

PRESS NOTICE:

The Magrath and District Chamber of Commerce Society has now completed our 4th annual nomination and voting process for Citizen of the Year, Youth of the Year, and Business of the Year. We just wanted a way to say thank you to all the great people and places in our small Town of Magrath. The Magrath Chamber is pleased to announce that the individuals and business/organizations listed below were nominated by the residents of Magrath as a candidates and voted by Chamber of Commerce members in December 2014 to be our selection for:

- Magrath and District Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year 2014
Mr Ty Alston
- Magrath and District Chamber of Commerce Youth of the Year 2014
Miss Alyssa Doig
- Magrath and District Chamber of Commerce Business/Organization of the Year 2014
Jenex Contracting Ltd (c/o Mr Wayne Harris)

We are holding a gala awards dinner in their honor on Saturday the 24th of January, 2015, 6:00pm at the Magrath School Auditorium to present these awards.

The gala will also be a fund raiser for the Magrath Community Trail System sponsored by the Magrath Chamber of Commerce assisted by the new Magrath Recreation Board. In addition to a fun meal we are planning entertainment and themed activities for the evening with a Mardi Gras theme. Tickets are now available for purchase by the public, their admiring friends and family, from the Magrath Pharmacy, at 1st Choice Credit Union, at ATB Financial, as well as from Chamber Gala Committee members. It will be a night to remember!

Tickets are \$20 per person or \$175 to reserve a corporate table (8 persons) for more information: see our magrathchamber.com/chamber-cyb-gala.html website page.

About our CYB Winners:

Citizen of the Year 2014 - Tyler Alston was born Aug. 4/1931, right here in Magrath, Alberta. He played on the Magrath Zeniths for 4 years (grade 8-11) and then he played on the Provo, Utah High boys basketball team. He married Gloria Harker on Dec. 15/1951. They had 5 children (Arana, Jane, Bill, Tom, Burke). In 1952, Tyler bought the British American (BA) oil and gas dealership for the Magrath area. He ran that business for 10 years and then Gulf Oil bought out BA. Tyler encouraged the new company to put a service station, as well as a bulk station in Magrath. The new facility was built in 1964. Tyler ran this business for 10 years and then Petro Canada bought Gulf and Tyler ran this business for 21 years. In 1993, Petro Canada decided to remove all the small town service stations in Southern Alberta. Tyler felt Magrath deserved a modern service station and so he bought the Blue Goose building (it had previously been a Chrysler car dealership). He completely remodeled the building and created the Blue Goose gas bar and convenience store. A few later he created a space for a full-time mechanic to operate out of. A few years later he put in a keylock ,so farmers and individuals could get gas and diesel 24/7. A few years later he felt Magrath needed some storage spaces, so he created Magrath Mini-Storage. Tyler still runs the oil and key lock business ,as well as Magrath Mini-Storage. He leases out the service station. He has been in business in Magrath for 63 years straight. In the community he served on the hospital board for 12 years. He was an LDS Bishop for 5 years, a Stake President for 9 years , and a temple volunteer for 20 years and a school bus driver for 42 years. He played senior basketball on the Magrath Rockets and the Broder Chinooks for 10 years. He was a member of the Magrath Rod & Gun Club, the Magrath Curling Club and a supporter of 4H for over 40 years. Tyler was born in Magrath and has lived in Magrath for 83 years and as stated before he has been in business here in our town on a continual basis for the past 63 years. He is truly a Magrath icon.

Youth of the Year 2014 - Alyssa Doig Alyssa is always involved and is extremely cheerful with whatever she is doing. She is a leader at both school and in her church. She helps ref junior basketball games, helps run tournaments, and is extremely supportive of any school events. She is very involved in her church and plays the prelude music every Sunday on the organ. She has done a great job in a number of areas this year – she is the student council president this year - organized the Terry Fox run for the community, made it a "colour run" - assisted coaching youth basketball this past summer. - assisted with Gr 7 and Gr 8 girls VB teams at the school, with many of these practices before school and also spent weekends coaching them - Lots of volunteer work with school athletics. - She is one of the top students in the school and is kind to everyone she meets – recently organized the high school Christmas Shoebox campaign to help make sure youth receive gifts at Christmas. She is the daughter of Rob and Becky Doig.

Business of the Year 2014 - Jenex Contracting Ltd / Wayne Harris donated countless hours of his own time during the renovation of the Magrath Museum building. He also donated the use of equipment and materials and went over and above what a usual contractor would do. He is very dedicated to this community. His company has been responsible across Southern Alberta for many successful projects over the years, including most recently the addition on the Town Fire Hall. “Wayne Harris and Jenex have done a wonderful job and he has been very diligent in getting it done and getting it done in time ..” and “[Thanks to ..] Wayne Harris of Jenex Construction for their fantastic work resulting in the [WCC] Project coming in on time, on budget, and well beyond expectations.” He has also provided much needed free heat for our annual Chamber Tradeshow at the ice arena for the past 2 years. Many thanks for all you do!

Congratulations to all!