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December 2017

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Ryley council & staff would like to wish everyone a safe & Merry Christmas!

Ryley Council Upcoming Meeting Dates ~ Ryley Municipal Office 5005-50 St.

Tuesday, December 5th - Committee of the Whole - 6:45 pm **Tuesday, December 19th** - Regular Council - 6:45 pm

Committee of the Whole meetings are the first Tuesday of the month and Regular Council Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month. Meetings start at 6:45 pm and are held at the Ryley Municipal Office, 5005-50 St. Special Council Meetings and any changes to the regular scheduled dates for Council Meetings will be posted on the village website and front window of the Municipal Office on the north side of the front door.

CleanHarbors® Community Relations Committee

Members met on November 15, and want to advise the public that applications for 2018 grant money is open. The minutes are available for reading at the Village office, and on their website. Funding is usually made available in April of each year, so make sure your application letters are in much earlier. Please submit your letters, with as much detail as possible, to the Village office.

Funds available for 2018 applications: \$25,000

According to the *Terms of Reference*, the committee members make decisions based on whether the group or activity is a "recreational, leisure, community resource or program" and that it "enhances the overall general well-being of residents". The next meeting date will be in 2018, will be announced in the Village Voice, and on the website. The public is welcome to attend these committee meetings, but only as an observer. Committee members are: Stan Yuha, Michael Simpson, Lyndie Nickel, Lori-Jo Pope, Cyndy Heslin, Mathew Kowalski, Annette Short, Lorraine Williams. If you have questions, please leave your contact information at the Village office, and a member will respond.

Clean Harbors Hosting Donation to Village of Ryley

1st Quarter \$73,762.33, 2nd Quarter \$117,321.08, 3rd Quarter \$153,594.23, Year to Date \$344,677.64

Niko's Dance Team Christmas Market ~ Sunday, December 3rd

Join the parents of Niko's Dance Team at our Christmas Market at the **Ryley Community Centre**. We are fundraising for team wear and appreciate community support!

Market 10 - 5 pm Lunch 11 - 3 pm Pictures with Santa 2 - 4 pm Please bring a food bank donation.

Tables \$30 includes one meal ticket. Contact Jen 780-991-4403 or Melissa 780-781-5868 to book.

Congratulations to the Village of Ryley Staff on their win at the Festival of Trees for their TEAM spirit, creativity and best display! It's amazing what can come out of working together as a TEAM and using bits and pieces of everyone's ideas! Thank you to Beaver County and FCSS for putting on a great event!



Greetings from Village Mayor

Season's Greetings and Merry Christmas to all the good people of the Village of Ryley!

In smaller communities like the Village, Christmas can be a time for the people of the community to come together through Christmas spirit to celebrate a season of giving, gratitude and good will. The Council of the Village of Ryley invites the community to come out on Dec 2 and celebrate together at the Ryley Christmas Festival, starting with the light up of the Village Christmas Tree at 5:30 p.m. followed by a community event at the Ryley Community Center where people can come have a coffee or hot chocolate and visit with friends.

Also this year, Council has agreed to host another Christmas Light Up event, where residents can put out a display of lights or lawn ornaments and be considered for a prize. Council members will judge on December 14 and notify winners afterwards. There are prizes for home and business categories. Please note home-based businesses will be judged under the residential category. Prize amounts have been increased this year, and Council hopes to see local businesses participating in the event in hopes of adding some Christmas cheer to our downtown and commercial areas.

Council has been fortunate to have good citizen participation at recent meetings, with many local citizens coming out to observe proceedings of Council meetings. At this time, the Village posts meeting dates and times for regular meetings on the Village web-site, www.ryley.ca, and in the Village Voice. If information on these dates and times is missing, please call the Village office at (780) 663 3653 and staff will update the times. Council is looking at ways to enhance readership for the Village Voice in the coming year, and some discussion has also taken place about additional ways to reach out to residents.

One request I make as Mayor for those attending public meetings is to be mindful of using decorum at meetings. There have been occasions where spectators have interrupted the meetings with language not suitable for chambers, and spoken without being recognized to speak. I understand democracy can be messy at times, and disagreements will happen. Disagreeing on an issue doesn't have to turn into a personal exchange, particularly when some meetings have been attended by youth who have come to observe the process in action. I ask public and Council to keep this in mind moving forward.

On the last topic, Council is aware that it must develop a public participation policy by next July, as per direction from the Province to all local governments. We will be trying out some new ways to gather feedback from as many residents as possible.

One such method residents can expect soon is a community survey that will be mailed to residents that asks for input on a variety of topics that may have an impact to residents of the Village of Ryley. Return postage will be included for the survey, and I ask everyone to participate.

Lastly, I'd like to ask everyone to take a moment to consider their neighbour. If you're near a fellow citizen who perhaps is having trouble keeping up with shoveling their walkway this winter, consider a few volunteer hours by giving them a hand with their snow. That extra bit of consideration is what makes living in a small community more personable, and some people's lives a little easier.

Happy Holidays!
Terry Magnuson ~ Mayor

Ryley Christmas Tree Light Up ~ Saturday, December 2nd

Tree will be lit at 5:30 pm sharp in the Century Park on Mainstreet & our jolly guest will have special gifts for the first 50 children 12 and under. Family mixer to follow at Community Hall Coffee, tea and juice will be provided. For information please contact the Village office at 780-663-3653.

The Best Outdoor Christmas Decoration Contest

Best Decorated Residence & Business
Prizes of \$250 for 1st, \$200 for 2nd, \$150 for 3rd in each category and a Framed Plaque to display.
Must be outdoor and/or window decorations. Have your lights on!
Judging: Thursday, December 14 from 5 to 7 pm.
If you have any questions please contact the Village Office at 780-663-3653.



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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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Karmen’s Day Home ~ Operated by Karmen Seath. Limited spots available, call or text 780-995-8682 for inquires. Welcome to the growth of Rley!

TAX REMINDER

Any amount owing on taxes after December 31st will receive a 10% penalty. If you have any question please call the Village Office at 780-663-3653 during office hours.

Notice: Monthly Withdrawal Customers

Please contact the Village Office if you would like to make arrangements for Monthly Payment Withdrawal on Utilities and/or Taxes. Contracts must be signed before **December 15, 2017.** (some restrictions apply) Please contact Jocelyn at 780-663-3653 for details and/or to sign up.

Tofield and Area Health Foundation

The Tofield and Area Health Foundation has a vacancy on their Board beginning November 2017.



We are seeking individuals who would like to aid the Foundation to carry out its Mission:
To support continued quality in the delivery of health services for Tofield and area residents.

The Tofield and Area Health Foundation Board of Trustees are made up of individuals from Tofield, Beaver County and Rley.

We are seeking a Public at Large Position representing the Village of Rley. This individual would be willing to attend Board meetings on the third Thursday of each month at 9:30 am in the Board Room at the Tofield Health Center. We need an enthusiastic person that has a passion for continued excellent health care in our community. The Foundation holds two fundraising events each year, September and February. All Trustees are needed to plan, implement and carry out these fundraisers. The Foundation also participates in Healthy Communities initiatives throughout the year. The various sub-committees within the Foundation are; Doctor Recruitment and Retention, Communications Committee and the Fundraising Committee. The Executive positions within the Foundation are Chairperson, Vice-Chair and Secretary which are elected each Fall in November.

If you have any questions or wish to submit your intentions to seek a position on the Tofield and Area Health Foundation please do so in writing to: Cyndy Heslin, Chairperson at heslin@rley.ca

The Paragon Theatre Showtimes ~ Saturday, December 16th

5019-50 St. Holden Admission \$7 Under 12 years \$3
1:30 pm - **Miracle on 34th Street** 7 pm - **Home Alone** NU2U2 Bin Sale 10-3 pm Lunch 12 pm
Next Movies - Jan. 2/18 Nut Job 1 at 2 pm. Jan. 3/18 Nut Job 2 at 2 pm. Jan. 4/18 Over the Hedge at 2 pm.
Admission, information, and updates are on www.beaverhillplayers.com. You can also email Beaverhillplayers17@gmail.com



TAXervice to manage tax recovery process for Village of Rley

The Council of the Village of Rley has voted to outsource tax collection on overdue accounts to TAXervice, a third-party agency which specializes in tax recovery on behalf of municipalities. TAXervice provides location services for property owners who are hard to reach, coordinates with the municipality on yearly arrears lists, and deals directly with ratepayers, freeing up valuable time in the Village office spent each year attempting to settle overdue accounts. Fees for TAXervice are billed directly to ratepayers in arrears and added to the tax roll, recoverable in the same fashion as taxes. A reminder to all residents, please pay your taxes in a timely fashion – if you wish, a monthly payment installation plan can be set up to make payments easier to manage on a monthly budget. If you are currently in arrears, a payment plan can be set up to a maximum of three years for clearing arrears taxes, as limited in the Municipal Government Act. Taxes are considered in arrears January 1 of the following calendar year from which they were levied. After being in arrears for one full calendar year, the tax recovery process begins, as outlined in the Municipal Government Act.



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

AHS - Addictions Counsellor. Sherwin Ward Thursdays, by appointment only. Please call [780-672-1181](tel: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](tel:780-424-5900) 24 Hours, meeting lists are available at each meeting.

FCSS IS COMING TO RLEY - December 7th Please note time change.

When: **The 1st Thursday each month** Where: **Rley Village Office** Time: **9 to noon**
FCSS specializes in helping seniors with assistance program applications, filling out forms, filing taxes and more!
Call our office to book an appointment at 780-662-7067

Beaver County Community Adult Learning Programs (CALP)



Come to a Learning Café near you! ~ Thursday, December 7th

Community Learning Cafes are for adults with a learning goal, and they are free!
Thinking about going back to school? Need help getting started? Looking for work or a training program?
Wondering about student financial aid? Curious about on-line learning programs? Looking for help learning English? Want to improve your reading, writing, math and basic computer skills? Stop by for coffee and let’s see how we can help.
When and Where? Rley McPherson Library: The 1st and 3rd Thursday afternoon of each month, 1 to 4 p.m.
Final Café for 2017, keep posted for times and dates for the New Year!

New Futures, Free Career Transition Workshop

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GED Preparation –Winter Registration

GED PREPARATION course offered by Academic Express Adult Education and Training. Apply now for January to ensure you have a spot.
Dates: January 16 to March 29, 2018 Time: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 5:00 to 8:00 pm
Place: Beaver County Service Centre – 5120 50 Street, Rley, AB
The GED is a High School Equivalency Diploma, and is recognized by many employers throughout Alberta. The GED Preparation class is a 100 hour video conferenced class that prepares you to challenge the GED Exam. The program consists of 5 subjects – Social Studies, Science, Math, English Literature and Grammar, and an essay. All 5 subjects must be passed in order to receive the GED Diploma from Alberta Education. There is an on-site instructor to assist you with your learning during class times. Student Financial Aid is available through a Part-time Studies Grant if you fall within the income threshold for eligibility.
For more information on any of the above, please contact Beaver County Community Adult Learning Program at 780 663-3730 or email us at: calc@beaver.ab.ca

Open Meeting ~ Thursday, November 30th

An Open Meeting will be held at: **The Rley Legion Hall at 7 PM on Thursday, November 30th, 2017**
To discuss the operating costs of the Village and Council’s refusal to commit a portion of the landfill receipts towards the reduction of Rley’s high residential and commercial property taxes. A short presentation will also be made on how another small Alberta village stimulated growth and investment in their community.
Plan to attend - Coffee will be provided – There is no charge to attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, November 30th.
Open Meeting, 7 pm at the Ryley Legion. See ad for details.

Friday, December 1st.
Sunshine Club Crib Tournament, 7pm at the Ryley Sunshine Club, 5124-50 St.

Saturday, December 2nd.
Christmas Light Up, 5:30 pm at Century Park then carol festival to follow at the Community Center.

Sunday, December 3rd.
Christmas Market, 10 to 5 pm. Hosted by Niko’s Dance Studio. Lunch available. See ad for details.

Tuesday, December 5th.
Committee of the Whole Meeting, 6:45 pm at the Ryley Municipal Office, 5005-50 St. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Thursday, December 7th.
Village Market, 10 am to 2 pm at the Ryley Community Centre. Lunch available by the Beaver Heritage & Agricultural Society. Call in take-out orders before 11 am, 780-663-3607.

Thursday, December 14th.
Best Outdoor Christmas Decoration Contest Judging, 5 to 7 pm. Have your lights on! Prizes of \$250 for 1st, \$200 for 2nd, \$150 for 3rd in each category and a Framed Plaque to display.

Tuesday, December 19th.
Regular Council Meeting, 6:45 pm at the Ryley Municipal Office, 5005-50 St. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Saturday, December 23rd.
Christmas Hamper Pick Up at the Ryley Legion, 11 to 1 pm. If in need of a hamper please call FCSS at 780-662-7067.



McPherson Municipal Library

Hours effective starting September 2017

Sunday CLOSED Monday 4 pm to 7 pm Tuesday 12 pm to 7 pm
Wednesday CLOSED Thursday 4 pm to 7 pm Friday 12 pm to 7 pm Saturday CLOSED

A few things happening at the library this winter. Starting December 6 there will be a jellybean guessing jar in the library. Whoever has the closest guess by December 22 wins the jar! (By donation)

December 20 Kids Program- making Christmas ornaments & Charlie Brown trees. Snacks while we wait for everything to set!
January 2 Summer Reading Program begins- Ballots will be available at the library for different age groups (adults can play too!). All ballots must be turned in by January 8th to be entered to win some awesome prizes.

Also, a thank you to the family of Ethel Pepper for the generous donation.

For any questions you can call 780 663 3999 or Email Kim at librarian@mcphersonlibrary.ab.ca or see our website at www.mcphersonlibrary.ab.ca

Ryley Community Preschool - Raffle Fundraiser

We would like to send out a huge thank you to all those who supported our first fundraiser this year! Draw was done on November 21st and we raised over \$1,700.

Congratulations to the winners of our five prizes!
Prize 1 (43 inch TV) :Donna Koski Prize 4 (prize Basket #1): Doug Dear
Prize 2 (queen quilt): Brian Lecht Prize 5 (prize basket #2): Lyndie Nickel
Prize 3 (Camrose hotel): Jeanie De Grande

All funds raised goes towards the field trips and holiday parties for the kids!
THANK YOU for the incredible community support that you have shown our little ones!



Weather causing icy conditions at Community Hall

The Village advises when visiting the Ryley Community Hall during rented functions to please use caution on the sidewalks and parking lot. Recent warm weather has caused a thaw/freeze and conditions are slipperier than usual. Staff will continue to sand and salt walkways and parking lots as time and resources permit, but ask visitors to exercise a careful step! If you’re escorting a family member who has reduced mobility, take a moment to help them across icy patches for their safety.

Opportunity awaits...

Are you a producer of home-made food products? Do you sell your items at local markets?
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Email cao@ryley.ca for more information on how the Village could help you grow your home-based food business.



Fuel Available in Ryley 24 Hours/day

The Petro Canada Cardlock at the west end of the village has gasoline and diesel available on a 24 hour basis. In order to get fuel, a card is required. Applications for cards are available by calling Drever Agencies at 780-672-2572 or Dale at 780-663-3792.



Ryley Swimming Pool & Fitness Center 5212 - 52 Ave.	Public Swim Hours	
	Sunday	2 to 5 pm
	Monday & Wednesday	7 to 9 am and 6 to 8 pm
	Friday	7:30 to 9 am
To check swim time changes, updates and book for parties please call 780-663-3505 or see Ryley Pool & Wellness Centre Facebook Page.		

Village Market Lunch 2018

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 usage of the kitchen. First come, first pick.
Market dates available for 2018 are: February 1, March 1, April 5, September 6, October 4, and December 6. If you are interested in any of the dates available please contact Angel at 780-663-3653.

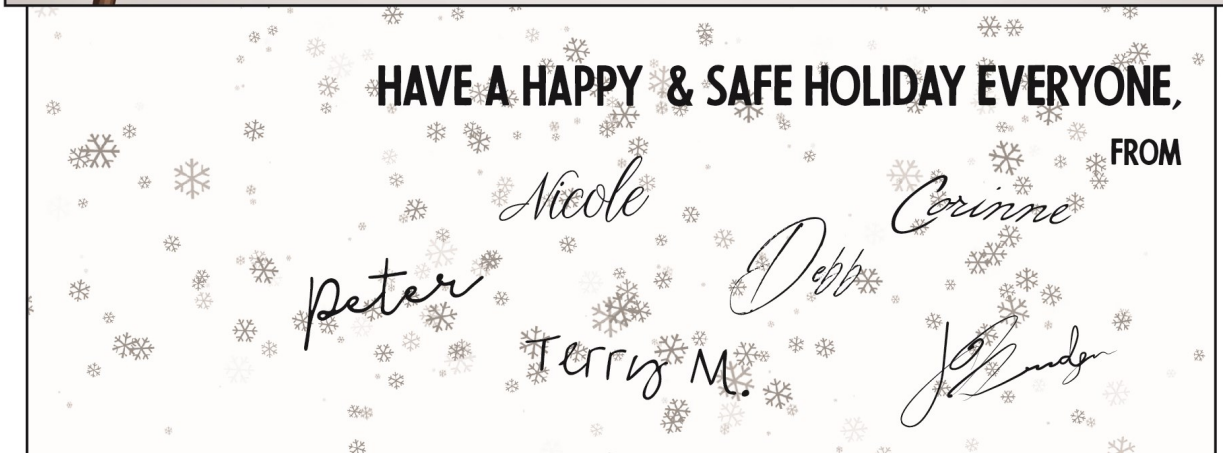
Lion’s Club Birthday Calendars

Calendars will be ready for December and for sale. You can purchase your calendar at the Ryley Municipal Office or by contacting Pat Jeffrey at 780-663-3812 or Andy Nimchuk at 780-663-2444.



WECAN Food Basket Society

December Fees due December 1st. Pickup is Thursday, December 14th. 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 Tofield Depot at: TofieldWECAN@gmail.com



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- Brian Ducherer
- Terry Magnuson
- Lorraine Williams

Special Mention

- Beaver County - Office
- McPherson Library
- Ryley Post Office
- Ryley Swimming Pool
- Village of Ryley - Office

Each year we receive nominations for the establishments listed above. We recognize the hard work and dedication that is put forward by the employees at each of these places, although we can not accept the establishments as a place of business as they are managed/operated by municipal government and/or are a service/amenity provided by such.

Business of the Year

- **Beaver Municipal Solutions**
- Clean Harbors
- Crop Production Services
- George's Harness & Saddlery
- Kumsons Electrical Services
- **Skyway No. 29**
- VMJ Services

Community Contributor

- **Clean Harbors**
- George's Harness & Saddlery
- Kumsons Electrical Services
- Ryley Fire Department
- VMJ Services

Customer Service

- **ATB Financial**
- **Beaver Municipal Solutions**
- Brimstonse Sulphur Inc.
- Country Pine Furniture
- Kumsons Electrical Services
- Ryalta Industries Inc.
- Skyway No. 29
- The Rink - Lunch Diner

New Business

- Brimstonse Sulphur Inc.
- Karmen's Day Home
- Lawn Gnome Landscaping
- **Ryley Pub**

Home Based Business

- AVON - Marilyn Pooke
- Country Pine Furniture
- JB Marketing & Management
- **Kumsons Electrical Services**
- Lawn Gnome Landscaping
- Stitch by Stitch
- VMJ Services

Best Rept Business

- ATB Financial
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- George's Harness & Saddlery
- Highway 14 Water Services
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