

January 2016

Town of Coaldale offering fitness and culture based classes in 2016

The new year brings with it a change to how recreation and culture programs are offered in the Town of Coaldale.

These types of programs from Yoga and Zumba to photography classes and art classes were previously offered through the County of Lethbridge Community Learning Council.

A change to the CLCLC's mandate meant it was no longer able to offer classes under the banner of general interest courses which included fitness and culture related programming. Working with the CLCLC the town's Community Services Department has taken over these programs in Coaldale.

"We are happy that we have been able to fill the gap and take on the recreation and culture programming previously offered by CLCLC," said Stephanie Wierl, manager of community services for the town.

"Having programming such as fitness classes and art and photography classes right here in Coaldale provides opportunities for residents to stay active, meet new people and try a new skill."

"It's important for communities to offer these opportunities as they are a part of what makes a community, a place where people

want to live, they offer increased quality of life."

Information on the classes available early in 2016 can be found on the town's website at www.coaldale.ca under the Services' tab, under Recreation, Parks and Leisure.

There are also three pages of class information included in the Winter Leisure Guide for the Town of Coaldale which can be found at businesses around the community or online at www.coaldale.ca.

Programs offered in January include Nia, Gentle Nia and Photography. Starting up in February will be Vinyasa Flow, Beginner Yoga, Noon Hour- Yoga Flow, Zumba, Body Smart Circuit Training, Power Walking and a Paint & Sip evening. Coming later in the spring will be Paverpol for Beginners, Introduction to Digital Photography, and an Introduction to Encaustic.

To register, stop in at the Gem of the West Museum or call 403-345-1324. There will also be a registration evening on Thursday, Jan. 7 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Stop in to register, ask questions about the classes being offered or make suggestions for future classes.

Gem of the West Museum Exhibit Renewal

The Gem of the West Museum is in the midst of plans to revitalize some of their exhibits and displays. This project will continue through the winter and into early spring 2016.

Staff and volunteers are working together to further develop exhibits and incorporate artifacts which have not previously been on display, as well as highlighting interesting objects and stories from Coaldale's past. This project will present exciting new opportunities for people of all ages to explore the museum and learn about the town's past. It will also further the museum's ongoing commitment to preserve and showcase Coaldale's rich history.

These renewed exhibits will be available to enjoy when the museum opens in spring of 2016. Follow us on social media for future details on our official grand opening to celebrate the first stages of project completion. Updates will be found on Facebook and Twitter on this project and all the exciting programs and events taking place in the winter and spring of 2016.

This exhibit renewal project will continue into 2017 where visitors can expect to see new and exciting technology, updates to the art gallery and more.

"We are very excited about this project. Since the conception of the museum in 1995 so much work has gone into creating and taking care of this museum and all the artifacts in it, and we're looking forward to celebrating that while also looking towards the future," said Alysha Smith, arts and culture coordinator for the Town of Coaldale.

"We hope that this renewal will not only entice people who enjoy the museum to come back more often but also attract those who have yet to experience the Gem into our doors and community. We hope that the community and all our visitors will be as excited about seeing the museum renewed as we are."

The Museum will be closed during the winter season, official opening date will be announced in 2016. For more info or to book a general tour or school tour please call Smith at 403-345-1323.

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Located: 1708-20 Avenue,
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Business loans available

Community Futures, Lethbridge Region, has flexible, affordable loan products specifically designed to support small business growth, and range from \$10,000 to \$150,000. Whether you're looking for start-up cash, responding to increased demand, ready to expand into new markets, or needing to update your technology or processes, we've got the financing knowledge and resources that can help. Each loan is tailored to meet your particular business needs, and loan decisions are made locally and quickly. To find out more contact us. Also, check out our small business coaching/training options, featured business programs and business tools.

Call us at 403-320-6044, check out our website at www.lethbridgeregion.alberta.ca or stop in at 2626 South Parkside Drive, Lethbridge.

Community Calendar

January 4: Parent and Tot Skate runs Mondays at 11 a.m. at the Coaldale Sportsplex. This is a free skate for parents, caregivers, grandparents, aunts or uncles and young skaters in the family who need a little ice time to work on their skating.

January 7: Recreation & Culture Registration and Information Night 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Gem of the West Museum. Information on classes at www.coaldale.ca and in the Winter Leisure Guide.

January 8-10: Coaldale Granite Club Ladies Slumber Party Spiel. Ladies curling teams are invited to join in the fun with a weekend of entertainment, pampering and curling. Details on the Community Calendar at www.coaldale.ca.

January 14: Tudor Historical Talk at the Gem of the West Museum. Join us at the Gem to learn all the monarchy, political, social and religious life in 16th century England. Admission is free, tea and coffee will be provided.

January 19-February 23: Tobacco reduction program Tuesdays 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Coaldale Public Library. To register participants can go online to AlbertaQuits.ca, call toll free 1-866-710-7848 or contact Robyn at the Campbell Clinic at 403-345-3072 or rchelte@campbellclinic.ca

January 23: Gem of the West Family Programming: Quill Pens. Stop in at 10:30 a.m. to make your own quill pen and ink while learning about the history of the quill pen. Admission is \$2. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

January 25: Join us at the Coaldale Public Library at 7 p.m. for Adult Book Club. Members of the club read and discuss a variety of current and classic books. Meetings are held the last Monday of every month in the McCain Gallery. New members are always welcome. Contact the library for book titles selected for upcoming meetings.

January 29: Tween Club at the Coaldale Public Library runs the last Friday of every month from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Students in grades 4 to 7 are invited to join us for an afternoon of crafts, games, snacks and fun. This is a free program but pre-registration is encouraged. Register at the library or by calling 403-345-1340.

Coaldale Copperheads



Home games

Jan. 2 at 8:30 p.m. vs Medicine Hat

Jan. 30 at 8:30 p.m. vs Cochrane

FROM THE TAX DEPARTMENT TIPP PROGRAM

Welcome to all of our new TIPP (Tax Installment Payment Plan) participants. The first installment for the 2016 taxation year will be deducted from your account on MONDAY, JANUARY 18 as the regular payment date of the 16th falls on a weekend. We will be taking TIPP applications up until May 31, 2016 for the 2016 taxation year. If you are not paying your taxes through your mortgage and want to enjoy the benefits of monthly payments from January to December each year with no penalties and no administration fees, sign up today. This is a great way to budget! Call Kathy at 403-345-1317 or check out our website www.coaldale.ca for more information.



Help us Reach our Fundraising Goal...

PLEASE CONSIDER PARTNERING WITH US TODAY!

- Sponsorship packages are available on our website at coaldalechristianschool.com.
- Many levels of exposure for your business available!



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OUR PROJECT

- We are a group of community members coming together to work towards the expansion of Coaldale East playground. Our goal is to raise \$300,000!

COMMUNITY IMPACT

- Once nearby neighborhoods are fully developed, this playground will be a source of outdoor play activity for approximately 600 homes!
- Will provide an expanded play structure for the increased enrollment of students at Coaldale Christian School.