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Holden Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon well attended

Kari Janzen

The Holden and area volunteer appreciation luncheon was held at the Holden Community Hall on Saturday, April 27. Over 60 people came out to enjoy the meal catered by Food with Flair from Viking, and to hear from MLA Jackie Lovely, Beaver County Deputy Reeve Gene Hrabec, and Holden Mayor Tyler Beckett.

"Volunteers are critical," Viking Beaver Family and Community Support Services (VBFCSS) Director Dawn Chrystian said. "Nothing would exist without volunteers in our communities. We're very fortunate that we have so many. Really, we would be lost without our volunteers. They make things happen."

To open the short program, Chrystian thanked the volunteers for their contributions to the community.

"We really understand that nothing happens out here without volunteers and we're so grateful for each and every one of you and all the great work you do," Chrystian said.

MLA Lovely read a poem praising the hard work and efforts put in by volunteers, and Hrabec thanked the volunteers in attendance and made mention of those who couldn't be there.

"On behalf of Beaver County, Barry (Bruce) and myself would like to thank the Beaver FCSS, especially for what they provide for everybody across the whole county. They are so important. I

would also like to recognize a couple groups that aren't here today, those being our Holden 4-H and Holden Ag Society. Currently, they have their 4-H show and shine, so to speak, with their cattle, so they're working.

"It's great to attend this event where we get to recognize those who step forward in our community, and that's the volunteers. I'm so proud of people in the community, and the support from the surrounding communities, especially those who have supported the Ag Society over the last winter. We cannot thank or recognize everyone individually, but I'd like to thank you for all your unwavering support as a volunteer," Hrabec said.

"On behalf of Council and Administration of the Village of Holden," said Mayor Beckett.

"I would like to thank all the volunteers. Our community would not be what it is today without them. It's a fantastic community and a fantastic town and I just want to say that I really appreciate everything you guys do for us," he said.

Following the meal, the Elaine Cooper Memorial Volunteer of The Year Awards were presented. Julianne Foster presented the Holden and Area award to Mona Oswald.

"It gives us great pleasure to nominate Mona Oswald for the Elaine Cooper Memorial Volunteer of the Year Award 2024. We have known Mona for over 25 years. She has been on a number of volunteer committees in Holden, most

notably CIB (Communities in Bloom), NU2U2 store, the museum and the Gallery. Mona is a person dedicated to helping others, and particularly keeping Holden a beautiful and supportive community. She may not be out there making a lot of noise, but she is out there making a difference. Truly, one of the hidden heroes in the Village of Holden and area," Julianne Foster said.

Beaver County Division 4 Councillor Barry Bruce presented the award for Bruce and Area to Audrey Pratt.

"For many years the community of Bruce has benefitted from the dedication, guidance, and efforts of our nominee. She is always on hand to help others, to support service groups in their initiatives, and to make a difference in the community. It would be truly difficult to list all of the various volunteer roles she has served in over the years.

"A few of her more recent roles include running the Bruce satellite library, serving as treasurer for the Bruce Seniors Club and secretary for the Bruce Cemetery, and many decades volunteering with the Bruce Stampede Association. Her energy, spirit, and hard work have contributed so much to the community, and help to make Bruce and Area an active place to live.

"We are honoured to present the Elaine Cooper 2024 Volunteer of the Year Award for the Bruce area to Mrs. Audrey Pratt," Bruce said.



Julianne Foster, right, presents Mona Oswald, left, with the 2024 Elaine Cooper Memorial Holden and Area Volunteer of the Year Award at the volunteer appreciation luncheon held at the Holden Community Hall on Saturday, April 27.



Beaver County Deputy Reeve Gene Hrabec spoke to those who attended the luncheon, and thanked them for their dedication to the community.

KERI JANZEN PHOTOS



VBFCSS Director Dawn Chrystian, left, and Beaver County Councillor Barry Bruce, right, presented Audrey Pratt, centre, with the 2024 Elaine Cooper Memorial Volunteer of the Year award for Bruce. PHOTO COURTESY JACKIE LOVELY



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LARGE ITEM PICK UP PROGRAM IS BACK!

Monday, April 29 to Thursday, May 2 – Hamlet of Bruce
No curbside collection.
Bring your items to the large bins located at:
• Community Hall (2 bins)
• Lift Station (1 bin)

Monday, May 6 to Thursday, May 9 – Village of Ryley
No curbside collection.
Bring your items to the large bins located at:
• Old carwash beside Village Office – 50 St & 50 Ave
• Truck stop area close to cardboard bin – 51 St & 50 Ave
• Trailer park close to the 4 yd bins – 53 ST & 52 Ave
• Grassy area north end of Village on 57 Ave between 49 & 50 St

Friday, May 10 to Thursday May 16 – Town of Tofield
No curbside collection.
Bring your items to the large bins located at:
• West side of the Truck Parking – 51 St & southside of 51 Ave (5 bins)

Monday, May 20 to Thursday, May 23 – Village of Holden
No curbside collection.
Bring your items to the large bins located at:
• Empty lot at 5024 – 50 St
• Gazebo Park entrance located on 51 St
• On east side of 48 St
• West side of Public Works shop – 4920 – 48 Ave

Thursday, May 30—Town of Viking
Curbside pick up, large items **must be on the street**—not on your lawn or driveway. If the items have not been picked by June 4, please call our office at 780.663.2038 extension 133 and speak with someone in the Collections Department.

If you are unable to get your large items to one of the collection bins, please reach out to our Collections Department (780.663.2038, extension 133) for assistance. They will arrange to pick the large item up directly from your front yard. Please note that Claystone employees will not enter a private residence to collect large items.

NOTE: Fridges, freezers, water coolers and window air conditioning units are acceptable, however there is a \$25 charge for Freon removal. Urban residents will need to pay for the Freon removal at 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.

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 directly to the landfill site in Ryley.

Landfill & Ryley Transfer Station:
50117 Rge Rd 173 (HWY 854) Box 322, Ryley, AB T0B 4A0
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.



BEAVER COUNTY



RYLEY LIONS CLUB INVITES YOU TO...

MOTHERS DAY Brunch

SUNDAY MAY 12 | 10:30 AM - 1 PM

RYLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE
ADULTS \$18 | KIDS (6-12) \$9



OPEN THE MUSEUM - 2024 SEASON

SATURDAY MAY 18, 12-4 PM
4928 - 50 Ave, Holden, AB.

- Take our aircraft ID Test
- Update on United Church
- Try our Jaycopter helicopter trainer

Info: 780-720-5839 or holdenmuseum@gmail.com



LIVE MUSIC
1-3 PM

HOLDEN FARMER'S DAY

Saturday, June 8, 2024

Parade

Food & Drinks

Balloon Man & Face Painting

Games

Mutton Busting

New Logo Unveiling

Music

AND SO MUCH MORE!!

Fireworks

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

MAY 22, 2024



Beaver County Council is considering a bylaw to update the Area Structure Plan for the Equity Industrial Park located adjacent to the Village of Ryley.

Further information, including a copy of the proposed bylaw and Area Structure Plan can be obtained at the Beaver County Office (5120 – 50 Street, Ryley) or on the Beaver County website.

Beaver County will be holding a public hearing to give residents an opportunity to provide input on the proposed Area Structure Plan. Details of the public hearing are as follows:

- Date: **Wednesday, May 22, 2024**
- Time: **9:45 am**
- Location: **Council Chambers, Beaver County Service Centre,**
- Contact: **Margaret Jones at 780-663-3730 or mjones@beaver.ab.ca**

Please note that this public hearing is NOT related to Council's initiative to update the Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw. A public hearing regarding this project will be held at a later date.

If you wish to submit written comments regarding the proposed Area Structure Plan, a copy must be delivered to the Beaver County Office, attention Delayna Koch (dkoch@beaver.ab.ca), no later than 4:30 pm, Wednesday, May 15, 2024. Written submissions will not be accepted during the public hearing.

If you submit written comments regarding the proposed bylaw, the information you provide may be made public subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

None this week

THE COUNTY MILL RATE INCREASED BY UP TO 1.5%, BUT WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR YOU?



FARMLAND		Estimated adjustment from 2023:
Average 2024 Assessment:	Estimated 2024 Taxes:	-\$2.40
\$21,580	\$462.72	

Change from 2023 taxes - \$0.20 per month



FARM RESIDENTIAL		Estimated adjustment from 2023:
Average 2024 Assessment:	Estimated 2024 Taxes:	\$55.21
\$159,263	\$1,236.22	

Change from 2023 taxes + \$4.60 per month



RESIDENTIAL		Estimated adjustment from 2023:
Average 2024 Assessment:	Estimated 2024 Taxes:	\$84.21
\$347,460	\$2,697.02	

Change from 2023 taxes + \$7.01 per month

Want more info on assessment and taxes? Please head to our **website** and find more detailed information under **Services > Financial Services**



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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.



IMPORTANT DATES

May 1

- 9:30 AM - Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting

May 22

- 9:30 AM - Regular Council Meeting
- 9:45 AM - Public Hearing: Equity Industrial Park Area Structure Plan

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!

MUSIC JAM / OPEN MIC - Sunday May 19, 1 PM
Holden Community Hall. Admission - \$5, (Musicians/Participants - No Charge), Light lunch available, concession. More info: Dave 780-720-5839 or beaverhillplayers17@gmail.com

Open the Museum for 2024 Season - Saturday May 18, 12-4 PM
4928 - 50 Ave, Holden, AB. Come for some live music entertainment 1 -3 PM. Take our aircraft ID Test, Update on United Church, Try our Jaycopter helicopter trainer! Info: Dave at 780-720-5839 or holdenmuseum@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 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!

OPEN REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Beaver County is currently accepting submissions for the following:

- Request for Proposal:
 - Planning Services
 - Closing date: Noon, May 24, 2024

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



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS - APR 17

Highlights from the April 17, Regular Council meeting include:

- 2024 Final Budget
- Mill Rate Bylaw
- Equity Industrial Park, Area Structure Plan
- Appointment of Agricultural Fieldman

The full highlights can be found on our website on the Homepage under Recent News.





Heads up! Tax Notices will be mailed by May 15th

Social media

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Holden passes Chicken Bylaw

Kari Janzen

A public hearing was held prior to the Village of Holden’s regular council meeting on Monday, April 15 at the Village Office, to allow village residents to discuss their concerns or support of the amendment to the land use bylaw for allowing backyard chickens in Holden. Two attendees spoke in favour of the bylaw, one attendee spoke against, and during the regular council meeting following the bylaw, Council decided to pass the Backyard Chicken Bylaw.

In an interview following the public hearing, Holden resident Lili Reynolds says she has wanted to own chickens for many years, and is pleased that Holden Council has approved and passed the bylaw.

“As soon as I heard about the proposed bylaw, I thought it was awesome. It’s something that I’ve wanted for a long time and that I totally see the benefits of. I was already wanting to look into getting chickens but wasn’t sure what the bylaws or the rules were. It was already on my list of things that I wanted to make happen,” she said.

Reynolds has lived in the village of Holden for a year now, and while she has never owned chickens before, she has lived in various other locations where backyard chickens have been permitted, including Edmonton and Beaumont. Now that Holden has been approved for owning chickens, Reynolds says she will be looking into the particulars.

“I’m going to look into it and hopefully I can make it happen for this year. I already have a plan to set up the coop, and things like that. Like I said, I was already wanting to look into it,” she said.

The cost of applying for a chicken licence is a non-refundable fee of \$150, and successful applicants will pay \$15 per chicken for the annual licence renewal. A coop approval fee will also need to be paid along with the building plans submitted for approval. Reynolds says the initial costs of obtaining a chicken licence may prove to be challenging.

“That’s one of the things that might create a little bit of a hindrance to me making it happen. That does put a little bit of a, ‘maybe I’m not going to be able to do that,’ in my plans, but I’ll figure it out because I want chickens really bad,” she said.

The bylaw provides the specifications required for a coop size, which includes one nest box and one perch for each chicken. ‘Coop’ describes both the enclosed, weather proof hen house and the attached outdoor enclosure.

“For each chicken to be housed in the coop, the chicken house (must have) a floor area of 0.50 square metres and the outdoor enclosure (must have) a minimum floor area of one square metre,” the bylaw states.

Chicken coops must be located in the rear of the yard, and the yard must be fenced. Currently, Reynolds says her backyard is not fenced and the cost of fencing her yard would not justify the chickens.

“Unfortunately, that puts me out of the game, because I don’t have a fully fenced yard. Prior to hearing about the possibility of backyard chickens as far as bylaws go, when I didn’t know the details, of course I would fence my chickens. They’re my chickens; I don’t want coyotes or skunks

eating them. I already had a plan as far as how I would keep my chickens safe, but having to get a fully fenced yard is not going to happen,” she said.

“Maybe if there’s a way that I can work with the Village to simply fence the area where the chickens are going to be, or something, because the cost of me having to fence my yard doesn’t make having the chickens,” said Reynolds.

Smell and noise were two of the concerns that were brought up by those who attended the public hearing opposed to the bylaw. One person said that when chickens were permitted in the village in years past, manure was thrown directly into the dumpster, and the stench remained even after being emptied. As outlined in the bylaw, chicken manure must be bagged before being placed in the dumpster.

Reynolds says she believes that noise and smell from the chickens will be minimal, especially because a licence holder is allowed to have a maximum of four chickens.

“I’ve never had a friend of mine who has their own chickens in their backyard, not once have they said, ‘oh, it’s great, but the smell.’ I think, if you’re comparing it to a huge industrial farm where the chickens are cooped up, of course there’s a stink. And noise, chickens aren’t super noisy from what I understand. And there are no roosters allowed, which I personally wouldn’t mind, but I can see why some people would,” she said.

As for the cap being four chickens per licence holder, Reynolds says that’s a fine number to start.

“As a starting point, four is fair. From what I know from people who have been successful raising chickens, people may want a couple more. It seems like six is what my friends tend to cap their flock at, but I guess for a test project, four seems fair. Myself, when I was first thinking about getting chickens, I was planning to start with three,” she said.

The current limit on the number of licences that can be issued within the village is set to 10. Once a licence has been approved, the adjoining neighbours will be notified, and there is a 14-day period in which an appeal can be made.

“An Adjoining Neighbour may appeal a decision to issue a Licence within 14 days of the decision by submitting a Notice of Appeal to the Development Officer only where the grounds of the appeal are that the keeping of chickens on the parcel is likely to have a materially adverse effect on the health of the Adjoining Neighbour or of a person living in the premises of the Adjoining Neighbour; or a reason or factor listed in clauses 9 (a) or (c) of this Bylaw,” the bylaw reads.

Among the prohibitions listed in the bylaw, licence holders cannot sell eggs, manure, meat, or any other product that can be derived from chickens, keep a rooster, slaughter a chicken, allow a chicken to roam outside the coop, keep a chicken anywhere other than the coop, dispose of a live chicken except by an operation lawfully permitted to, dispose of a dead chicken except through the regular waste collection, or keep a chicken without a Premises Identification.

All applicants will be required to complete a chicken training course prior to being approved for a licence.

FEATURED PROPERTIES FOR SALE LAMONT COUNTY



- 5119 - 48 Ave, 4712 - 51 St, 5121 - 48 Ave, & 5116 - 47 Ave Lamont AB. **5,800 sq ft shop on with additional 3 fenced lots** across the back alley from the shop property. Shop was used for agricultural machinery repair. All properties must be bought together. **Price \$650,000**
- W4-20-55-27-SE Plan 1023701 Block 1 Lot 1A Lamont County. **138.09 acres** in the Lamont Heartland for industrial use. Located North of Highway 15 on Range Road 202. **Price \$2,990,000**
- W4-18-53-24-SW Plan 0826481 Block 2 Lot 1 a mile North of HWY 16 on RR 181. **5.02 acres** yard site in Lamont County. Utilities at the property line. **Price \$40,000**
- SW ¼, 30-54-18-W4 (South ½)- **72.12 acres** Fenced pasture land. **Price \$200,000**
- HWY 834 TWP 544 Village Chipman Plan 9222629 Lot 2 **70.18 acres** Fenced pasture land. **Price \$200,000**
- HWY 834 TWP 544 Village Chipman Plan 0824951 Block 17 Lot 1A **2.05 acres** pasture land. **Price \$50,000**
- W4-18-53-26-NE N1/2 Lamont County **80 acres** with about 70 acres in hay. Property is fenced, and has power and a well. **Price \$300,000**

STRATHCONA COUNTY

- SW Part of NW –23 –53 –23 –W4 **40.55 acres** North of Highway 16 on Range Road 232 in proposed medium industrial zoning with CP rail line at the border of the property. **Price \$7,200,000**
- Parts of SW and SE -7-53-22-W4 located at Highway 21 and Lakeland drive **63.62 acres** of development land with Highway 21 exposure. The property is within the Bremner and local Employment Area ACP with expected future use of industrial. **Price \$5,100,000**

THORHILD COUNTY

- NW 1/4 -14-58-22-W4 and NE ¼ -14-58-22-W4 Plan 172-0793 Block 3 Lot **222 acres** game farm with page wire 100 acres could be cultivated. 4 miles North of Redwater. Good HWY 28 access. **Price \$690,000**



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