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Claystone Waste named in Alberta Top 80 employers

Kari Janzen

Claystone Waste, the waste management and landfill corporation located outside Ryley, was recently named in the 19th edition Alberta's Top Employers. In the magazine published by the Calgary Herald and Edmonton Journal, Claystone was listed among the 80 employers recognized in this year's edition.

"We've been a top 75 previously recognized employer a number of times. We weren't successful on being among the top 75 employers last year. So we're very grateful that we were recognized and reappointed through now the top 80 employers in Alberta and that's due to our strong core unit and family group of everyone that makes up Claystone. We look after each other, safety is a paramount focus, and we help everybody to succeed both in their work lives and their personal lives," said Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Corey Popick.

Listed among the reasons for Claystone Waste's selection this year is their commitment towards paying for employee education, their health benefits plan, and their high number of sick days. Claystone offers paid education leave of up to 30 weeks and tuition subsidies for job-related courses with no set maximum per year.

"Each full-time employee, on an annual basis, gets at least \$847 that they can utilize for training. That money is not limited in scope; if they're looking for additional opportunities, funding is there. At all different levels of staff, from your professionals in your management and administrative individuals, to your mechanics and operators, everyone has direct, job-

specific training that they must undertake, in addition to your regular safety type training, but we also support non work-related training. If an employee, or employees, are interested in learning a topic, it could be anything at the universities, or at NAIT, or any sort of personal development program, small engine repairs; it doesn't have to be job-specific training," Popick said.

As well, full-time Claystone employees' health benefits plan includes a health spending account of up to \$850 per year and a wellness spending account of up to \$500 per year.

"There is a regular benefit program that will include a baseline amount for items like a massage, but on top of that, they'll get \$850 a year. If that amount is not used up, they can carry over their surplus for up to one year for their health care spending account. They can apply for almost anything health care related including chiropractors, massages, additional follow ups, mental health items, etcetera. It's a supplemental top up to their benefit package. In addition to that, they get an annual \$500 wellness account, which can be applied to gym memberships, buying a bicycle, hockey skates, anything for health and wellness activities outside of work," said Popick.

Claystone also has up to 18 sick days for fulltime employees.

"It is high, but it's important to look after our staff. Fulltime employees earn 1.5 sick days per month, which rounds out to be 18 days per year. With sick time earned, plus short term and long term disability, we look after our individuals in the good times and the bad," Popick said.

Popick officially became CEO of Claystone Waste on December 1, and started with the company in April of 2021 as the Chief Operating Officer. Claystone, established in 1992, currently employs 65 fulltime staff, with the longest serving employee having been with the company since 1997.

"We are very proud of each individual that makes up the Claystone family," Popick said.



Claystone Waste Communications Manager Anne Ruzicka (L) and HR Manager Jeanie DeGrande (R) attended the Alberta's Top 80 Employers 19th annual awards luncheon on Tuesday, Jan. 30 in Calgary to accept the Top Employer award on behalf of Claystone Waste.

Ryley FCSS to host grief counselling sessions starting mid-February

Kari Janzen

Ryley FCSS (Family and Community Support Services) held a grief counselling information session at the Village Office on Thursday evening, February 1. 80 Acres Counselling, Mediation, and Consulting will be starting a four-to-six-week grief support group on Wednesdays at the Village Office, starting February 21. Karlana Noel of 80 Acres Counselling and her practicum student, Tyra Shulko, will be leading the support group sessions.

Shulko is completing her Masters in Counselling in Psychology at City University in Edmonton, and will graduate in April. Noel has a Master of Counselling in Psychology, she is a Counselling Therapist, and is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Psychology and being a qualified mediator. Noel says she began to

practice in this area because of the lack of services available.

"I started rural counseling out here because there's a huge lack of services. We do general counselling, and I specialize in sexual survivors counselling. Tyra will specialize in somatic therapy once she's done, and animal therapy," Noel said.

When Shulko was asked if she will be providing therapy for the animals, she said she often gets that question.

"Everybody always asks that, and no. Somatic therapy is working on being in the present and the mind-body connection. It's like coming back into your body and using the animals for even the sensory experience of touch. Somatics is using our senses, touch, smell, sight, etc., to bring you into the moment. Often when we're stressed or working

through trauma, we maybe in our heads or dissociated, and it brings us back into the moment," Shulko said.

Noel said that using animal therapy for children and adults alike is a neat tool to help them talk about how they are feeling, in an indirect way.

"For kids especially, they can communicate through the animal. They are better able to project what they're feeling, but it's described through the animal, which is amazing. They don't have to talk about their feelings; they could talk about how the animal might feel. Based on what they say, you can relate it back to them, and they can draw those natural connections to what they're feeling," said Noel.

Noel said that in dealing with grief, somatic therapy and animal therapy can be helpful in

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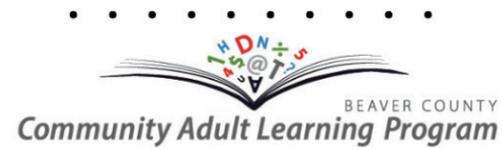


OPEN RFP'S / RFQ'S

Beaver County is currently accepting submissions for the following:

- RFQ2024-04INF - Road Reclaimer/Soil Stabilizer
 - Closes Feb 12, 2024 - Beaver County is inviting the submission of non-binding offers for the provision of a Road Reclaimer/Soil Stabilizer.
- RFQ2024-05INFR Tandem Highway Tractor
 - Closes Feb 12, 2024 @ 10 AM

Please find complete information for all requests on our website > Business > Requests for Proposals & Quotes



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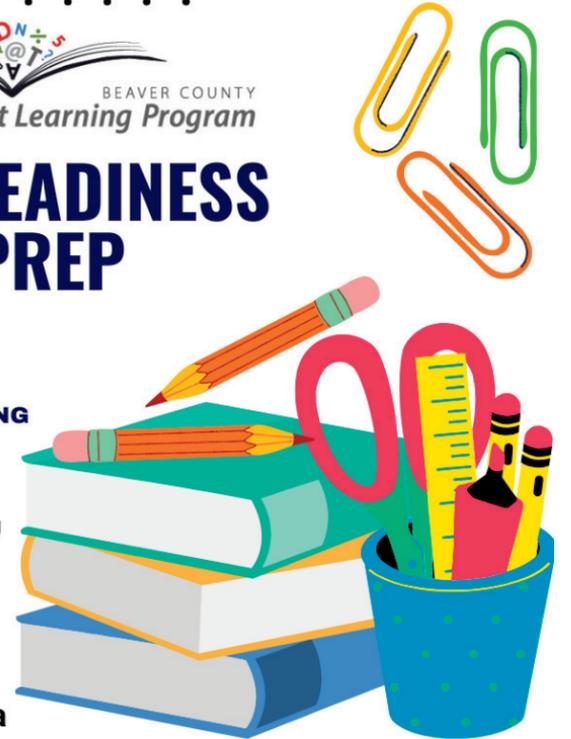
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Weekdays 9:00am - 4:30pm;

Saturdays / STATS 9:00am - 3:00pm; Closed Sundays

NOTE: customers must arrive at least 15 minutes prior to closing;

Administration building

Mon to Fri 8:00am - 4:00pm, Closed from 12:00 - 1:00pm

Toll Free: 1.855.221.2038 Ph: 780.663.2038

Lindbrook Transfer Station:

51008 Rge Rd 201 Ph: 780.662.2704

Tues 10:30am - 5:30pm; Thurs 11:30am - 6:30pm;

Sat 10:30am - 5:30pm

Tofield Transfer Station:

51032 Rge Rd 191 Ph: 780.662.2731

Wed, Fri & Sat 10:30am - 5:30pm

Viking Transfer Station:

12503 Twp Rd 480 Ph: 780.718.7956

Tues 10:30am - 5:30pm; Sat 10:30am - 5:30pm

Kinsella Transfer Station:

46418 Rge Rd 113 Ph: 780.226.6802

Wed 11:00am - 5:00pm; Fri 11:00am - 5:00pm

Please note: All transfer stations except for the Ryley Transfer Station are closed on Statutory holidays.

DID YOU KNOW!



Tofield/Beaver County West FCSS offers a General Family Program for community members living in Tofield and Beaver County West (ranges 17-21).

We offer professional, confidential, short-term counselling for individuals, couples, and families. Our counsellor works with those seeking assistance with personal development, emotional and relationship problems including marital issues, family conflict, aggression, anger, loss, stress, or trauma.

Our counselling sessions are delivered by Charlene Irvine, BA, M.Sc, CCC. Counselling fees are \$35 per session. Out of service area fees apply. Please contact the Tofield/Beaver County West FCSS office at 780-662-7067 to book an appointment or learn more.

THE PARAGON THEATRE

Movies temporarily moved to Holden Hall:
4919 49 Ave, Holden AB.

Saturday, February 17th:

- 3 PM: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles - PG 99m
- 7 PM: Meg2: The Trench - PG 116m

Admissions:
Donations to
theatre repairs

CASH ONLY

Info:
paragontheatre.ca

Next Movie:
February 10 (TBA)



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 Subdivision and Development Appeal Board/Land and Property Rights Tribunal.

APPEAL DEADLINE FEBRUARY 7, 2024

Appeal Body LPRT
 Application No. 020020-24-D0004
 Applicant MAGA Energy Ltd.
 Landowner BCR Farms Ltd.
 Location Plan 212 2928; Block 1; Lot 3 located in NE-15-51-19-W4
 Development Discretionary Use – Natural Resource Extraction Uses and General Industrial Uses – Type II – Four (4) Natural Gas Generators combined capacity of 990 kW (sea cans - each being 1.5m x 2.4m) and One (1) Data Processing Facility (sea can - 2.4m x 12.4m) – added to existing wellsite with well and compressor

APPEAL DEADLINE FEBRUARY 7, 2024

Appeal Body SDAB
 Application No. 020020-24-D0005
 Applicant Fluent Solar
 Landowner Gordon Aitken and Darlene Svendsen
 Location Plan 782 2988; Block 4; Lot 2 located in NE-27-50-20-W4
 Development Discretionary Use – Solar Collector, Roof Mount (336.29 ft2 in area to be mounted on existing garage)

APPEAL DEADLINE FEBRUARY 14, 2024

Appeal Body SDAB
 Application No. 020020-24-D0003
 Applicant Brent Picard (Ammomento)
 Landowner Hubert and Julie Giese
 Location Plan 752 0508; Block ; Lot 7 located in NW-32-50-20-W4
 Development Discretionary Use – General Commercial Use – 12' x 36' pole shed within a 23m x 22m outdoor handgun/pistol shooting range with 10m in height berm and minimum 8' in height perimeter fence

APPEAL DEADLINE FEBRUARY 14, 2024

Appeal Body SDAB
 Application No. 020020-24-D0006
 Applicant Brian Hrabec
 Landowner Hrabec Farms Ltd.
 Location NW-18-50-15-W4
 Development Discretionary Use – Second or Additional Dwellings (3,594 sq.ft. two-story house with attached garage)

APPEAL DEADLINE FEBRUARY 21, 2024

Appeal Body LPRT
 Application No. 020020-24-D0007
 Applicant Lahrmann Construction Inc.
 Landowner Joseph Lazaruk
 Location NE-24-52-19-W4
 Development Discretionary Use – General Industrial Use – Type II - Temporary Asphalt Plant and Stockpile Site (90m x 100m in area) with Work Campsite (50m x 80m in area)

APPEAL DEADLINE FEBRUARY 28, 2024

Appeal Body SDAB
 Application No. 020020-24-D0008
 Applicant Mark Sevcik
 Landowner Mark and Mary Sevcik
 Location NE-22-46-14-W4
 Development Permitted Use - Buildings and Uses Accessory to Permitted Uses (relocation of existing 22' X 16' detached garage) - and - Discretionary Use - Second or Additional Dwellings (1,344 sq.ft. home with 840 sq.ft. attached garage)

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.



IMPORTANT DATES

February 7th:

- 9:30 AM: Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting

February 19th:

- Office closed for Family Day

February 21st:

- 9:30 AM: Regular Council Meeting

March 6th:

- 9:30 AM: Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting

March 27th:

- 9:30 AM: Regular Council Meeting

WHATS HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY



Book Club - February 6th

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!

Darts Night - Wednesday evenings at the Ryley Legion

7:30 PM- 10:00 PM

Legion membership not required, and all skills levels welcome! Darts available to lend if needed.

Food for Thought - Give a Can Today - Food Drive

Tofield-Ryley Food Bank desperately needs cans of fruit. Call 780-662-3511 and leave a message if you wish to donate - a volunteer will return your call.

Caregivers Drop-In Group - Feb 6, 13, 20 & 27, 10 AM - Noon. Viking Seniors Centre. More info: Viking/Beaver FCSS - 780-336-4024

Music Jam/Open Mic - Feb 18, 2 PM.

Holden Community Hall. More info: beaverhillplayers17@gmail.com

Tofield AA - Thursdays, 8 - 9 PM

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

Viking AA - Wednesdays, 7:30 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 our events calendar on the website! Just head to the website, scroll down to the calendar, click to view all events, then hit the **Submit an event button!**



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Grief Counselling

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encouraging getting out, and focusing on their own healing, instead of hiding away.

"It's a good distraction, and a good focus on getting out those coping skills, A lot of people with grief will become reclusive; they'll avoid or isolate. Animal therapy can be an opportunity for them to get out and to really focus on their own healing without recognizing that is what's happening," she said.

As for what the grief group will look like, Shulko explained that part of the process is understanding what grief is.

"Grief is a natural, normal, healthy response to loss. A lot of people may not realize that, and might be feeling like they are the only ones going through what they are experiencing. Hearing the other experiences of people is huge, as well as knowing this is a safe environment to share. That's why a group is so important, so that we can see that we're all grieving and it all looks different, even though it is similar.

"It's an overwhelming emotion, and that's why we need to find coping skills. And again, to have the support of a group," said Shulko.

Noel said throughout the sessions they will go over the stages of grief and the understanding that there may be a cycle of stages and not just experiencing any stage only once.

"We will cover the stages of grief, and help individuals understand that you cycle through those stages at different points and different times.

There's no cut and dry path. We will go over how to recognize the symptoms to those stages, and how to cope healthily through those," she said.

Shulko said the end goals of the grief group is to help people bring meaning to their loss, to work through the coping skills, and to keep their loved one in the present in a positive way.

"It is a very common myth to believe that if you ignore grief, it'll go away. Being able to process is actually feeling the emotion and to bring meaning to that loss. It's not to make it go away or change it. It's always going to be there, but to bring some meaning to it.

"We like to encourage people to have a creative thing they can do to represent the person that they've lost, to keep that person present with them in their lives. Compared to the despair or grief that they might be feeling, to turn that into a positive thing and a loving remembrance of that person," said Shulko.

Noel also said that once a sense of closure or relief is reached, there can be more to process through when an individual feels guilt for that feeling of relief.

"A lot of people will go through the grieving process and then when they start to feel a sense of closure, or a sense of relief, they start to have guilt because they feel that relief. So, there is that to process through, too. Relief is normal. It's appropriate, and there's no timeline for when that happens," she said.

The counselling sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. at the Ryley Village Office. There is no cost and registrations are to be made through Ryley FCSS director Mickey Wilson.



Karlana Noel, left, of 80 Acres Counselling, Mediation, and Consulting, along with her practicum student Tyra Shulko, right, will be leading the group grief counselling sessions at the Ryley Village Office on Wednesdays, starting Feb. 21.

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Camrose, AB T4V 1S4
Attention: David R. Francoeur
Phone: (780) 672-5561

The balance of the purchase price to be paid by solicitor's trust cheque or certified funds on or before March 22, 2024 ("Closing Date"), or the deposit will be forfeited. The cost of title insurance will be split equally between the Purchaser and Vendor to facilitate closing.

No conditional tenders will be allowed and the highest or any tender for any parcel may not necessarily be accepted. Tenders will not be opened in public. Tender price excludes GST. Purchaser is responsible for all costs associated with registration of the Transfer.

Vendor makes no warranties or representations about the property's size/measurement, condition or environmental status.

If the successful tenderer fails to complete the purchase after acceptance of that tender, their deposit shall be forfeited. Any unsuccessful tenderers will have their deposit returned by regular mail.

For further particulars please contact David R. Francoeur at 780-672-5561.



This tender may also be viewed on the Knaut Johnson Francoeur website:
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