

TOWN NEWS

NOVEMBER 2023



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CAO's Message

As we head into November we are reminded of the sacrifices of those who were injured or lost their lives in defense of our Country and freedom around the world. It's easy to take for granted what we as Canadians enjoy, our opportunities, our freedoms, our way of life, but none of it comes without a cost. November 11th gives cause to thank those who paid the price for all that we hold dear. This year we were pleased to partner with the Legion on the banners hung on 51st Ave. depicting some of those veterans. On Remembrance Day take a moment to reflect on those around the world that live each day in tyranny, hunger, oppression and constant violence and thank those who fought or kept the peace to ensure we as Canadians can sleep peacefully at night and that our children can walk free and create their own opportunities. "Lest we Forget!" The Legion service is Nov. 11 at 10:30 am at the Community Hall.

November also means winter is approaching and our staff's focus shifts from road repairs, construction and parks and playgrounds to snow removal, equipment and facility maintenance, budget development, year end and making plans for the upcoming year. We're also excited to welcome aboard our new Community Services Director, Christy Henning, who comes to us from Vernon, B.C. and brings a wide range of experience to our organization. Meanwhile, Council and administration have been hard at work realigning our committees to meet Council's strategic priorities which will allow more community input. There is no season of rest in a municipal organization.

My first six months here have been interesting, exciting, challenging and enjoyable thanks to our Council who have been incredibly hard working and supportive and our staff who are always there to lend a hand and dig in when work needs to be done. Change is never easy but every community goes through it and I am very excited about what opportunities lie ahead for Coalhurst. We will be exploring ways to take advantage of the wetlands project, adding to our amenities and providing our residents and visitors with even more opportunities. We are also hard at work reviewing options for expanding our commercial and light industrial sectors to create more local jobs and shift some of the tax burden away from our residential property owners. Onward and upward!

Shawn Patience

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)



TOWN NOTICES

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

November Meetings for Council and Committees:

- November 7, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council
- November 14, 2023, Committee of the Whole
- November 21, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council
- November 28, 2023, Open House

For meeting information including scheduled dates, minutes, and agendas, visit:

<https://coalhurst.ca/government/council-committee-meetings/>

PUBLIC NOTICES

November 13, 2023: Town Office Closure

The office will be closed on Monday, November 13 in lieu of the Remembrance Day.

November 28, 2023: Open House

6:00 - 8:00 PM, Coalhurst Town Office - Council Chambers

Come join us for the Fall Open House where you will have the opportunity to speak with your Town Council and town staff and provide your input into a variety of issues. Topics of interest for this open house include:

- Preliminary draft 2024 Operating and Capital Budgets
- Updates to Offsite Levies
- Information and volunteer opportunities on the many exciting new Council Committees



A WALK THROUGH TIME

COALHURST HERITAGE WALKING TOUR

DID YOU KNOW? Coalhurst has a heritage walking tour!

The Coalhurst Heritage Walking Tour serves to honour all the pioneers, miners, and adventurers who forged through difficult winters and challenging times, creating homes in what was once considered an uninhabitable land. Visit each site and find a sign with more information about Coalhurst's past:



1. **Imperial Meadows Park** - Monument Honouring our Past and Celebrating Our Future – dedicated August 9, 2013 as part of our Centennial Celebrations, the monument lists the names of those that contributed and were residing in or near the Town of Coalhurst in 1913. **Imperial Meadows Park** – Original site of the Imperial Meadows Mine and marked by a plaque outlining the 1935 mine disaster.
2. **West End of Community Centre** – The Hospital (Built to serve the miners in the 1920/30s)
3. **51st Avenue between 4th and 6th Street** - Downtown District – Read the Main Street Banner
4. **513 52nd** – The Rohovie House (purchased from Diamond City in 1924)
5. **Head East 500 metres from the north end of 7th street at 55th Ave)** – The Dump
6. **Coalhurst High School Track West End** - The Low School - The Schools Bridgend School Division #2394 was formed March 25, 1911.
7. **Coalhurst High School Track East End** – The High School – Built in 1924 and moved to the location of the current Elementary School in the 1960s.
8. **St. Joseph's Church** - 433 52nd Ave – Moved to the current location in 1924
9. **1st Street and 51st Avenue** – Coalhurst Train Station (Moved from Kipp in 1927)
10. **1st Street and 51st Avenue** - Coalhurst Grain Elevator (Originally built in 1928)

For more information, visit: <https://coalhurst.ca/about/town-history/>

EVENT CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Move it! Move it! (FCSS) Drop-in 9:30-11:30am	2 Youth Drop-in (FCSS) 3:30-5:00pm Family Night (FCSS) 6:00-7:30pm	3 Stay & Play (FCSS) 9:30-11:30am	4
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Snow Angels –The Neighbourly Thing to Do

What is the Snow Angels Program?

The Snow Angels Program aims to encourage neighbors to help one another by volunteering to shovel snow for community members who are unable to clear their own sidewalks.

Who are Snow Angels?

Snow Angels are individuals, youth, seniors, families, community groups, and corporate volunteers who voluntarily shovel snow for community members needing assistance.

Why become a volunteer Snow Angel?

- Get to know your neighbors
- Help someone who will truly appreciate your efforts
- Keep sidewalks and driveways safe for all
- Get some fresh air
- Exercise
- Much more!

When does the program run?

Snow Angel signs will be clearly displayed outside of the home from November until mid-April.

Who provides the tools?

Residents are encouraged to allow volunteers to use their shovel, ice chippers, ice melt, etc. Please have the tools easily accessible for volunteers.



How it works:

1. Residents in need of help can contact FCSS Volunteer Services at 403-915-7063 indicating they need a hand with snow removal this winter. They will be asked to complete an application form.

To be eligible, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Must reside at the property.
- Have a condition or disability preventing them from participating in snow removal activities.
- Not have any other able-bodied person residing in their home to assist.

2. Once the application has been received and approved, you will receive a sign to display. We will deliver the sign and set it up. Please note that if a volunteer does not come to shovel, cleaning the sidewalk is still the responsibility of the property owner. Your walkways must be cleared 48 hours after snowfall. Placement of a Snow Angel sign is not a guarantee that snow will be removed.

3. After a snowfall, volunteers can look for Snow Angel signs around their community and simply shovel the walks.

- Volunteers will shovel all accessible parts of the sidewalk and driveway, up to the front door of the residence.
- Volunteers will NOT shovel areas of grass, backyards, or alleyways.

4. At the end of each month, Snow Angel volunteers are asked to submit their volunteer hours online or by phone. All volunteers who participate in the program will be entered into a draw to win a Block Party with the NeighbourGood Trailer as well as monthly prize draws. Bonus entries are available for Snow Angel volunteers who take a selfie or group photo of a job well done and post it on social media. Make sure you tag FCSS!

#WhereToTurn

November is Family Violence Prevention Month, which means it is a time to raise awareness and have an open conversation about family and domestic violence.

What is Family Violence? Family violence is any form of abuse or neglect that one may experience from their family member or from someone that they are/were in an intimate relationship with. It can be a single act of violence or a reoccurring act that forms a pattern of abuse. Family violence is a broad term that includes: domestic violence, intimate partner violence, sexual violence, child abuse, neglect and sexual exploitation, child sexual abuse, elder abuse and neglect, and witnessing the abuse of others in the family.

What are some kinds of abuse is considered family violence?

- Physical: Use of force against someone with the intent to hurt them.
- Financial: Using money or property to control or exploit a family member.
- Neglect: Failing to provide basic needs to dependents.
- Sexual: Forcing sexual activity on a member of the household.
- Emotional/ Psychological/ Verbal: Words and actions to control, isolate, and/or frighten a family member.

What are the Signs of Family Violence?

There are many indicators that could signal to you that someone you know is experiencing violence at home. For instance, adults may withdraw from family and friends; stop doing activities they used to enjoy; show signs of depression or anxiety; hint about abuse; and have unexplained bruises or other injuries. Children may also show indicators of abuse, which may include being left alone for long periods of time; acting aggressively towards others; withdrawing from others; being fearful of parents' reactions; and having unexplained bruises or other injuries.

How can you help someone that has or is experiencing abuse?

If you or someone you know is experiencing abuse, it is okay to ask for help.

- If you or someone you know is ever in immediate danger, please call 911.
- 24-hour Family Violence help line 310-1818
- FCSS Counselling Services: (587) 370-3728 or counsellingservices@fcss.ca

We can all play a role in continuing to raise awareness throughout the year. For more information, visit <https://www.alberta.ca/family-violence-prevention>

Visit www.fcss.ca for more information.

Submitted by:
Michael Fedunec
Counselling Services Supervisor



SERVING:

Barnwell | Barons | Coaldale | Coalhurst | Lethbridge County | County of Warner | Coutts | Milk River
M.D. of Taber | Nobleford | Picture Butte | Raymond | Stirling | Taber | Vauxhall | Warner

- Ages 14-18
- FREE to Attend
- Transportation and Lunch Provided

CREATIVE LEADERS CONFERENCE 2023

An opportunity to connect with like-minded youth
and cultivate your leadership skills!

Only 30
spots
available

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
EMMA MORRISON

Emma Morrison is the first Indigenous woman in 72 years to hold the Miss World Canada crown. Emma is a Mushkegowuk Cree woman from the Chapleau Cree First Nation, a remote reserve near Chapleau, Ontario



SKYE HEPHER



CHRISTIE SADDLEBACK &
JESSICA GOODRIDER-
LOEWEN



ANNA HAWKINS

Taber Community Auditorium - 4720 B 50 St

NOV

24th

2023

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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For More Information:

Anita Wiebe: (587)-370-1200

Jillian Boyd: (403)-332-0629



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The Royal Canadian Legion Coalhurst Branch 273

5205 6 Street Coalhurst Alberta

November 2023

Wednesday: Dart League

Thursday: Pool League & Dart Sharks Burgers and Chips: Nov 16 & Nov 30

***Cooked from 5-6:30pm for \$6.00 Kids get a free pop with meal.**

Friday: Meat Draws: 6:00, 6:30 and 7:00

Friday: Jitney Darts 7:00 start

Friday: King Draw 7:00

Saturday: Free pool table & Smack the Jack 7:00

Steak Dinner \$20, Nov 18 sign up by Nov 15

We need a minimum number of 10 signed up to go ahead with steak night.

General Meeting: November 13 at 7pm

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Please call Wendy to volunteer 403-634-5262.

We have gone to one Bingo a month and the odd E-Bingo. You don't need to be a member to work the Bingo's. Money received helps both our club and community. Next Bingo Nov 26

We are working at the Casino Dec 23-25 We have several positions to fill for this event. This event only happens every few years and earns us large funds for the Legion.

Hours of operation

Wednesday -Thursday 5:00 until close

Friday 4:30 -Close Saturdays 3:00 until close

We will remain open if there are Patrons.

Closed: Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday

403-381-3080

We have complimentary rooms for non-profit organizations. We also have room rentals for private events. Please call for bookings.

A Remembrance Day Ceremony will be held at the Coalhurst

Community Hall on November 11. The service will start at 10:30am sharp. An

Act of Remembrance will follow at the cenotaph. All are welcome to light lunch and comradery at the Coalhurst Legion.

Members there is a sign-up sheet for those making donations for the lunch.



Horse Races will start on November 18 at 4pm. We need horse owners to sponsor

their trusty steeds for the season for \$25. All fees go to the sports fund.

The Chevilles are playing on Nov 25 7-11pm \$25



Both Boys are on the run. Come out and find them!

Sporting Events

Nov 4 Area Singles Pool

Western Canada Darts Nov18 7pm Nov 19 11am

Sign up Legion Senior crib by Nov 17

Veterans who need assistance can send an email attention Service Officer at legionbm273@gmail.com



Through your donation to the Legion Poppy Fund, the

Legion provides financial assistance and support to Veterans, including the Canadian Armed Forces and their families who are in need. Donations accepted at any time.

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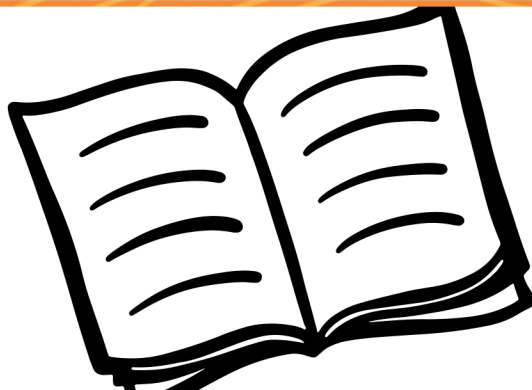
BOOK FAIR

Books bring us together!

FRIDAY DEC. 1, 1PM – 8PM

SATURDAY DEC. 2 8:30AM – 5PM

CHS LEARNING COMMONS



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Friends of CES Society Presents...

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

SANTA'S GONE LOONIE

COALHURST COMMUNITY CENTER (527 51 AVE.)

8:30 A.M. TO 5 P.M.

CES Grades 1-6 OPEN-3:30pm | Community 3:30 -5pm
Open for all ages 4:30-5pm

**ALL
ITEMS
ARE \$1**

This is an event specifically for children/youth (under 18). Kids bring their loonies and pick out the perfect gift for their adult loved ones.

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO THE ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN THROUGH LETH.FAMILY SERVICES.

Starting **Nov 1** New and "like new" Items (No Toys & Clothing please) can be donated at the following locations:

Coalhurst Elementary School,
Town of Coalhurst Office, ABC
Heating and Cooling in
Lethbridge (3020 - 16th Ave N),
Functional Health in
Lethbridge **1406-3rd Ave S**

All left over items will be donated

