TOWN NEWS

MAY 2025



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Mayor's Message

Hello Coalhurst!

Spring is finally here, and it's bringing some exciting things to our community! First, I'm thrilled to announce that the Coalhurst Community Garden will officially open for the season on May 15. Whether you're an experienced green thumb or just starting out, we can't wait to see what you'll grow. It's a wonderful space to connect with neighbours, enjoy the fresh air, and take pride in the beauty we create together. While all plots are rented for the current growing season, interested gardeners can sign up on the waitlist in case a plot comes available by emailing main@coalhurst.ca. This will also help us gauge demand for next year's growing season!

This month, we also wrap up National Volunteer Week under the theme, "Volunteers Make Waves." And let me tell you, the waves are strong here in Coalhurst! We are so proud of all the residents and organizations who step up to make a difference. Council has been making a special effort this year to meet volunteers where they are — attending meetings, visiting organizations, and learning more about the incredible work you do. Your passion and commitment are what make our community so special. Thank you for everything you do!

And don't forget — it's almost time for our Spring Cleanup Program! From May 14 to May 21, you can place large household items, bagged yard waste, and pruned branches along your rear alley fence (or near your regular garbage pickup spot if you don't have an alley). Please make sure your materials are out by 8:00 a.m. on May 21. This is a great opportunity to tidy up your yard and give Coalhurst a fresh, clean start to the season.

We are also very excited to officially celebrate Coalhurst's 30th Anniversary on June 1! Watch for more details coming soon about the Coalhurst Heritage Ball and Dance happening on June 7 — it's going to be an event you won't want to miss.

Let's all get outside, lend a hand, and enjoy everything that makes Coalhurst such an amazing place to call home.

Wishing you a beautiful May,

Mayor Lyndsay Montina



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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings for Council and Committees:

- May 6: Regular Meeting of Council
- May 13: Finance and Committee of the Whole
- May 20: Regular Meeting of Council
- May 27: Finance and Committee of the Whole

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

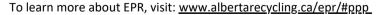
PUBLIC NOTICES

RECYCLING FEES REMOVED FROM UTILITY BILLS

Coalhurst residents will save money on their monthly utility bills with the removal of the recycling utility rate beginning April 2025.

Town Council approved the change at its meeting on April 15, 2025, citing the implementation of the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program through the Government of Alberta. EPR means that companies who make things like single-use products, packaging, paper, and cardboard now must pay to recycle them.

The provincial EPR program will fund the Town for expenses related to running the recycling program. Therefore, the recycling fee of \$3.15 per month will no longer be collected from residents going forward. Residents can continue to use the recycling services offered at the collection site and will see the change/removal on their utility bills sent in May.







ANNUAL STREET SWEEPING

The annual Street Sweeping Program is scheduled to take place Thursday, May 8 and Friday, May 9, 2025, weather permitting.

To help crews clean as much of the roadway as possible, please park vehicles off-street if possible, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM each day. The Town thanks everyone for your assistance and cooperation.

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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. The following items are accepted in the program. (Please note items that need to be piled separately, as each type of material may be collected at different times.)

- **Tree branches:** Pile separately from all other material and stack neatly in one direction so traffic is not impeded in the lane. Bundle small branches with string. No branches over 6 ft in length.
- Bagged yard waste
- Furniture and mattresses
- Appliances: Must <u>not</u> contain freon. No refrigerators or freezers.
- Metal items: Pile separately from all other material.
 May include bikes, BBQs, other metal items.
- Electronics: Pile separately from all other material.

Items NOT accepted for spring cleanup:

- Renovation or construction material
- · Dirt, rocks, concrete, bricks, sod
- Roofing materials (shingles)
- Paints, solvents, chemicals, oils, antifreeze
- Car parts or car bodies
- Drywall
- Refrigerators, freezers, A/C units, or other items containing freon gas
- Piles of loose debris

Items placed after 8:00 a.m. on May 21 will be the responsibility of the homeowner/resident.



As residents prepare for the Spring Cleanup Program, please consider what you're placing curbside. If there are items that can fit inside your regular garbage cart, please use that option instead, which is available year-round. This is to help reduce trucking and loader cleanup costs associated with the spring program.



COMING SOON: CENTRAL COMMUNITY ORGANICS COMPOST BIN PILOT PROJECT

The Town of Coalhurst has been working towards improving solid waste management stewardship, including ways residents can divert household yard and food waste from the landfill.

Council has approved a central community organics compost bin pilot project to be added to the Coalhurst recycling depot for the collection of food waste, foodspoiled paper, leaves, plants, and grass clippings on a trial basis until October 31, 2025, funded by reserves.

This will require a minor rearrangement of the site where the current community recycling bin is located. It is anticipated that the central community organics compost bin will be ready by the end of May.

Watch for more information in next month's newsletter.

May is Shed Month

Thinking of adding a shed or accessory structure to your yard?

Contact Coalhurst's Development Officer to discuss if you need a permit.

General Requirements for Accessory Buildings / Structures

- No accessory building/structure shall be used for human habitation.
- Attached and/or detached garages must have a total floor area smaller than the total floor area of the house.
- The combined total of all accessory buildings (e.g. garages, sheds, play structure, gazebo, etc.) shall not cover more than 10% of the property.
- The total allowed lot coverage of all buildings (in most residential land use districts) is 45% this includes the house and all accessory buildings and/or structures on the property.
- Maximum allowed height = 4.9 m (16 ft)
- Setback requirements for accessory structures are:
 Minimum rear yard setback = 1.5 m (5 ft)
 Minimum side yard setback = 1.2 m (4 ft)
 Secondary front (corner lots) = 3.1 m (10 ft)

Built a shed without proper permits?
For the month of May, penalty fees will be waived if you come to the office and apply for your existing shed.



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development@coalhurst.ca

EVENT CALENDAR

MAY 2025



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Mental Health Week



(May 5^{th} to 11^{th})

The theme for the week is "Unmasking for Connection, Healing, and Hope". This theme emphasizes the importance of openly discussing mental health challenges and shedding the "masks" that people may wear to hide their struggles.

WHAT IS MASKING?

According to the Canadian Mental Health Association, masking is hiding or suppressing something about ourselves — emotions, personality traits, behaviours, or symptoms — from others. It's a coping mechanism used to stay safe, hide in plain sight or "fit in," and we may even do it without being aware of it.

Unfortunately, when asked how we're doing, many of us respond with the socially acceptable "I'm fine" or "I'm good" even though we might be having a bad day or struggling with something bigger. Masking can be heightened for people with mental health or addiction struggles who often wear that "I'm fine" mask every day and, over time, constant masking can lead to other or worsened mental and physical health concerns.

How can FCSS help?

The professional staff at FCSS support residents of all ages by giving them the tools, confidence, and connections to help individuals find the strength to "unmask". The FCSS team are here to help you, your neighbours, and/or family members to build strong relationships and a strong sense of self. FCSS offers a variety of programs and services that meet individuals where they are at through an empathetic and inclusive approach.

FCSS Counsellors can support residents to navigate life's challenges. For more information about FCSS programs and services or to book an appointment, please visit our website at www.fcss.ca or call (587) 370–3728.

For more information visit www.cmha.ca.

Submitted by: **Michael Fedunec** Counselling Services Supervisor



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NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK (APRIL 27 - MAY 3, 2025)

In honour of National Volunteer Week, and the incredible individuals and organizations that make waves of impact across our community, the Town of Coalhurst is shining a spotlight on their dedication.

Whether they are part of a local non-profit group, help out at one of our schools, host activities at Town events, or provide a helping hand, this space is dedicated to sharing what makes them shine and opportunities for others to get involved.

From small ripples of kindness to powerful waves of change, your efforts transform our community in incredible ways. Thank you, Coalhurst!

Thank you to Volunteer Alberta and Your Alberta (Government of Alberta) for their support to help celebrate our local volunteers.



Cat's Sass Rescue

At the **Cat's Sass Rescue** we are dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating, and rehoming abandoned, stray, and feral cats in Coalhurst and nearby communities. We provide a secure environment for all of our feline friends until they find their permanent, loving homes. We joyfully provide education and continuous support to our wonderful new families, taking great care to find the purrfect happy match for every cat! Every cat in our care is treated as family, and their health and wellbeing are always our top priority.

Email: info@catssassrescue.com

Facebook: <u>facebook.com/catssassrescue</u>

Website: catssassrescue.com

Upcoming Events:

- May Mingle Market | Saturday, May 31, 2025 | Coalhurst Community Centre |
 10am 3pm | https://www.facebook.com/share/15hujdqhrX
- Crib Tournament Fundraiser in Partnership with Coalhurst 55+ Club |
 Details to come.
- Online Silent Auction | Details to come.



Coalhurst 55+ Society

Coalhurst 55 Plus Society provides a safe, comfortable environment for anyone suffering from loneliness or isolation. We are a place where newcomers can feel a sense of community through social, educational and recreational opportunities. Each Friday, members are at Coalhurst Elementary providing mentorship through PAL (a literacy program).

Members judge entries for Remembrance Day at the Coalhurst Legion. People work at casinos and bingos in support of the Legion.

Cat Sass Rescue is an organization that people support and volunteer with. Santa's Gone Loonie is an event that many enjoy. Our club also donates a gift card for a worthy family chosen by teachers.

You can find members at events around Coalhurst, barbecuing, serving or just lending a hand.



Coalhurst Cruisers Car Club



The **Coalhurst Cruisers Car Club** unites car enthusiasts from Coalhurst and the surrounding area. This passionate group organizes the annual Coalhurst Show and Shine every August, bringing together the community and showcasing a variety of vehicles. Attendance at our annual Show and Shine has tripled in the last 3 years! We're excited to continue growing the event and building a vibrant community of auto aficionados! Mark your calendars for this year's event on Sunday, August 24, 2025 at Miner's Park, Coalhurst, Alberta! We will be wearing purple again this year as we remember our friend and member Bill Armstrong, who recently lost his battle with pancreatic cancer.

Email: coalhurstcarshow@gmail.com

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/coalhurstcruisers



Upcoming Events:

 May Club Meeting: Tuesday, May 27 @ 7 p.m. | Bay 6 | https://fb.me/e/5tH6uEZOP

• Show & Shine 2025: Sunday, August 24, 2025 | Registration 10am - noon | Show & Shine noon - 3pm | https://www.facebook.com/share/1L2eCnDGLe/

Coalhurst Parks & Recreation

The **Coalhurst Parks and Recreation Society** is a dedicated group of volunteers from diverse backgrounds within the Coalhurst community. Driven by a shared passion for our town, we strive to develop and deliver a wide range of accessible programs and activities, offered at no cost or at minimal cost to ensure participation for all Coalhurst residents. Our initiatives include popular weekly drop-in volleyball sessions, the much-anticipated annual Party-in-the-Park, Turkey Bingo in November, and we take pride in our role in bringing the community spray park and disc golf course to fruition. Furthermore, our "Learn From Your Neighbour Series" offers engaging workshops throughout the year, fostering connection and shared learning within Coalhurst.

Email: coalhurstpnr@gmail.com

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/CoalhurstPnR





Coulee Kickers Soccer Association



The **Coulee Kickers Soccer Association (CKSA)** is a grassroots recreational league in southern Alberta, Canada, run entirely by a board of volunteers. It offers co-ed soccer for youth aged five to eighteen years of age, divided into six age divisions across the communities of Coalhurst, Crowsnest Pass, Fort Macleod, Nobleford, Iron Springs and Picture Butte. CKSA focuses on fun, community, and sportsmanship for players of all skill levels. Join us for our season Tournament at Miner's Park on Saturday, June 21, 2025!

Email: cksaboard@gmail.com

Website: https://couleekickerssoccerassociation.teamsnapsites.com/

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/cksasoccer

Upcoming Event:

• Final Tournament Game Day | Saturday, June 21, 2025 | Miner's Park, Coalhurst, Alberta | https://www.facebook.com/share/1Bx8H6Uiyy/

Family & Community Support Services

Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) has a lot to offer residents of Coalhurst. Young and old can benefit from a wide variety of services, from play groups to assistance with income taxes. Two popular weekly programs offered by FCSS are Stay and Play and the Youth DO Crew.

Designed for children up to and including six years of age, Stay and Play runs Tuesday and Friday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. inside the Community Centre.

"Some of the benefits of Stay and Play include moms getting out of the house, meeting new families and kids getting to play together," says Jackie Fiorino, FCSS Family Support Worker. "The parents enjoy the connection with each other." FCSS parent coaches are also on hand to assist parents with any issues they may have. And if that's not enough, there is also Family Night on the second Tuesday of the month, from 6-7:30 p.m. inside the Community Centre.





Members of the Youth DO Crew: Max, Rowan and Lisa

Coalhurst's Youth Do Crew, which meets Mondays between 3:30-5:30 p.m., gives youth aged 14 to 18 an opportunity to better their community through volunteerism and leadership. "They get to talk about their feelings and talk about what's going on at school," said Fiorino. "They have a safe place to go and talk amongst their peers." FCSS also offers a youth group the first and third Thursday of the month from 3:30-5 p.m. for youth between the ages of 7-12.

For more details on other programs and services offered by FCSS to Coalhurst residents, visit www.fcss.ca/coalhurst.

Or contact:

Jackie Fiorino, FCSS Family Support Worker: 403-732-5470 Jess Walton, Childhood/Youth Supports: 403-795-2963 Madison Hanson, Senior Support Services: 587-394-2187 Gabriela Rodriguez, FCSS Counsellor: 403-915-8803

The FCSS Community Volunteer Income Tax Program also assists locals with filling out basic tax returns. For more information, call 403-915-7063.



Friends of Coalhurst Elementary School Society

The **Friends of Coalhurst Elementary School Society** is a dedicated and energetic group of parents and community members committed to enriching the educational experience of CES students. Meeting monthly from September to June, we organize engaging activities and fundraising initiatives, including our consistently successful annual Bacon, Citrus, and Apple campaigns. These efforts allow us to provide vital funding for a wide array of student needs, such as field trips (and the related bussing costs), STEM materials, classroom libraries, and even school-wide Kona Ice treats on sports day! We passionately support CES, working diligently to ensure students have the resources they need to thrive academically, explore their interests, and simply enjoy being kids!

Email: schoolcouncil.ces@gmail.com

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofcessociety



Friends of Coalhurst High School Society





The Friends of Coalhurst High School Society works with the CHS Parent Council to raise funds and allocate those funds for the Coalhurst High School.

Some of the events and fundraisers that the society does each year are The Cinnamon Bun Fun Run, Breakfast with Santa, Casino fundraiser and a 'Fill Your Freezer' fundraiser.

Funds from these events have been used to purchase library & classroom books, dance lights, SLR cameras, musical instruments, staff appreciation lunches, Kona Ice for track day and so much more!

We love helping our school community anywhere we can!

Email: Jillian Rauda at jill@redwall.ca

South Country Co-op

At South Country Co-op, we are proud to be a community-owned organization that has served Southern Alberta for almost 70 years. With more than 68,000 member-owners, we operate in 19 communities, offering services in agriculture, food, fuel, pharmacy, liquor, and home and building solutions. Our purpose — Enriching Lives and Communities — drives everything we do.

Volunteering is one of the many ways we live out our values: being customer focused, building awesome teams, and communicating effectively. We believe that strong communities are built not just through the services we provide, but through the connections we create and the time we invest. Whether it's helping at local events, supporting youth programs, or lending a hand where it's needed most, our team steps up because we care. Volunteering isn't just something we do — it's part of who we are.



Volunteers from South Country Co-op were all smiles for the 2024 Miners Days pancake breakfast.



Southern Alberta Academy of Martial Arts



(Back row from left) Coach Hidetomo, Coach Jay, Coach James, and Maverick (front)

We are the Southern Alberta Academy of Martial Arts and one of Alberta's fastest-growing martial arts facilities. We were voted the #1 (Platinum) martial arts program in 2023 by Community Votes, and in 2024 we earned Gold.

On top of our incredibly well-received youth, teens, and adult classes we regularly host seminars with guests knowledgeable in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Kickboxing, health/fitness, and more. We also have a competitive youth/teen fight team that represents Coalhurst by traveling regularly to compete in other cities.

Our gym boasts a one-of-a-kind, quarterly, youth martial arts event known as 'Fight Night'. With our 6th event on June 28, at the Coalhurst Community Center, we are excited to host over 50 competitors representing 6 provinces, from some of Canada's most feared martial arts gyms, coming to battle 17 of our local 'Academy' competitive team standouts.

In just over a year, the Southern Alberta Academy has created a new sport for the youth of our town, and a place where anyone, any age, any skill level is welcome to come learn to defend themselves, get fit, and have fun surrounded by encouraging teammates and friends.

ADVERTISEMENTS



to join the 55 Plus Club!

Mondays

2 pm

Gentle stretching and mobility exercises.

Coffee and snacks available.
Drop-ins welcome.
Fee of \$1 per week.

Wednesdays & Fridays

10 am
- to Noon

Join us weekly to play Crib.

Wednesdays & Saturdays

7 pm - to -10 pm

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



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.





FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT



WHAT

At this event, families have the opportunity to spend "hands-on" time together, while participating in a family science night and enjoying a snack. Activities are planned for children ages 3-12 years. Come enjoy an evening of science experiments!

WHEN

Thursday, May 8 6:00-7:30 pm

WHERE

Coalhurst FCSS 527 50 Ave

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Jess

403-795-2963 Jess.Waltonefcss.ca





Triple P Positive Parenting Program



Gives you support to help you manage your child's behaviour and prevent the kinds of problems that make family life stressful.

Attend this Triple P Positive Parenting Indigenous Group to meet other families and learn practical strategies that will help you:

- LEARN positive parenting strategies
- **DEVELOP** good relationships with your child and partner
- TEACH new skills and behaviours to your child
- ENCOURAGE behaviours you want to see more
- MANAGE the behaviours you want to see less
- **CREATE** a parenting plan
- MEET other parents in similar situations who will support you and share their stories

Fridays, May 2 - June 20 (includes 4 in-person sessions, 4 phone sessions) 2:00-4:00 pm

WHERE

Coalhurst FCSS

527 50 Ave, Coalhurst

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Up to 12 participants

Jessica

403-915-7530 Jessica.Goodrider-loewenefcss.ca







The Royal Canadian Legion Coalhurst Branch 273

5205-6 Street Coalhurst, AB TOL 0V0 Phone (403) 381-3080

TUE WED THUR 5 pm ☐ FRI 4:30 ☐ SAT 3 pm



WEEKLY EVENTS

Wednesday

Ladies Jitney Pool 6:30

Thursday

Pool League

Friday

Meat Draws 6, 6:30, 7 Chase the King 7 pm

Jitney Darts 7pm

Saturday

Smack the Jack 6 pm

Free Pool





VETERANS WHO NEED ASSISTANCE CAN SEND AN EMAIL TO THE ATTENTION OF THE 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 ARE ACCEPTED.





WE NEED YOU! We have a bingo once a month, you can volunteer for one, some or many ... but we need you! The money we receive

helps our branch, the schools, and the community.

Our next bingo is Sunday, May 18

Please call Wendy to volunteer (403) 634-5262

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at Perfect Pooches





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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!

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