

February 2017

Mark your calendars for Feb. 20 Coaldale Community Fest

"I'm really excited for this year's Community Fest," says Alysha Smith, Arts and Culture Coordinator for the Town of Coaldale.

"We've got some sensational new things this year at new venues to compliment what we already love about the event."

"I'm very excited to see the return of a number of local groups who are proud to sponsor and support this fantastic community event and I'm thrilled to see the great amount of support from new groups and organizations."

Get set for a great time with the pancake breakfast, wagon rides, games, crafts, food, tobogganing, and more.

"What I'm most excited to introduce to Community Fest, a showing of *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* on the big



HAY RIDES: Always a popular attraction at Community Fest.

screen at the museum, it's perfect for the older family members and all you nerdy adults just like me."

Smith expressed her thanks to everyone who has helped to support this event, noting it wouldn't be anywhere near as exciting for the community

without this support.

"Family Day is something very near and dear to my heart because I get to reflect on and celebrate the joy of being a part of my wonderful family," says Cindy Hoffman, Town of Coaldale Community Services Coordinator.

"And what better way to show your family how much you appreciate them than by spending quality time with them. The importance of families and family life is often overlooked in today's busy world, so why not take advantage of all the family oriented activities going on in the Town of Coaldale?"

Coaldale's Community Fest celebrates its 13th year on Family Day, Feb. 20 with activities throughout the day.

There are activities happening all over town that you and your family can enjoy. Start a new tradition or continue on with an old one and spend some quality time with your loved ones at Community Fest.

We look forward to seeing you all there. Check out the day's event schedule at www.coaldale.ca.

Winter safety tips: *Walking in a winter wonderland*

Being prepared for changing weather conditions is especially important in the winter months.

Dress for the weather, dress in layers for warmth and try to have three layers on.

1. A layer close to the skin to keep warmth in and cold out. Try using polypropylene fabrics as these work very well.

2. The mid-layer should be of fleece for warmth.

3. An outer shell layer protects you from the wind and moisture and should be insulated.

Avoid cotton clothing in winter as it

can stay damp and make you feel cold and clammy if you perspire.

Footwear: Use insulated and waterproof uppers and have a non-slip sole with good treads. For icy conditions consider using slip on cleats. Seniors and others find these very helpful for providing good footing.

A hat and gloves are a must, always better to have them with you even if you don't use them. Some people also prefer a scarf or neck gaiter for added warmth.

Finally, don't forget your eyes, wear sunglasses to cut the bright glare. If conditions are windy or snowing heavily, consider using tinted goggles to protect

your eyes. Choose a safe trail or path, avoid deep snow as it will tire you out faster.

In the mountains watch for and avoid avalanche areas. In urban areas watch out for falling snow from roofs and icy sidewalks. You should also avoid going on any ice-covered lakes, ponds, rivers or streams as they may not be safe.

If walking with pets keep them on a leash for added safety for them and you. Carry a cell phone with you for emergency help if it is required.

Winter outdoor activities can be very enjoyable if you are prepared for the conditions.

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Community Calendar

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays: From now until March Seniors League curling takes place at 1 p.m. at the Coaldale Granite Club. \$5 drop in fee for anyone who wants to play.

Wednesdays: Small Wonders: Rhymes, stories, tickles for infants, toddlers, preschoolers & their caregivers at 11 a.m.

February 6-8: Sign up for the Senior Bonspiel at the Coaldale Granite Club. \$40 per person, \$160 per team & includes lunch. Details on the Community Calendar at www.coaldale.ca

February 8: Historical Talk: Wallace Simpson Part 2 at the Gem of the West Museum at 7 p.m.

February 10: Coaldale Granite Club hosts its Lobster Dinner on Friday, Feb. 10. Tickets are \$50 each and only 80 are available. Contact the Granite Club at 403-345-4742 for tickets.

February 11: Save the date and pre-book your tickets for the Valentine's Day High Tea, taking place Feb. 11 at 1 p.m. at the Gem. Tickets are \$20 and must be purchased by Feb. 3 at the Gem of the West Museum.

February 20: Community Fest with free events throughout the day in Coaldale. Visit www.coaldale.ca for more info.

February 21: Movie at the Coaldale Library at 2:30 p.m. with Kubo and the Two Strings.

February 22: Wii and tablet fun at the Coaldale Library at 2:30 p.m.

February 23: Movie at the Coaldale Library at 2:30 p.m. with Nine Lives.

February 24: Tween Club at the Coaldale Library for grades 4 to 7 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. with snacks, games, crafts & fun.

February 25: Community Programming, Paper Mache craft making at the Gem of the West at 10:30 a.m. \$2 each, all children must be accompanied by an adult.

March 3: Spring Ladies Night Out at 7 p.m. at the Coaldale Community Centre. Raffles, silent auction, door prizes, food, drinks and Newman Mentalism. Tickets \$30, call 403-360-3415 or email coaldale.kinnettes@gmail.com

March 3-5: Join us at the Coaldale Granite Club for the Mixed Bonspiel. \$260 per team, all ages welcome & includes Saturday banquet. More info on the Community Calendar at www.coaldale.ca

March 17: St. Ambrose Hall fundraiser on St. Patrick's Day featuring the popular Bamboo Guppies at the Readymade Hall. Cocktails 6 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Dance 8 p.m. Tickets \$50. Call Taralynn Craig at 403-345-3461.

March 17-19: The Coaldale Granite Club hosts the 2017 Bantam Southern.

Food for Fines runs Feb. 26 to Mar. 4

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. 26 to Mar. 4). Bring in non-perishable food items for the Coaldale Food Bank and we'll waive \$5 off of your outstanding library fines for each item you contribute.



From our CPOs

February is business licence enforcement month

Coaldale and District Municipal Enforcement is now providing Community Peace Officer services to the towns of Coaldale, Coalhurst, Picture Butte and the Village of Barons.

Each community has a business licence bylaw that requires persons having or operating a business in their respective community to have a business licence.

These licences must be renewed in January of each year. February is business licence enforcement month. Officers will be contacting those that have not renewed their business licences.

Anyone operating or conducting business without a licence are subject to fines. To renew your 2017 business licence, please contact the Town or Village Administration Office.

Anyone wishing to make a complaint of a traffic or bylaw matter in the communities of Coaldale, Coalhurst, Picture Butte or Barons are urged to call the new number for Coaldale and District Municipal Enforcement at 1-844-645-2635 or make a complaint online at <https://rex.reportexecdirect.com/MunicipalEnforcement/CESIReportExec/olr/Main.aspx>

When making an online report. Choose "Coaldale and District Municipal Enforcement" in the drop down menu under "select a group" and then click "write new online report". This report will go directly to a Peace Officer who will investigate the complaint in a timely manner.

Upcoming County of Lethbridge Community Learning Council classes:

Safe Food Handling Certificate

Saturday, April 1, 9:00 am - 5:30 pm, Coaldale Public Library, Fee: \$90.00

English Language Learning - Evenings

Dates: 8 Monday evenings, January 30 - March 27, No class February 20, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Where: CLCLC Office (Coaldale Library), 2014 - 18 Street, Coaldale
Fee: \$25.00

Computer Tutor

Book a time to get your basic computer questions answered. Thursdays from 11am-12pm or by appointment. No charge. Please call 403-345-6009 to book

Basic Computer Skills

Dates & Times: Wednesdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24 from 6 - 8:30 pm and May 31 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Where: CLCLC Office (Coaldale Library), 2014 - 18 Street, Coaldale
Fee: \$75.00
Register by: Thursday, April 26

What Every Babysitter Should Know

Saturday, May 27, Coaldale Public Library, Fee: \$60.00
Register by: Thursday, May 18

One on One Tutor Program

This is a program for adults in the community who wish to improve their literacy essential skills (reading, writing, basic numeracy, communication skills etc.) In this program, weekly tutoring with a trained literacy volunteer is provided for basic literacy learners and for English Language Learners. Tutoring is provided in a confidential setting and at no charge to the learner.

Resume and Job Search Assistance

We can help prepare or update your resume and assistance with job searches and applications.

County of Lethbridge Community Learning Council

2014 - 18 Street, Coaldale (Coaldale Public Library)

Please register by calling 403-345-6009 or
visiting communityclasses.ca

