

October 2014

New manager likes Coaldale

When Bob Schulz took on the job as Public Works Manager for the Town of Coaldale it was a bit of a homecoming, bringing him back to his urban municipal roots.

For the past two years, he has worked for the Lethbridge County, but most of his 25 years in municipal services were largely spent in communities on a much smaller scale than the County. He spent most of his career in Saskatchewan but five years ago made the move to Alberta.

“I always wanted to get to a bigger place.”

Coming to Alberta meant being able to work for larger communities with more opportunities for advancement.

Born in Tisdale, Saskatchewan, which currently reports a population of just over 3,000, Schulz began his career working for an engineering company before moving to an open pit mining operation. He worked as a mining engineer technologist before venturing into municipal services.

He was drawn to working with municipalities in part because their work schedules were more Monday to Friday, giving him time after work and on weekends to explore other interests.

“It’s a better life-work balance.”

As a public works manager he helps coordinate the public works team in supplying essential services to Coaldale residents. Establishing priorities for what needs to be done, what can be done within the budget and what will be done is one of the big demands of the job.

He also follows up on resident complaints and handles personnel issues in his role as manager.

“I like dealing with the public.”

Schulz said he prefers to meet one on one with people when they have an issue or complaint they want to bring to the attention of the town.

He also enjoys working with the town staff. He said most of the crews he’s worked with over the years have been made up of very skilled workers and Coaldale is no exception. He is very supportive of staff improving and developing skills that will help them provide even better service in the community.

He likes the hands-on approach of smaller municipalities where managers can work with public works staff. When he decided to take the job in Coaldale, he was once again looking for a better balance between life and work. “Coaldale is a nice community.”

In his spare time Schulz enjoys taking in car shows and said he wouldn’t mind picking up an older car to drive around in during the summer. He is also a sports fan, often preferring amateur sporting events – the Olympics are a favourite – over the professional leagues but he does like his football.

“I cheer for the ‘Riders, I’m a sucker for punishment.”

Like most Saskatchewan Roughrider fans, he knows they might not be in the running for a Grey Cup as often as some other clubs but he is still a loyal fan.

As for local public works projects, Schulz said work is continuing on the storm sewer replacement on 19th Avenue between 11th and 13th street. This project was put in place to deal with drainage and will be followed up with new pavement.



Bob Schulz

Coaldale Clothing Fest Oct. 18

Coaldale Mennonite Church is holding a Fall Clothing Fest Saturday, Oct. 18 at the Church Gym, 2316-17 Street from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This event is held in support of families in the community who want to help other families by donating clean, used clothing in good condition.

Generous donations and support from the community make this event possible. The clothing fest is a recycling program which benefits many families in the community and

surround area.

Families can pick out clothing at no charge. Clothing donations can be dropped off at the Coaldale Mennonite Church weekdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. up to and including Oct. 14.

Any items remaining after the Clothing Fest will be donated to local charities. For more information or if you would like to help with this project, please contact Jodi Reed at 403-345-5956.

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Community Calendar

October 6: Fire Prevention Week Open House for Coaldale and District Emergency Services 4:30 to 8 p.m. at the Fire Hall. Barbecue and displays. Jaws of Life demonstration at 7 p.m.

October 15: Community Information Session at Coaldale Public Library. Registered Disabilities Saving Plan 7 to 8:30 p.m. Register for this free session by calling 403-345-6009 or online at www.communityclasses.ca

October 16: Coaldale Minor Hockey's Annual Bottle Drive. Cobras will be out in their jerseys going door to door collecting bottles and cans in the evening.

October 18: The Gem of the West Museum in Coaldale is holding its annual Wine and Cheese Auction. Silent Auction begins 5:30 p.m., Live Auction 7 p.m. Tickets \$15 from the museum, Coaldale Napa and Coaldale Giftware. Donations of auction items appreciated. 403-345-5000 for more info.

October 18: Fall Clothing Fest at Coaldale Mennonite Church 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pick up gently used clothes at no cost. Clothing donation can be dropped off weekdays until Oct. 14 at the church 9 a.m. until noon. For more info call 403-345-5956.

October 18: Fall Tea and Fashion Show at the Sunny South Lodge, 12 to 4 p.m. Raffles and door prizes. For more info call 403-345-5955.

October 22: Fall Lecture Series at the Gem of the West Museum. Intro to Indigenous Studies, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Register with the Coaldale Learning Council at 403-345-6009.

October 23: Roast Beef Supper 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Coaldale Mennonite Church. Hosted by the Goodwill Ladies Club with proceeds to Mission Projects. Donations over \$12 a plate will be receipted.

October 30: Community Information Session at Coaldale Public Library. Safety in Technology Presentation 7 to 8:30 p.m. Register for this free session by calling 403-345-6009 or online www.communityclasses.ca

October 31: Halloween Fundraiser Cabaret hosted by Coaldale Kinsmen Club featuring music by Raw Dogs. At the Community Centre 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Prizes for Best Costumes. For more info call 403-345-5820.

Check out the Community Calendar at www.coaldale.ca for more community events and programs.

Community Peace Officer Corner

With October and the Thanksgiving Day weekend approaching, it is a reminder that all holiday trailers parked unattached to a vehicle must be moved by October 13. Any holiday trailer parked on the street after October 13 will have to be attached to a motor vehicle and will be subject to the 72-hr parking rules.

Coaldale Copperheads October home games



Oct. 4 at 8:30 p.m. vs Ponoka
Oct. 5 at 6 p.m. vs Banff
Oct. 11 at 8:30 p.m. vs Okotoks
Oct. 12 at 6 p.m. vs Mountain View
Oct. 13 at 3 p.m. vs Medicine Hat
Oct. 25 at 8:30 p.m. vs Red Deer

Community Information Sessions

Free Drop-In Computer and Technology Assistance: Mondays and Wednesday evenings from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Community Learning Council in the Coaldale Public Library. Runs now through Nov. 26. Help with everything from how to turn on your computer, to how to download apps onto your new phone, to how to design a website.

Library Tutor Program: Post-secondary students are volunteering to tutor students from grade 1 to 12 at a nominal fee at the Coaldale Public Library. For more information go to www.communityclasses.ca or call 403-345-6009. This learning opportunity is a partnership between the County of Lethbridge Community Learning Council and the Coaldale Public Library.

Gem of the West Museum Lecture Series

All lectures facilitated by Roy Pogorzelski and run 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Intro to Indigenous Studies on Wednesday, Oct. 22.

Metis Culture & History on Wednesday, Nov. 5.

Local Knowledge on Wednesday, Nov. 19.

At the Library . . .

Small Wonders - Rhymes, tickles and fun for infants, toddlers, preschoolers and a caregiver. Wednesdays, Sept. 10 to Nov. 19 from 11 to 11:30 a.m. This is a free program but please call the library at 403-345-1340 to register.

Tween Club - Students who are in grades 4-7 are invited to join us for crafts, games, snacks and FUN! October 24 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Please register to hold your spot as space is limited for this free program. Register by coming into the library or calling 403-345-1340.

eBook Basics - Considering the purchase of a eBook reader? Interested in downloading eBook and audiobooks onto a portable device? This session will introduce you to the Library's eBook and audiobook collection and help you decide how to choose the right eReader for you. Bring your eReader or use one of our demo models for this informative session on Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 8:30 p.m. Call the CLCLC at 403-345-6009 to register.

Handmade for Christmas - Vendors Wanted. The Coaldale Library will be hosting our 2nd annual Christmas craft sale on Saturday, Nov. 29 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendor information: \$20 per table. Only those vendors who wish to sell homemade crafts or edibles will be accepted for inclusion in the fair. Vendor registration begins Oct. 15. Call 403-345-1340.