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Battlefords Business Hall of Fame Inductee Announced

The Battlefords & District Chamber of Commerce together with the Battlefords Business Excellence (BBEX) Awards committee is pleased to announce that **The Tatchell Family** will be inducted to the Battlefords Business Hall of Fame as part of the 29th BBEX Awards gala celebration.

The Tatchell Family has a long and storied history of owning and operating a business in the Battlefords to the benefit of many residents, its former employees, and the community as a whole. For 93 years and over 3 generations, the Tatchell's owned and operated "The Northern Auto Parts" that stood for first class service and professional knowledge, delivered in a friendly atmosphere.

The BBEX committee in making its decision to induct The Tatchell Family to the "Battlefords Business Hall of Fame", cited in part the longevity, success, and family continuity of the businesses as some key factors in their decision.

Committee co-chair Samantha Weber noted, "we are excited to announce the Tatchell Family as the inductee to the Hall of Fame. This induction is just a small thank you to them for being part of the Battlefords business community for over nine decades."

The induction will take place as part of the 29th BBEX Awards gala on November 8th, 2023 at the Dekker Centre for the Performing Arts. This will be the third induction to the Battlefords Business Hall of Fame.



Alan Tatchell, Don Tatchell and Jack Tatchell

A Celebration of Business Excellence

Each year since 1994, except once during the pandemic, the Battlefords & District Chamber of Commerce together with its Battlefords Business Excellence Awards committee has honored excellence in the local business community. For the 29th time, business excellence is being recognized again, November 8th, 2023 with awards presented in several categories.

The committee works throughout the year to garner nominations and business applications, along with planning for the awards gala and the actual awards themselves. The category awards have always been a treasured piece of art from a local artisan. In the beginning years of the program, Stan Wychopen, master craftsman from Battleford, hand-made miniature desks for each award recipient. Each year the style of desk was unique and the work was exquisite, with drawers that opened, roll-tops that rolled up, and doors that opened. The last year Stan participated was in 2006, when he constructed a replica of the original Chamber of Commerce building in the community. They are amazing pieces of work and a treasure for anyone who received one. Since then, awards have included original oil paintings, wood turned vases, bronze statuettes, stained glass works, digital photos mounted on metal and in 2022 award winners received a one of a kind, alcohol ink with mandala's pieces of artwork.

In 2023, the awards will include the following categories and finalists in each.

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*
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 Dejma's Curry House; Innovation Wealth; Redhead Equipment*

Micro Business Award Finalists: *Sponsored By TD Bank 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 Parkland Farm Equipment 2004 Ltd.; Redhead Equipment*

Impact Award Finalists: *Sponsored by Innovation Federal Credit Union*

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 is not forwarded to the anonymous jury for the selection of the award recipient, but indeed 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.* **Bridges Chevrolet Buick GMC; Caleb Village; Discovery Co-operative Ltd.; Innovation Wealth; Styles Plus.**

The evening will also see the gathered crowd introduced to the Stan Wychopen Memorial BBEX Scholarship recipient from North West College. Alivia Bru of North Battleford will receive a total scholarship of \$2,000 toward her business program education.

And finally, that evening 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.

"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.

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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