



Media Release

Battlefords Business Excellence Awards presented by Gold Eagle Casino

Monday, August 28th, 2023

The Battlefords Business Excellence (BBEX) committee is pleased to announce the finalists for the upcoming BBEX awards, presented by Gold Eagle Casino. The BBEX awards, now in their 29th year, are the highest and most prestigious award for Battlefords businesses in the local marketplace.

BBEX Award recipients will be announced at the gala banquet and ceremony on November 8th, 2023 at the Dekker Centre for the Performing Arts in North Battleford.

“The BBEX awards showcase the immense talent and entrepreneurial spirit of the Battlefords business community. These finalists have demonstrated remarkable achievements, resilience and a commitment to service and community,” says BBEX committee co-chair Harris Sutherland.

The 2023 finalists are:

New Business Venture Award Finalists

Sponsored by SIIT, Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technology

Awarded to a new business/venture that has been operating for more than one but less than three years (at December 31st, 2022)

Drift Wellness & Beauty

Dynamic Appraisals

Montana’s BBQ & Bar North Battleford

Heather Guthrie Customer Service Star Award Finalists (Owner/Entrepreneur)

Sponsored by Swanson Gryba & Company

Awarded to an owner/entrepreneur who consistently demonstrates excellence in customer service and/or hospitality, leadership, and who’s service positively impacts the business in measurable and strategic ways.

Jay Bottomley – Oil Can Charlie’s

Pamela Connor – Dynamic Appraisals

Louise Erbach – Chic & Shabby, Florals – Home Décor - Gifts

Community Contribution Award Finalists

Sponsored by Sask-Tel

Awarded to a business that demonstrates exceptional support of recreation, amateur sports, arts and culture, charitable groups, or other community efforts in the Battlefords and area.

Dejma's Curry House

Innovation Wealth

Redhead Equipment

Micro Business Award Finalists

Sponsored By TD Bank

Awarded to a small business or home office which has demonstrated significant business achievement, sustainable performance, a high level of customer service, innovation unique differentiation and community involvement.

Austin's Saddlery (Mawson Saddlery Ltd.)

Bliss & Bubs Boutique

Café 4 U

Young Entrepreneur Award Finalists

Sponsored by Northwest Community Futures Development Corporation

Awarded to a young entrepreneur (age 35 or younger) who has established or expanded a business on or before December 31, 2022. The young entrepreneur will have demonstrated signs of success and viability in the venture.

Amanda Arcand, Bodywise Piercing

Taya Bright, BrightsideSkin

Jordyn Nachtegale – Student Works Painting

Isabel Smith – The Smith's Studios

Agriculture and Agri-Business Award Finalists

Sponsored by Farm Credit Canada

Awarded to a business recognizing excellence of operating a successful farm or agricultural related business where diversification, innovation, sound business practices, workplace safety, demonstration of commitment to the environment and community involvement is part of the corporate identity.

Parkland Farm Equipment 2004 Ltd.

Redhead Equipment

Impact Award Finalists

Sponsored by Innovation Federal Credit Union

Awarded to a charitable or not-for-profit/non-profit business or organization that with the efforts of their volunteers, displays a commitment to making the Battlefords and area a better place for individuals to grow and thrive through the development and support of a community project or program.

Battlefords and Area Sexual Assault Centre

Battlefords Immigration Resource Centre Inc.

Battlefords Union Hospital Foundation

BGC Battlefords

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Battlefords

Midwest Food Resources Project Inc.

Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies (SIIT)

The Humane Society of the Battlefords Inc.

The Members' Choice category was introduced in 2022, and is the only category listed that will not be forwarded to the anonymous jury for the selection of the award recipient. 2023 Battlefords & District Chamber of Commerce members will have the opportunity to make their vote known for this award, with the recipient revealed by the sponsor at the awards ceremony.

Members' Choice Award Finalists

Sponsored by Bralin Technology Solutions Ltd.

Awarded to a venture who has demonstrated excellence and a sustained level of performance in any area of business in the past 12-18 months. Chamber members will vote for their peers in this category.

Bridges Chevrolet Buick GMC

Caleb Village

Discovery Co-operative Ltd.

Greycat Oilfield Services

Innovation Wealth

Styles Plus

The evening is also expected to introduce a Stan Wychopen Memorial BBEX Scholarship recipient from North West College, who will receive a total scholarship of \$2,000 toward their business program education.

The **BBEX Business of the Year Award**, sponsored by Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board is selected from among the finalists in the open business categories above, and will be announced live November 8th, 2023.

Thank you to all of the sponsors, participants, those in the community who nominated a person or a business for the 29th BBEX Awards.

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