



The Village VOICE

April 2021

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Hours of Operation: Tuesday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Closed from 12-12:30 p.m.

We're getting closer!
to applying for a charter school

Holden Rural Academy

a grade 7-12 school for students in the **Holden and Ryley area** to open in the Fall of 2022



We will be hosting online information meetings via zoom.

Wednesday, April 7 at 7:00 pm
Tuesday, April 13 at 7:00 pm

Join our Facebook group or email us to receive the zoom link.

Website: HoldenRuralAcademy.ca

Email: HoldenRuralAcademy@gmail.com

Phone: 780-688-3354

Place-Based Education encourages active, engaged and community-minded education. Students learn how to apply ideas that are being taught to their lives, as well as people and places surrounding them. This is a step out of the four walls of the classroom and involves learning through and with local community spaces.

Holden Remote Clinic

Located at the Holden Lodge 4820-52 Avenue

Dr. Niemand

April 20 from 1:15 - 3:30 p.m.

May 18 from 1:15 - 3:45 p.m.

June 15 from 1:15 - 3:45 p.m.

Dates and times are subject to change.

Please call 1-780-336-4780

Phone to book your appointment today!

Ryley School Kindergarten

Please join us for our

Virtual Kindergarten Open House

April 29, 2021 @ 6:30 pm

ECS Registration 2021-2022 for the
Ryley/Holden attendance area
Students must be 5 years old by
December 31, 2021



Please access the link below through Google Meets or contact our office if you need further assistance.

<https://meet.google.com/yys-rhsg-dda>

We look forward to seeing you then!

The Small School With A Big 

Cans for Kids! Ryley Preschool

Yay!! It's spring at last!! Time to tackle all those wonderful spring-cleaning jobs. If you have a collection of bottles and cans currently taking up space and you'd like them gone....Ryley Community Preschool is running their annual bottle drive from now until May 11th to help raise funds to continue to offer the most affordable early education program in the county. If you would like to help support your community in this way, we gratefully accept any donations. Please phone either Larissa at (780-878-1751) or Stephanie at (587-322-1053) and we will gladly arrange pick up, or you can drop them off on the west side of the Good News Community Church. (Please let someone know before doing this to ensure they are stored safely.)

Thank you all for your continued support!

Want the Village Voice sent right to your email?

Email angel@ryley.ca and we will send you a copy every month!



2021 Spring Large Item Pick up Program

Claystone Waste is once again pleased to help your residents with their spring cleaning as part of our Large Item Pick Up Program. This bi-annual Program is provided at no charge to regional municipal residents.

As in the past, urban residents will need to place their large items directly onto the front street, by the curb, the evening before their scheduled pick up as identified below. They are asked not to place items on the grass or lawn, but rather directly on the street as it is easier for Claystone Waste staff to clean up any broken materials. Please ensure residents place all items at least 3 feet (1 metre) from parked vehicles.

The spring urban collection scheduled for:

Village of Ryley – Thursday, May 6

If a resident's large items have not been picked up three days after their scheduled pick up date, please call our Collection office at 780.663.2038, extension 102.

For rural regional residents, large items can be taken to any of our transfer station year round. We ask that they check our website to see what large items are acceptable at which transfer station site.

Fridges, freezers, water coolers and window air conditioning units are acceptable, however there is a \$25 charge for Freon removal. Due to the pandemic, urban residents will need to pay for the Freon removal at either the local Town/Village office. Once payment has been made, a sticker will be provided that needs to be placed on either the front or side of the appliance.

Ryley, Lindbrook and Viking Transfer Stations accept Freon-containing appliances year-round for the same \$25 charge and payment can be made by credit or debit when bringing appliances for disposal. We do not accept cash at our sites.

Items acceptable for collection in this program include mattresses, sofas, recliners, white goods (stove, washing machine, etc.) and appliances, tires and propane tanks.

Items that are **unacceptable** for the collection program include grass clippings, trees, tree branches, bags of household garbage, small items that would fit into

the neighbourhood waste bin, and cardboard boxes. These items can be broken down and placed in the bin in the alley. Electronic waste should be taken to a transfer station. Chunks of concrete or cement must be taken to the landfill site in Ryley.

We ask for your support with this free Program. Please share the attached flyer with your residents. If at all possible, it would be helpful to keep on schedule if your Town/Village staff could do a quick check along the streets early in the morning of the day of your scheduled pick up and move items to the street if needed.

If you have any questions, please call our office at 780.663.2038, extension 102.

Friends of Ryley School (FORS) Silent Auction Fundraiser

The FORS is putting on another online silent auction via Facebook! We are currently looking for donations for this silent auction. Auction begins at 8 a.m. April 21st and will end at 9 p.m. on April 24th. Check out and join Friends of Ryley School Playground Silent Auction Fundraiser on Facebook. [facebook.com/groups/308678903516150](https://www.facebook.com/groups/308678903516150) The playground project is going amazing and has been successful so far with all your support. Donations for the fundraiser will be accepted until April 14th. Any questions please contact Cassandra Freeman. 587-988-6231.

We Are Hiring!

Be part of a great undertaking and join our #2021 Census team. We are looking to hire about 10 employees in Ryley for various census jobs.

- Pay rates vary by position from \$17.83 to \$21.77 per hour, plus authorized expenses.
- Start and end dates vary by position and location, between March and July 2021.
- You must be available to work flexible hours, mainly during evenings and weekends.
- In the current context of COVID-19, we are committed to ensuring the safety of our employees at all times.

Help your community to plan for the future—apply now! Apply today by going to:

<http://ow.ly/JNTt50D1BT7>

Statistics Canada Facebook page.

www.census.gc.ca/jobs

TTY (a telecommunications device for deaf persons): 1-833-830-3109

REAP Partnership Day

Please join our coalition for this information evening. Attendees will learn about our coalition history, gain an understanding of Elder Abuse, and be navigated through our "Purple Binder" – A Coordinated Response to Elder Abuse"

Please register by calling TBW FCSS at 780-662-7066 or 780-662-7067.

April 15, 2021 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. via Zoom

The REAP coalition serves Lamont County, Beaver County, County of Minburn, County of Two Hills, and Flagstaff County.

Learn at Lunch Teen/Preteen Triple P

4 – Week Course (Workbook included)

Group Teen/Preteen Triple P is a course that will set you up with the full range of Triple P's positive parenting strategies, and will help you understand why your teenager behaves the way they do.

Group Teen/Preteen Triple P is a great opportunity to meet other parents in similar situations with similar concerns. At Group Teen/Preteen Triple P, you will be given tips and suggestions to suit the needs of your family.

Wednesday's April 14, 21, 28, and May 5

Time: 11:30-1:00 p.m. on Zoom

Register by calling Tofield/Beaver County West FCSS Office at 780-662-7067 or 780-662-7066.

Facilitator: Daneille Ostafichuk from the Camrose Family Resource Centre. Certified as: Triple P Positive Parenting Program Facilitator, Kids Have Stress Too! Facilitator, and Certified Infant Massage Teacher.

Daneille will introduce participants to strategies to help you understand and support your teen/preteen using Triple P positive parenting strategies.



Still Looking for Volunteer Coordinator

Tofield and Area Health Services Foundation is currently looking to fill one (1) Volunteer Coordinator position.

Interested parties can contact Brenda with a letter of intent by email.

E-Mail: tofieldhealthfoundation@gmail.com

Beaver County Victim Services

Easter Egg Hunt

Beaver County Victim Services, our local RCMP detachment, and community partners invite families and individuals to participate in our 1st Easter Egg Hunt.

Submit your guess by private messaging the Beaver County Victim Services Facebook Page or by calling 780-662-2258.



Please include:

Name, Address and Phone Number

Top Prizes for Each Community

A great way to enjoy the outdoors, your community, and your family! How many hidden Easter eggs can you spot in your community? Explore your towns, you never know where the Easter Bunny may find them!

Tofield, Ryley, Holden, Bruce, Viking and Kinsella

Begin your hunt helping the Easter Bunny find his eggs March 29 – April 6!

Good lunch and happy hunting!

Good News Community Church Sunday Service

Awana is back on for Thursdays, currently our numbers are limited by the restrictions so we need people to preregister their children if they want to attend. They can email me at pastor@ryleygncc.ca

Youth is back on with the same idea as Awana, please contact me by email to check on activities and availability.

There is a Ladies Bible Study happening at the church on the first and third Mondays of the month. They meet at 10:00 am at the church.

Also each and every Sunday our church services are on 88.7 FM from 11:-12:00

For more information contact Pastor Mark at 780 663-3664. See website for additional information and updates.

Email: pastor@ryleygncc.ca

website: ryleygncc.ca

Free Advertisement!

Do you have a business and would like to advertise for free? Sign up to our Business Guild and we'll advertise for you. For more information please contact Angel at 780-663-3653 or email angel@ryley.ca



2021-2022 Health Care Aide Certificate

RDC's Health Care Aide Certificate program prepares students to be a part of a healthcare team in a variety of different settings, providing high level front-line care to clients in need of assistance.

- Accredited provider of the 2019 Government of Alberta Health Care Aide Curriculum
- Flexible learning – complete your coursework online and attend in-person labs in your community
- Complete three hands-on practicum placements
- Learn in your own community!

For more information contact:

School of Continuing Education
rdc.ab.ca/continuingeducation
403-356-4900 ce@rdc.ab.ca



Ryley Museum Society Annual Meeting

The Ryley Museum Society is holding their annual meeting on April 14 at 10:00 a.m. at the Legion, if Covid numbers allow it. We have recently lost 4 faithful members and are now looking for some new ones. If you have an interest in helping to preserve Ryley and area history we can use your help. Come out to our meeting or contact Willis for more or updated information (780 886-8144). We would also like to thank John and Selma Spence and Janet and Dale Winsnes for their many years of service, you will be missed!

Ryley Council Meeting Dates via video conference.

Tue. April 6 & 20 - Regular Council - 6:45 p.m.

Regular Council Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of the month. Meetings start at 6:45 p.m. and are being conducted via video conference.

Telephone (778) 907-2071

Meeting ID - 974 6141 9019; Passcode - 874235

Connection information will be posted on the village website and is live streamed on the Facebook group "Village of Ryley". For additional meeting information please call the Ryley Municipal office during office hours.

www.ryley.ca

GET A DEGREE IN YOUR OWN COMMUNITY

You don't have to go far to get a world class nursing education. For the first time, Alberta Health Services (AHS), in collaboration with the University of Calgary, is providing the opportunity to get an undergraduate nursing degree right here in Wainwright. Through the Rural Registered Nursing Degree Program, Wainwright and area residents interested in earning a university degree to become a registered nurse may soon do so without leaving their home community.

Students will complete all four years of the registered nursing degree in Wainwright, with the program delivered by the University of Calgary.

- Alberta Health Services will provide classroom space at Wainwright Health Centre where nursing students will be trained.
- Students will also complete their clinical practicum placements locally in Wainwright and area.
- In the first year, the University of Calgary will provide virtual course delivery of the program through in-person instructors at the university, and Wainwright students connected via video. In the second through fourth years, clinical and hands-on classes and labs will complement virtual and online learning.

This pilot project is open to eligible students starting in September 2021. Space is limited to eight students per year from Wainwright and surrounding communities within a 120 km radius.

**Apply before April 30, 2021 to be considered for
this unique local program.**

For more information contact:

Carley Herbert

Wainwright Economic Development Officer
780-842-3381

CHerbert@wainwright.ca

www.ahs.ca/WainwrightNursing



Blue Fairy Arts

I paint murals, and by request. I sell my own paintings and drawings. You can contact me at
Savanah.klassen@gmail.com.

Hayland for Rent

¼ section North east of Ryley

Call 780 663 3693

HAITI REBUILDING FUNDRAISER

*Abracadabra - a bag of unwanted used clothes
magically turns into a house!*

How is that possible? By donating that bag of clothes to Margaret Jones' FREE fundraiser for her team's house-building project in Haiti. This fundraiser is unique because it is a win-win-win-win for everyone. It's called a FUNDrive and it's a partnership with Value Village. Here's how it works:

WIN FOR YOU – you bag up used clothing, shoes, textiles (e.g. towels, sheets, pillows, etc.), housewares, toys, and books. Deliver the items to Margaret's house at 4844 – 54 Avenue (in the collection bin beside the driveway) and she will recycle them for you, free of charge.

WIN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT – keep your unwanted items out of the landfill and reduce your carbon footprint. Did you know that every year, 26 billion pounds of clothing and textiles go to the landfills - 95% of which could be reused or recycled? Through Margaret's FUNDrives, 12 tons of used items have been diverted from the landfill so far.

WIN FOR VALUE VILLAGE – they receive new inventory to support their business objectives, including providing employment, recycling unsold items to developing countries, and supporting charities.

WIN FOR Haiti ARISE – Value Village will provide a financial donation to Haiti ARISE (haitiarise.org) based on the weight of donated goods. Margaret is planning to travel to Haiti once the pandemic restrictions are lifted to assist with rebuilding homes and communities damaged or destroyed by the 2010 earthquake and/or the 2016 hurricane, two of the most devastating natural disasters in its history. Trip expenses are Margaret's personal responsibility; fundraising proceeds go directly to project costs.

ELIGIBLE USED ITEMS

(Please bag items for each category separately)

Category A - clothing in good repair, shoes, hats, mitts, scarves, socks, purses, backpacks, shoes, etc.

Category B - housewares and toys

Category C - books

INELIGIBLE ITEMS

NO mattresses, baby gear, appliances, furniture, auto parts, building materials, tires, or flammables

Thank you for your support!

CAO's Corner

Hello Ryley,

Clean Harbors, Ryley Facility: this is my topic of the month.

At first impression, it is not positive that Ryley is known as "that place beside the landfill". Few people know the difference between the "Ryley Landfill" that is now Claystone Waste and the Ryley Facility of Clean Harbors. Either way, it is easy to imagine that living beside one or two "dumps" would make our village smell and be littered with debris. So, it is easy for outsiders to assume that Ryley would be a poor place to choose as a community of choice.

The reality is that any industrial or large commercial business has drawbacks. In many cases, these are quite menacing to the environment and create great outputs of dangerous waste. In comparison, landfills are quite efficient and are paradoxically much cleaner than factories that spew great plumes of pollution or create great volumes of trash. In contrast, landfills are the clean-up operations, and they provide a wonderful service for our world. Both of our landfills take great measures to keep our community and the local environment clean and then they share their profits with us as an extra measure of "Good Neighbour" behaviour. Knowing what I know about landfills as compared to other industries, I personally feel we are incredibly lucky to have these industries in our community: those "Good Neighbour" measures are a wonderful gift for all of us.

Clean Harbors is a huge business that is inside of Ryley. As such, we enjoy an exceptionally large non-residential tax injection from them that keeps our residential property taxes lower. I compared seven (7) other villages in Alberta that all have an "Equalized Assessment (EA)" between \$30M and \$40M. Ryley has an EA of \$36M so it sits just slightly on the high side of the middle of this group of villages. While we tax our businesses at a high rate to lower our residential rate, our overall average tax rate is the second lowest in this group of eight villages of similar property value and holdings. Aside from the overall average, our residential tax rate is also the second lowest in this group.

As a "Good Neighbour", Clean Harbors does something for us that is purely voluntary. They share their business profits. They gift us a hosting fee of \$3.00 for each tonne of volume that they receive, and they put this in writing through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Council. In this MOU, Clean Harbors states that they wish to "facilitate a degree of financial stability for the Village of Ryley in its planning, construction, maintenance and operation of such recreational and leisure facilities and in its provision of community resources and programs which enhance the overall general well-being of residents". The hosting fee varies each year because it is based on business profits. It is above and beyond the non-residential land tax that they pay each year, and it varies around \$400K annually. It is almost as much as the overall tax levy

that we raise – our taxes could otherwise be double what they are! We have not done a great job in the past at expressing where we spend this gift; however, one way or another, this gift raises the overall Village revenue and lowers the amount that Ryley needs to collect in taxes. As of last year, Council and I are committed to making special efforts to mark this cash flow in our budget so we can recognize exactly how we are profiting from this wonderful gift. We owe it to Clean Harbors to give them credit for the things they make possible. So, exactly what else does Clean Harbors provide for us?

Aside from the hosting fee, Clean Harbors paid an extra \$250K to build our fantastic outdoor skating rink many years ago and they are always interested in discussing if Ryley needs additional initiatives. As if that is not enough, they also provide a "Community Enhancement Grant (CEG)" to "contribute further funds to the Village of Ryley for recreation and leisure or community facilities or programs". The CEG is up to \$75K and it has been as low as \$25K when Clean Harbors has seen leaner years. It was \$50K for 2020 and 2021. Each year in March, the Clean Harbors Community Relations Liaison Committee (CHCRC) reviews applications and recommends to Council, the payout of this grant to community groups and organizations. Many community entities have received portions of this grant over the years, including organizations, groups, societies, and clubs in Tofield, Beaver County and Holden.

This year, the CHCRC considered an application from our newly formed Ryley FCSS. The Ryley FCSS receives base funding from the Province and the Village. This base funding is enough to stand up an FCSS and manage basics for the program, including the coordination of access to provincial and regional programs and services. The Ryley FCSS can already provide more tailored services for Ryley with less funding than it previously provided as part of the partnership of the Tofield-Ryley-Beaver West FCSS. Council has committed to keep the same additional funding that it provided under that previous agreement. The Ryley FCSS can now develop and build some additional home-grown, local services and programs that are tailored to our community. Access to even more funding will facilitate even more programming and the vision of the Clean Harbors CEG was developed for exactly this reason. Through the grant, Clean Harbors will help us build a much stronger Ryley FCSS which will help us build a stronger and more resilient community. This will enable us to build services and bring resources right here inside of Ryley. These are exciting times, and they can be made possible because of Clean Harbors.

So, the next time someone asks me if Ryley is that place beside the landfill, I am certainly going to stand up straight, look them in the eyes and say: "Yes, we are so lucky in that respect!" I am thankful to Clean Harbors for moving us closer to "Living the Life of Ryley".

CAO Glen "Hambro" Hamilton-Brown

Family and Community Support Services Ryley (Ryley FCSS)

The FCSS Transition Committee has continued to work to create a solid foundation and vision for the local program. The organizational framework and processes for community response and engagement are well underway. Alongside that structural work has been the very real responsibility of addressing any needs of the community that emerge along the way. We want people to know that if you need support and access to services, contact the Ryley FCSS program at 780.663.3653 or email FCSS@Ryley.ca with any questions about service availability, information and referrals. You can also find, like and follow our Facebook page [@ryleyfcss](https://www.facebook.com/ryleyfcss). There you find a wide variety of supports and programs available through many of our regional partners and other service providers as well. The programs offered to residents throughout the region are still open to Ryley residents and are posted on social media as they become available.

Part of the provincial model for an FCSS program is to have a **Board of Directors**. Council will appoint four to six (4-6) members representing the diversity in our community to provide oversight of the FCSS program. **The FCSS Bylaw states:**

"The Ryley FCSS Board reports to the Village Council and Administration regarding the application and administration of the FCSS Act and related Regulations and in such capacity shall: Make recommendations and decisions regarding any and all matters determined from time to time by Council. Council of the Village of Ryley shall, through policy statement, delegate authority to the Ryley FCSS Board in such areas as Council determines. Such delegated authority shall include the establishment of grant policies and the distribution of grant dollars within established budget guidelines." The FCSS Board is a working Board and will require a commitment of 3-6 hours per month. **The application will be available starting April 7th through until April 23** on the Ryley website (ryley.ca/fcss) and on the various Ryley social media pages. A paper copy can be accessed through the office.

Ryley FCSS continues to offer the **CRA COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PROGRAM**. With the help of our trained volunteers, we are able to assist eligible individuals and families in Ryley and area with their basic tax returns. For more information, please contact Ryley FCSS at 780.663.3653 or email FCSS@ryley.ca or contact us through the Facebook page [@ryleyfcss](https://www.facebook.com/ryleyfcss).

Counselling will be available in Ryley very soon. We are working directly with Alberta Health, Addictions & Mental Health to provide counselling right here in our community! We anticipate availability later in April. Please watch the website (ryley.ca/fcss) and/or the Facebook page ([@ryleyfcss](https://www.facebook.com/ryleyfcss)) for more information.

We are also pleased to be launching the **Beaver County LGBTQ2S Adults Monthly Meetup**, a social support group that will gather monthly beginning in mid April. The group will offer opportunities to reduce isolation and increase connection and support for LGBTQ2S residents of Beaver County. The first meeting will be from **7pm - 8:30pm on Thursday, April 15th at the Ryley Community Centre (5103-49 St)**, in the downstairs space. Please note that masks will be required and all necessary Covid protocols will be observed. Again, watch the website (ryley.ca/fcss) and/or the Facebook page (@ryleyfcss) for further updates.

Follow FCSS on Facebook @RyleyFCSS for all the news about our program!

ABOUT RYLEY FCSS

Each month we will publish a question or two that we receive from residents of Ryley and do our best to provide a short answer.

Q: Why is the Village of Ryley choosing to pay more to provide less services?

A: The answer to your question is twofold. The first part is that Ryley is NOT paying more. The government allocates FCSS dollars based on population so in the previous agreement, the funding dollars given was exactly the same as Ryley is receiving directly now. And the same municipal contribution that was previously made is directed to the local FCSS program. So there is no change in funding at all.

The second part of the answer is that Ryley will benefit from having those dollars spent in our own community. Virtually all of the FCSS programs you had access to throughout the region, are STILL AVAILABLE TO YOU! You can still sign up for the programs Camrose offers. You can sign up for learning opportunities offered in other jurisdictions by our regional partners. But Ryley can now offer additional programming right here in our own community. As Ryley FCSS gets more established you will see initiatives and programs emerge that will fill gaps, meet local needs and strengthen our community. So it is a win-win for residents of our community because we get more for the same cost!

Community Together Update

Even though it may feel we are getting out of the woods with Covid, it is still very important that we continue to follow all health orders and reduce the risk in our Community. With Easter approaching, here are some creative ways to celebrate.

7 ways to celebrate Easter while staying safe from coronavirus.

1. Decorate the house

Creating simple Easter-themed decorations is a fun activity and placing them all around the house will instantly brighten the mood.

2. Make creative Easter baskets (for future gifting)

If you typically enjoy creating Easter baskets to give as gifts, you can creatively use household items to make great ones this year!

3. Send Easter cards to family and friends

It's always fun to get cards or letters in the mail.

4. Have a virtual family gathering on Easter Sunday

Holidays are a great reason to get together with family and friends.

5. Play Easter games

Games are fun and festive.

6. Participate virtually in Easter church services

7. Have a virtual Easter Parade

Ask family and friends to dress up in their Easter outfits (or bunny costumes!) and take photos.

Check out the website for more ideas and printable activity sheets!

Source:

<https://dailycaring.com/7-festive-and-safe-ways-to-celebrate-easter-during-coronavirus/>

Other community news:

The Give and Take Centre: This was a temporary pilot project and due to its success, before Covid health orders, we are going to find it a permanent home within Ryley. Stay tuned for the location update and reopening!

Community Together is looking to develop a database of all the local trades people and home businesses. If you are a contractor, plumber, electrician, etc. let us know. If you create or sell consumer goods, like clothing, candles, etc. let us know and we can begin to refer to you as we receive these requests often.

Big thank you's go out to all the Ryley and area businesses that contributed with Community Together to the Beaver County Victim Services Easter Egg Hunt Prize donations. What a wonderful outpour of support and great way to get families out and about!

Have a great April and a hoppy Easter!

Want to run for Council? 2021 Municipal Election

Would you like to be more hands on in making important decisions and creating a pathway into the future for you community? The next municipal general election will be held on October 18, 2021 and your voice is important!

Nominations for the general election will be open between January 1, 2021 and September 20, 2021. Nomination packages are available at the Ryley Municipal Office and on our website at www.ryley.ca. In this package you will find what it means to be a municipal councillor.

For more information and inquiries please contact the CAO, Glen Hamilton-Brown at 780-663-3653 or cao@ryley.ca. Your community needs you!

UPCOMING events



Friday, April 2, 2021

- Ryley Municipal Office Closed for Good Friday.

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

- Regular Council Meeting, 6:45 p.m. via video conference. See ryley.ca for meeting video link or call 780-663-3653.

April 7 & 13, 2021

- Holden Rural Academy Online Information Meeting, 7 p.m. via zoom. See ad on front for details.

Friday, April 9, 2021

- WECAN Fees Due by 3:00 p.m. See ad for details.

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

- Ryley Museum Society Annual Meeting, 10 a.m. at the Legion. See ad for details.

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

- Regular Council Meeting, 6:45 p.m. via video conference. See ryley.ca for meeting video link or call 780-663-3653.

April 21 - 24, 2021

- Friends of Ryley School Society Online Auction. See ad for details.

Thursday, April 22, 2021

- WECAN Pick up at 3:30 p.m.. See ad for full details.

Thursday, April 29, 2021

- Virtual Kindergarten Open House, 6:30 p.m. at <https://meet.google.com/yys-rhsg-dda>



House for Sale in Ryley, AB

\$244,900 2002 - 1,200 SQFT Bi-level

Master Bedroom with ensuite and walk-in closet plus 2 more bedrooms upstairs. Upstairs has 3 piece main bathroom. Basement has 3 bedrooms and a partially finished bathroom.

For more information call Marvin at: 780-913-5614 or Email: marviv09@gmail.com For sale by owner.

Are you reopening? Have you booked a new date for your event?
We want to help you get this information out to the public. Contact Angel to have your business or event information in the next issue of the Village Voice at no cost.
Angel 780-663-3653 or email angel@ryley.ca



BEAVER COUNTY

Community Adult Learning Program

Beaver County Community Adult Learning Program

Beaver County CALP is here to help!

Phone: 780 663 3730

Email: calp@beaver.ab.ca

One on One Tutoring

We offer one on one support in basic reading, writing, math, digital skills and English language learning. We are currently using video chats and phone calls to support learners, but we hope to offer in-person tutoring as soon as health restrictions are relaxed.

Foundations for Learning (Norquest College)

Foundations for Learning are anytime Online Courses offered through Norquest College that include 30 Hours of FREE one on one tutoring by Beaver County CALP. Tuition: \$279 per course. Tuition and Fees are payable to Norquest College. Available Courses:

- GED Preparation Foundations – Prepare for writing the GED Exam. GED Test Fee: \$200
- Pre-Trades Math and Science Preparation Foundations – Develop math and science skills needed to pass the apprenticeship exam.
- Prep for Practical Nurse Foundations – Completes the math pre-requisite for entry into the Practical Nurse program at NorQuest.
- High School Prep Math Foundations – Basic algebra skills required for High School math courses. Successful learners progress to Math 10C.

Career Transitions

Throughout the year, we offer Academic Express's New Futures Career Transitions training. This training can give learners tips and strategies for job searches, resume and cover letters, job interviews and much more. Contact us for the next session date.

Career Exploration Workshop

Participants will complete a Career Exploration Inventory (CEI) that will help them identify their interests in work, leisure activities and learning opportunities. Part II of this workshop will include exploring the Alberta Learning and Information Services web-site (ALIS) and

creating an Action Plan for short, medium and long-range goals. Cost: \$10

Please contact us to schedule a workshop.

More CALP Programs: Please check our website (www.beavercountycalp.ca) for more programs.

McPherson Municipal Library

The Ryley Book Club, hosted by McPherson Municipal Library hasn't been able to meet for a year! But that doesn't mean we have stopped reading! Hook your library card into the online library system using the Libby or Overdrive apps. You can borrow e-books and audiobooks for free. Little ones bored? There are endless options for all ages and all free with your library card. And you can join us for the Big Library Read April 5 - 19. Big Library Read (BLR), facilitated by OverDrive, is a reading program through your library that connects readers around the world with the same ebook at the same time without any wait lists or holds. Hopefully we can gather together again soon but until then... READ ANYWAY! Hop online or make an appointment at the library and get your hands on a book. It's good for your mental health! And if you read a good one, post it on the library Facebook page so others know about it. Happy Reading!

The library has currently closed walk-in visits due to the Covid-19 restrictions. You can still access books by calling during library hours to arrange for pickup.

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Wednesdays 1-4pm

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780-663-3999

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Niko's Dance Team is your local dance studio. Find our registration and additional information on our facebook page Nikosdanceteam. Owner- Niki Hofer
Office Administrator- Amber Carson
780-663-3903 nikosdanceteam@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/nikosdanceteam/>

River Rock Cafe

5111-50 St. Ryley

Spring has arrived & Easter is here! We will be closed Easter weekend from Friday April 2 to Monday April 5th reopening on Tuesday April 6th.

Our Regular hours outside of Easter closure are:

Sunday-Monday 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday-Friday – 10:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday – Closed

We are now Serving Pizza, Donairs, Italian Loafs and regular menu items.

Sunday Specials Include: Our regular breakfast special \$7.95, Cowboy Breakfast Special \$12.95 and Eggs Benedict \$12.95

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Finally, we are looking for community feedback on staying opened later than 7 p.m. on Thursday and Fridays in the summer.

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The Program in Tofield-Ryley

Members prepay for their food baskets by the first Friday of each month. Then, orders can be picked up on the third or fourth Thursday of the month at the Ryley Municipal Office.

A WECAN Food Basket consists of...

Fresh food is the staple of any healthy diet. Our food offering is:

Meat Order (\$15): 2-3 cuts of frozen meat,
Produce Order (\$10): 3 types of fresh vegetables and 3 kinds of seasonal fruit. Members can order whatever quantity of each order they would like, for example:
2 produce + 1 meat = \$35 or 2 meat + 1 produce = \$40
Membership is \$5 per year: Apr 1 to Mar 31.

If you want to order you have several options:

- E-transfer to tofieldwecan@gmail.com
- Drop through the mail slot at the Ryley Village office front door.
- Go to WecanFood.com and place your order online.

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: WECAN Food Basket Society of Alberta 780-413-4525 Website: www.wecanfood.com
Or email the Tofield-Ryley Depot at:
TofieldWECAN@gmail.com

Fees Due: April 9th by 3:30 p.m.

Pick Up: April 22th at 3:00 p.m.

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