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## Province provides grant for Ryley Pool renovations

John Mather

During a recent grant ceremony and volunteer recognition event hosted by Camrose MLA Jackie Lovely, the Beaver Heritage and Agricultural Society of Ryley received a grant of \$22,928.

Terry Magnuson, president of the Beaver Heritage and Agricultural Society operating the Ryley Pool and Wellness Centre, accepted the cheque and spoke about the use it would be put towards.

"This is a matching grant for the ag. society in Ryley," he said. "About 48 years ago the building committee in Ryley was foolish enough to build an indoor swimming pool."

"What I mean by that, does anyone know how much it costs to run a swimming pool? It's very expensive."

He explained the pool needs changes.

"When we built the pool 48 years ago, it was for the children," he said. "And what's ironic is the children are now us. The adults use the pool more than the children do."

He added the grant will allow for the upgrading of the change rooms, and to build a special room for those who require the use of a wheelchair.

"This matching grant is very important and we will upgrade and build a special room for families and those with disabilities. We are very grateful to get this."



Terry Magnuson, president of the Beaver Heritage and Agricultural Society operating the Ryley Pool and Wellness Centre, accepts a ceremonial cheque for \$22,928 from Camrose MLA Jackie Lovely Feb. 4. The money will be used with matching funds to renovate the Ryley Pool. The renovations will include upgrading the change room and provide better access for those with disabilities.

## Seniors to benefit from new assisted living program, says Beaver Foundation chair

Patricia Harcourt

A new provincial assisted living agency to be set up this year will refocus continuing care programs in the province. And Gene Hrabec, chair of the foundation overseeing provincially owned seniors facilities within the county thinks it will benefit those living in those facilities.

"From the limited information that we have got it looks like it should be good for all seniors in Alberta whether it's a rural or urban," said Hrabec, who is Deputy Reeve for Beaver County.

"We have been consulted and will have more information sessions coming in the near future," Hrabec promised.

And he believes the new Assisted Living Alberta which is the provincial agency for continuing care, will help with Holden Lodge going forward.

"The (Beaver Foundation) board did review the whole lodge," he said, referring to Holden Lodge, "and have all agreed to keeping it open. Some of the continuing care model will definitely have an effect once it's in place."

The Holden Lodge has suffered from low residency issues for the past several years but Hrabec

explains there is more to the equation than financials, including the community.

"Sometimes making a decision, especially in this case is not just about money. One has to take into consideration, the residence, the community, and what that economic spinoff means to the municipality of Holden."

Beaver Foundation Chief Administrative Officer Owen Ligard told Viking Council recently that the lodge now has a new manager with 11 residents, up from a previous six residents.

In future, being able to have more assisted living programs going into the county's continuing care facilities, like Holden and others in Viking, Ryley and Tofield, will enable people to stay in lodges longer with help such as with personal care

Assisted Living Alberta program is being established for April 1, and operational by the fall of this year.

The new agency will align medical and non-medical supports and services, increase continuing care spaces, reduce wait times, and provide comprehensive wraparound supports for Albertans who require different levels and types of care.

This includes both seniors in long-term care and those who want to continue aging at home but need supports to do so, as well as people with disabilities, individuals experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable Albertans who require temporary or long-term care.

The province stated that "refocusing Alberta's health care system ensures all Albertans have access to the services and support they need, when and where they need it."

With that in mind, Albertans are invited to share their feedback, and help shape the future of continuing care through online engagement that will be open from Jan. 30 to March 3 at Alberta.ca/lead-the-way.

Plus, continuing care providers and health care and continuing care workers will also have an opportunity to provide feedback through what is being called by the province "targeted engagement that will be open at the same time."

Stated the provincial government: "Albertan's insights and perspectives will help lead the way in improving the system to ensure it meets Alberta's needs today and for generations to come."





HOLDEN COMMUNITY HALL ASSOCIATION  
PRESENTS

# SPAGHETTI DINNER & FAMILY DANCE



**SAT.  
APRIL  
5**

Dinner: 5:30 - 7pm  
Dance 7-10pm

Advance Tickets:

13+ - Adult - \$15  
Kids 5 - 12 - \$10  
4 & under - Free

@ the Holden  
Community Hall  
Association

Advance tickets  
entered into door  
prizes!!

## We're looking for you.



We're looking for residents of Tofield, Viking, Ryley, Holden, and Beaver County who want to get involved and make a difference by joining the Claystone Public Advisory Committee.

Join the PAC! Submit your resume and cover letter by March 31, 2025, to [info@claystonewaste.com](mailto:info@claystonewaste.com).



### IMPORTANT DATES

**March 5**

- 9:30 am - 4:30 pm - Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting

**March 26**

- 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM - Regular Council Meeting

### WHATS HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

**Book Club**

Location: Ross Creek Community Hall, 531041 Rge Rd 191  
Rural book club that meets the first Tuesday of each month. Meetings run from 7PM - 8PM, all ages welcome!

**Tofield AA** - Thursdays, 8 - 9 PM

Basement of Bardo Lutheran Church, 4737 57 Ave, Tofield.

**Viking AA** - Wednesdays, 8 PM, Zoom option also available.

Golden Valley Lutheran Church, 5327 56 Ave, Viking.

<https://area78aa.org/meetings/147-3>

Submit your event/s, meetings and/or gatherings to the events calendar on the website! Just head to the website, under the Explore menu click on County Region Events Calendar. We have partnered with Go East to share local events on our website!



### COMMUNITY SUPPORT GRANT DEADLINE

Beaver County values the incredible work of community organizations! Through the Community Support Grant program, we provide funding and in-kind support to help bring impactful projects to life.

Thinking about applying? Here's what you'll need:

- ✓ A completed application form,
- ✓ A detailed project budget,
- ✓ The organization's most recent financial statements,
- ✓ Evidence of financial need or quotes for the project.

**Deadline: February 28, 2025**

For more details and to find the application form scan the QR code or email [communications@beaver.ab.ca](mailto:communications@beaver.ab.ca)



### FARMERS PESTICIDE CERTIFICATE COURSE

Attention Farmers: Are you certified? Join the Farmer Pesticide Certification Course!

When: March 12, 2025 - 9:00 AM

Where: Daysland Community Hall, 5029 51 Ave, Daysland

Why attend:

- Minimize risks and enhance safety.
- Access restricted pesticides
- Recertify for 5 years - no exam required!



This one-day course led by certified experts Dr. Bill Hamman and Erin McIlwrath, covers essential topics like pesticide safety, legislation, and pest management to keep you compliant and up-to-date with industry standards.

Early bird fee: \$150  
Seats are limited - book today!



### NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Nominations are now open for the 2025 Municipal Election. Thinking of running for Council?

Visit our website under: Government > Municipal Election 2025 or scan the QR code to view all Election information including key dates, the candidate information package, and nomination forms.







## OPEN RFQ

Beaver County is currently accepting submissions for the following:

- **RFQ2025-08INFR Septic Services**
  - Closes: February 24, 2025 @ 9 a.m. Local time

Please find complete information for all requests on our website > **Business > RFPs, Tenders, Leases & Sales**



## GREEN ACREAGES WORKSHOP SERIES

Green Acreages has expanded its program to include virtual webinars to any acreage, hobby farm, or recreational property owner across Alberta!



- March 18, 2025 - Mitigating the Risk of Wildfire with FireSmart Alberta
- March 25, 2025 - Working with Beavers with Cows and Fish - Riparian Management Society

Register today by visiting [www.landstewardship.org](http://www.landstewardship.org) or scan the QR code!

## DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

The following Development Applications have been **APPROVED** (except where otherwise noted) by the Development Authority under the provisions of Land Use Bylaw No. 98-801, subject to the right of appeal to the relevant appeal body - Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) or Land and Property Rights Tribunal (LPRT).

<b>APPEAL DEADLINE</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 20, 2025</b>
Appeal Body	ISDAB
Application No.	020020-25-D0001
Applicant	BROCK MASCHMEYER
Landowner	MARILYN & PETER HRITZUK
Location	NE-34-50-19-W4
Development	Discretionary Use with 121.52 ft Variance from Minimum Front Yard Setback & 26 ft <sup>2</sup> Variance from Maximum Site - 96 ft <sup>2</sup> Sign

Any person wishing to appeal an application may do so by serving written notice on the prescribed form (stating reasons for the appeal) to the relevant appeal body. For information on how to appeal can be found on our website under **Services > Planning & Development > Appealing Planning Decisions**

Further information regarding the above decisions may be obtained from the County Office, Ryley, Alberta.



## NO-TILL GARDENING WORKSHOP

Interested in growing your own food while focusing on soil health, water conservation, and reduced chemical use? This workshop led by Kim Ross from Rosedale farms will teach you practical techniques and tips for sustainable gardening. Discover how to cultivate a thriving, eco-friendly garden!

When: March 13, 2025 from 5:30 - 8:30 PM  
Where: Royal Canadian Legion, 5121 50 St, Ryley

Registration is open now until March 10th!

Scan the QR code to register!



SCAN ME

## But First, Love Yourself!

Living On Purpose

This workshop will guide participants in discovering and clarifying their personal values, passions, and purpose. By the end of the workshop, participants will have the tools and strategies for living a more intentional and purposeful life.

**FEBRUARY 24TH**

6 - 7:30p.m.  
Tofield Community Hall

**FEBRUARY 25TH**

6 - 7:30p.m. Viking/Beaver FCSS Board Room

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!**

To register for the Viking or Holden workshops, please call VBFCSS at 780-336-4024. To register for the Tofield workshop, please call Tofield FCSS at 780-662-7067

Attendees will receive a special take-home self-care gift!

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## CAMPGROUND BOOKINGS OPEN MARCH 1ST!



Attention outdoor enthusiasts! Bookings for Black Nugget and Camp Lake Park open on Saturday, March 1st at 9:00 am!

Access the online booking tool on our website under the **Explore menu** or visit [letscamp.ca](http://letscamp.ca).



## JOIN OUR TEAM!

We're looking for dynamic, motivated superheroes to join our team! What's your superpower?!

- **Seasonal Crew Members - Agricultural Services**
- **Serviceman/Equipment Operator II (Temporary)**
- **Equipment Operator III - Truck Drivers (Temporary)**

For more information, and details on how to apply, visit our website > **Government > Careers**



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### Mailing list

Get news, meeting highlights, the road construction schedule, the Chronicle, and more - direct to your inbox!

### Website

Information on County programs and services can be found on our website, along with the latest news.



# Regular exercise can help battle winter blues

Cassandra Lundbek

As the chill of winter's last few months lingers over Alberta, many residents may find themselves struggling with the season's emotional toll. For some, the cold months can trigger negative feelings known as the winter blues, or, more seriously, Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). The lack of sunlight, lower temperatures, and longer nights can all contribute to these negative emotions and feelings of exhaustion. However, some strategies can help make these last few months more bearable.

Tracey Boast Radley, Executive Director of Tofield Beaver County West Family and Community Support Services (TBWFCSS), recommends making time for activities that nurture both your body and mind.

"Try to prioritize self-care, get plenty of sleep, and exercise where you can," Boast Radley said.

Regular exercise is one of the most effective ways to improve your mood and energy levels. In a wellness article from Dec. 7, 2020, Alberta Health Services (AHS) recommends getting outside to exercise when the sun is shining.

"Being active during the daytime, especially early in the day, may help you have more energy and feel less depressed."

Boast Radley also recommends seeking out a hobby or trying new things you haven't done before.

"Our local seniors clubs run a variety of activities and events for senior community members. Many of their events are open to everyone. This is a great opportunity for individuals to meet others, reducing social isolation. They may want to become a member and volunteer their time to support initiatives, which can be very fulfilling."

"It is also important to recognize when you may need to see a medical professional or counsellor to support your well-being," Boast Radley states.

TBWFCSS offers a general family counseling program at \$35/hour, providing a valuable, affordable option for those in need.

Additionally, AHS offers child therapy and addiction counseling at their office, which can be accessed by booking through AHS. They also offer walk-in mental health appointments every Thursday between 10 a.m. and noon.

For more immediate support, the Alberta Mental Health Help Line is available 24/7. This confidential service offers support, information, and referrals to Albertans facing mental health or addiction concerns. Staffed by a multidisciplinary

team of nurses, social workers, psychologists, and others, the service provides crisis support, mental health or addiction assessment, as well as information on local service options.



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CASSANDRA LUNDBEK PHOTOS



## New crisis line for farmers and others in ag industry

Patricia Harcourt

A new crisis line for farmers and others in the agricultural industry has been announced this February.

The National Farmer Crisis Line is being spearheaded by the Canadian Centre for Agricultural Wellbeing (CCAW).

The crisis line number is 1-866-327-6701, or FARMS01. The crisis line network is calling this a "transformative initiative designed to address the unique mental health challenges faced by Canada's farmers, farm families, and agricultural workers."

An investment of \$1.5 million over three years has been made by Farm

Credit Corporation (FCC) to make this initiative possible. It includes the support of licensed professionals trained in the Canadian Agricultural Literacy Program, or CALP.

Farming is one of the most demanding and high-stress occupations. The financial pressures, isolation, and emotional demands of caring for livestock

and crops can take a toll on mental health.

The National Farmer Wellness Network Crisis Line bridges the gap by offering accessible, culturally informed, and confidential crisis services, ensuring farmers receive care tailored to their needs in moments of crisis.