

COALDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS

40th Annual
**Awards & Appreciation
& Banquet**

COALDALE CHAMBER

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- o *Customer service award*
- o *Citizen of the year*
- o *Group citizens award*
- o *Special tribute*

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President's Message

The Coaldale Chamber of Commerce is very proud of our local businesses. Our business membership base is growing yearly which is a sign of a vibrant climate for commerce.

Another sign of a thriving business community is the fact that we had many people and businesses nominated for an award this year. On behalf of the Coaldale Chamber, I am thrilled to be able to congratulate Jordan, Teresa, Tammy, Darlene and the Coaldale Public Library Friends Society for their hard work and achievements. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed and it is an honor for us to give you the recognition you deserve. We are proud and thankful that you have chosen Coaldale to do your amazing work in and we look forward to your future accomplishments.

Alongside our own award recipients, the Chamber would also like to congratulate the winners of the Town of Coaldale awards. We sincerely thank all sponsors and would like to recognize the organizing committee under the leadership of Robert Woolf for its hard work.

René van de Vendel
President
Coaldale Chamber of Commerce



Mayor's Message

On behalf of Town Council, I would like to extend sincere congratulations to all award recipients being celebrated at the Coaldale Chamber of Commerce 40th Annual Awards and Appreciation dinner. Emerging from a two-year pandemic, Council is delighted to be able to acknowledge all of you in person.

The Town of Coaldale is pleased to continue its partnership with the Chamber in hosting this special event. I would like to thank both organizing committees for their efforts in making it the success it is. Your work is much appreciated and doesn't go unnoticed.

Thanks must also go to the nominators, who took the time to help us determine which of our citizens deserve acknowledgement for their contributions.

Our community would not be as vibrant as it is if not for the time and talent shared by so many residents, not-for-profit groups, and businesses. They all work tirelessly, often behind the scenes, to make this community the best it can be. Tonight, we are honoured to be able to celebrate their achievements and recognize them for their outstanding work. Once again, congratulations!

Jack Van Rijn
Mayor
Town of Coaldale



Honoured Guest

MP Rachael Thomas



As a dedicated listener and tireless advocate, Rachael has served as a powerful voice for the Lethbridge riding since she was first elected as the Member of Parliament in 2015.

Rachael is committed to putting people first. Every year, she attends a variety of events throughout the riding, tours dozens of local businesses and organizations, and meets one-on-one with hundreds of constituents.

Empowered by the stories people share with her, Rachael puts a human face to government policies when she speaks in the House of Commons.

Rachael currently sits on the Heritage Committee, where she passionately defends the rights and freedoms of Canadians. Rachael is in the process of fighting Bill C-11, which is a government bill created to censor online content and threatens the freedom of expression guaranteed to Canadians by Section 2(b) of the Charter.

As a member of numerous bilateral and multinational associations, Rachael is committed to promoting human rights, democracy, and the rule of law. She is also a strong advocate for building stronger trade relationships with like-minded democracies around the world.

Since a balanced life consists of more than just work, Rachael also enjoys a number of leisure activities. In addition to spending time with family and friends, Rachael looks for opportunities to enjoy the unique beauty of southern Alberta by walking in the coulees or enjoying time in the Rockies.

Honoured Guest

MLA Grant Hunter



Grant Hunter was elected to his first term as the Member of the Legislative Assembly for Cardston-Taber-Warner on May 5, 2015 and to a second term on May 16, 2019 for the newly created riding of Taber-Warner.

A dedicated husband, father of five, and a grandfather of four, Grant has owned and operated his own commercial/residential construction company for over two decades. Earning a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in Economics and Political Science and a Master of Business Administration degree, he has extensive knowledge of the challenges that businesses in Alberta face.

Grant was appointed as the Associate Minister of Red Tape Reduction from April 30, 2019 to July 7, 2021. Relying on his own experience as an entrepreneur, he targeted unnecessary and burdensome over-regulation that is currently weighing job-creators down, while empowering entrepreneurs and business owners to invest in Alberta and create jobs in this province.

The Treasury Board, along with the Legislative Assembly Standing Committees on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund and Families and Communities, are the present groups that Grant serves. He has also been a board member for several political and community organizations, including the Cardston Lions Club.

Grant was the 889th member to be sworn in to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta and currently resides in Taber with his wife Angie.



Business of the Year



Twisted Steel- *Jordan Sailer*

Twisted Steel strives to present itself as a top notch business in Coaldale, providing the only services of its kind within our community.

Customers who patron this facility are especially impressed with how friendly the staff are. Twisted Steel lives up to their motto; to be knowledgeable, kind, courteous and helpful to anyone who walks through their doors.

The pandemic wreaked havoc on many business, but especially to those in the fitness industry. The benefits that physical activity has on the body and the mind is undeniable but became even more apparent during the two-year hiatus. Even when they were forced to close, they made sure to reach out to their members or anyone that contacted them, to provided whatever assistance they could; be it loaning out equipment, providing on-line classes, and making sure to stay connected via social media, email, or phone calls.

They continue with their dedication to the community by sponsoring sport groups and other activities and by volunteering at special events.

Many are looking forwards to the day when doors open at their new location in the forthcoming Coaldale Recreation Centre.



Customer Service of the Year



Teresa Bright - Scotiabank

Teresa has been a customer service stalwart at the Coaldale branch for many years. Teresa has an amazing memory and seems to know almost every client that comes through the doors. Her personalized attention to her clients is also very noticeable. She is more than just their teller and many of the older clients will wait to see Teresa specifically because of the trust generated over the past 17 years.

The knowledge attained over a long banking career allows Teresa to efficiently and effectively respond to all customer interactions. Teresa has also been a valuable resource to help train new staff as they start their banking careers. Many new staff marvel at the conversations that Teresa has with her customers and the mentoring has helped each person become a better banker because of it.

Volunteerism within Scotiabank has been part of the culture and Teresa is always there to pitch in to help with different community events such as the Coaldale Food Bank Duck race, the Alberta Birds of Prey or the Copperheads 50/50.



Citizen of the Year



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Tammy Trelenberg

Tammy Trelenberg, better known as the “Craft Lady”, is one of those individuals who cares very deeply about her community and has become known for her generous volunteering at every event hosted by the Town.

Rain, shine, snow or freezing temperatures cannot keep Tammy from ensuring an art and craft activity is available to anyone attending a Coaldale event.

As an avid animal enthusiast, she always has a pup treat ready for any four legged friend that may bring their humans to her crafting table.

Tammy designs each craft based on the theme of the event and volunteers her time to prepping every craft in advance to make sure everyone of her crafters has a wonderful time.

No matter how long an event runs, Tammy is there with her warm smile and infectious laugh. The Winter Walk in the Park is one example that demonstrates Tammy’s commitment and dedication to the community.

No matter how cold it gets, she is there ensuring the community has a wonderful experience. She never shy’s away from helping anyone else at any event she participates in. Tammy is a true gem and a tremendous asset to this community.



Coaldale Chamber of Commerce

Group Citizen of the Year



Coaldale Public Library Friends Society

The Coaldale Public Library Friends Society (CPLFS) has been providing financial support and volunteers to the Coaldale Public Library for over 20 years. Through their hard work and dedication this group of volunteers have raised funds to support the Library's programs and services.

The group is currently providing funding to support the following programs at the Library : Lego Club, Tinker Station and Chess Club. As a result, children can learn while having fun in a safe and supportive environment. This helps in their critical thinking and problem solving skills and further ensure families who live in Coaldale are able to participate in programs either free or at a reduced cost.

The Library was also able to redesign the Teen's area with PlayStation and Xbox consoles and games for the teens to enjoy while in the Library.

The Coaldale Public Library Board and staff believe they would not be able to provide some of their programs and services without the support of the Coaldale Public Library Friends Society as a silent partner over the years. Through their volunteerism, the CPLFS continues to make a positive impact in the Town of Coaldale.



Special Tribute



Darlene Pakla - Silver Linings

Darlene is an in-home care giver to Coaldale seniors and has witnessed the loneliness and isolation that many seniors in Coaldale endure every day.

It was during Christmas time, when Darlene saw that it is especially difficult for seniors as they are often alone. In early 2020 she decided that she had to do something to show the seniors they were not forgotten. She came up with a wonderful idea and Silver Linings was born.

Since it's inception, with donations from a few community members and organizations (with the bulk of the money coming from her own bank account), Darlene and her daughter have been able to distribute a total of 800 gift bags to Sunny South Lodge, the Manor, the hospital and other seniors in the community. Each gift bag contains toiletries, cookies, chocolates, mugs, tea, socks, gloves, puzzle and adult coloring books, novels and so many other small essentials and treats.

Darlene exemplifies what it means to be a good neighbour and to be part of a greater community that cares for one other.

Without thought to her personal finances or time, Darlene has made a real difference in the lives of Coaldale seniors and has made Coaldale a better place to live.



Membership Anniversary

New Members

Cottonwood Records
Hilltop Accounting Services
Impact Health
SunLife Financial
Thrive Honey Inc
Two Old Goats Mechanical Ltd.
Witdouck Farms

Five Years

Coaldale Inn

Ten Years

Coaldale Community Wellness
Association
Coaldale Home Hardware
Coulee View Windows & Doors
Jake Klassen Plumbing Inc

Fifteen Years

Artisan Homes

Twenty Years

Coaldale Hydraulics Sales & Service
Gem of the West Museum
The Fiberglass Shoppe

Twenty-Five Years

Adora Kitchens Ltd.
Alberta Workplace Solutions
Kate Andrews High School
Stop N Go
Ventura Liquor Store

Thirty Years

Bos Sod Farms
Crystal Clean Ltd.
McLennan's Cocktails & Cues

Thirty-Five Years

Herman's Carpets Ltd.
Westland Insurance Group Ltd.

Forty Years

Coaldale Food Market - 1982
Coaldale Pharmasave - 1982







Male Athlete of the Year



Kyle Murray

Kyle is a world class athlete, currently ranked second in Canada and top 40 world ranking for skeleton, the sport where one reaches speeds upwards to 145 km/hr headfirst down the bobsled track. He is on the national team and represented Canada on the 2021/2022 World Cup Tour and Intercontinental Cup Tour, racing in North America, Europe, and Asia through the season. Kyle was first alternate on the 2022 Canadian Winter Olympic Team and was invited to the Beijing Olympic test event in the fall of 2021, where he was able to compete on the new Olympic track. Kyle is a leader and well respected on the national team.

Kyle attended school at Jennie Emery, RI Baker, and Kate Andrews, where he excelled in school and club sports. Currently in Calgary, Kyle trains with the national skeleton team. His family resides in Coaldale, but he still has a strong attachment to the community, with the word “Coaldale” professionally designed and prominently displayed on his competition helmet. At the U of L collegiate level, Kyle captured the annual MVP for track and field three years in a row. While competing in track and field events, including his time in Coaldale, he won a top three placing over 100 times. Kyle is a proud product of Coaldale and has well represented the community as an elite athlete.



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Female Athlete of the Year



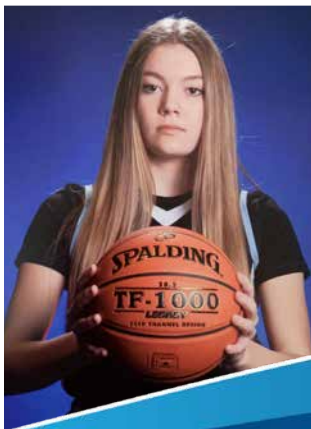
Eve Duerksen

Eve has played multiple sports at Kate Andrews at a high level. She was a leader on both basketball and the volleyball teams she participated on.

Not only is she an elite athlete, Eve also brings a great level of sportsmanship and compete to her game. She treats everyone with respect, and makes those around her better. She practices as hard as she plays in game, and understands the level necessary to compete. She knows what it looks like to put in the extra work when nobody else is watching. She has spent countless hours alone in the gym shooting free throws, making sure she's there for her team when they need her most.

Eve has recently signed with Briercrest College for basketball in the Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference.

Kate Andrews is proud to nominate Eve Duerksen for female athlete of the year!



Arts or Recreation Leader of the Year



Hetti Bultena

Hetti Bultena is the Art teacher at Coaldale Christian School and is incredibly dedicated to fostering Remembrance in her art students.

A program that is very important to her is the Royal Canadian Legion Annual Poster and Literary Contest. She not only supports youth education on Remembrance, but perpetuates Remembrance with each of her students through creative art and writing. She has spent countless hours with her art students encouraging and building their artistic talents, ensuring that they understand what Remembrance Day means.

Hetti's dedication to her art students has not gone unnoticed. Every year, Hetti's art students create outstanding posters and very well articulated and meaningful poems and essays which win numerous competitions at the local Legion Branch level and provincial level. Many of these pieces have been featured in the Town's Remembrance Day program, along with an invitation to recite poems or essays at the Town's Remembrance Day ceremony each November 11th.



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Community Artist of the Year

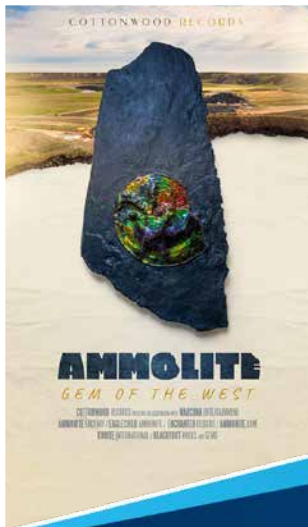


Cottonwood Records

Clayton and Joel are two very talented brothers who make up Cottonwood Records. Their goal is to find and feature different local artists from all genres. They produce professional audio and video content, such as music videos and documentaries, distributed through YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, iTunes, Google Play and Spotify.

Cottonwood Records has won two prestigious funding streams from Storyhive, an organization that has funded productions and supported emerging filmmakers with mentorship and support from the National Screen Institute. The first was for their production of a documentary *Ammolite: Gem of the West*, and the second for their production of a music video *Streets*.

With a recording studio situated right here in Coaldale, Clayton and Joel have worked with many local musicians, giving these talented artists the exposure they so deserve, putting Coaldale on the map in doing so! They are also found willing to participate in a number of projects within the greater community, through various organizations, committees, and groups.



Environmental Excellence of the Year



Alan and Carla Koyata

For the last 28 years, Carla and Alan have adopted the Garden Grove Park (Peace Park) volunteering many hours ensuring that this hidden gem of a green space remains beautiful, clean, and green.

They are passionate about making this green space a place that families can enjoy, They are always on the look out for debris and garbage, damage to trees and also to water stress that grass and trees can undergo in very hot weather.

They donated six trees which were planted in Peace Park. With their home's close proximity to the park, they have contributed their time and resources to ensure the survival of these trees by providing fertilizer and/or watering as necessary

Carla and Alan truly care about the community and understand how important green spaces are to neighborhoods and families and are part of the Adopt-a-Space initiative.

Through their dedication and passion, they are ensuring this green space will be enjoyed by everyone for years to come and are wonderful examples of how community can have a positive impact on their local environment.



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Youth Citizen of the Year



Abigail Giacchetta

Abby Giacchetta was a grade 10 Kate Andrews High School student in 2021 and part of the Youth Do Crew during the pandemic. As an initiative to infuse some joy into the community, Abby developed the Chalk & Walk. In her words, “there’s enough sadness and sorrow in the world right now, but with summer coming, and the weather getting nicer, the community can become more positive as well. Bright beautiful pictures on a sidewalk always makes a person smile, so why not make it a community event”.

Abby had a vision. She planned every detail, and then executed on the plan. Her plan was for this event to take place every two weeks throughout the summer of 2021, at different public locations in Coaldale. She organized getting donations of chalk and prizes and also recruited her fellow Do Crew family to help her out at each of the events.

From start to finish, she brightened our summer days last year with her energy and her never-failing commitment to bringing so much joy and beauty to our community.





BALLOON DRAW

GAME NIGHT

ENTER FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!

Prize worth \$1000

1 Ticket for \$10
3 Tickets for \$20


One Calgary Flames Jersey

Two tickets to a Calgary Flames Game
(of your choice for the 2022-2023 regular season)

One Overnight Stay in Calgary for Two
Plus Spending Cash

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