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Coaldale & District
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39th Annual
**Awards & Appreciation
& Banquet**

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March 21, 2020 | Saturday
Coaldale Community Centre

39th Annual
*Awards & Appreciation
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President's Message

Welcome to our Annual Appreciation & Awards evening!

Tonight is an evening to celebrate our community! It is a time for us to show appreciation for each other as businesspeople, non-profit organizations and citizens of Coaldale. It is also an opportunity to recognize and highlight the businesses, groups and individuals that have gone above and beyond. We dedicate this evening to the determination, passion and successes of all Coaldale residents, organizations and businesses.

This year, the Chamber has chosen to team up with the Town of Coaldale so that recipients of special recognition can all be honoured at the same time. To the recipients I'd like to say that you have made us proud. Your pursuit of excellence is helping Coaldale to continue to be a great place to live and do business. I congratulate you on your successes and we wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

We sincerely thank all sponsors of tonight's event, and would like to recognize the organizing committee under the leadership of Randy Van Seters for it's hard work.

René van de Vendel
President
Coaldale & District Chamber of Commerce



Mayor's Message

Greetings community members, business leaders and honoured guests to the 39th Annual Awards & Appreciation Banquet, a joint effort this year hosted by the Coaldale & District Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Coaldale. This evening is an opportunity for us to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions that individuals, non-profit groups and businesses have made to the Coaldale community.

For several years now, Coaldale has been growing at a truly admirable rate. Every year, more people choose to make Coaldale the place that they live and where they raise their families. Businesses are being opened in Town, or business owners are choosing to move their operations to our community. This growth is reflective of the pride we all feel in this community, which is on full display on evenings like this when we come together to celebrate and honour members of our community.

We know that Coaldale's recent success is dependent on the contributions of individual residents, not-for-profit associations, and local businesses who work tirelessly to make this community great. We are honored to be able to celebrate their achievements and to recognize them for their incredible work.

Kim Craig
Mayor
Town of Coaldale



Honoured Guest

Rachael Harder, MP

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

As the Member of Parliament for Lethbridge, Rachael is committed to putting people first. Every year, she attends as many events as possible 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 is able to put a human face to government policies when she speaks in the House of Commons.



Honoured Guest

Grant Hunter, MLA

Minister Hunter was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on May 5, 2015 as the MLA for Cardston-Taber-Warner. He was re-elected on April 16, 2019 as the MLA for the newly created riding of Taber-Warner.

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



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Business of the Year

Dennis' Dirtworx

Award Criteria

- Properly licensed to conduct business in the Town of Coaldale and surrounding area.
- Courteous, knowledgeable, and cooperative management and staff.
- Distinguished itself as a progressive business in terms of general operations, marketing, a recent expansion or increase in employment.
- Promoted a new product or service which has brought awareness to the Coaldale community.
- Displayed good business ethics and exceptional customer service.
- Contributed to Coaldale through participation in non-profit groups and/or volunteerism.

It all started in 2009 when Dennis Overweg started a small business with just a mini-hoe. As a general excavation company based out of Coaldale, Dennis' Dirtworx has grown to over 100 employees, many of whom reside within the district of Coaldale. With clients expanding into our neighboring provinces, Dennis' Dirtworx provides great exposure to the town of Coaldale.

Dennis' Dirtworx excels in their dedication to community as evident to the many contributions made over the past 10 years. Not only have they donated their equipment and labour to all the playground upgrades in town, but they also contribute to various non-profit groups whose focus is on community enhancement.



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Citizen of the Year

Blair Frache

Award Criteria

- Made a significant contribution to Coaldale.
- Participated in current and ongoing activities within the community of Coaldale.
- Has history of community service or active membership in one or more organizations and/or committees in Coaldale.
- Must be a citizen living in the community at the time of presentation

Blair Frache is husband to Janet and father to daughter Amanda and son Kyle. He is a grandfather, brother, and uncle, and is a friend to many. He attended R.I. Baker and Kate Andrews schools in his younger years and has worked and lived in this community for most of his life.

As a born entrepreneur – currently developing Cottonwood Estates, Blair posses a keen sense of what is important to building a great community. He enjoys taking part in the activities with fellow residents and takes pride in seeing Cottonwood enjoyed by so many new home owners and their families.

His good nature, generosity and belief of giving back to a Community is reflected in his 35 years of volunteering with the Kinsmen Club of Coaldale. He also takes part in and supports many other community organizations and causes.



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Customer Service Award

Kira Hiemstra - Coaldale Dental Centre

Award Criteria

- Employee of a business in Coaldale or surrounding area who demonstrated a positive attitude, genuine care for customers, and who provided an overall courteous and friendly experience.

As a Dental Hygienist, Kira Hiemstra goes above and beyond for every patient she meets. She genuinely cares for her patients and has a unique way to express the importance of oral health to them in a way that makes them feel good and want to help themselves. Kira will go out of her way to contact patients to ensure everything is going well after appointments. This is not something that is asked of her - she does it because she cares.



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Group Citizen Award

Family and Community Support Services Boys and Girls Club – Youth DO Crew

Award Criteria

- Non-profit community group in operation for three or more years
- Made significant contributions to the community.
- Brought positive recognition to Coaldale.

The Youth DO Crew consists of 16 individual youth who are dedicated to the continuous improvement of the Coaldale community through acts of service. At almost 400 hours of service work, the DO Crew has participated in a range of volunteering projects such as organizing a youth dance at the Coaldale Public Library and participating in Coaldale's Snow Angels. They also advocate for youth in the community of Coaldale through their input on the Youth Engagement Working Group.

- Leavy Ashbee
- Alessandra Chua
- Kali Coles
- Madison Czibere
- Cass Gayowski
- Julie Guenther
- Kristin Isleifson
- Keegan Marshall
- Tyson Roszell
- Alexis Rowley
- Savannah Rowley
- Dayna Samoleski
- Sarah Vandekraats
- Hayden Wannop



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Special Tribute

Anna Derksen - EMC Accounting

Award Criteria

- In recognition of a citizen for their outstanding achievements in either arts, sports, politics, education or heroism; who has drawn attention to Coaldale and surrounding area through their achievements.

Working hard to keep the town of Coaldale clean, Anna Derksen can be seen early in the morning collecting litter on her daily walk to work. EMC Accounting is her destination, a business that has been operating in various locations on main street since 1980.



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Youth Citizen of the Year

Kristin Isleifson

Award Criteria

- Youth volunteer in Coaldale who made a significant contribution to the community.
- Developed and executed a goal or initiative to help further enhance their local community.
- Demonstrated a high level of integrity, inclusiveness, leadership, cooperation and respect for others.

A member of the 3rd Coaldale Venturer Scouts, Kristin continually takes a leadership role in all aspects of community life. She has stepped up many times to support her fellow scouts, including starting the annual Coaldale Christmas Skate bake sale (now in its 3rd year) to raise money to assist a fellow scout battling cancer. Kristin continually strives for self improvement and recently challenged her Advanced Level Wilderness and Remote First Aid and she recorded the highest grade of the class beating out adults. Kristin also volunteers for many community events such as Remembrance Day and Community Fest.



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Male Athlete of the Year

Ron Chmielewski

Award Criteria

- Member of a local sport organization, club or school in Coaldale.
- Displayed a high level of skill, performance, dedication and leadership in their sport.
- Demonstrated a passion for sports, a high level of respect for the game, respect for others, and a commitment to fair play and ethical sport.

Ron has been involved with sports in Coaldale his entire life and has been a role model to the community, both young and old, for many years. He has mentored many young athletes in various sports through his coaching and teaching career and he has personally earned competitive medals for slo-pitch and track and field events. In 2019 alone, Ron was awarded a Huntsman World Senior Games Slo-Pitch Silver medal, Alberta Provincial Championship Masters 60+ gold medal in Hammer Throw, silver medal in Shot Put and silver medal in Javelin. He also set the Alberta Provincial Champions Masters 70+ Weight Throw record and was the Canadian Masters bronze medal winner in the 70+ Shot Put.



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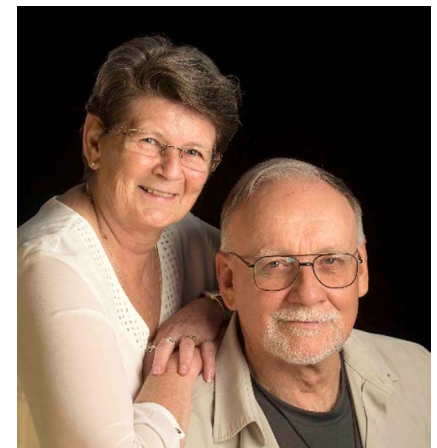
Female Athlete of the Year

Sharon Chmielewski

Award Criteria

- Member of a local sport organization, club or school in Coaldale.
- Displayed a high level of skill, performance, dedication and leadership in their sport.
- Demonstrated a passion for sports, a high level of respect for the game, respect for others, and a commitment to fair play and ethical sport.

Sharon has been a part of Coaldale's sports scene for over four decades in the capacity of instructor, coach, official and athlete. She has been involved with youth, men and women leagues in curling, slo-pitch and softball, has coached high school volleyball and has competed in track and field events winning medals in numerous disciplines at the Canadian Masters. Sharon continues to be an ambassador of sport in Coaldale and her dedication to sport has touched many lives in this community.



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Arts or Recreation Leader of the year

Tammy Trelenberg

Award Criteria

- Leader of, or participant in, an arts or recreation group in Coaldale: board member, administrator, coach or parent volunteer.
- Worked towards the advancement of art or recreation in Coaldale.
- Demonstrated a high level of integrity, inclusiveness, cooperation and respect for others.
- Displayed personal growth and development.
- Promoted a positive image for Coaldale.

Tammy has worked tirelessly to bring attention to and promote Arts & Culture in our community. She holds the volunteer position of Chair of the Gem of the West Arts & Culture Committee and was instrumental in redefining the art gallery at the Gem of the West Museum. She was part of the group which introduced the monthly Community Markets to Coaldale last summer and has volunteered hundreds of hours working with the Town of Coaldale to include an Arts & Culture component in every community event in 2019.



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Community Artist of the year

Terry Anne Wilson

Award Criteria

- Local artist working in any medium (visual, musical or performance) who exemplified excellence towards the development of art and culture in Coaldale.
- Participated in a cultural group or organization in Coaldale.
- Demonstrated a high level of integrity, inclusiveness, cooperation and respect for others.
- Strives for the advancement of arts and culture in general.
- Displayed personal growth and development.
- Promoted a positive image for arts and culture in Coaldale.

Terry Anne is a writer, published author of two books, successful blogger, speaker, workshop host and traveler. After graduating from Kate Andrews High School and leaving her home in Coaldale, Terry embarked on a world wide tour that has continued to this day. Experiencing life living in nine different countries, Terry has fulfilled her passion to write and to also share her joy of writing with others from around the world. Terry is a role model to all local aspiring writers and artists.



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Environmental Excellence Award

Sharon de Boer

Award Criteria

- Individual or organization who dedicated time and effort towards environmental initiatives such as community beautification, recycling, community clean up or innovation towards environmental initiatives.

Sharon has a passion for adventure and infuses enthusiasm in others to join her in discovering new things. In 2019, through the Outdoors Club which Sharon initiated, students of Coaldale Christian School were encouraged to enroll in the Caring for our Watersheds program, which engages students in preserving and improving their local watersheds through student-led solutions. Sharon also volunteers her time by coordinating events for the Outdoors Club, providing youth the opportunity to engage with the environment through recreational activities such as snowshoeing, skiing, sailing, kayaking, spelunking, and hiking.



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Membership Anniversary

New Members

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KPMG LLP
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Five Years

Altwater.ca
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NC Spirits
North and Company Ltd.
PixelBoom Media Ltd.

Ten Years

EJD Machacek LLP
Fournier Farms Ltd.

Fifteen Years

BIO Ag Ltd.

Twenty Years

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Dairy Queen
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Thirty Years

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Overnight Flames Game

Two tickets to a Calgary Flames Games at the Saddledome on a date to be determined by the winner. Includes is a \$200 voucher for lodging and/or meals.



Date Night at the Coaldale Inn

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