



# Coalhurst Centennial Page

Many thanks to Royal Canadian Legion Coalhurst Branch 273 for an outstanding New Years Eve Party. The Dance of the Decades was a huge success with many people in costume from cowboys, a school girl (circa 1930's), hippies, a 50's poodle skirt, the 1980's (Aerosmith like pants - we won't mention any names here), to flappers and gangsters. Top costume prize was awarded to Ashley Hall and Matt Colbourne for a most authentic flapper and gangster costume. Highlight of the evening was our MC Mr. Ron Hall who had several costume changes including being a miner - who expertly tied the theme of the Centennial to the event, wearing hair and platform shoes for his 1970's ensemble and donning a suit for today's best GQ fashion. The Coalhurst Community Centre was beautifully decorated and the midnight lunch was exceptional. There were many lovely door prizes awarded throughout the evening and each person who purchased a ticket received a beer mug with the Coalhurst Centennial logo on it.

The committee who organized the event are to be commended for their excellent work. A special thank you to all the volunteers from committee members, decorators, bar tenders, those that replenished snacks during the event, 50/50 ticket sellers, registration at the door, those that supported the event with door prizes, security and the cleanup crew. Volunteer work has been the backbone of this community and once again shone through showing how a few committed people can really make things happen. As the first official event and the one to launch the Coalhurst Centennial the Legion did the community proud.

The Coalhurst Legion is a proud part of the Coalhurst Community having provided over \$250,000 worth of funding over its years to many our community groups like the Coalhurst Elementary School, Coalhurst High School, Coulee Kickers Soccer, Coalhurst 55+ Society and well the list goes on. If you are not currently a member please consider becoming one. Drop by the Legion to see how you can be part of a national organization that supports veterans, remembers and honours our past and supports our community.

**Moving Forward with the Past** - Our Coalhurst Centennial Project comes to a close as the centennial celebrations for the town kick off. For the past year, students at C.E.S. have been researching about the history of Coalhurst and their efforts have resulted in a children's history book. Community members, especially those who have contributed to this project, are invited to attend our official book launch on Tuesday, January 22nd at Coalhurst Elementary School. We will be presenting each student participant with a copy of a magazine that they submitted stories and pictures for (the cost for these have been substantially covered by grants for the centennial). We will also present C.E.S., C.H.S. and the Town of Coalhurst with a hardcover copy of the whole year's research (costs covered as part of our Moving Forward with the Past grant application).

**Date: Tuesday, January 22**

**Time: 8:45 am (CES Assembly in the gym) for the students and school book launch**

**6:30 pm (CES atrium) for the book presentation to the Town of Coalhurst**

For community members interested in ordering a copy of the book (\$60.00) or the magazine (\$15.00), please contact Mrs. Lenz at C.E.S. (403) 381-3330 or by e-mail [emma.lenz@pallisersd.ab.ca](mailto:emma.lenz@pallisersd.ab.ca). Orders will be taken during the book launch with magazines/books to arrive before the end of February.

Please remember to check out our blog for stories, videos, photos and much more at [www.coalhurst2013edublogs.org](http://www.coalhurst2013edublogs.org)

## **EVENTS TO WATCH FOR**

**FAMILY DAY** - February 18, 2013. Coalhurst Community Centre. Great family entertainment.