

# TOWN NEWS

## AUGUST 2025

### MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Hello Coalhurst!

What a weekend we just had! Miners Days 2025 was an incredible celebration of community, and I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the local organizations, volunteers, and generous sponsors who made it possible. From the Coalhurst Volunteer Fire Department's Open House on Friday, to Saturday's full schedule — the pancake breakfast, parade, Imperial Meadows Family Festival, the Legion's Parking Lot Party, and the Coalhurst 55+ Society's cribbage tournament — it was a weekend full of fun, connection, and pride in where we live.

Among all the highlights, one moment stood out for me personally: the opportunity to officially unveil Coalhurst's new brand at the pancake breakfast. For months, we've been working behind the scenes to create a refreshed identity that reflects both who we are and where we're going. This brand isn't just about a new logo — it's about telling our story with pride, clarity and purpose. From our communications to our signage and events, it's how we show up and connect as a community.

We've kept what matters. Our familiar purple and gold remain — now with a deeper, more grounded tone. The horizontal lines in our logo give a subtle nod to the railway and coal cart that were part of our early identity. The diamond crest echoes our town motto: *Pressura gemmas facit* – *Pressure makes diamonds*, representing the strength and transformation we've experienced. And symbols like the vintage key and sunbeams tie it all together — representing home, unity, growth, and possibility.

This brand is our story, told boldly and with heart. It's a celebration of our roots, our resilience, and our readiness for what's ahead.

To learn more and explore the meaning behind each element, visit [coalhurst.ca/about/new-brand](https://coalhurst.ca/about/new-brand). I hope you'll be as proud of it as we are.

Here's to Coalhurst — a place to call mine.



Mayor Lindsay Montana



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## COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings for Council and Committees:

- No meetings scheduled for August
- September 2: Regular Meeting of Council

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

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF COALHURST'S WETLAND PARK!

The Town of Coalhurst is excited to announce a two-phase plan to transform our local wetland into a vibrant, inclusive community park — and we want your input to help bring this vision to life!

We're inviting all residents to complete a short survey to share your thoughts on the proposed features, amenities, and long-term goals for this natural space. Your feedback will directly support the Wetland Specialized Committee in making recommendations to Council.

The deadline to complete the survey is **Friday, August 8, 2025**.

Visit <https://coalhurst.ca/2025/07/24/help-shape-the-future-of-coalhursts-wetland-park/>



### WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?

#### Phase 1 – Natural Beauty and Community Spaces

*Estimated Cost: \$1.8 million (pending grants and Council approval)*

The focus of Phase 1 is to enhance the area's natural charm and create welcoming spaces for all. Proposed features include:

- A pathway loop with rest and fitness nodes
- Picnic areas with barbecues
- A central community Christmas tree
- Lighting upgrades and pathway improvements
- Ornamental/native planting beds
- A potential cultural garden in partnership with the Blood Tribe

#### Phase 2 – Active Recreation and Amenities

*Estimated Cost: \$6.6 million (pending funding and approval)*

Phase 2 brings energy and activity, featuring:

- A skatepark, bike skills park, and pump track
- Washroom facilities and expanded parking
- A toboggan hill and hillside entry feature
- Picnic shelters, group firepits, and fruit tree plantings

**We look forward to hearing your ideas and making this space something our whole community can enjoy!**

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### PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENTS - HEADS UP!

On April 28, 2025, the Town implemented a new financial software system. Property owners will notice a new look on their Utility & Property Tax Bills. The Town is taking great care to ensure the changeover has minimal disruptions; however, we recognize there may be some glitches and a learning curve with the new technology.

**We have learned pre-authorized payments are not showing Town of Coalhurst when withdrawn. If you see a pre-authorized payment that you're unsure of, please call us first before reversing the payment at the bank. Utilities payments are withdrawn on or near the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.**

Thank you for your patience as we work through any issues that may arise. The Finance Department is working hard to correct any errors as soon as possible. If you notice an issue, or have any questions or concerns, please **contact the Town office at 403-381-3033.**



### RESPECTFUL INTERACTIONS WITH EMPLOYEES AND COUNCIL POLICY

At its July 22, 2025, regular meeting, Coalhurst Town Council approved the [Respectful Interactions with Employees and Council Policy C-13](#), aimed at setting clear standards of conduct for public interactions with Town staff and elected officials. The policy aligns with Alberta's occupational health and safety laws and will help the Town respond consistently and fairly when dealing with difficult or unsafe situations.

The policy was developed in response to a rise in concerning incidents and reinforces the Town's commitment to a safe and respectful workplace. While most community members engage respectfully, the policy addresses situations involving frivolous, vexatious, harassing, or violent behaviour.

Council emphasized that public input remains welcome and valued, and this policy simply formalizes expectations for appropriate conduct. It also outlines consequences and procedures for handling inappropriate interactions, ensuring staff and Council can continue serving the community effectively. To review the policy, visit [coalhurst.ca](http://coalhurst.ca).

### 45TH AVENUE STORM TRUNK CAPITAL PROJECT — CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Work continues on Phase 3 of Coalhurst's Storm Water Management Plan, which will protect our community from flooding and safely manage stormwater.

Pipe installation started the week of July 7. Speed reductions may be in place. Please watch for updated signage and remain alert for crews and equipment along the roadway.

A full closure at 45th Ave & 6th St is expected later in August. There will be a one-week notification for when the intersection will be closed and appropriate detours put in place. Updates will be shared on the Town website and Facebook.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we complete this important infrastructure project!

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### CONSTRUCTION SEASON UPDATES

Construction season is in full swing with numerous projects underway or getting started over the next few weeks.

These projects include the installation of a storm trunk main from the Wetlands along 45 Avenue towards the Sundance subdivision, sanitary sewer pipe relining throughout town, paving of both parking areas at the Community Centre, overlay paving of McDermott Road, 52 Avenue from 4 Street to 5 Street, and some sidewalk repairs. Updates will be shared on the Town website and Facebook.

### INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Sidewalk repairs and upgrades are currently in progress. These upgrades aim to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility.

Street improvement work is also ongoing, including milling and paving of deteriorated roadways in the following areas:

- McDermott Road (52 Ave to 3rd Street)
- 52 Ave (4th Street to 5th Street)
- 6th Street (Spruce Drive to 49th Ave)

Residents can expect partial closures during preparation and full closures during final paving.

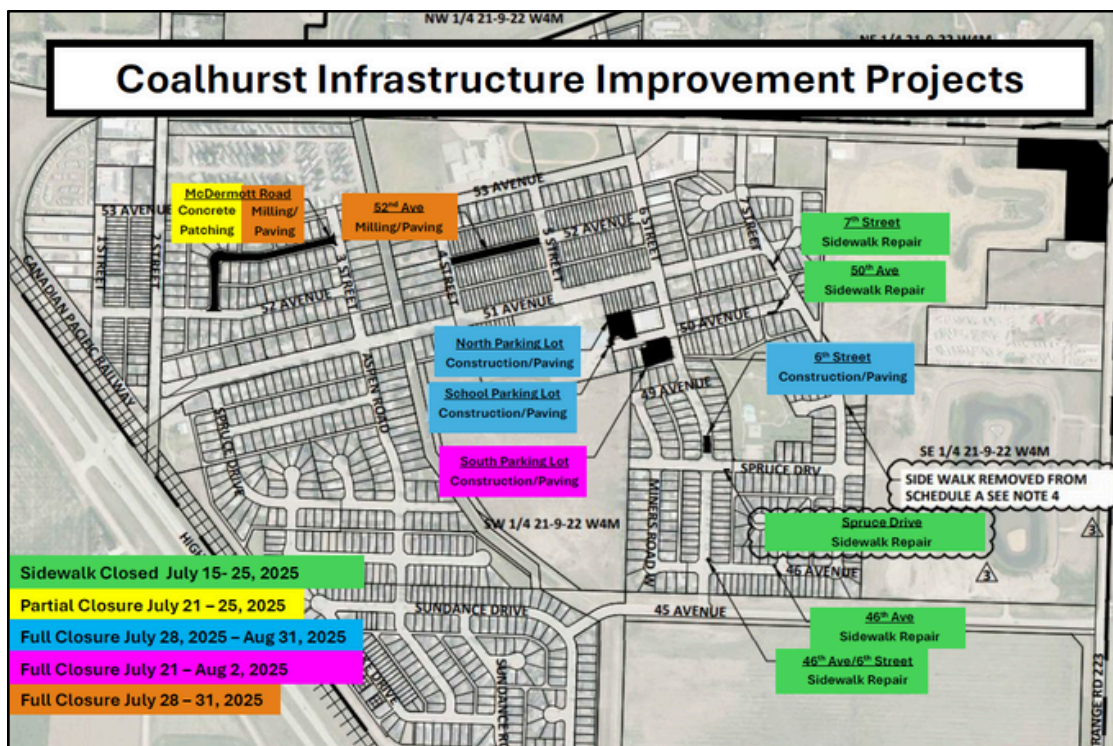
### COMMUNITY CENTRE PARKING LOT UPGRADES

Construction began on Wednesday, July 23, to upgrade the Community Centre Parking Lots (North and South). The existing gravel lots will be upgraded to paved surfaces with painted stall markings to improve accessibility and usability.

Parking Lot Closure Schedule:

- South Parking Lot: Closed July 23 – August 2
- North Parking Lot: Closed July 28 – August 31

Note: All dates are weather dependent and may change based on site conditions.



Please use extra caution around the construction areas and obey all posted signage for your safety and the safety of others.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we complete these important infrastructure upgrades!





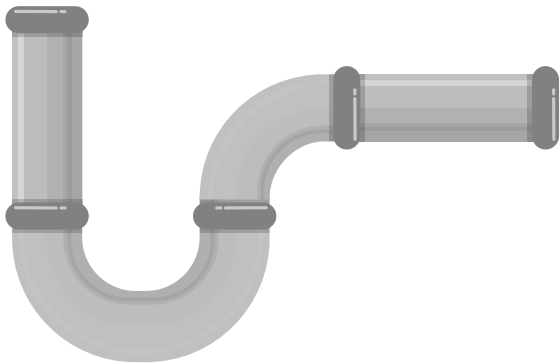
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### CIPP SEWER LINE INSPECTIONS AND CONSTRUCTION

CCTV inspections for Cured-In-Place Pipe (CIPP) – AKA sewer line work – is near completion, with lining procedures scheduled to begin on August 11 and continuing into the first week of September.

With the lining portion of the project, residents in areas where the lining is occurring will be temporarily affected in their services. Notices will be sent out 48 hours in advance to affected residents/households/businesses regarding a temporary disruption to their sewer services. Imperative measures for residents to take will be outlined in the Notices.



### VOTERLINK - ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

As the next **General Municipal Election is set for Monday, October 20, 2025**, the Town of Coalhurst encourages all residents to verify their voter registration with Elections Alberta as soon as possible.

Registering in advance makes voting faster and easier, as you won't need to register at the voting station on Election Day — avoiding extra steps and delays. You can check or update your status easily through Elections Alberta's Voterlink by scanning the QR code or by visiting <https://www.elections.ab.ca/voters/register-to-vote/>. The Town will receive the official voters list directly from Elections Alberta.

Unregistered voters can still vote but will need to complete an official statement of eligibility in the presence of an election officer. By confirming your voter information ahead of time, you help make Election Day easier for everyone. Thanks for doing your part!



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### LAND USE BYLAW 462-25

At the July 8, 2025 meeting, Coalhurst Town Council unanimously approved new Land Use Bylaw (LUB) 462-25 — marking the first comprehensive review and updated bylaw since 2012. The LUB review project included detailed work by Administration and the [Oldman River Regional Services Commission \(ORRSC\)](#) to incorporate the requirements per the Municipal Government Act and the municipality.

A LUB is the primary framework that details how land in a municipality can be used and what can be built upon it. It sets out general rules and regulations for the types of buildings, structures and activities allowed within each land use district, as well as the process that will be followed for making planning application decisions, ensuring the location and development within the community are compatible with each other. It also lists conditions that may be placed on an approval, a framework on how decisions can be appealed (whether approved or refused), and a process for amending the LUB.

The newly adopted LUB introduces several new land use districts — including Two-Unit Residential, and a Business Park — to better accommodate evolving development needs. While secondary suites are restricted in some areas, they are encouraged in the new Two-Unit district. Key changes across residential zones include restrictions on accessory building sizes, removal of secondary suites in some areas, and clarified development standards now organized into new schedules. Business and industrial zones are also redefined, with clearer distinctions between uses and enhanced design guidelines. Several amendments were made before final approval, including the removal of “Manufacturing and Fabrication” and “Light Fabrication Shop” from the list of permitted uses in the Business Industrial District.

The new bylaw aims to support Coalhurst’s long-term growth by encouraging non-residential development, such as a business park, to help balance the Town’s tax base. With residential properties currently making up over 95% of Coalhurst’s total taxable assessment, diversifying the tax base is expected to help ease future tax increases for homeowners.

Councillors emphasized that making tough decisions is part of their duty to act in the best interests of the community. They expressed gratitude to all residents who voiced their concerns and reaffirmed the importance of addressing those concerns through future planning and ongoing public engagement. Council conveyed concern about the heavy burden on taxpayers, noting the long-term impact on residents and the community if the Town cannot diversify the tax base.

A public hearing for the bylaw was held on June 17, 2025, drawing significant community participation both in-person and online. Council reiterated that this bylaw is just the first step — further planning, including the preparation of an Area Structure Plan, will follow before any development proceeds.

To view reports from the LUB engagement, including the LUB Open House What We Heard Report and the Post LUB Public Hearing Report, visit [coalhurst.ca > Council Meetings and Minutes > July 8, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council](#).



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### SUMMER CELEBRATIONS: CANADA DAY AND MINERS DAYS

A huge THANK YOU goes out to everyone who joined us for Canada Day and Miners Days 2025! Both events were well-attended and an amazing time to celebrate together as a community. This year was extra special as we honoured our 30<sup>th</sup> year as a Town. We hope you enjoyed the extra touches to the festivities!

Our sincere congratulations to **Barbara Edgecombe-Green, the 2025 Miners Days Honorary Parade Marshall.** Thank you for your incredible, ground-breaking contributions to Coalhurst, and for being part of our celebrations and leading the parade! Read more about Barb at [coalhurst.ca](http://coalhurst.ca).

The Town also thanks all the sponsors, volunteers, local non-profit groups, businesses, and service providers who offered their time, skills and resources to help organize or host events. The outstanding contributions of everyone involved made our celebrations a great success. We truly could not have done it without you. We're already looking forward to our 2026 celebrations and making them bigger and better.



More Canada Day pictures:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/126-vTDZhcTgydINF0IHmcgwbKG3SOsE?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/126-vTDZhcTgydINF0IHmcgwbKG3SOsE?usp=drive_link)





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More Miners Days pictures: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-veuep2L7PX5yVqNnOPmkMLwy42RQRm2?usp=sharing>



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### SPONSOR SHOUTOUT!

The Town of Coalhurst extends a heartfelt thank you to the incredible businesses who have generously stepped forward to sponsor our community events and initiatives. Your contributions go far beyond dollars — they're an investment in the spirit of our Town and the future we're building together.

From supporting family-friendly celebrations to helping create vibrant public spaces, your sponsorship directly enhances the quality of life in Coalhurst. Because of you, we're able to bring people together, strengthen community pride, and make lasting memories.

Together, we share a vision of a thriving, connected, and welcoming Coalhurst — and your support helps make that vision a reality. **Thank you for believing in Coalhurst. Thank you for being part of our story.**



## DIAMOND SPONSOR

# WESTCO

## CONSTRUCTION

COMMUNITY BUILDER FRIENDS OF COALHURST

 **PRECON**



If you are a business or organization that is interested in sponsorship opportunities with the Town of Coalhurst, please contact CAO Karlene Betteridge at [cao@coalhurst.ca](mailto:cao@coalhurst.ca).

# August is Fence Month

***Thinking of redoing your fence or building a new fence?  
Contact Coalhurst's Development Officer to discuss if you  
need a permit.***

## **General Requirements for Fences**

- The maximum height for a fence, wall, gate, hedge, or other means of enclosure in the front yard, is 0.9 m (3 ft) above level grade without an approved development permit.
- The maximum height for fences in the secondary front, rear, and side yards must not exceed 1.8 m (6 ft) in height from level grade without an approved development permit.
- Fences must be located within or on the property line.
- Where a permit is required for fencing, the Development Authority may regulate the material types and colors used for the fence.
- Barbed wire fencing is prohibited.

Built a fence without proper permits?

For the month of August, penalty fees will be waived if you come to the office and apply for your existing shed.

## **Did you know?**

The Town of Coalhurst land use bylaw measures fence height from grade, therefore adding materials to the fence (e.g. lattice) or placing a fence on a concrete retaining wall, counts towards the fences total height.



Town of Coalhurst  
100-51 ave, Box 456  
Coalhurst, AB  
Tel: 403-381-3033  
E-mail:  
[development@coalhurst.ca](mailto:development@coalhurst.ca)

# EVENT CALENDAR

## AUGUST 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Civic Holiday Town Office closed	5	6	7	8 Bookmobile @ Spray Park 11 am - 4 pm	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
-- Family Ties Kid's Day Camp (12-15) --						
17	18	19	20 Party in the Park (FCSS) 10 - 11:30 am @ Spray Park	21	22 Bookmobile @ Spray Park 11 am - 4 pm	23
-- FCSS Summer Youth Day Camp (19-22) --						
24 Coalhurst Cruisers Show 'n Shine 12:00 - 3:00 PM	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						



# PARTY IN THE PARK

## WHAT

In this summer drop-in program, families with children of all ages, will enjoy FUN outdoor activities.

Snack will be provided. Bring water, a hat, and sunscreen!

## LOCATIONS & DATES

<b>Monarch</b> Playground	<b>August 6</b> 10:00–11:30 am
<b>Nobleford</b> Centennial Park – 223 King St	<b>August 13</b> 10:00–11:30 am
<b>Coalhurst</b> Spray Park	<b>August 20</b> 10:00–11:30 am

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

**Susy**

403-915-7136 Text/ Call/  
Susy.Hiebert@fcss.ca





# SUMMER CAMPS

## COALHURST KID'S CAMP

In this program, **children ages 8-12**, will participate in a variety of fun and creative indoor and outdoor activities facilitated by Family Ties.

**August 12-15**  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Coalhurst FCSS**  
527 50 Ave, Coalhurst

For more information



403-320-8888



[d.nalder@familyties.ca](mailto:d.nalder@familyties.ca)

REGISTER  
ONLINE



\$10 registration fee.



## SUMMER YOUTH CAMP

### WHAT

In this program, youth **ages 6-12**, will participate in a variety of activities, that will be fun, educational, and will provide youth with opportunities to connect with other young people in their community. Youth will need to bring a lunch, snacks are provided.

### WHEN

**August 19-22**  
10:00 am - 3:00pm

### WHERE

**Coalhurst FCSS**  
527 50 Ave

### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

**Becky**  
403-795-4627  
[Becky.Fittone@fcsc.ca](mailto:Becky.Fittone@fcsc.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  
& Saturdays**

**7 pm  
- to -  
10 pm**

Shuffleboard, ping pong, crafts,  
jigsaw puzzles, 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)

**CLOSED**  
for July and August.

**We're back in the office  
September 2, 2025.**

Have a great  
**SUMMER** 

# The Royal Canadian Legion Coalhurst Branch 273

5205—6 Street Coalhurst, AB T0L 0V0 Phone (403) 381-3080

**TUE WED THUR 5 pm ● FRI 4:30 ● SAT 3 pm**

We will remain open if there are Patrons Closed Sunday and Monday

VETERANS WHO NEED ASSISTANCE CAN SEND AN EMAIL TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SERVICE OFFICER AT [legionbm273@gmail.com](mailto: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.

# August

★ ● Is anyone interested in Legion Sports Events ... ? Start planning for Registration ... ● ★

## \$5 TUESDAYS

From 5:30—7:00 while supplies last

- 5 Perogies and Smokies
- 12 Spaghetti and Garlic Toast
- 19 Pulled Pork and Coleslaw
- 26 Chili & a Bun

## Thursdays

**August 14 & 28**

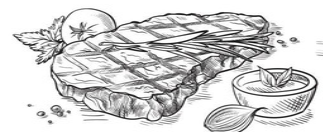
**\$6 BURGERS**



Kids get a free pop and chips

## STEAK DINNER

**Saturday August 30**



Sign up by Wednesday August 27

We are always looking for people to volunteer at Bingo!!!!

The money we receive helps our branch, the schools, and the community.



Please call Wendy to volunteer (403) 634-5262

**Sunday, August 24th 11am—4pm**

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### Wednesday

Ladies Jitney Pool 6:30

### Thursdays

Jitney Pool (Jun, Jul, Aug)

### Friday

Meat Draws 6, 6:30, 7

Chase the King 7 pm

Jitney Darts

### Saturday

Smack the Jack 6 pm

Free Pool

## SCRAMBLE TOURNAMENT

**Keho Golf Course August 16 Start 1 pm**

**Keho Golf Members \$45 Non Members \$75**

**Entry fee includes:**

**9 Holes of Golf, Roast Beef Dinner, Fun and Prizes  
Golf Carts paid for at Course, not included in fee**

**Entry fees can be paid at the  
Coalhurst Legion by August 1st**

**For More information contact Greg 403 320-0246**

**We Welcome the WESTERN CANADA DART LEAGUE on Sunday September 14, 2025**

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

Please call 403 381-3080 for information.



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025**

# SHOW & SHINE

**COALHURST, ALBERTA**  
MINER'S MEMORIAL PARK



**DOOR PRIZES • SWAG BAGS  
FOOD TRUCKS & MUSIC**

**PEOPLE'S CHOICE  
CASH AWARDS**

**\$10**

**PER VEHICLE**



**Registration: 10 AM - NOON**  
**Show & Shine: NOON - 3 PM**

**FOR MORE INFO,  
VISIT THE FACEBOOK  
EVENT PAGE OR EMAIL**  
[coalhurstcarshow@gmail.com](mailto:coalhurstcarshow@gmail.com)

**SCAN HERE**







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DENTAL**

102 Spruce Drive, Coalhurst, AB T0L 0V0



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Michael McKee DMD  
Conner Hendry DMD

HELLO   
SUMMER 



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**Welcomes New Clients!**



**Evelyn has over 25 years of pet grooming experience and looks forward to serving the needs of pet owners in the Lethbridge area.**

**Located across the highway from Coalhurst**



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403 381-6890  
to book your appointment.**







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to Home**  
COMMUNITY  
SERVICES

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Foster Parents!**  
Join our team today!

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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 team.
- Closer to Home has over 30 years of experience providing Foster Care services to the Calgary Region and now in Southern 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](https://www.closerhome.com)





walk with me,  
talk with me,  
learn with me



Primary Care  
Alberta

Indigenous Support Line  
1-844-944-4744 or 811

10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday



Are you an Indigenous person who has  
questions about navigating the health  
system, has a concern, or needs help?

- ◆ Patient Concerns
- ◆ Referrals
- ◆ Cultural Support
- ◆ Primary Care Support
- ◆ Addiction Mental Health Support
- ◆ General Support

