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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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February 2017

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No Market in February at the Ryley Community Centre. Next market will be on March 2nd. Lunch will be available by the Ryley School Grad Class.

Sewer & Garbage Bills

The sewer and garbage bills for 2017 will be mailed out in February. If you have any questions about the utility bill please contact the Village Office at 780-663-3653.

Ryley Curling Club 2017 Bonspiels

Albrecht Mixed Modified February 3-5, 2017

Dale Winsnes Mixed Open March 3-5, 2017 ~ \$160.00 Entry Fee

Maximum 24 teams! Fills up fast, don't get left out! Sign up today!!!

Contact Patrick Manderson to register today at 780-497-8889.

Registration cut off is Thursday one week before each bonspiel.

Sign up sheets are also available in the Curling Rink lobby.

Come down to the Ryley Curling Rink, watch some curling and cheer on the teams. Concession open. Call 780-663-3960 for times.



After School Curling:

Tuesdays & Thursdays. All school age children are welcome, as well as adults who want some practice or instructions.

Tofield & Area Health Foundation Valentines Gala ~ Saturday, February 11th

Valentines Gala at the Tofield Community Centre on February 11, 2017.

6:00 PM Cocktails ~ 6:30 PM Dinner ~ 7:30 PM Entertainment

\$40.00 per ticket, includes a \$15 tax receipt. Advance Ticket Sales Only. Tickets available from: Foundation member's, Guardian Pharmacy, Tofield Farmer's Market, Town of Tofield, Village of Ryley.

Battle on Ice! RCMP VS. FIRE ~ Saturday, February 11th

Guns & Hoses Community Fundraiser starting at 2 pm at the Tofield Arena

Adults: \$4.00 / Kids (5 to 17): \$2.00 Maximum: \$10.00 per family. Tickets at the Tofield RCMP Station at 5515-49 St.

Concession Stand run by Tofield Minor Hockey ~ 50/50 run by Victim Services ~ Silent Auction run by Bits n' Spurs 4-H

Check out our Facebook Page at Guns and Hoses Hockey Challenge.

Snow Removal Reminder

Residents and business owners are responsible for clearing all public sidewalks adjacent to their property (front and side) within 48 hours of a snowfall; and maintaining them free from ice and other debris. The fine for failing to clear sidewalks is the cost of clearing by the Village. Please note you can not pile or spread snow from private property or public sidewalks onto the street. The exception to this is on Main Street, from 50 Ave. to 52 Ave. where businesses do not have a vacant area or a boulevard. We ask that if you see your street being cleared of snow to please move your vehicle so public works can effectively clear the roads. Your efforts in this are appreciated, especially by your neighbors who use the sidewalk. Thank you.

511 Alberta Road Information

Up-to-date road information, including traffic delays, is a click or a call away. Call 5-1-1 toll-free, visit 511.alberta.ca or follow us on Twitter @511Alberta to get on the road to safer travel.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 2017 Ryley Market, Please note there is no market in February. First market of 2017 will be on March 2nd.

Friday, February 3rd.

Sunshine Club Crib Tournament, 7pm at the Ryley Sunshine Club, 5124-50 St.
WECAN Food Basket deadline for fees. See ad for details.

Tuesday, February 7th.

Committee of the Whole Meeting, 6:45pm at the Ryley Municipal Office.

Saturday, February 11th.

Tofield & Area Health Valentines Gala. See ad on front.
Guns & Hoses Battle on Ice, 2 pm start. See ad on front for details.

Monday, February 13th.

Library Board Meeting, 7:30 pm. Held at the Beaver County Boardroom.

Tuesday, February 14th.

Valentine's Day.

Monday, February 20th.

Family Day.

Tuesday, February 21st.

Regular Council Meeting, 6:45pm at the Ryley Municipal Office, 5005-50 St.

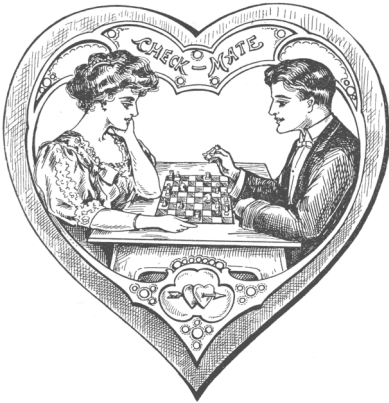
Mayors Greeting

During this sometimes dreary time of year, council would like to encourage residents to make use of the recreational facilities we have within the village. The skating rink is open daily for public skating and this activity can be a fun way to enjoy an Alberta winter. The curling club is proud to provide a fantastic three sheet rink that can offer entertainment in a milder environment than the outdoor skating rink. If you are looking for a low impact workout, please consider the swimming pool. Morning, evening, and Sunday swim times are available. All facilities are excellent resources to help alleviate the winter blues. Junior and Senior High Basketball are in full swing at Ryley School as well, and supportive spectators are always welcome at games and tournaments.

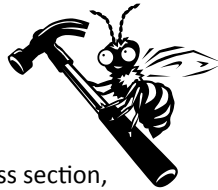
Council would like to thank village residents who continue to keep the sidewalks free of ice and snow. This practice keeps our sidewalks safe for pedestrians and we sincerely appreciate the arduous task of scraping the heavy ice and snow in cold conditions. Thank you! We would also like to remind residents to try to avoid pushing piles of snow onto village roadways. This practice could result in hazards for the community and the safety of the public is important for us all.

Recently there has been some dissatisfaction expressed towards the village council and staff about Bylaw enforcement. The Community Standards Bylaw was passed by village council in an effort to maintain safety and esthetic standards of the village. This bylaw is not intended to unnecessarily infringe of the rights of property owners, but to facilitate the continued use and enjoyment of all properties. In the past, village bylaws have not been enforced due to a variety of circumstances. However, village council felt that bylaw enforcement was an important file to pursue and has contracted with Vegreville to access their bylaw enforcement officers. While no system is perfect, bylaw staff makes a significant effort to work with property owners to ensure compliance with the Bylaws that council has established. At times this process requires measures that may seem unnecessary, but no actions are taken carelessly. In addition, it can be important to consider that bylaws that are not enforced will be ineffective.

We wish you all a healthy and fantastic February.



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 - 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.

FREE Pizza Party!

For ages 9 to 17. Friday, February 10 from 6 to 8 pm at the Tofield Pizza & Donair, 4932-51 Ave.

We have moved!

Effective January 3rd, 2017, the Tofield/Ryley/Beaver County West FCSS is now located at the Town of Tofield Office. 5407-50 Street. **For your convenience our contact information will remain the same:**

Phone: 780-662-7067 Email: tofieldfcss@gmail.com

Please note: Our fax number has changing to 780-662-3929 and our website is currently under construction. When it is up and running you may locate us at www.tofieldfcss.ca or www.tofieldfcss.com.

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.

St. John's Ambulance First Aid Courses - Joslien Wannechko

Emergency First Aid - March 11 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm \$115

Standard First Aid - March 11 & 12 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm \$155

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

(Made Possible By Funding From Aboriginal and Community Connections Branch, Advanced Education, Government of Alberta)

The new newsletter will be out the beginning of January. Watch for it or call CALP for information.

Beaver County Family Literacy FREE Program

You are invited to join us as we learn at play everyday celebrate in your community. Families of all ages welcome! Please call or email to RSVP.

Monday, February 6th at the Ryley Good News Community Church from 10:00 to 11:30 am.

Please RSVP to calc@beaver.ab.ca or call 780-663-3730/1-866-663-1333.

McPherson Municipal Library

Sunday CLOSED Monday 5pm to 8pm Tuesday 12pm to 8pm
Wednesday & Thursday 5pm to 8pm Friday & Saturday 12pm to 4pm



Come into the library and see all the new books we have!!!

There are new books for all genres, so there's something for everyone. Please come check it out!

February is going to be especially busy with **WRP** and new books. There is still more- the library will be hosting a quilted wall hanging creative adventure and get this, there is no sewing **CRAZY** right!! You will end up with a beautiful wall hanging you created and be instructed by a seasoned quilter and all around awesome lady. If you are interested in joining the fun please contact Lynda Johnston here at the library or email her at: lynda4345@me.com. Come and pick out your pattern. YES, that's right you get to pick the pattern from a wide selection.

For more information about any of our activities check our website at www.mcphersonlibrary.ab.ca or contact the library at 780-663-3999.

Employment Workshops & A Job Club

Hosted by BGS Career and Corporate Development at **Alberta Works - 5121-49 St. Vegreville**. Phone BGS at **587-280-3170** for more information on dates and times. Free Monthly Workshops: success to employment, resume development, interview techniques and job search. Drop-in Job Club includes, networking with fellow job seekers, creating a resume and improving interview skills, receive computer and online job search support, and finding out about the local hidden job market.

Ryley Swimming Pool

SCHEDULE:

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.



Mystery Play

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 - Feb. 6, Mar. 6, Apr. 3, May 1.

For more information please contact Cheryl or Kim W. at 780-663-3730 or 1-866-663-1333.

Lost & Found

There was a ring found in Council Chambers. If you can describe the ring then it must be yours! Please call the Village Office at 780-663-3653 if you have lost a ring.



Highway 14 Water NEW LOCATION - 5029 - 51 Ave

Please note that Highway 14 Water has moved to 5029 - 51 Ave, next to the Fire Hall. Their office is located in the trailer next to the quonset. If you have any questions please contact Highway 14 Water at 780-663-2019.

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COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT

Each month I would like to highlight a community group, club or volunteer organization to inform and update the community on what great opportunities are available in Ryley.

Did you know...

Ryley Sunshine Club, after being home to a printing press, a gymnastic club, an elementary classroom, a home economics classroom and a doctor’s office; since 1978 it has been home for the Ryley senior’s club. In 1984 it was enlarged to accommodate more activities.

From 8:00 - 9:30 am every morning of the week coffee is available with the chance to visit.

Due to declining interest, the Monday afternoon cribbage has been discontinued. Wednesday afternoon is available from 1 pm until 4 or more. Thursday evening at 7 pm, the first and third of each month sees euchre fans in attendance. The first Friday of the month is for a cribbage tournament. Every one is welcome on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday for any of the above activities.

These are available if enough interest: a pool table, 2 shuffle boards, one floor curling lane or a floor shuffle game, carpet bowling, darts, scrabble, dominoes, checkers, tile rummy or backgammon and a ping pong table.

Thank you to all the volunteers who help make the activities possible. Our annual meeting will be the afternoon of February 22.

To rent the facility contact Carol at 780-663-2338.

Would you like this club to continue to be a part of the Ryley community?

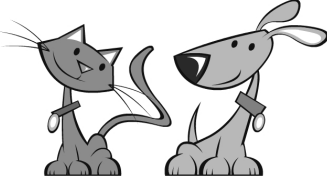
Animal License

It’s now that time of year when you should be coming into the Village Office to renew or get your animal license.

Dogs: \$10/Fixed, \$25/Not Fixed

Cats: Free/Fixed, \$15/Not Fixed

We ask that if you have a picture of your pet, bring it in for us to photocopy. This helps us find the owner, if a pet’s tag has been lost or removed. Please note that if you have your pet registered in a different town or city, you are still required to get a Ryley Animal License. Please remember that dogs and cats are to be kept contained within the owners property, or possession, at all times. If you have any questions or concerns about the Animal Control bylaw please contact the Ryley Village Office at 780-663-3653.



Village Market Lunch 2017

The Village Market is a great opportunity for individuals, community groups and organizations to raise funds by putting on the market lunch. There is a fee of \$50 to go towards the use of the kitchen.

Market lunch date available for 2017 is September 7. If you are interested please contact Angel at 663-3653.



Ready....Set....Skate!

Ryley outdoor skating rink is open! **Skating Rink Fees: NONE!**

For any questions please contact the Village Office at 780-663-3653.

Hours of operation of skating shack:
Monday to Thursday - 4 to 6pm & 7 to 9pm
Friday to Sunday - 1 to 6pm & 7 to 9pm

Ryley Lions Club Birthday Calendar

Extra calendars are still available at \$10 each. If you would like a calendar please contact Patricia at 780-663-3812.

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WECAN Food Basket Society

About WECAN Food Basket

The WECAN Food Basket Society operates as a “warehouse without walls” – we buy all our food in bulk and distribute it to our community based depots. Volunteers working with local churches, community centres, social service agencies and daycares, staff the depots located throughout the greater Edmonton area. Once a month, volunteer drivers pick up the food from our supplier, The Grocery People Warehouse, and take it to the depots. Our volunteers then count, sort and pack the baskets ready for pick up. Objective is to relieve poverty by operating community based depots to address food security needs of families by providing quality food at a reasonable cost.

The Program: Members prepay for their food baskets by the first Friday of each month by dropping their orders in the book return at the Tofield Municipal Library, 5407-50 St.. The payment must be in cash and in a sealed envelope. On the front of the envelope, put the date, your name and phone number (cell phone number preferred), your order, and the total cash amount in the envelope. Members then pick up their orders on the third or fourth Thursday of the month at Bardo Lutheran Church, 4737-57 Ave., between 4 and 6 pm.

What do I get in a WECAN 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. WECAN reserves the right to sell unclaimed baskets or distribute them to families in need.**

For more information call: WECAN Food Basket Society of Alberta ~ 780-413-4525

Website: www.wecanfood.com or email the Tofield Depot at: TofieldWECAN@gmail.com

Month	Fees Due	Pickup Date
February	3	16
March	10	23
April	7	20
May	5	18
June	9	22

Participate in the Canada Day Challenge and Celebrate Your Future!

The Canada Day Challenge invites young Canadians from 8 to 18 years of age to celebrate Canada’s culture, explore its heritage, and to participate in a unique creative experience! This year’s theme is **Celebrate Your Future!** 2017 will mark the 30th anniversary of the Canada Day Challenge, an art, photography and creative writing contest. Participants could **win an all-expenses paid grand prize trip for two to Ottawa** to celebrate Canada Day and take part in activities for the 150th anniversary of Confederation.

Canada is 150 years young in 2017! Thousands of events, activities and dialogues will take place and Canadians are invited to participate, celebrate and explore Canada in 2017 to discover what it means to be Canadian. Young Canadians are encouraged to get inspired and show us their vision of Canada’s next 150 years by submitting an entry in the following categories: *Draw it!* (drawing or painting), *Snap it!* (photography) or *Write it!* (creative writing). The Challenge will accept entries from **January 3 to March 31, 2017. Teachers, parents and educators** – Visit our website for more contest details, such as how to submit an entry. Learning resources are also available online to all Canadians free of charge, at www.canada.ca/canada-day-challenge. Should you require more information, please email us at PCH.defi-challenge.PCH@canada.ca.

Like us on **Facebook** and follow us on **Twitter** and **Instagram** @CndHeritage · #CanadaDayChallenge · @canadian.heritage



Young aspiring filmmakers can check out the **Canada Day Video Challenge**, part of Historical Canada’s *Here’s My Canada* contest. www.heresmycanada.ca

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