June 17th

Want to be in our Summer Bust Out parade on Saturday, June 17th? Call Angel at 663-3653 or email angel@ryley.ca for information and application form. Theme this year is “Canada’s 150th” and all parade participants that fill out an application form will receive a free lunch on June 17 following the parade. All ages are welcome to join our parade.

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