



What an amazing Miners Days Celebration! A big thank you to all who came out – it really was a great time!

The Show and Shine, organized by Mr. Lawrence Watmough, was a new event in celebration of the Coalhurst Centennial and a huge success.

We extend our thanks and appreciation to the many people and businesses for their generosity and support of the Show and Shine:

**Southern Alberta Antique
and Classic Automobile Club
Town of Coalhurst
Eldorado R.V. Sales Ltd.
4 X Toys
1st Choice Credit union
Rocky Mountain equipment
(Picture Butte)
Creative awards
Silver Automotive
Davis Pontiac
Frank Mc. Keely Auction
West side Safeway
Jim Hillyer, MP
Ian Donovan, MLA
Dave and Ellen Smith
Trucking
Rocky Mountain equipment
(Lethbridge)
Lawrence and Kayla
Watmough
C.E.P. Automotive Limited
Princess Auto (Lethbridge)
Home Hardware (West
Lethbridge)
Melvin Roth
Don's Radiator Shop**

At the dedication of our Town's Monument, we were honoured with a poem written and performed by Mr. Noel Burles. Noel is well known around these parts as a musician and a Cowboy Poet and recently visited England and Australia to share his craft.

Coalhurst – A Story Told (Noel Burles: August 2013)

I've had my trials and tribulations
In the hundred years I've been a Town
Those early years a lot of growth
Then they tried to burn me down.

It was the mines that made me
Without that shaft I wouldn't be here
600 men, worked three shifts
In my heyday year

I had lots of different stores
Shoe repair, a blacksmith shop
Dry goods, butchers, a hospital
The hotel, a greyhound stop

And that's just to name a few
I was a thriving place
And the price of coal was rising
And it set the pace

Working men with families
Along with all their dreams
I was alive with activity
Football, Hockey, Baseball teams

And then came the explosions
December 9, in thirty five
All bodies were recovered
16 men did not survive

The mine closed down
Coal sales were slow
There was work elsewhere
Families had to go

I had some rough and rocky times
But still I battled on
A tiny little prairie town
With most my people gone

But here I am, 100 years
Once again I'm on the rise
For all those people who just didn't quit
Have prevented my demise