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HOLDEN  TIMES

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Council Meetings : Regular Council Meeting will be changed to **Wednesday, April 22, 2026 @ 6pm.** Meetings are open to the public to listen in the Village Office or by Zoom.

OPEN HOUSE SESSION: APRIL 15

Village of Holden Draft Land Use Bylaw Review

The Village of Holden invites residents, landowners, and stakeholders to attend a Public Open House to review and provide feedback on the Draft Land Use Bylaw.

Date: Wednesday, April 15

Drop-In Time: 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Location: Holden Community Hall
4919 – 49 Avenue, Holden, AB

This is an opportunity to learn about the proposed updates, ask questions, and share your input to help shape the future of development in the community.

We encourage all interested individuals to attend.

For more information visit:
www.holden.ca



To post information in the *HOLDEN TIMES*, please submit by the 25th of the month by email to:
admin@holden.ca



NOTICE VILLAGE OF HOLDEN

now requires Business Licenses

Any business including home based businesses must apply for a business license. There is an annual fee but you only need to do an application one time.

Per Bylaw 13-2025 that was passed March 16, 2026.

**Call the Village Office, if
you have any questions or
would like to read the
bylaw.**

780-688-3928

Tofield RCMP warns public after two suspected overdose deaths

Tofield, Alta. – In the early morning hours on March 25 2026, Tofield RCMP responded to two fatal suspected overdoses in the span of 5 hours. Investigation has indicated that the drugs consumed were purchased in the Edmonton area. Though drug analysis still needs to be completed, it is suspected that these drugs may have been laced. Tofield RCMP are issuing this public notice as a reminder of the dangers of consuming illicit drugs.

Tofield RCMP would also like to remind the public that the signs of a fentanyl overdose include slow, irregular and shallow breathing, pinpoint pupils, muscle stiffness, seizures and unconsciousness. Furthermore, should you still choose to consume illicit drugs, here are some safe practices to follow:

- Avoid using while alone.
- Ask someone to check on you, or consume while on the phone with a trusted person who is able to call for assistance in the event of an overdose.
- Know the signs and symptoms of poisoning/overdose and call 911 for direction and support.
- Carry a naloxone kit, and know how to use it, so you can respond to a suspected opioid poisoning/overdose.

Consider using the Digital Overdose Response System app when consuming drugs.

For anyone seeking help, the Virtual Opioid Dependency Program can assist members of the public who struggle with addiction issues and wish to safely change their life habits and live healthy lives. This service also offers information to family and friends. For more information, you can contact the addiction help-line at 1-866-332-2322. There you will be able to access information on opioid dependency, treatment and access to support and resources.

**Bouncies, Foam Pit, and Movie will have a
small fee.**

\$5 per person/\$10 per family

HOLDEN FARMER'S DAY

Saturday, June 6, 2026

Parade

**Food &
Drinks**

**Balloon Man &
Petting Zoo**

Market

**Car
Show &
Shine**

Movie

**Bouncy
Castles**

Fireworks

**AND SO
MUCH MORE!!**

HOLDEN FARMERS DAY

SHOW & SHINE



\$10

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026

AT 11:30 AM - 05:00 PM

HOLDEN ON MAIN STREET

**\$10 fee & bring your Car, Truck or
Motorcycle!!!**

Gift for every entry.

You are invited to enter the parade line up at
the north side of Complex. Line up at 10,

Judging at 10:30.

Show and Shine after Parade. A day Full of
Family Activities, Food, Music and More!

April 2, 2026
Streaming
11:00 a.m

Candy Chemistry

60 Minutes / Ages 4-12

Discover the surprising science hiding in a bag of Skittles. Explore solubility, buoyancy, reactivity and investigate the odds of finding your favourite colour. How sweet it is!

*Children under six may require the assistance of an adult.



 **scientists**
IN SCHOOL


Join this hands-on STEM adventure
Online workshops

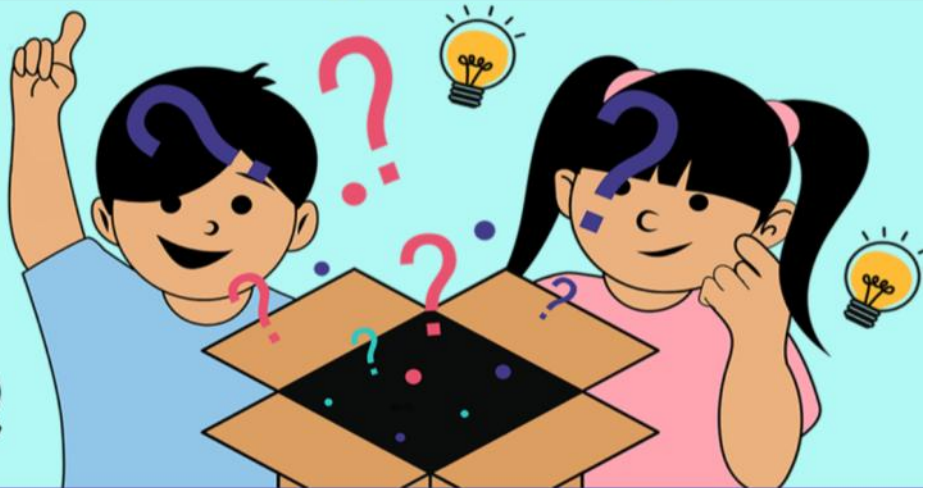
On the day of the workshop, you'll connect with your presenter and begin your journey into the exciting world of STEM.

To Register: Holden Library PH: 780-688-3838
email - librarian@holdenlibrary.ab.ca

Discovery
Zone!

 **scientists**
IN SCHOOL
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March 31, 2026
Streaming
11:00 a.m 



Join us for an action-packed adventure through the discovery zone, where you'll explore colour chromatography, investigate why trees are important to engineers, and create an elastic-powered car. Every great scientist started out as a curious kid!

THE HOLDEN SENIORS CLUB WINTER SHUFFLEBOARD TOURNAMENT

The Holden Seniors Club was a hub of excitement with the 2026 Winter Shuffleboard Tournament taking place February 24 to 26 inclusive. There were scads of laughs, teasing, and good-natured competition throughout the three afternoons; along with a spectacular variety of sweets and snacks.

Spectators and players alike were caught up in the action; which concluded with Marian Maruszczyka and David Komarnisky beating out Delbert Degenhardt and Steve Neudorf to win the A Event and Rosemarie Komarnisky and Gary Haggerty overtaking Marie Malick and Fred Kiist to capture the B Event winning title.



A Event winners **David Komarnisky** (left) and **Marian Maruszczyka** (right) being presented their prize money by Holden Seniors Club President Michele Mulder




B Event winners **Gary Haggerty** (left) and **Rosemarie Komarnisky** (right) being presented their prize money by Holden Seniors Club President Michele Mulder

Why not consider joining the Holden Seniors Club? It's a great way to socialize, make new friends, and have a wonderful afternoon out. The seniors come together every Tuesday afternoon to play rousing hands of cribbage, shuffleboard, and there's a pool table just waiting to be used. There are also delicious homemade snacks available for all those hard playing folks. Drop in to see for yourself how much fun there is to be had on a weekly basis.

The Seniors Club also hosts events throughout the year so watch the Holden Times and the Post Office bulletin board for upcoming events.

APRIL

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wedn |
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| <p>5 <u>Gallery Open</u> 12-4pm</p> | <p>6 OFFICE CLOSED HAPPY EASTER</p> | <p>7 <u>Library Open</u> 10am-6pm <u>NU2U2 Open</u> 12-4pm <u>Senior Center</u> 1:30pm</p> | |
| <p>12 <u>Gallery Open</u> 12-4pm</p> | <p>13</p> | <p>14 <u>Library Open</u> 10am-6pm <u>NU2U2 Open</u> 12-4pm <u>Senior Center</u> 1:30pm</p> | <p><u>Village of</u> <u>LUB Op</u> 4-</p> |
| <p>19 <u>Gallery Open</u> 12-4pm</p> | <p>20</p> | <p>21 <u>Library Open</u> 10am-6pm <u>NU2U2 Open</u> 12-4pm <u>Senior Center</u> 1:30pm</p> | <p><u>Counc</u> 6p</p> |
| <p>26 <u>Gallery Open</u> 12-4pm</p> | <p>27</p> | <p>28 <u>Library Open</u> 10am-6pm <u>NU2U2 Open</u> 12-4pm <u>Senior Center</u> 1:30pm</p> | |

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| Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>1</p> | <p>2</p> <p><u>Library Open</u> 4-8pm</p> | <p>3</p> <p><u>Gallery Open</u> 12-4pm</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> | <p>4</p> <p><u>Library Open</u> 9am-12pm</p> <p><u>Gallery & NU2U2</u> <u>Open</u> 12-4pm</p> |
| <p>8</p> | <p>9</p> <p><u>Library Open</u> 4-8pm</p> | <p>10</p> <p><u>Gallery Open</u> 12-4pm</p> | <p>11</p> <p><u>Library Open</u> 9am-12pm</p> <p><u>Gallery & NU2U2</u> <u>Open</u> 12-4pm</p> |
| <p>15</p> <p><u>of Holden</u> <u>en House</u> 7pm, Hall</p> | <p>16</p> <p><u>Library Open</u> 4-8pm</p> | <p>17</p> <p><u>Gallery Open</u> 12-4pm</p> <p><u>Legion Crib</u> 7pm, Legion</p> | <p>18</p> <p><u>Library Open</u> 9am-12pm</p> <p><u>Gallery & NU2U2</u> <u>Open</u> 12-4pm</p> <p><u>Music Jam</u> 2pm. Hall</p> |
| <p>22</p> <p><u>il Meeting</u> pm, Village</p> | <p>23</p> <p><u>Library Open</u> 4-8pm</p> | <p>24</p> <p><u>Gallery Open</u> 12-4pm</p> | <p>25</p> <p><u>Library Open</u> 9am-12pm</p> <p><u>Gallery & NU2U2</u> <u>Open</u> 12-4pm</p> |
| <p>29</p> | <p>30</p> <p><u>Library Open</u> 4-8pm</p> | | |

MUSIC JAM / KARAOKE

HOLDEN COMMUNITY HALL
4919 - 49 Ave.
HOLDEN, AB



SATURDAY APRIL 18/2026

Music Jam 1 PM
Karaoke 4 PM

Admission - \$ 5 per person
Musicians - No Charge

Come Dance/Listen to the Music



Light lunch available

Concession

For more info:

Dave 780-720-5839
or beaverhillplayers17@gmail.com



MUSICIANS & SPECTATORS WELCOME

Happy Wanderers

Ladies 55 plus

Maple Park Farm

Greenhouse Tour, Craft and Tea time

Join us for a special afternoon
in the cozy atmosphere of the greenhouse

- **Tour the greenhouse**
(sorry no shopping)
- **Create pressed flower bookmarks**
(A relaxing, nature-inspired activity that's both beautiful and fun).
- **Enjoy tea/coffee and dessert**

Wednesday April 22, 2026

Tickets \$25.00

(Transportation sponsored by Claystone Waste LTD)

Purchase your ticket @
Tofield/Beaver County West Fcss office
(5407 - 50 St)

Tofield pick up: 1:30 pm
(in front of Town of Tofield office)



For more information call:
Lucy @ 780-662-4069 Pat @ 780-663-3776
Tofield/Beaver County West FCSS 780-662-7067

VIKING/BEAVER FCSS:

HELPING PEOPLE HELP THEMSELVES

COURSES, PROGRAMS, & SUPPORTS

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY

Alberta and Northwest Territories

Supporting someone with dementia or navigating it yourself? The Alzheimer Society is here to help.

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month from 9:30am -3:30pm at Viking/Beaver FCSS 4924-53rd, Ave, Viking



Accepting walk in or scheduled visits

Call Sarah at 1-866-950-5465 ext. 707

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Bruce, Holden and Area:
April 23rd, 6-7:30pm
Holden Community Hall
(4919-49th Ave, Holden)

Pre-Registration is appreciated but not required. For more information or to register, please contact VBFCS at 780-336-4024

Babysitting Basics

Registration closes April 2nd or when spots are full.

Friday, April 10th at the Holden Community Hall
10:00am - 4:00pm

\$25.00/Child - Must Pre-Pay - Child must be signed in by an Adult at drop off.

NEED TO BRING:

Lunch, Water Bottle & Baby Sized Doll

TO REGISTER:

Please Call: Viking/Beaver FCSS at 780-336-4024

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program

VBFCS is offering a FREE volunteer income tax program for low income individuals with simple tax returns.

You must bring in your Tax Slips in order to successfully submit your tax package. This includes T4A (OAS) slips for seniors 65+

Forms are available for pick-up at the Holden FCSS Office (Village Office, 4810-50 Street, Holden)

If you have questions, please call us at 780-336-4024

Psychological **FIRST AID** *for Everyday Conversations*

May 7, 2026

10 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Holden Community Hall

Registration Fee: \$20 ~ Lunch Provided!

We often see people on their good days and their hard days.

Psychological First Aid training gives you simple, practical ways to respond when someone is struggling so you don't have to wonder what to say or do, especially when it matters most.



Pre-registration required:

**Please contact Viking/Beaver FCSS at 780-336-4024
for more information or to register.**

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REGIONAL POVERTY SIMULATION



We invite you to take a bold step:
**put yourself in the shoes of
someone living in poverty.**

Discover what it's like not to have
enough income to meet basic
needs.

Join us to:

Strengthen understanding and empathy

Challenge perceptions

Experience the day-to-day barriers of
someone living in poverty



10 JUNE 2026

AT VEGREVILLE SOCIAL CENTRE, 4802 47A ST, VEGREVILLE, AB
TIME: 10:00AM - 2:00PM, LIGHT LUNCH PROVIDED

FOR MORE INFORMATION: 780-632-3966 fcss@vegreville.com



**ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION HOLDEN
BRANCH NO. 56 NEWS & EVENTS**

Crib Tournament every 3rd Friday of the Month @ 7pm
except July & August

Interested in becoming a Legion member? Contact membership chair Ivan Hrabec at 780-679-5633 or email at i.hrabec@hotmail.com

The Legion is available for rent. Contact Peggy Nahirniak at 780-688-2109

HOLDEN HOTEL

587-415-8656 or 780-782-8055

GROCERY STORE

Hours: 10:00 am to 8 :00 pm
Monday to Saturday
Closed Sunday and Holidays

LIQUOR STORE

Hours: 10:00 am to 9:00 pm
Monday to Saturday
Closed Sunday

PATTI'S PLACE (RESTAURANT)

Hours: 8:00 am to 7:00 pm
Monday to Saturday
Closed Sunday and Holidays

**COUNTRY
Bottle
Depot**

Hours of Operation
Tuesday & Saturday
9 am to 5:00pm

5012 - 48 Ave
Holden

780 688 3378
780 632 9313 CELL

COUNTRY KITCHEN

**MAIN STREET
HOLDEN, AB
(780-688-2066)**

Hours of operation:

Monday – Friday 11:30am - 6:30pm
Saturday 11:30am - 4pm

(Closed Sunday and Holidays)

THE GALLERY

Studio 14 Art Association

Julianne @ 780-490-9190

LOCATED AT 4916 - 49 AVENUE IN
HOLDEN

HOURS: OPEN- FRIDAY,
SATURDAY & SUNDAY 12-4PM

thegalleryholden@gmail.com



NU2U2 Store 4904 – 50 St

Tuesdays — 12 pm to 4 pm
Saturdays — 12 pm to 4 pm

**Consignment and Donations
by Appointment only**

Contact Mona @ 780-245-3921

or email:

holdensnu2u2@gmail.com



RYLEY POOL & WELLNESS CENTRE

CALL THE POOL FOR MORE INFO

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|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Morning Lane Swim & Aquasize | Monday & Wednesday 7 - 9 am |
| Morning Lane Swim & Aquasize | Friday 7:30 - 9 am |
| Public Swim | Mon, Wed, & Friday 6 - 8 pm |
| Public Swim | Sunday 2 - 5pm |

(780) 663-3505

HOLDEN CHURCH LIST

Emmanuel Evangelical Missionary Church

Hwy 626 & Range Rd 152
Pastor: Josh Briscall 780-803-1524

Sunday Service 10:30 am

Ukrainian Catholic Churches

St. Mary's (South Holden)

780-688-2331

Father Don Bodnar 780-679-0975

Council Meeting Dates:

Council Meeting– Regular Council Meeting is Wednesday, April 22, 2026.

Village Office:

Box 357, 4810-50 Street, Holden, Alberta, T0B 2C0

Phone: 780-688-3928 / Fax: 780-688-2091

Email: cao@holden.ca

Office Hours: 8:30 am-12:00 noon & 1:00-4:30 pm

Office Closed: Friday, April 3 for Good Friday and Monday, April 6 for Easter Monday.

New to Holden? Pick up a Welcome/Info Package at the Village Office.



Website:

www.holden.ca