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Holden Ag Society hosts open house; determined to keep ice in

Kari Janzen

The Holden Agricultural Society hosted an open house at the Holden Complex on Wednesday, April 10, to facilitate discussion on the future of the arena. Members of the community were invited to pitch ideas on the usage of the building and offer fundraising ideas.

“I think it went really well. We had a lot of people bring up really good ideas. I was impressed with the turnout,” said Holden Ag Society president Lucy Upham.

About 55 people were in attendance, and Upham had said they were either expecting very few people, or many community members to attend. To open the meeting, Upham described what an Ag society is, and their role in the community.

“Obviously, we have agriculture in our name, but we are here to spread awareness for education, wellness, and all things community; we’re not just for agriculture, although we do a lot with agriculture. We have 4-H shows, cattle shows, we have farm safety coming up this year, we try our best to host the Farmer’s Day event in support of farmers. We wanted to have this open house to see ways of fundraising for the arena,” Upham said.

Upham also prefaced by saying they have found ways of keeping ice in, as that is their main goal, and in an interview following the open house, Upham said the board will always welcome new ideas.

“We’re never not open to new ideas. If anyone has an idea, they can definitely

come to us at any of our events, or send one of us a message or email us with an idea that they have,” she said.

The loss of ice use in Holden can, in part, be attributed to the formation of the Alberta Hockey Super League. Last season was the first time Holden had no minor hockey teams.

“The new hockey league that started has really been killing minor hockey. For the minor hockey teams that are left, because they are such small teams, they either go to Tofield or Viking instead,” Upham said.

Many ideas were discussed at the open house, including a draft proposal for an Ag Arena. In the handout provided to those present at the meeting, the proposed arena is described as “a multi-use Ag Events Centre” which could be used for basic riding, barrel racing jackpots, gymkhana and family fun days, private or public lessons and clinics, bull and cattle sales, 4-H events, among other uses.

This conversion of the rink space would be permanent, and would generate income by memberships and rentals.

“We are proposing that (the Holden ice rink) be converted into an agriculture/equine facility and have dirt put in and left in. The possibilities for use are endless with dirt. We are hoping it would be available for use for everyone in the agriculture community for people to buy a membership to take their horses and ride indoors throughout winter, as well as possibilities for rental of the building

for clinics,” says a description of the proposal found online.

The handout also named some community members who have already shown their support and approval of the proposal by offering to donate dirt and sand for the ground of the facility.

Other ideas that were brought up included utilizing the arena and other rooms of the Complex throughout the summer, including rollerblading, hosting bingo, and approaching local businesses and groups to consider sponsoring the current hours of free public skating on Sundays. Exploring additional modes of advertising was also suggested, as some attendees say local people

and residents from neighbouring towns don’t necessarily hear about steak night, or know that rooms of the arena are available for rent.

Both Beaver County and the Village of Holden agreed to cover the bills for the Holden Ag Society for the final three months of the ice season, with Holden offering a maximum of \$4,000 per month, and Beaver County offering the same, at a total maximum of \$12,000 of financial assistance. Thus far, Upham says Beaver County and the Village of Holden have each contributed \$3,200, as their bills have been cut nearly in half due to getting a better rate with Alberta Municipalities.

“We have an Ag Society

meeting on Thursday, April 18, which is also going to be a budget meeting. We will make our decision on whether we are going to be having ice, or whether we need to look into other options. We’re going to be discussing some of the ideas that came forward from the open house, and we will be announcing at a later date the plans for moving forward keeping the community together, in our building,” Upham said.

“Our main goal has always been to keep the ice in. We’re very proud to be such an old arena with ice. (As for the Ag Arena proposal) we are not opposed to opening up the idea and talking with them about it again, whether it be this

year or years to come, but we’re just going to try hard to keep the ice in for now. We will not give up without a fight,” she said.

The next events to be held at the Holden Complex include the 4-H Beaver District Show and Sale, as well as the Tofield and Holden clubs achievement days.

“Everybody is more than welcome to keep supporting the local 4-H clubs, as well as the District club for their achievement day and district shows coming up. Come out and watch how 4-H thrives in Holden and support Beaver County kids in the show and sale on April 29. We are very proud to be the main hub for the county and we love to support 4-H,” Upham said.

You’re invited to attend an Open House
for the Atlas Carbon Storage Hub.

Questions, Please contact:

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The Atlas Carbon Storage Hub from Shell and ATCO intends to store CO₂ emissions generated in Alberta’s industrial heartland region deep below areas of east central Alberta. If built, the storage hub would store CO₂ emissions captured by Shell’s proposed Polaris carbon capture project and serve as an open-access hub to store CO₂ from other third-party industrial sources.

Upcoming open house events

Please join us for dinner and a presentation as we provide an update on upcoming activities in the area. You will have the opportunity to meet the team, ask us questions, and provide us with feedback as we continue to develop the project.

Viking

Tuesday, April 23, 2024
4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
The Viking Community Hall - 5021
54 Ave, Viking, AB

Vegreville

Wednesday, April 24, 2024
4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
The Social Centre - 4802 47A Street,
Vegreville, AB

Round Hill

Thursday, April 25, 2024
4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Round Hill & District Community
Centre - 9 Township Road 484,
Round Hill, AB

At all locations, a presentation will begin at 5:00 pm, followed by Q&A and time to speak one-on-one with the project team. Dinner will be provided.

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PROTECT OUR WETLANDS AND ROADS: A FRIENDLY REMINDER

Did you know altering wetlands or natural streams without permission from Alberta Environment and Protected Areas (AEPA) is a no-go? It's actually illegal. It's all about keeping our ecosystems thriving and preventing those pesky flooding issues. But hey, we get it, managing land can be tricky. Yet, ditching, trenching, or pumping without AEPA's green light could land you in hot water, including fines or orders to make things right.

Why should we care? Apart from the environmental love, illegal drainage can wreak havoc on our roads. Pooling water weakens road integrity, turning a minor puddle problem into a full-blown road repair headache. That's why, if drainage do-overs affect our roads, we're on it—reporting to AEPA and giving a friendly heads-up to landowners to fix the flow.

But here's the silver lining: Preserving wetlands is akin to hitting an ecological jackpot. These areas are critical habitats for a myriad of species and act as natural drought guards by retaining soil moisture. Without proper care, the unchecked destruction of wetland habitats can lead to decreased moisture in adjacent soils, adversely affecting the productivity of nearby crops. Given the recent dry conditions, holding onto as much water on your land as possible could significantly mitigate the effects of drought.

Noticed more dry patches and troubled roads lately? It's a sign to champion our wetlands. Let's work together to preserve these natural treasures and keep our roads safe. After all, good neighbours and land stewards make Beaver County shine brighter.





CALLING ALL SKILLED TRADES!

Are you a skilled trades person? Plumber, carpenter, electrician, water hauler, vac truck operator, etc.? If so, Beaver County invites your organization to join our Approved Contractor List! Your organization can apply for pre-approval by completing a simple form and submitting to us!

Find the form on our website under Business > Requests for Proposals & Quotes (or scan the QR code above)





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Sat 10:30am - 5:30pm

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

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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.



Save the Date

HOLDEN FARMER'S DAY IS COMING!!!

Saturday, June 8, 2024

✕ Keep an eye out for more information and some new events!!!

Volunteer Appreciation

We are grateful to have so many wonderful volunteers who support our communities with their time and dedication.

As a small gesture of thanks, several partners have come together to celebrate these wonderful individuals by hosting two free events. Please join us at one of the following:

Tofield Appreciation BBQ

April 16, 2024
Tofield Community Hall
5:30pm to 7:00pm

Beaver County Appreciation Pancake Supper

April 30, 2024
Spilstead Hall
5:30pm to 7:00pm

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National Volunteer Week is April 21 to 27, 2024



Viking, Holden & Beaver County East Volunteer Appreciation Events!

It takes a person of great ability to understand and share the feelings of others. Thankfully our communities have incredible volunteers, who take the action of volunteering to new heights each and every day! Please join us as we recognize this incredible work.

Viking Community Luncheon

Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m (doors open at 11:30).
Viking Seniors Centre (5024 53 Ave., Viking) *FREE of Charge!

Holden Community Luncheon

Saturday, April 27th, 2024, 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. (doors open at 11:30).
Holden Community Hall (4919 49 Ave., Holden) *FREE of Charge!

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IMPORTANT DATES

April 17

- 9:30 AM - Regular Council Meeting

May 1

- 9:30 AM - Governance and Priorities Committee 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, 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 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!

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 April 17, 2024

Appeal Body: SDAB
Application No.: 020020-24-D0019
Applicant: EVOLVsolar (EVOLV renewables inc.)
Landowner: Sijmen and Hendrikje Bosma
Location: Plan 0829039; Block 1; Lot 1 located in NW-20-50-18-W4
Development: Discretionary Use - Solar Collectors, Structure Mount (714 sq.ft. to be affixed to roof of house) - residential use

APPEAL DEADLINE April 17, 2024

Appeal Body: SDAB
Application No.: 020020-24-D0020
Applicant: Fluent Solar LLC
Landowner: Malcolm and Wendy Griffiths
Location: Plan 1422327; Block 1; Lot 1 located in SW-29-50-18-W4
Development: Discretionary Use - Solar Collectors, Structure Mount (483.41 sq.ft. to be affixed to roof of house) - residential use

APPEAL DEADLINE April 17, 2024

Appeal Body: SDAB
Application No.: 020020-24-D0021
Applicant: Daniel Krause
Landowner: Brian and Daniel Krause
Location: Plan 1922620; Block 1; Lot 2 located in NE-17-50-20-W4
Development: Discretionary Use - Accessory Storage Buildings (200 sq.ft. storage shed)

APPEAL DEADLINE April 17, 2024

Appeal Body: SDAB
Application No.: 020020-24-D0022
Applicant: Matthew Thiessen
Landowner: Samuel and Sandra Thiessen
Location: NW-22-50-19-W4
Development: Discretionary Use - Buildings and Uses Accessory to Discretionary Uses (576 sq.ft. Detached Garage for Second Home)

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.



Stay in the loop!



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.

Social media

Find us on Facebook, X (Twitter), Instagram, YouTube, and LinkedIn.



Volunteers to be appreciated with events throughout Beaver County

Kari Janzen

Volunteer appreciation suppers and luncheons are being held throughout Beaver County over the next two weeks, as organizations offer a free meal as a gesture of thanks.

The Tofield appreciation barbeque was held yesterday, Tuesday, April 16, a community luncheon is being held in Viking on Tuesday, April 23 and in Holden on Saturday, April 27, with a fourth and final Beaver County appreciation pancake supper being held Tuesday, April 30.

The Town of Tofield,

Beaver County Victim Services (BCVS), Family and Community Support Services (FCSS), Beaver County, Community Adult Learning Program (CALP) and the Tofield and Area Health Foundation have joined together to host the free events.

“We are all groups that people volunteer with and we will be together preparing the meal and setting up for the events,” said BCVS Program Coordinator Jaylynn Umphrey.

All volunteers are welcome, regardless of whether volunteer hours

have been spent with a specific group hosting the meal.

“Anyone is welcome, those who volunteer in the community, whether it's with us, or with any other group or event that the Town or the County puts on.

“This can include volunteers from the rodeos, promenade, and so anybody that is a volunteer is allowed to attend,” she said, adding that for those who volunteer outside Beaver County can still come.

“Anyone who volunteers in any realm or aspect or area is able to attend,” Umphrey said.

Fire Restrictions in effect

Patricia Harcourt

Early spring dry conditions has resulted in the implementation of a fire restriction for Beaver County region by Beaver Emergency Services Commission (BESC), effective April 10.

This fire restriction prohibits all open air burning. All fire permits are now suspended and no new fire permits will be

issued until the fire restriction is lifted.

“Please extinguish all previously permitted fires and check recently burned brush piles to ensure they are extinguished completely,” stated BESC.

However, campfires are still permitted provided they are in a BESC approved container with a mesh screen and are continually under watch

with an adequate water supply available in case the fire needs to be put out.

“Only firewood or charcoal in an approved fire pit with a mesh screen are to be burned,” said BESC. And don't proceed unless the wind is less than 10 km/hr when burning.

Applications for an approved fire pit are available on the BESC website.

**Friday,
June 14th**

Tofield Golf Course

19110 - HWY 14

**Tee times are
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& 12:30 pm**

**\$80 Adult single
\$320 Adult team of 4
\$35 Youth**

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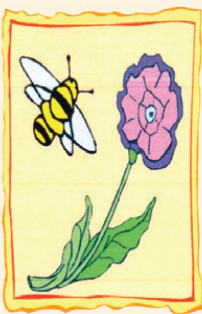


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**bcvictimservices@gmail.com
Register by June 10, 2024**



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Saturday, April 27th, 2024

Doors open 5:30 pm • Dinner at 6:30 pm

@ the Ryley Community Hall

Tickets \$40

Advance ticket booking is recommended

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Ryley Swimming Pool, Nutrien Ag Solutions - Ryley,
and KC Insurance - Tofield

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Beaver Emergency Services Commission (BESC) requires a contract part time bookkeeper to work at our Viking office. The position is currently for 16 hours per week. Hours may increase in the future. The hourly rate will be commensurate with related experience.

BESC is a regional services commission that manages the administration of 6 volunteer fire departments within the Beaver County region. We are also responsible for Emergency Management within the region.

Bookkeeping responsibilities include:

- Recording journal entries, completing bank reconciliations and maintaining accounts payable, receivable and capital asset details.
- Preparing month end financial reporting for the board of directors
- Following up with delinquent accounts
- Preparing invoices
- Preparing cheques and posting EFT payments
- Preparing and filing GST and WCB returns and remittances

Position requirements

- Working knowledge of basic accounting principles and processes
- A minimum of 3 years bookkeeping experience
- Proficiency with SAGE 50 and Microsoft Office Suite, specifically Excel
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- High attention to detail and strong organization skills

A certificate or diploma in business administration or accounting is considered an asset.

To apply, send an email to info@besc.ca, detailing how you meet the position requirements by **no later than April 22, 2024**. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview.

For further information contact Sheila Lusk at 780-336-3041.