



FEBRUARY TOWN NEWS

What's Happening

February

- 7 Council Meeting 6:00pm
- 20 Office Closed (Family Day)
- 21 Council Meeting 6:00pm



HAPPY VALENTINES DAY



March

- 7 Council Meeting 6:00pm
- 21 Council Meeting 6:00pm



Happy St. Patrick's Day

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Mayor's Message

JANUARY 2023

I hope this message finds you well. I am back again this month to provide you with a more in-depth look at the values section of our town's strategic plan. During the planning session, our Council spent considerable time discussing the values that are important to us as a collective group and how they will shape the work we want to accomplish throughout our term.

The values we have expressed in the strategic plan are the guiding principles that will determine how our town operates publicly and privately. I will highlight a few, and if you're interested in reading the section in it's entirety, you can see the strategic plan on our website.

One of my favourite values is innovation. To us, innovation means developing new strategies to fulfill the desires of our community. We recognize that the world is always changing, and we want to be open to new ideas and avoid being stuck in ways of thinking that may no longer serve our community.

Another value that we identified is intention. This value is defined as being purposeful with our time, resources, and decisions. Our Council wants to be thoughtful and strategic in moving forward since we have big aspirations for our town and want to make the most of our resources to get there.

Finally, I want to highlight the value of vision. We have defined it as "having a dream for what our community could be and working towards it." I spoke about big, bold decisions last month, and these decisions are moving us closer to the dream that we have for our community. Our Council is motivated and inspired by this future vision, and we are constantly energized by our progress.

I hope this update helps you better understand the values that guide our work, and I look forward to keeping you informed about our progress.

Until next month,

Mayor Lyndsay Montana



TOWN OF COALHURST
APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES/BOARDS

Town of Coalhurst invites applications from residents, and surrounding district individuals, interested in sitting on the following Committees/Boards:

Recreation & Culture Committee-3 members at large

Please submit your application, in writing, Attention: CAO, Town of Coalhurst
via one of the methods listed below:

Mail to: Box 456

Coalhurst, Alberta T0L 0V0

Fax: 403-381-2924

e-mail: cao@coalhurst.ca

or drop it off at the Town Office: 100 – 51 Avenue



Sidewalk sand is available for residents with bins at the following locations:

- * **Esso Parking Lot**
- * **Imperial Meadows Park** (parking lot)
- * **Recycling Depot** (located beside the fire hall on 7th street)
- * **Intersection of Sundance**



If you notice the bins are empty please call the office at

403-381-3033



ELIGIBLE IMPROVEMENTS

- Business Equipment
- Technology (Hardware/Software)
- Business training, consulting or certification
- Removal of barriers to access for people with disabilities and mobility challenges
- Interior painting
- Interior flooring (carpet, laminate, tile, hardwood)
- Shelving (removable)
- Interior counters and display cases
- Interior light fixtures

STORE FRONT BUSINESSES ONLY

- Signage in the front of business locations
- Repair or replacement of storefront windows and doors
- Exterior lighting of the building and signage
- Removal and disposal of broken signage and fixtures
- Installation and design of awnings and signs
- New storefront window openings and new doorways
- Interior window display areas and lighting
- Removal of exterior materials that cover architectural details
- New architectural details such as entryway features and cornices
- Signs that are uniquely designed to integrate into building architecture
- Creation of new retail bays in an existing building
- Addition of patio areas and permanent landscaping elements



BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT LOANS

COALHURST BUSINESSES

Interest Free Loans

Up to \$10,000

*** Available to home based
and store front businesses***

**Loan interest paid by
Town of Coalhurst**



HOW TO APPLY:

✓ *Pick up Grant Application documents at either:*

Town of Coalhurst Office

100—51 Avenue
Coalhurst, AB T0L 0V0
Phone: 403 381 3033

Attn: Chief Administrative Officer

or

Community Futures Lethbridge Region

2626 South Parkside Drive
Phone: 403 320 6044

Penny Patching, Business Advisor Direct:
587 800 8417
ppatching@albertacf.com

✓ *Complete Loan Application document:
Application for Credit*

✓ *Set up a meeting with a Community Futures
Business Analyst to present application.*

✓ *Once the completed grant application
documents are received, CFLR will perform
due diligence on the application and contact
the business owner to set appointment within
10 working days to proceed.*

✓ *Once approved by CFLR, loans documents will
be signed by the business owner and a cheque
will be disbursed within 5 working days.*



Community Futures 
Lethbridge Region
Growing communities one idea at a time.

CFLR SERVICES:

ALTERNATIVE FINANCING
CONSULTING
BUSINESS TRAINING
BUSINESS PLANNING
COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

FLEXIBLE TERMS

- Loans between \$800 and \$10,000
- Terms between 1-3 years

Sample Loan

\$10,000 Loan

- Term of Three Years
- Loan Payment \$277.78/month

Grant to cover interest

Community Futures 
Lethbridge Region

CAO Report: February 2023

The month of January is named after the Roman god Janus, the god of transition. Reflecting on the activities of the past month, we are certainly in a transition towards some amazing things in Coalhurst. Here's what your Town Office has been up to:

Community Peace Officer Appointment

If you recall my November update, I introduced you to John, our new Bylaw Enforcement Officer. On January 30th, John received his Community Peace Officer (CPO) Appointment from the Solicitor General. This is one of several Goals that Council identified in their 2022-2025 Strategic Plan (under "Maintain a Safe Community"). Congratulations to John on the Appointment, and to Council for achieving this objective!

Community Peace Officers are an important step between Bylaw Officers and Police Officers. (John provided a nice summary of the CPO /RCMP roles, at the end of this report). However, our CPO *does not* replace the RCMP; *if a crime is occurring or has occurred, call 911.*

I think you will agree that living in a safe community is of paramount importance to each of us, to our neighbours, and to our many friends, employees, and guests that work, play and visit our town.

Community Peace Officer

Now that you agree that living in a safe community is of paramount importance, you'll agree that part of a "safe community" involves *how* we move around Coalhurst ... and it appears that some people move faster than posted speed limits! The Town Office receives a lot of "speeding" calls. With a CPO in place, we can be proactive and target the areas that are the most unsafe. John is experienced in traffic enforcement.

Please remember: If John stops you for speeding, it's nothing personal: he's working for *your* safety and for the safety of everyone here.

Coordinator of Legislative Services

When Leslie retired at the end of September – after 25 years of service to Coalhurst! Thank you again, Leslie! – it left a gap in responsibilities to Council, the office, and the community. I took the time to analyze and evaluate the needs of the Organization, and the result is a re-design of the role into the Coordinator of Legislative Services.

It gives me great pleasure to introduce you to Karlene, our (first) Coordinator of Legislative Services. Karlene comes to us with a background in public administration and the necessary experiences in municipal government. She will be responsible for modernizing our legislative processes – everything from Council agendas to document flows to public information requests – as well as providing support to Council. Although she started on January 23rd, Karlene's presence and impact in the Office has already been felt! Welcome, Karlene!

Searching for a Development Officer

As I mentioned in my January update, we were sad to see Sarah, our Development Officer (DO), leave for work in another municipality. We are advertising for a Development Officer (see coalhurst.ca for the job posting). If you have DO experience or know someone who does (and wants to work in a drama-free, supportive, collaborative work environment), please send us a resume to main@coalhurst.ca or drop one off at Town Hall (100 51st Street).

See what I meant about January being a month of “transition!”

Searching for a Coordinator of Community Development

As a ‘heads up’ to those interested, I will be posting on the website for the position of Coordinator of Community Development (CDS) . This person will focus on the events, programs and services that enhance the social and physical well-being of individuals, families, and community groups targeting all demographics in Coalhurst. Additionally, the CDS will steward the Community Grant program, and coordinate community celebrations, such as Miner’s Days, Canada Day, and other popular or significant events.

This position stems from Council’s 2022-2025 Strategic Plan objectives to “Increase Community Engagement” and “Provide Coalhurst Residents with Exceptional Service.” Council created budget savings to fund this position meaning that it’s an increase in the level of service without an impact on the tax base.

Please note: the three positions I mentioned previously – CPO, Coordinator of Legislative Services and Development Officer – are existing positions for which we have hired new staff.

Public Open House – coming soon

In a couple of weeks, the Town will be hosting a Public Open House to receive *your* feedback, *your* thoughts, and *your* ideas regarding possible uses and amenities in the Wetlands. With approximately 30 acres of new, open, and accessible space available to us, Council would like to hear from the community. Your feedback will help inform present and future site layout, capital and operational planning, and long-range infrastructure needs. The information we collect will help us – staff – provide Council and the community with options for development and will help inform the Recreation Master Plan being developed this year.

Solar Project

Although it has been in operation since October 24th (at 11:00am, to be precise), Council will celebrate the completion of the Solar Project on February 15th at 3:30pm (weather permitting). Located east of town, at the former lagoons, the intent of the Project was to generate power to run the Town’s lift station, while reducing operating costs.

The solar PV array consists of 144 x 445-watt DC solar modules (panels) and a 150-kW AC micro-inverter. The total system cost was \$155,282.00, of which \$64,000.00 was funded by the *Municipal Climate Change Action Centre*. The expected annual savings on electricity costs will result in a payback period of 9 years against the 25-year *minimum* life cycle of the solar array.

Council and Administration appreciate the contribution of, and partnerships with, everyone involved.

Town of Coalhurst Community Peace Officer.

What is a Community Peace Officer and what do they do?

Through authorization of the Alberta Solicitor General, the Town employs a Community Peace Officer (CPO) to enforce Municipal bylaws and some Provincial acts for the town of Coalhurst. The CPO works along side the RCMP to help keep the community safe.

What can a Community Peace Officer enforce?

CPOs enforce all Municipal bylaws, such as animal control, unsightly properties, and noise complaints. CPOs also enforce some provincial acts like *Traffic Safety Act*, *Animal Protection Act* and the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*.

What is the difference between a Community Peace Officer and the RCMP?

The RCMP is the country's federal police force. They have the authority to enforce all federal (criminal) and provincial laws. A CPO has limited authority to provincial acts and municipal bylaws. CPOs cannot enforce criminal code violations.

When should I call the Community Peace Officer?

You should call your Community Peace Officer for animal control complaints (such as a dog running at large), unsightly premises, parking complaints, traffic safety concerns, and other matters that you consider "community-related."

When should I contact the RCMP?

You would call the RCMP for all emergency situations, all criminal activity and traffic safety concerns.

How do I contact the Community Peace Officer?

You can reach CPO Herasemluk by email at bylaw@coalhurst.ca or by calling the Town of Coalhurst office at 403 381 3033.

Jeffrey Coffman

CAO (Interim)



COALHURST SENIORS IN ACTION COALHURST 55 PLUS CLUB

A great place for Coalhurst and district seniors

to get

together for fun and socialization.



ACTIVITIES

Wednesday mornings 10:00am for cards, coffee, snacks, and socialization.

Wednesday evenings 7:00pm crafts ping pong, shuffleboard, cards, coffee, and snacks

Friday mornings 10:00am crib, coffee, snacks, and socialization.

Saturday evenings 7:00pm cards, coffee, snacks and of course socialization.

INFORMATION

Drop in to one of the activities and learn all about the 55 Plus Society. The age for membership is 45 and up, however you must be 55 to vote. For more information call Judy Plunkie at 403-849-2954 or email riis.plunkie@gmail.com

The 55 Plus Society is located at 5205 - 6th Street, downstairs in the Legion. Use the entrance off the back alley.

There is always a jigsaw puzzle on the go if you would like to work on it.



Join Our Team!

Indigenous Family Liaison Worker

Organization	Family and Community Support Services (Barons-Eureka-Warner)
Mission	To enhance the social well-being of individuals, families and communities in our region.
Website	www.fcss.ca

Hours of Work	17.5 - 21 hours per week Flexible hours will include some weekends and evenings
Status	0.5 - 0.6 FTE Permanent
Wage	\$23.98 - \$26.19 per hour
Location	Coaldale
Closing Date	Open until filled

FCSS offers competitive compensation, health and dental benefits, professional development opportunities and a professional, positive, and energized workplace. FCSS staff and management are certified under Brene Brown's *Dare to Lead* training.

POSITION SUMMARY

The objectives of this position are to support Blackfoot families and build the capacity of caregivers by providing concrete supports, resources, and information (including parenting skills and stages of child development). Recognizing the importance of meeting families where they're at, this position supports families where they live by providing mobile, flexible, and trauma-informed supports.

EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

- Diploma/degree in child and youth care, human services, social work, health sciences or education (or equivalent experience).
- Strong understanding of the needs of parents, children and families.
- Knowledge and background in Blackfoot traditions, culture, and language.
- Professional communication skills both verbal and written.
- Understand and apply ethical standards and professional boundaries.
- Knowledge of legislation applicable to the protection of children and vulnerable adults.
- Experience working directly with families who have complex needs.
- Must possess a valid class 5 driver's license.

DETAILS OF RESPONSIBILITIES

Family Support

- Support families with their basic needs and navigating the system of natural and community supports.
- Provide collaborative and cooperative referral pathways with the child intervention system. Support family preservation and/or support families when reunited.
- Provide information and supported referrals for children, caregivers, and families.
- Provide evidence-based information and education to support families, children, and youth (including, Triple P).

Community Development

- Deliver presentations in a wide range of community settings.
- Participate in local community events to connect and promote services and supports.
- Connect families to natural and community supports through supported referrals.

Administration

- All FCSS employees are expected to perform administrative responsibilities to meet organizational and funding requirements as directed by mandate and policy.
- Maintain accurate record keeping of client information.
- Ensure data entry is completed in an accurate and timely manner.
- Ensure all programs and activities comply, and are in accordance, with BEW FCSS policies and procedures.

Qualified applicants are invited to submit their cover letter and resume to:

Zakk Morrison, Executive Director

Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS

2107 - 13th Street, Coaldale, AB T1M 1C5 email: info@fcss.ca

We wish to express our appreciation to all applicants for their interest and effort in applying for this position. However, only candidates selected for interviews will be contacted.

Barons-Eureka-Warner Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) is a public body and therefore the personal information is collected under the authority of Section 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. The personal information you provide may be used for the purposes of determining whether you are suitable and qualified for a position with Barons-Eureka-Warner Family and Community Support Services (FCSS). For further information, please contact the FOIP Coordinator at 403.405.4466 or info@fcss.ca.



Youth Centre

Games, snacks & more..

Coalhurst
Community
Centre

January 12 & 26
February 9 & 23
March 9 & 23

Ages 7-12

3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Ages 13-18

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Absolutly **FREE** for youth to attend

Contact Trinity for more info

(403)394-8101 or trinity.walker@fcss.ca





COALHURST COMMUNITY
Spring Market

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023 | 9AM - 3PM
COALHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE

VENDORS WANTED

\$30/PER TABLE | **APPLY HERE:** bit.ly/coalhurstspringmarket

COALHURST PARKS & RECREATION
SOCIETY PRESENTS...

MOVIE NIGHT

JOIN US EVERY 3RD FRIDAY OF THE
MONTH FOR CPRS MOVIE AT THE HALL!

FEBRUARY 17 | MARCH 17 | APRIL 21

Minors must be accompanied by an adult





NEED EXTRA CASH?

BE A REFEREE FOR YOUTH SOCCER!

U7 - \$12 / Game

U13 - \$20 / Game

U9 - \$15 / Game

U15 - \$25 / Game

U11 - \$18 / Game

U18 - \$30 / Game

****U7 referees must be at least 11 years of age.**



For more information on refereeing opportunities email us at cksasoccer@gmail.com





**Register here:
bit.ly/CKSA2023**



REGISTRATION: Fees are \$55.00 per player. No registrations will be accepted after February 28. **REFUNDS:** No refunds will be issued past the last registration night unless there is extenuating medical reasons. An appeal for a refund past this date, for any other reasons, must be submitted in writing to the CKSA Board of Directors and will be considered at their next scheduled meeting.

SEASON BEGINS: Week of April 10

TOURNAMENT: Saturday, June 17, 2023

GAME TIME: 6:00 PM FOR U7, U9 and U11

7:00 PM FOR U13, U15 & U18

GAME NIGHTS:	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	SATURDAY
SMALL FIELD	U7	U9			IF
MID FIELD			U11	U13	NECESSARY
LARGE FIELD	U18	U15			

LEAGUE PLAY:

- Game schedules are arranged by the Board with "home" and "away" games allocated as equally as possible. Schedules should be finalized two weeks prior to the start of the season.
- Standings are determined by total points (Win – 3 pts, Tie – 1 pt).
- PRACTICES: Coaches are encouraged to run a practice once a week in addition to the games. Practice days, times, and fields are arranged by the coach through the community reps and are subject to field availability.
- MAKE-UP GAMES: Game cancellations are the coaches responsibility. All make-up games should be played within 10 days of the scheduled day, weather permitting.

TOURNAMENT

- In the case of adverse weather conditions, the CKSA Board of Directors will determine if the tournament will go ahead.
- League standings determine the play-off draw for the tournament.
- All teams are guaranteed two games (a bye is considered your first game); the first game is played during tournament week.
- Players of first, second and third teams in each age group receive Gold, Silver and Bronze awards respectively. All other players receive a participation medal. All players and coaches receive a lunch voucher.

GAME SPECIFICS:

UNDER 7 Small fields and nets 6 players & 1 goalkeeper 20 MINUTE HALVES	UNDER 9 Small fields and nets 6 players & 1 goalkeeper 25 MINUTE HALVES	UNDER 11 Mid sized fields and nets 7 players & 1 goalkeeper 30 MINUTE HALVES
UNDER 13 Mid sized fields and nets 7 players and 1 goalkeeper 30 MINUTE HALVES	UNDER 15 Full sized fields and nets 10 players and 1 goalkeeper 35 MINUTE HALVES	UNDER 18 Full sized fields and nets 10 players and 1 goalkeeper 45 MINUTE HALVES
<u>AGE GROUP ALLOCATIONS BY BIRTH YEAR</u>		
UNDER 7. 2017-2016	UNDER 9. 2015-2014	UNDER 11. 2013-2012
	UNDER 13. 2011-2010	UNDER 15 2009-2008
		UNDER 18'S 2007-2005

2023

CAREER
&
POST SECONDARY FAIR

ALBERTA RCMP RECRUITING ZERO GRAVITY CRANE FISH & WILDLIFE
BROADCASTING / COMMUNICATION/ MEDIA C&A GROUPS
BROADCASTING / COMMUNICATION/ MEDIA
ELECTRICIAN - NEU LITE

LAKELAND COLLEGE LETHBRIDGE COLLEGE MEDICINE HAT COLLEGE
MOUNT ROYAL UNIVERSITY PRAIRIE COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA-AUGUSTANA
CAMPUS
ALBERTA UNIVERSITY OF THE ARTS BOW VALLEY COLLEGE
SAIT POLYTECHNIC



Thursday March 23,

1pm - 7pm

COALHURST HIGH SCHOOL



415 53 AVE
COALHURST, ALBERTA

www.coalhursthighschool.ca

Everyone Welcome!

let's party



With
Coyote Creek



FEBRUARY 11, 2023

7PM - 11PM

**BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE
RAFFLE**

RESERVED TABLE,
BOTTLE OF CHAMPAGNE AND SNACKS

TICKETS: 3/\$5.00

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE EVENT

**DRAW FOR A
GIFT CERTIFICATE
FOR**

**1 NIGHT AT
PRAIRIE ROSE COTTAGE
BOTTLE OF CHAMPAGNE INCLUDED!**

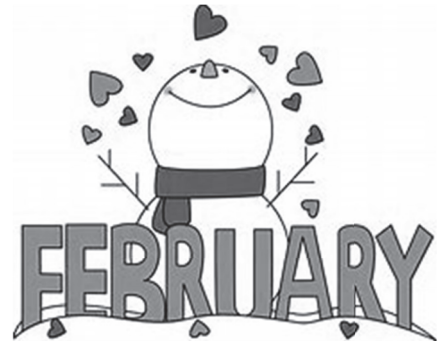
\$10 PER PERSON

**COALHURST LEGION
5205 6 ST**

The Month of February

Did you know:

- ◆ February is the only month to have a length of fewer than 30 days! Though it's usually 28 days, February is 29 days long in leap years such as 2020 and 2024.
- ◆ January and February were the last two months to be added to the Roman calendar (c. 713 BC); originally, winter was considered a month-less period.
- ◆ Originally, February was made the last month of the calendar year. Eventually (c. 450 BC), February was moved to its place as the second month.



The Full Snow Moon

February's full Moon reaches peak illumination at Sunday, February 5, 2023. Look skyward on that night to catch the best view of this full Moon!

What's happening in February?

- February 2 is Groundhog day-*The day we find out whether winter will last six more weeks or call it quits early.*
- February 14 is Valentines Day "*Love looks not with the eyes, but with the mind*"
- February 15 National Flag Day of Canada *is observed annually on this date to commemorate the inauguration of the flag of Canada on that date in 1965*
- February 20 is Family Day. *This holiday celebrates the importance of families and family life to people and their communities.*
- February 22 is Ash Wednesday-*Celebrated on Wednesday seven weeks before Easter and the day after Mardi Gras. It is a Christian observance which represents the first day of Lent and the starting of approximately 6 weeks of fasting and penance.*



SPECIALS FEBRUARY

1-4: 6 SQUARES REG. \$ 9.00 SALE \$ 7.95

7-11: 1 DOZEN GINGER COOKIES REG. \$ 6.95 SALE \$ 5.95

14-18: POUND CAKE REG. \$ 7.50 SALE \$ 6.50

21-25: 6 DONUTS REG. \$ 7.50/9.00 SALE \$ 6.50/8.00

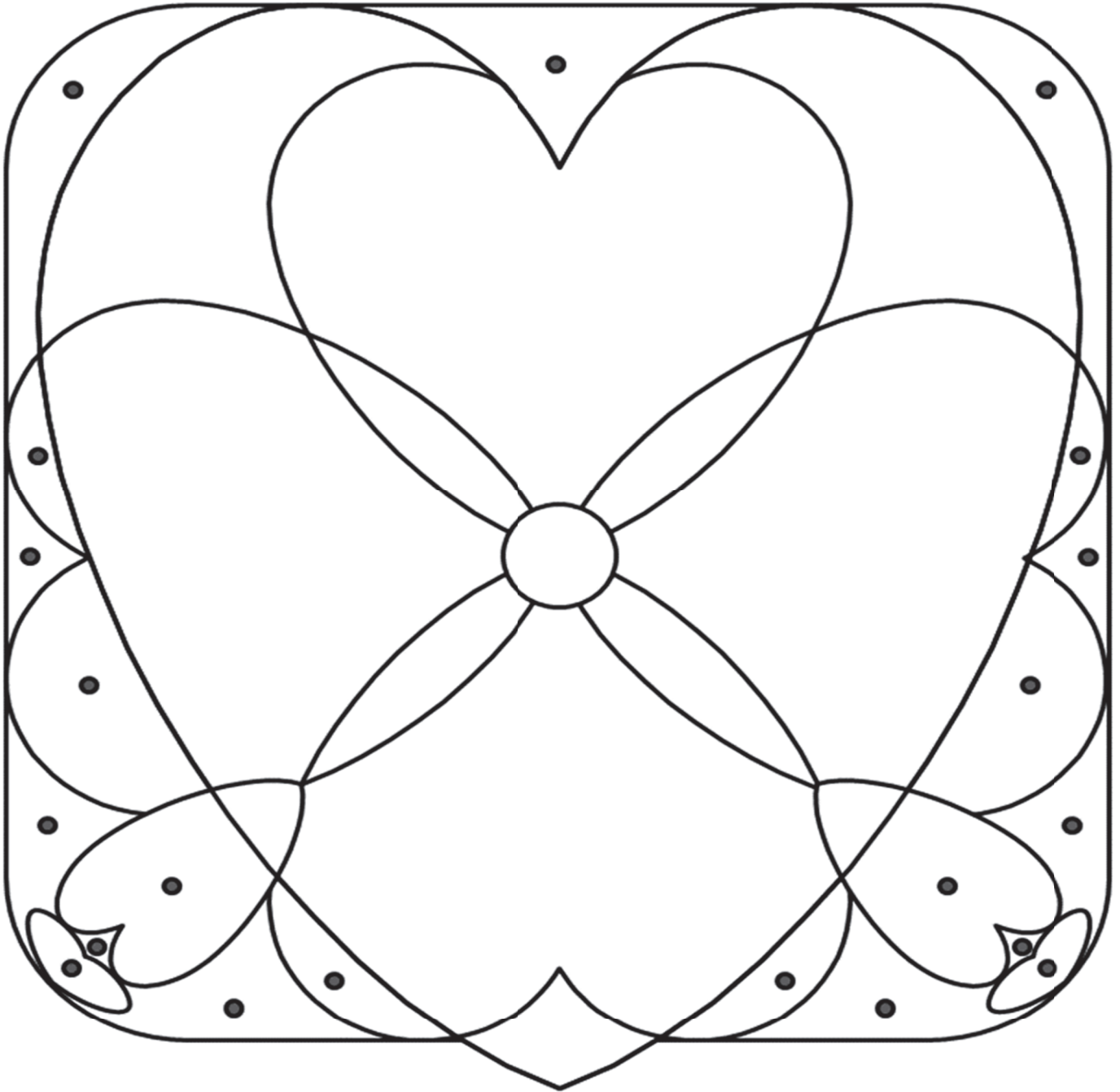
Tuesday – Friday 8am-6pm Saturday 8am-4pm

514 51 Ave, Coalhurst, 403 394 7676 cell: 403 795 3202

email: kooymanbakery@gmail.com

Kids Stuff

(Dot Puzzle)



color the spaces with no dot red.

● leave the spaces with a dot white.