

TOWN NEWS

MARCH 2025



Town of
Coalhurst

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Mayor's Message

Hello Coalhurst!

As we welcome the month of March, we find ourselves in the midst of a season of change and renewal. Spring is just around the corner, and with it comes an opportunity to reflect on the progress we've made together as a community and look ahead to what's on the horizon.

Last month we offered a reminder that registration was opening March 3rd for plots in our new community garden. Council, Administration and I are so excited for what this new community space will be for many years to come - a place for residents to grow healthy food, meet new people, learn new skills, and try new things. We know it'll be a great addition to our community in many ways.

With that, we figured the garden would be popular but we didn't quite expect all of the plots to be filled within just 24 hours of registration opening. With the enthusiasm we saw from excited gardeners, we're even more thrilled to see what will happen with this space and we know there is a big need and desire for this type of amenity to be available in Coalhurst.

For anyone who wanted to get a plot this year but was unable to, please feel free to contact the Town Office and get your name on the waiting list. We never know if a plot may become available again early in the season. And for those already looking toward next year, we offer a reminder that new applications must be submitted each year, so there's always a chance for new gardeners to take part.

Aside from preparing our gardens for the summer season, we also offer a gentle reminder that more folks will be out and about as the weather warms and the days get longer. Please keep an eye out for one another and stay safe as you're traveling through town or exploring our parks and pathways.

As we move into March, let's continue working together to build a vibrant, inclusive, and thriving town. Please stay engaged and informed by keeping up with Town news, and don't hesitate to reach out to myself and Council with your ideas, concerns, or feedback.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy March!

Mayor Lyndsay Montana



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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings for Council and Committees:

- March 11: Regular Meeting of Council
- March 20: Regular Meeting of Council
- March 25: Finance and Committee of the Whole

For meeting information including scheduled dates, minutes, and agendas, visit: <https://coalhurst.ca/government/council-committee-meetings/>

PUBLIC NOTICES

SPRING CLEANUP PROGRAM

During this one-week program, you may place specified items along the fence in your rear alley, if you have one. If you do not have a rear alley, you may place items in the front of your property near your regular garbage pickup location. **Materials must be placed no sooner than Wednesday, May 14, and no later than 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 21.**

The intent of this program is to allow residents to dispose of large household items, bagged yard waste, and pruned branches. Watch for more information in next month's newsletter.

DOWNSPOUT EXTENSIONS

As we experience bouts of snow and quick snow melt, it's a good time to check our downspouts and install/repair/replace our downspout extensions if they've been damaged or removed.

Putting an extension on your downspout can help mitigate the risks of water collecting near your home's foundation, entering your basement, or causing your sump pump to run more often (if you have a sump pump).

The Town of Coalhurst [Utility Bylaw #424-21](#) says extensions must be installed on downspouts to a minimum of 1.8m (6ft).



EVENT CALENDAR

MARCH 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 DO Crew (FCSS) 3:30 - 5:00 pm	4 Move it! Move it! 10:00 - 11:30 am	5	6 Youth Drop-in (FCSS) 3:30 - 5:00 pm	7 Stay & Play (FCSS) Drop-in 9:30 - 11:30 am	8
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The Community Volunteer Income Tax Program

WHAT: The Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) is a collaboration between FCSS and the Canada Revenue Agency. This free program, which is supported by local volunteers, makes a significant and positive impact on local families and individuals.

WHO: The CVITP is free to all eligible individuals and families in the FCSS service area. Eligibility is based on income and the simplicity of the tax return. See below for details:

Family Size	Total Family Income
1 person	\$35,000
2 persons	\$45,000
3 persons	\$47,500
4 persons	\$50,000
5 persons	\$52,500
More than 5 persons	\$52,500 (plus \$2,500 for each additional person)

Please note other ineligibility criteria may apply, such as bankruptcy, self-employment income, rental income, etc. For more information, visit fcss.ca.

WHEN: FCSS offers the CVITP all year round.

HOW to prepare for the tax program:

- Gather all your tax documents and information into a folder or envelope.
- Register for a CRA My Account: Visit canada.ca/my-cra-account to register.
- Update your personal information by signing into your CRA My Account or by calling 1-800-959-8281.
- Visit www.fcss.ca to find a drop-in clinic near you or to book an appointment.

To learn more about the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program or to book an appointment, contact Cindy Lauwen at (403) 915-7063.

SERVING:

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

Submitted by:
Cindy Lauwen

Volunteer Services Coordinator



CHEERS TO VOLUNTEERS AWARDS

Nominate an individual, youth, or group who has made a significant positive impact in your community

For one of THREE

✦ **Outstanding Volunteer Awards!** ✦

Nomination Deadline: Friday, March 14th

ELIGIBILITY

- ✓ Live and volunteer within the FCSS service area, including the communities within the MD of Taber, County of Warner, and Lethbridge County.
 - Please note that City of Lethbridge residents are **not** eligible to receive this award.
- ✓ Exemplify a spirit of volunteerism and the ability to inspire others.

INFORMATION

Cindy Lauwen

403-915-7063 (call/text)

volunteerservices@fcss.ca

SUBMIT NOMINATION



TIE DYE FAMILY NIGHT

WHAT

At this event, families have the opportunity to spend "hands-on" time together, while participating in a tie dye night and enjoying a snack. Activities are planned for children ages 3-12 years. Families bring a white article of clothing and we'll provide the rest!

WHEN

Thursday, March 13
6:00-7:30 pm

WHERE

Coalhurst FCSS
527 50 Ave

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Jess

403-795-2963

Jess.Walton@fcss.ca



ADVERTISEMENTS

YOU'RE
INVITED

to join the
55 Plus Club!

Mondays

2 pm

Gentle stretching and mobility exercises.



**Wednesdays
& Fridays**

**10 am
- to -
Noon**

Join us weekly to play Crib.



Wednesdays

**7 pm
- to -
10 pm**

Shuffleboard, ping pong, crafts,
jigsaw puzzles, followed by 1000 rummy.



Saturdays

**7 pm
- to -
10 pm**

Join us weekly to play 1000 rummy.



Coffee and snacks
available.

Drop-ins welcome.
Fee of \$1 per week.

Lower level of Coalhurst
Legion building (5205 6th St)
Enter off the back alley.
Accessible parking available
near door.

Not 55 yet? Don't worry! We
welcome anyone over the
age of 45. Join us for social
activities and conversation.



**County of Lethbridge
Community Learning
Council**

Office phone: 403-345-6009

Phone/text/WhatsApp : 403-915-3145

Email: clclcoffice@gmail.com

Website: communityclasses.ca

Visit: 2014 - 18 Street, Coaldale
(located in the Coaldale Library)



Seeking a Board Treasurer

For more information, please contact
our Executive Director, Melanie:
clclcouncil@gmail.com
403-345-6009

We are currently seeking a **Volunteer Board Treasurer**
to assist us in providing lifelong learning in Lethbridge County.

Join us in our mission to enrich the quality of life, promote lifelong learning,
increase awareness of the community and assist individuals in developing
foundational skills through the Community Learning programs.

Small time commitment with 4 board meetings and an AGM per
year between September and June.

The Royal Canadian Legion Coalhurst Branch 273

5205—6 Street

Coalhurst, AB T0L 0V0

Phone (403) 381-3080

Opening hours: WED 5pm • THUR 5pm • FRI 4:30 • SAT 3pm

We will remain open if there are Patrons Closed SUN, MON, TUE

GENERAL MEETING March 11

WEEKLY EVENTS

Wednesday	Ladies Jitney Pool 6:30 NEW! Dart League
Thursday	Dart Sharks & Pool League Provincial Singles Pool March 21, 22—NO GENERAL POOL
Friday	Meat Draws 6, 6:30, 7 pm Chase the King 7 pm
Saturday	Smack the Jack 6 pm Free Pool



The Executive and Members of Branch 273 would like to extend our condolences to the family of Sean Gouthreau who passed away on February 4th. Sean was the Vice-President of our branch at the time of his passing.

He will be greatly missed.

May he rest in peace.

Veterans who need assistance can send an email to Attention Service Officer 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 are accepted.

March 1

CRAFT NIGHT

Kelsos Crafts Starts at 4 pm
Sign up by February 27

March 6 & 20

BURGER NIGHT

Only \$6.00
Kids get a free pop and chips

March 21 & 22

Provincial

Singles Pool
(No general pool tonight)

March 15

Party Like a Leprechaun !

7—11 pm



Join us for Live Entertainment and Dancing with

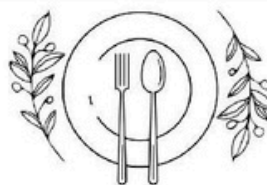
Randy Poirier

Tickets available at the Legion or call 403 382-0038

\$15 In Advance

\$20 At The Door

Dress in your best GREEN



March 29

STEAK DINNER

5:00—6:30

Followed by HORSE RACES

At 7:00



Our next bingo is **MARCH 30**

Please call Wendy to volunteer (403) 634-5262

We have complimentary rooms for Non-Profit organizations, and rental agreements available for private functions.



**Actively
Recruiting
Foster Parents**

Foster Children in Alberta need a place to call *home*.

You can be the difference; become a Foster Parent with Closer to Home.

As a Foster Parent, you'll provide a safe, loving, and nurturing home for children and youth in our province. Your care can make a life-changing difference, with the ultimate goal of helping families reunite.

Why Foster with Us?

- Comprehensive training and ongoing support.
- On-call, 24/7 assistance from our experienced staff.
- Closer to Home has over 30 years of experience providing Foster Care services to the Calgary Region and now in the Southern Region of Alberta.



Real Stories, Real Impact

We had been thinking about fostering for a while when a friend of ours stopped by for a visit. She shared with us the story of her sister, who just started fostering a sweet little girl. After hearing her story, we immediately said, **'we need to foster,'** and that's how it all started.

-Closer to Home Foster Parent



Be part of a child's story.

To learn more, contact us or fill out the form by scanning this QR Code!

T: 403-543-0550

fostercare@closerhome.com

closerhome.com



Seek expert advice 24/7



Concerned about your newborn?
Questions about mom's post-partum health?
Nervous new parent?

Call the New Parent and Newborn Line
1-833-805-BABY (2229)



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

COALHURST COMMUNITY
SPRING
MARKET

SAT. MARCH 29
10AM - 4PM | COALHURST
COMMUNITY CENTRE

**APPLY TO BE A
VENDOR HERE:**



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**ALL PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT
THE CATS SASS RESCUE**