

February 2015

Fun-filled family-friendly February

February promises to be an active month in Coaldale.

Leading the way is Winter Walk Day, Feb. 4, when Coaldale staff will be joining thousands of Albertans across the province getting outside for a winter walk.

Join in on the fun by heading out on your own walk and registering at www.shapeab.com.

Next up is the Family Day long weekend which will kick off in Coaldale on Saturday, Feb. 14 with Hockey Day in Coaldale.

"We're excited to be a part of this hockey day, celebrated right across the country," says Stephanie Wierl, Community Services Manager for the Town of Coaldale.

The day's events will focus around the Sportsplex and the Community Centre. Coaldale Minor Hockey Association will be hosting a full slate of games from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

PLAYCoaldale activity sessions will be held throughout the day with games and fundamental movement skills geared to children ages 4 to 12.

"PLAYCoaldale is an opportunity for parents, teachers, coaches and community leaders to become part of an initiative aimed at helping our children develop the skills and confidence to be active for life," says Wierl.

As a champion of PLAY, Physical Literacy and You, Wierl is looking forward to sharing her enthusiasm for the program with members of the community.

A healthy eating station, complete with snacks, door prizes, give-a-ways, a craft and trivia corner are all part of the Hockey Day in Coaldale schedule of events. Public skating will also take place at 2 p.m. and at 8 p.m. there will be open recreational shinny hockey, just bring your skates, stick and helmet to join in the fun.

As part of the day's events, a schedule for which can be found at www.coaldale.ca, Wierl is also highlighting the PLAY-Coaldale initiative.

Book-ending the long weekend in Coaldale is the 11th annual Community Fest on Monday, Feb. 16 with a full slate of events and activities.

Everything kicks off Monday morning with the popular pancake breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. During the day activities include a kids' curling clinic, hay rides, skating, crafts, balloons, puppet show, target shooting, crib tournament and a free hot dog lunch.

Go to the town's website at www.coaldale.ca for a full list of events and times.

Elijah Farrell, who chairs Community Fest, said the event is an opportunity for the whole community to come together

and have fun on Family Day.

"It's become a really important event in the community."

She says when it was first organized under the direction of Dave Neufeld his goal was for all of the events to be free of charge or by donation. The focus was on providing a day for the whole community, all age groups, that would be inclusive.

Farrell says with the rate at which Coaldale continues to grow, Community Fest is a great opportunity for residents, young and old, long term or new arrivals, to get to know each other.

The day is a multi-generational day with fun for the whole family. Community Fest is geared to getting residents out to enjoy the events and get to know Coaldale and its residents.

"The biggest thing about Community Fest is showing up, you will have a good time," promises Farrell.

She also believes those who take part in the day's events come away with a stronger sense of pride in their community.

Farrell praised the volunteers who make Community Fest possible every year. She says none of the events, from serving up breakfast for 750 people to handing out donuts at public skating, would be possible without the commitment each year of dozens of volunteers.

Winter weather still to come

While Mother Nature may have given everyone a winter break in January the long range forecast still includes much more of the white stuff.

Coaldale residents are once again being reminded of their responsibility to clean their sidewalks within 24 hours following a snowfall. Not only does shoveling in a timely fashion help provide safer walking conditions for residents but also helps ensure those with less mobility can get around during the winter months.

Removing the snow before it has a

chance to melt and freeze can also prevent ice build-up on sidewalks.

Residents are also reminded not to shovel snow on to the roads. This only adds to the icy conditions and drainage issues on local streets. Shovel snow on to lawns and boulevards where the moisture will benefit the grass.

Homeowners who use ramps to lessen the angle of their driveway entrances should be aware these are not allowed in Coaldale and can be very dangerous to town staff trying to clear snow. These

ramps become frozen to the street, buried under ice and snow and are not visible to staff, creating serious problems when equipment suddenly encounters them.

Residents can also assist with snow removal but moving vehicles off the streets when crews are working to remove the snow.

Safety is also a concern when crews are working to plow streets and haul away snow. Please give them room to work and avoid areas where equipment and personnel are working.

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Community Calendar

Tuesdays: English Language Drop-In at the County of Lethbridge Community Learning Council at the Coaldale Public Library, Tuesday 5 to 8 p.m. For more info call 403-345-6009.

Wednesdays: Resume and Job Search Drop-In at the County of Lethbridge Community Learning Council at the Coaldale Public Library. The first and third Wednesdays from 5 to 8 p.m. Call 403-345-6009 for more info.

Wednesdays: Coaldale Public Library hosts Small Wonders- Rhymes, tickles and fun for infants, toddlers, preschoolers and a caregiver. Wednesdays 11 to 11:30 a.m.

February: During February come visit the McCain Gallery at the Coaldale Public Library to view "Dictionary of Imaginary Places- Book 1" by Elaine Steinke.

February 4: Winter Walk Day- Every winter thousands of Albertans celebrate winter by participating in Winter Walk Day. Register for this year's walk at <http://shapeab.com/event-registration/?ee=16>

February 6: Coaldale Granite Club is hosting their 4th Annual Lobster Dinner on Friday, Feb. 6. Tickets are \$40 each. For more information and to purchase tickets please contact the club at 403-345-4742.

February 7: Coaldale Copperheads host Blackfalds at 8:30 p.m. at the Sportsplex.

February 8: Coaldale United Church hosts their annual Turkey Supper, Sunday, Feb. 8 from 4 to 6 p.m. Adults \$12, Children (6-12) \$6. For more information or for adult-sized take out order call 403-345-3240.

February 14: Hockey Day in Coaldale. Join us at the Sportsplex for a full day of minor hockey action, activities and much more. For a full schedule of events and details got to www.coaldale.ca

February 16: Coaldale's 11th Annual Community Fest features fun for the whole family. For a list of events go to www.coaldale.ca

February 27: Tween Club at the Coaldale Public Library 2:30 to 4 p.m. Register at the library or call 403-345-1340.

March 10: Spring/Summer Mass Registration at R.I. Baker School from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Come register for spring and summer sports and community programs.

Museum Society news

The Gem of the West Museum Society is seeking community members to be nominated for vacant Board of Director positions. If you are interested in helping us preserve and display Coaldale history, please call 403-345-1300 ex. 1223 for more information or to leave your name for the nomination committee. The elections for these positions will be held at the Annual General Meeting on March 4, 2015. The Society is also looking for new members to sit or fill positions on our Arts and Culture Committee. We are seeking individuals who have experience or interest in the visual and especially performing arts. Please contact Alysha at 403-345-1323 for more information.

Coaldale Copperheads advance to playoffs



The Copperheads play their last league game Saturday, Feb. 7 at 8:30 p.m. as they host Blackfalds. The Copperheads have advanced to the playoffs with a bye into the second round after finishing first in the Southern Division.

The Copperheads playoff run will begin the week of Feb. 17. To view the playoff schedule go to www.coaldalecopperheads.com or follow the Copperheads on Twitter @Copperheadshcky or on Facebook at Official Coaldale Copperheads Team.

Prices for playoff games are as follows:

Adults \$8, Youth (6-17) \$4 and Under 6 - Free.

Season tickets are not valid during playoffs.

Cash at door only.

Town of Coaldale Facility Bookings are now handled out of the Community Services Department located at the Gem of the West Museum.

You can book a facility online at www.coaldale.ca or email commserv@coaldale.ca or call 403-345-1324.

At the Library . . .

FOOD FOR FINES WEEK

Have your library fines become a barrier preventing you from checking out library materials? You can solve that problem while helping the less fortunate during our FOOD FOR FINES week (to take place during Freedom to Read Week—Feb. 22-28, 2015).

Bring in non-perishable food items for the Coaldale Food Bank and we'll waive up to \$5.00* off of your outstanding library fines for each item you contribute! We will accept healthy, non-perishable food items with intact, unopened, consumer or commercial packaging food within the expiration date on the packaging.

Even if you don't have library fines, you can still contribute items for the food drive! * Some charges, like bills for lost and damaged items, are not eligible.

Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About eReaders

Considering buying an eBook reader? Interested in getting eBooks and/or digital audio books onto a device you already own? This session will introduce you to your public library's eBook and digital audio book services, review the various types of devices on the market, and provide you with the tools and information you need to start downloading library eBooks.

Tuesday, February 3 at 7 p.m. The session is FREE but please call 403-345-6009 to register.

