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Ryley Council lowers tax penalties

At the December 19, 2017 Regular Council Meeting, the Village of Ryley Council voted by majority to pass Bylaw 2017-926 - Tax Penalties Bylaw, which reduces the September 1 penalty annually from 18% to 10% on overdue current-year taxes. "The Council has heard from the people of Ryley that the previous penalty structure made it difficult for some who are in financially disadvantaged positions to repay overdue taxes in a timely fashion," Ryley's Mayor Terry Magneson said. "Research was done to compare Ryley's tax penalty structure with other municipalities and we discovered that, while we didn't have the highest penalties out there, we felt there was an opportunity to help the citizens of Ryley out by lowering penalties. We feel this will mean that those who are making payment arrangements to bring their accounts up to date will find this gives their payments more bang for their buck, meaning they can be squared away on their taxes faster and get on with other matters in their lives without the added stress," Mayor Magneson said. Under the new bylaw, tax penalties on current-year taxes will now be 10% applicable on September 1 of the year in which they are levied, while overdue tax accounts on January 1 will still receive a 10% penalty as well. Arrears payment options are available for those still needing to pay off outstanding taxes as of January 1. Please contact the Village Office if you require payment arrangements to be set up.

Did vou know.....

In 2017 The Village of Ryley made \$15,761 in donations to community groups and \$22,000 in local business tax rebates to support small businesses in Ryley.

FREE Social Media Seminar

Sponsored by the Village of Holden, Village of Ryley and Beaver County Funding for this initiative was provided in part by the Government of Alberta A service Offering Of the REACH Program Free Social Media Seminar 5 Ways Small Businesses Can Increase Their Digital Footprint

When: February 22nd 9:30am to 11:30am

One-on-One Consultation 12:30 to 3:30pm Where: Ryley Municipal Office, 5005-50 St. Whether you are new to business or are already in business and reside within the boundaries of Beaver County this Free Seminar will be of interest to you. Seminar Leader Brian Siddle from Strong Coffee Markiting will be available for a limited number of oneon-one digital marketing consultations following the

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Want the Village Voice sent right to your email? Email angel@ryley.ca and we will send you copy every month!

Mayors Message

February is here, which means we're almost through the long haul of another Alberta winter. I hope everyone has stayed warm to this point and stayed safe while travelling abroad. A note to the gentlemen of Ryley, don't forget to treat your special someone to a Valentine's Day experience, be it a nice home-cooked meal (easy on the charcoal) or a night out without the little ones.

If you're stuck for somewhere to be, or just interested in supporting the community, the Tofield and Area Health Foundation is hosting their annual Valentine's Gala on February 10th. Tickets are \$40 each and the gala will be a great opportunity to get spiffed up and have a nice dinner followed by some dancing. The fact that it's happening the weekend before means you can stay out a little later! Tickets can be purchased at the Village office leading up to the event.

Market season is upon us as well, which means each month a variety of vendors descend upon Ryley Community Center, a hot lunch is served and there's plenty of chances to pick up some unique items sold by a mixture of local and traveling vendors. The February market is happening February 1st from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. but if you miss that one, the next market is March 1st from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. If you're interested in hosting a table contact Angel at the Village Office to book your spot at (780) 663 3653. I'd like to invite community groups from Ryley and area to join the conversation about our annual Sports Day, held in June. Our first planning meeting will be taking place February 7th at the Village Office starting at 5:30 p.m. This is a chance for local groups to take on a piece of the action, organize an event within Sports Day and contribute some good old fashioned community spirit! We've had great success in the past with the help of local organizations, and we hope to see you there this year as well.

tions, and we hope to see you there this year as well. The Clean Harbors Community Enhancement Committee is extending application deadlines to March 16, 2018 for local non-profit organizations to submit requests for funding on programs and events that contribute to the quality of life in Ryley. Please submit a letter of request explaining your project, estimated costs and timelines to the Village Office in an envelope marked "Clean Harbors Community Enhancement Grant Application" and it will be forwarded to the committee for review later in March. Recipients are announced in April. A new ap-

plication form is being created, and will soon be available on the Village website to download and fill out - but until then a regular letter of request will suffice. Ryley swimming pool is currently closed for a maintenance cycle, but I'm hoping it will be up and running soon so keep your bathing suits and towels handy as a nice soak in the hot tub is a great way to get the chill out of your bones. Kids will love the climbing wall too! While it's been a challenging time with the new curling ice plant, the ice is in and the Ryley Curling Club is looking forward to seeing you at their Business Spiel on February 9 to 11. To register call Patrick Manderson, Curling Club President, at (780) 497-8889 and get in on the action! Lastly, Council is pleased to announce in cooperation with the communities of Viking, Holden and Beaver County, that a very special presentation is being held March 24 at the Ryley Community Center featuring Doug Griffiths, who will deliver his funny, insightful and thought provoking presentation titled "13 Ways to Kill Your Community". This event takes place on a Saturday, and is free for all residents of Ryley, Viking, Holden, Tofield and Beaver County to attend. Council really looks forward to seeing you there, and chatting with you about ways we can rejuvenate our communities and maybe have a few laughs along the way. Stay tuned for more information on that worthwhile event.

Terry Magneson - Mayor of Ryley

Ryley Council Meeting Dates

Ryley Municipal Office 5005-50 St.

Tuesday, Feb. 6 - Committee of the Whole - 6:45 pm Tuesday, Feb. 20 - 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.

Sewer & Garbage Bills

The sewer and garbage bills for 2018 will be mailed out in February. If you have any questions about the utility bill please contact the Village Office at 780-663-3653.



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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- 4.1 A nuisance, for the purpose of this bylaw, is any condition on or around a property that is untidy, unsightly, offensive, and dangerous to health and safety to any person, or has or may have a detrimental impact upon any person or other property in the neighborhood, or which interferes with the use and enjoyment of other adjacent property, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing includes the following:
- (d) without a permit, the storage or accumulation of dilapidated or derelict vehicles or the storage of more than two (2) unregistered motor vehicles on any property regardless of their condition or how neatly they might be stored. A permit may be issued at the discretion of the Chief Administrative Officer or delegate.
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Clean Harbors Community Relations Committee

CHCRC is now accepting grant application from local and area non-profit organizations.

Deadline is March 16, 2018.

You can drop off your application at the Ryley municipal Office. The minutes are available for reading at the Village office, and on their website. 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 March 21,6pm at the Ryley Municipal Office. 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 guestions, please leave your contact information at the Village office, and a member will respond.



The village has received the 2017 4th quarter hosting fee from Clean Harbors of \$135,311.66.

Solar Info Session

Saturday, February 17

10am–2pm at the Ryley Community Centre 5103-49 St. Solar, Rebates, & Tax Incentives for Farmers

Come and Join us in Ryley to learn about how solar can work on your farm. Learn about government incentives for farmers under Growing Forward 2 and the upcoming Canadian Agricultural Partnership from Kale Scarff with Gateway Research Organization (GRO). After that, lend your ear to Chris Finch with FBC and learn how solar on your farm can help reduce your contributions to the man in Ottawa. Following lunch, Steve Kenyon will take the podium to talk about Solar in Alberta and how his Solar System is helping him keep his monthly bills down. \$5 with preregistration or \$10 at the door with lunch included.

Please register by calling 780-349-4546 or emiling grohome@telus.net

McPherson Municipal Library

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

February is a nice quiet month to check out a new bestseller. Come see what's new, or watch our facebook page for all the latest. Our holiday Guess Jar was such a success! It was the first winner's wishes to move to the next closest guess so the official winner was Judy Matheson. Her daughter Kali accepted the prize for her. Congratulations! Valentine's is around the corner! Our next Guess Jar will be starting February 1 with the winner being announced on February 14soyoucan enjoy the sweets with your sweetie! Feb 12- Board meeting at 7:00 PM. Public welcome. Feb 19- Family Day. Closed.

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

Summer Bust Out Meeting

Held on Wednesday, February 7th at 5:30 pm in the Ryley Municipal Office. At least one member from each Ryley organization and/or group is encouraged to join us in planning for our community event. Participation from community groups is vital in keeping our annual event alive. Members from the public are also welcome to attend. If you can make it please contact Angel at 780-663-3653 or email angel@ryley.ca.

Community Calendar

The Lions Club Community Calendar will be for sale at the Ryley Market, Feb. 1. If you are interested in having a birthday or anniversary in the 2019 calendar please stop by the table.

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Opportunity

FCSS Public At Large (PAL)

The Tofield/Ryley/Beaver County West FCSS Advisory board is currently looking to fill 3 volunteer Public at Large Positions (PAL) to represent Beaver County West, the Town of Tofield and the Village of Ryley. Interested parties must reside in their respective municipalities. If you would like more information please call our office at 780-662-7067 or forward your letter of intent to: Ruth Gill, FCSS Director

P.O. Box 1058, 5407-50 Street, Tofield, AB TOB 4J0 E-Mail: rgilltofieldfcss@gmail.com

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Ryley Good News Community Church Monday 10:00 – 11:30 am February 26, March 19

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Good News Community Church First Monday of every month 10:00 – 11:30 am Feb 5, March 5, April 9, May 7

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At the Ryley Municipal Office we have booklets and information on Seniors Programs and Services. We have information guides and booklets on Financial Assistance Programs, Special Needs Assistance and the Property Tax Deferral Program. You can also get more information on Seniors Programs and Services on the Government of Alberta website at www.seniors.alberta.ca

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Glen's Mechanical

GLEN'S MECHANICAL will be closed for the remainder of February. We will be happy to serve you again starting in March. Thank you for your support.

Animal License

It's now that time of year when you should be renewing or getting 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. 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 please contact the Ryley Village Office at 780-663-3653.

Skyway #29 Valentine's Day Special Buffet Sunday, Feb. 11, 5pm-8pm Please call and make reservation 780-663-2118

Valentine's Gala



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Beaverhill Rural Crime Watch General Meeting February 5, 2018 at 7pm

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Presentation Topic: Trevor Tychkowsky – Provincial Crime Watch & Coming Changes
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- Coming AGM on March 22
- Membership

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WECAN Food Basket Society

February Fees due February 9th. Pickup is Thursday, February 22nd.

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email Tofield Depot at: TofieldWECAN@gmail.com



Ryley Sausage employs 8 people locally and 6 in Edmonton. At the sausage manufacturing operation in Ryley staff are constantly ensuring the best local ingredients are being used to maintain that great taste that has helped Ryley Sausage increase sales by double digits in the last few years.

ipe and has been using it ever since. His instincts would prove correct as the demand for sausage without fillers, extra water and less preservatives became the market's main focus. "It was back to the basics. In recent years, people who buy my product have come to appreciate how simply the sausage is made. There's very few ingredients, and a high meat content. We don't add things in to get more weight and stretch out the recipe. We believe a good sausage should sell itself based on taste, and we're in high demand in a lot of ethnic shops in the city where people want organic foods instead of highly processed ones. We classify our product as a European style sausage and because we have a simple process, the flavor stays consistent," Kowalski said. Ryley Sausage boasts a clean product that is allergen free, gluten free, contains no added proteins, artificial flavors or colours, and no fillers.

As a result, Kowalski's business, which employs 8 people in Ryley and 6 in Edmonton, the name Ryley has travelled abroad in the province, helping the Village stay on the map as being a community of good taste. Kowalski said he's also been fortunate to enjoy good support in the area from the Tofield IGA which has always given him a fair shake at placing his product on the shelves at a reasonable price to consumers.

Within Edmonton, Kowalski's trained demo team of six staff also continues to serve as ambassadors for the community when presenting products. Kowalski estimates that up to 15,000 people are hearing about Ryley through his product annually. But Kowalski insists there's more to the business's success besides the great product. "We spend a good deal of time

and energy ensuring our facility is clean and safe. Staff constantly train on food handling and sanitization techniques. This is important for us, because as a small business, we're more vulnerable to problems. It would only take one bad ring of sausage to damage our reputation and so we have to be sure everything is always meeting the highest quality control standards."One major component of this is temperature control, as curing meats is a delicate process. Another is Kowalski's insistence on using local meats. "We purchase much of what we use from a colony near Bruce, to make sure we're getting the best, freshest meat for our sausage. Farmers must follow rigid standards held by the provincial and federal governments, including that no animal can be slaughtered and sold within 6 months of receiving any antibiotics. We make sure all the meat we purchase is free



"We don't rush things," Ryley sausage owner Andy Kowalski says, standing beside a rack of sausage that is about to head into the smoker. "We use nitrites for curing the meat, because it's healthier than the use of nitrates. It takes a little more time to complete a product cycle, but the taste is all the difference our consumers tell us. We respect that."

and clear of any hormones or antibiotics, and that our suppliers are fully compliant with all government regulations."

Additionally Andy, his wife Johanna and children put in long hours packing products, delivering them to stores, maintaining equipment in the shop and conducting regular inspections. "As a small business that does everything in house from making the sausage to doing its own accounting, it takes a commitment to keep on top of operations," Kowalski said. Be sure to stop in and pick up some fresh Ryley sausage today, and taste what it means to Live the Life of Ryley.

Ryley Curling Club 2018 **Bonspiels**

Business Open - February 9 -11 ~ \$160.00 Entry Fee Entry deadline - February 1.

Dale Winsnes Open - March 2-4 ~ \$160.00 Entry Fee Entry deadline - February 19.

Maximum 24 teams! Don't get left out! Sign up today!!! To register contact Patrick Manderson at 780-497-8889 or the Rink at 780-663-3960.

Sign up sheets are 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 concession times.

Battleford Trail Research

Do you have any information on the **Battleford Trail** south of Holden & Ryley?

The Holden Museum currently is researching the early BATTLEFORD TRAIL (1876 – 1910) (early pioneer trail & Telegraph Line) prior to the railroad... If you have any information (family pictures, stories, etc.) whatsoever on this important path for early travellers & settlers, we want to hear from you!

Contact Holden Museum at: 780-688-3593 email: holdenmuseum@gmail.com WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Holden Historical Society Museum

Holden Historical Society Museum COME WORK WITH US! OUR MUSEUM NEEDS YOU! Thur., Feb. 9 at 7 pm at Holden Museum 4928-50 Ave. Museum Board Annual General Meeting (AGM) The museum is looking for a number of positive individuals to move the Museum into the years ahead. You are all invited to attend!

For more information, contact: Dave at 780-688-3593 or email: holdenmuseum@gmail.com SEE YOU THERE!

The Paragon Theatre Showtimes

5019-50 St. Holden Admission \$7 Under 12 years \$3 February 17 - Odd Ball (PG) at 3 pm February 17 - Dunkirk (PG) at 7 pm Next Movies - March 10 TBA Admission, information, and updates are on www. beaverhillplayers.com. You can also email Beaverhillplayers17@gmail.com

Ryley Sausage adds local flavour

One of the best known brands emerging from Ryley comes in the form of local European-style sausage maker Andy Kowalski and his family's business, Ryley Sausage. Initially founded by Kowalski's stepfather John Thomasen as a meat shop in 1970. "It was initially a butcher shop, selling cuts of beef and pork," Kowalski explained. "My stepfather and his partner would take their trim from making their

cuts and make some sausage with it, but it was never their initial intention. Eventually however, the sausage started selling faster than the rest of the products. This was the start." By the mid-70's, ANDY sausage sales were enough that Thomasen made it the main product at his shop.

Sausage's taste. "This is a very

Kowalski said most $\overline{\mbox{\mbox{${}$}_{After\mbox{$purchasing the business}$}}$ of the flavours in the from his stepfather in 1991, recipe are known Andy Kowalski has kept to the to people, although same Ukrainian and Scandinavian origins for his famiportions are $\frac{v_{\text{lan}}}{l_{\text{y's}}}$ prized sausage recipe, the secret to Ryley a decision that has helped delicious his product stay in demand.

Ukrainian and Scandinavian area, and so when they started making sausage, it was using an old Ukrainian recipe for the garlic sausage and for the ham sausage they were using an old family recipe that originated in Denmark. Feedback from people buying the sausage helped them fine tune the recipe and we've stuck with it since." As for Kowalski, he spent some years in Edmonton working at various meat shops, sharpening his skills. Eventually, he would complete a meat processing course offered at NAIT. By the mid-80's, he was living in Ryley working full time at the family business. In 1991, Kowalski bought the sausage business from his stepfather and has been the owner ever since.

Over the next ten years, Kowalski said he experimented in his downtown shop in Ryley with different styles in response to what the market was demanding but eventually decided he didn't like the way the taste of his product was changing. He reverted back to the old family rec-

UPCOMING events



Thursday, February 1, 2018

- Village Market, 10 am to 2 pm at the Ryley Community Centre, 5103-49 St. Lunch available, perogie platter with all the fixings. Call in take-out orders before 11 am, 780-663-3607.

Friday, February 2, 2018

- Sunshine Club Crib Tournament, 7pm at the Ryley Sunshine Club, 5124-50 St.

Tuesday, February 5, 2018

- Beaverhill Rural Crime Watch General Meeting, 7 pm at the Viking Carena, 5120-45 St. Viking. See ad for details.
- Beaver County CALP New Futures Career Transition Workshop starts. See ad for full details.
- Mystery Play, Good News Community Church, 10 to 11:30 am. See ad for details.

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

- Committee of the Whole Council Meeting, 6:45 pm. Held at the Ryley Municipal Office, 5005-50 St.

Tuesday, February 9, 2018

- Holden Historical Society Museum General Meeting, 7 pm at the Holden Museum, 4928-50 Ave. See ad for details.

February 9 to 11, 2018

- Ryley Business Open Bonspiel. See ad for details.

Saturday, February 10, 2018

Valentine's Gala, 6 pm at the Ryley Community Centre, 5103-49 St. Tickets available at the Ryley Municipal Office.

Monday, February 12, 2018

- Library Board Meeting, 7 pm at the McPherson Library. Members from the public are welcome to attend.

Saturday, February 17, 2018

- Solar Info Session, 10 am to 2 pm at the Ryley Community Centre, 5103-49 St. See ad for details.

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

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

Thursday, February 22, 2018

- Free Social Media Seminar, 9:30 am to 11:30 am at the Ryley Municipal Office. See ad on front for details.

Monday, February 26, 2018

- Numeracy Nuts, 10 to 11:30 am. See ad for details.

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4	5 Beaverhill Rural Crime Watch GM Beaver County CALP Workshop Mystery Play	6 Committee of the Whole - 6:45pm	7 Summer Bust Out Meeting, 5:30pm	8	9 Business Bonspiel Holden Museum GM WECAN Fees Due	10 Business Bonspiel Valentine's Gala, 6pm at Hall
11 Business Bonspiel Skyway Valentine's Buffet, 5-8pm	12 Library Board Meeting, 7pm	13	14 Valentine's Day Library Guess Jar Ends	15 National Flag Day #Canadaflag	16 Chinese New Years	17 Solar Info Session, 10am at Hall
18	19 Family Day Library CLOSED	20 Regular Council Meeting - 6:45pm	21	22 Social Media Seminar, 9:30am WECAN Pickup	23	24
25	26 Numeracy Nuts	27	28	ReadySetSkate! 49 Street & 53 Avenue Ryley outdoor skating rink is now open! Skating Rink Fees: NONE! For any questions please contact the Village		National Flag Day On February 15, 2018, National Flag of Canada Day falls during the Winter Olympics. Visit our web site to view the poster for Flag Day events!
Additional information to all calendar events can be in the ad's. You will also find the Village Voice, events and village information on the website at www.ryley.ca. For any inquiries please contact the Ryley Municipal Office at 780-663-3653.				Office at 780-663-3653. Hours of operation of skating shack: Sunday to Saturday - 10 am to 9pm NO PUCKS AFTER 9PM!		CANADA.CA/FLAGDAY Post a photo with the flag on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter and use the opportunity to cheer on our Olympic and Paralympic athletes! #CanadianFlag