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On Sunday July 17th the Crowsnest Pass will be visited by a vintage Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) diesel locomotive as part of Blairmore's Centennial celebrations. Blairmore was originally the CPR's 10th siding—a location where tracks are doubled so that trains going in opposite directions or at different speeds can pass each other.

The CPR was founded in 1881 to connect Canada's population centres with the vast, relatively unpopulated and resource-rich west. In 1885 the last spike of the CPR's main line was driven in at Craigellachie, B.C.

The CPR's line through the Crowsnest Pass was built during 1897 and 1898 with a labour force ranging from 1,500 to 4,000 men paid on average \$1.75 a day. This line is still vital today for the export of B.C.'s Crowsnest Pass coal to its markets.

Come visit the train on Sunday, July 17th. It will be arriving in Blairmore between 125th Street and 129th Street at 11:30 am, and will depart at 1:00 pm. There will be a short ceremony and entertainment provided by a barbershop quartet as passengers disembark from the train.

The CPR is running this heritage train to raise money for the Canadian Children's Wish Foundation.

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### WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

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#### CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY VINTAGE STEAM LOCOMOTIVE *Sunday, July 17th.*



A CPR vintage locomotive will visit Blairmore as part of our Blairmore Centennial celebrations. The train will stop 11:30 am - 1 pm at 125th St. to 129th St., adjacent to 20th Ave., Blairmore. There will be a stage, dignitaries, and entertainment by a barbershop quartet.

**BUSES:** For those who have booked bus tickets from Blairmore to Fernie, the bus will board at 7:15 am at the Gazebo on Main Street, Blairmore. The bus will meet you at Crowsnest (Summit Lake) to return you to Blairmore.

#### DOORS OPEN AND CROWSNEST PASS HERITAGE FESTIVAL *Friday, July 29th to Monday, August 1st.*



Join community groups, individuals and business as they offer free Doors Open events in the community. Guided hikes, garden tours, cemetery tours and heritage building tours will be a part of the celebrations. There will be special programs at the Frank Slide Interpretive Centre, Bellevue Underground Mine, Crowsnest Museum, and other community venues. Highlights for 2011 include: Blairmore Centennial activities, the launch of the Crowsnest Pass Community Walking Trails, the Country Market, Downtown Coleman National Historic Site, Bellevue Underground Mine Tours, Hillcrest Cemetery, Teddy Bears' Picnic at the Crowsnest Museum, and the Crowsnest Museum itself.

To see a detailed schedule of events and their descriptions, visit: [http://www.frankslide.com/Open\\_Doors\\_2011.pdf](http://www.frankslide.com/Open_Doors_2011.pdf)

Friday, July 29			
10:00am - 4:00 pm	Historic Blairmore Courthouse tours (NIT Inter-Cultural Campus)	12:00 noon - 9:00 pm	The Crowline Art Studio - Art and Birdhouse walkway
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Union Bank tours (Crowsnest Pass Chamber of Commerce)	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Guided Tours of the Historic Cosmopolitan Hotel
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Lethbridge Brewing and Malting tours (Royal LePage Office)	2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Self-guided Garden Tours throughout the community
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Launch of Crowsnest Community Trails (Blairmore Legion)	2:00 pm & 4:00 pm	Guided Tours of Blairmore Cemetery (from Frank Slide Interpretive Centre)
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Guided walking tours of Blairmore (Orpheum Theatre)	8:00 pm	Movie by Starlight (Bellevue Arena Memorial Park)
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Launch Doors Open and Heritage Festival (Orpheum Theatre)		
Saturday, July 30		Monday, August 1	
9:00 am - 3:00 pm	Pottery Club Sale and Exhibit (Crowsnest Sports Complex)	10:00 am - 12:00 noon	Gushul Studio tours
10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Crowsnest Country Market (Flumerfelt Park)	11:00 am & 2:00 pm	Hillcrest Mine Disaster tours (Frank Slide Centre)
11:00 am	Auction at Country Market (Flumerfelt Park)	12:00 noon - 9:00 pm	The Crowline Art Studio - Art and Birdhouse walkway
10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Teddy Bears' Picnic (at Crowsnest Museum)	12:30 pm - 2:00 pm	Pinkest Little Town in the West Long Lunch (main street Coleman)
10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Grand Union Hotel tours on the hour (Grand Union Hotel, Coleman)		
10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Royal Canadian Legion Coleman #9 (tours on the hour)	Throughout the Weekend	
10:00 am & 4:00 pm	Guided tours of Historic Coleman (leaving from Crowsnest Museum)	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Holy Ghost Church Blackbird Coffee House
10:00 am & 3:00 pm	Guided Flower Walk (Frank Slide Interpretive Centre)	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Crowsnest Museum & Hike the Historic Miners' Path
11:00 am & 2:00 pm	Mad Science Fun Workshops (at Frank Slide Interpretive Centre)	9:00 am - 6:00 pm	Frank Slide Interpretive Centre
12:00 noon - 2:00 pm	Rocky Summit Lodge #30 Masonic Hall tours	10:00 am - 4:00 pm, Fri. & Sat.	Crowsnest Pass Public Art Gallery -
12:00 noon & 5:00 pm	"The Frank Slide - 100 seconds" (Frank Slide Interpretive Centre)	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm, Sun. & Mon	Art Exhibit, historic tour and self-guided Frank walking tour
1:00 pm & 3:00 pm	Richard Sperry's Magic Show (Coleman Seniors' Hall)	10:00 am - 5:30 pm	Bellevue Underground Mine tours on the half-hour
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Guided Tours of the Historic Cosmopolitan Hotel	10:00 am - 5:00 pm	Leitch Collieries Provincial Historic site
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Coleman Historic Parade and Rodeo Film (Orpheum Theatre)	11:00 am & 2:00 pm	Guided tours of Leitch Collieries
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Birding Walk (Crowsnest Conservation Office)	11:00 am - 8:00 pm	Historic Blairmore self-guided walking tour (Cosmopolitan Hotel)
		11:00 am - 10:00 pm	Historic Bellevue self-guided walking tour (Ice Cream Shoppe)
		9:00 am - 6:00 pm	Pickup times for Crowsnest Heritage Route Driving tour and Cemetery tour information at the sites listed in brochure.
Sunday, July 31		For more information on these events visit:	
9:00 am - 12:00 noon	Landscapes of the Crowsnest Pass Photo Excursion	<a href="http://www.frankslide.com">www.frankslide.com</a>	
10:00 am - 5:00 pm	Mule Team Driving Demonstrations (Bellevue Underground Mine)	or 403-562-7388	
10:00 am and 4:00 pm	Guided tours of Historic Coleman (leaving from Museum)	<a href="http://www.crowsnestheritage.ca">www.crowsnestheritage.ca</a>	
11:00 am - 2:30 pm	Eighth Annual Miners' Memorial (Bellevue Underground Mine)		
12:00 noon & 1:00 pm	Memorable Mine Ponies (Frank Slide Interpretive Centre)		

## CROWSNEST MUSEUM, ARCHIVES AND GIFT SHOP

7701-18th Ave. Coleman 403-563-5434



### 5th Annual Teddy Bear's Picnic. Saturday, July 30th.

Fun for the young and young at heart!

Join us in the Crowsnest Museum's Artifact Garden (our yard area) for old fashioned games, face painting, a Teddy Bear Adoption Centre, personalized photos with your Bear, a Teddy Doctor Check-Up station (with a real doctor and nurse), entertainment and concession, just to name a few of the days "bear necessities".

### Open Monday - Friday. \*\*\*The Museum is now on Facebook-check it out\*\*\*

Open year round. Along with its displays and archives, it hosts a Gift Shop and runs tours and educational programs. **Contact: [cnmuseum@shaw.ca](mailto:cnmuseum@shaw.ca). Adults \$10, Seniors (65+) \$8, Youth (6-16) \$6, Under 6 free, Families \$24.**

## BELLEVUE UNDERGROUND MINE

Bellevue 403-564-4700



### Miners' Memorial. Sunday, July 31st.

Contact the Mine for details.

The Mine is open 7 days a week. The first tour begins at 10 am and the last enters the mine at 5:30 pm, and tours begin every half hour. Admission: Adults \$10, Seniors (65+) \$9, Youth (6-17) \$8, Under 6 free, Families \$30.

## FRANK SLIDE INTERPRETIVE CENTRE

Hwy 3 Crowsnest Pass 403-562-7388



### Doors Open Heritage Festival. Friday, July 29th to Monday, August 1st.

There will be special programs at the Frank Slide Centre throughout the weekend.

The Frank Slide Interpretive Centre is open year round 10 am to 5 pm (9 am to 6 pm July 1st until Labour Day). Adults \$10, Seniors (65+) \$8, Youth (7-17) \$5, Under 7 free, Families \$22.

**NOTE: Leitch Collieries** has been closed, due to flooding. Historic areas, offices and the public washrooms are damaged. The site will remain closed into July and perhaps later.

## HEAD-SMASHED-IN (UNESCO World Heritage Site)

Hwy 785 403-553-2731



### Drumming and Dancing on the Plaza. Until August 31st.

Every Wednesday, join us on the plaza to watch spectacular dance performances. Listen to live Blackfoot drumming and singing while watching some of the best First Nations dancers in western Canada.

Daily performances: 11 am and 1:30 pm.

No charge for the performances.

Along with its displays the centre has audio-visual presentations, a cafeteria featuring bison burgers, a gift shop filled with First Nations handicrafts, and hosts tour groups and runs educational programs. Open daily 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Contact: [info@head-smashed-in.com](mailto:info@head-smashed-in.com). Admission: Adults \$10, Seniors (65+) \$8, Youth (7-17) \$5, Under 7 free, Families \$22.



### A Wuth-While Bike Ride. Saturday, August 6th.

For the second year in a row, we are hosting a pledge bike-a-thon! Pick up your pledge sheets to sign up as a rider at Kootenai Brown Pioneer Village. Riders are challenged to earn \$100 or more in pledges, covering your entrant fee. You also receive a t shirt, and a ticket to the Farley Roast. Exercise and learn while enjoying Southern Alberta scenery. Join Farley Wuth for a 15 mile trip. Just want to pledge, Call and pledge for Farley, Dave Glass on the most historical bike, or Joe Stockinger, our most venerable participant, just to name a few. Afterward, please join us for a Roast Farley Luncheon. Be here to cheer Farley and all the other brave bicyclists across the finish line! Curator here for 15 years, and just exercised for 15 miles, this is the time to poke fun, tease and celebrate the work that he does for us and the community. Tickets \$15.00. Begins at 10:00 am. This is a licensed community event.

The Museum is open 7 days a week from 10 am - 8 pm. Adults \$10, Seniors (65+) \$7, Youth (7-17) \$7, Under 7 free.

The Pioneer Market is open for the summer. Fridays until October 7th, 11 am - 2 pm.

## BOMBER COMMAND MUSEUM OF CANADA

1729 21st Ave. (Hwy 2 S) Nanton 403-646-2270

### Lancaster Merlin Engine Run-ups.

Monday, August 1st. 2 pm. Nanton Parade Day

Saturday, August 20th. Nanton Lancaster Society 25th Anniversary.

Saturday, September 17th. Last run-up of the year.

Please confirm engine run-ups and their times by visiting the web site before the event: <http://www.bombercommandmuseum.ca>



## FORT WHOOP-UP NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Lethbridge, off Whoop-Up Drive. 403-329-0444

### Heritage Weekends

July 16th, 2011 Reenactment Day  
10:00 am - 5:00 pm; Regular Admission

July 23rd, 2011  
1884 Royal Canadian Artillery  
10:00 am - 5:00 pm; Regular Admission

July 30th, 2011  
1884 Royal Canadian Artillery  
10:00 am - 5:00 pm; Regular Admission

August 6th, 2011  
Guns of the Golden West (TBC)  
10:00 am - 5:00 pm; Regular Admission

August 13, 2011  
1884 Royal Canadian Artillery  
10:00 am - 5:00 pm; Regular Admission

Summer Hours are: Wednesdays - Mondays 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. Admission: Adults \$7, Seniors (65+) \$6, Students (5-18) \$5, Under 5 free, Families \$18.69.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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## BLAIRMORE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

On September 29th, 2011, Blairmore will celebrate its 100th birthday as a town. A number of events have been planned throughout the summer leading up to the major commemoration scheduled for the weekend of *September 23rd - 25th*.

*Sunday, July 17th:* **Canadian Pacific Railway Vintage Locomotive Visit** (during Rumrunner Days).

*Friday, July 29th:* Unveiling of the **Historic Blairmore Walking Tour** (during the 6th annual Crowsnest Pass Doors Open and Heritage Festival)

*Friday, July 29th:* **Doors Open Launch** and keynote speaker at the Orpheum, Blairmore.

*Saturday, July 30th:* **Historic Blairmore Cemetery Tour.**

**Friday, September 23rd -Sunday, September 25th: Blairmore Homecoming Reunion**

- **Homecoming Centennial Social.** *Friday, September 23rd.* Albert Stella Memorial Arena (Keynote speaker and music)
- **M. Arty Art Market.** *Saturday, September 24th.* Albert Stella Memorial Arena.
- **Special Harvest of Memories Banquet and Dance** in commemoration of Blairmore's Homecoming, at the Crowsnest Pass Sports Complex. *Saturday, September 24th.*
- **Homecoming Centennial Breakfast** at the Albert Stella Memorial Arena. *Sunday, September 25th.*

Event Package tickets, which include the Friday Night Social, the Harvest of Memories Dinner and Dance, and the Centennial Breakfast can be bought for \$75. Please contact Al Martini C.A. at 403-563-2895 or [almart@shaw.ca](mailto:almart@shaw.ca) to purchase. For more information on Blairmore Centennial Events and tickets visit [www.crowsnestheritage.ca](http://www.crowsnestheritage.ca).



## CROWSNEST HISTORICAL SOCIETY HARVEST OF MEMORIES

**7th Annual Harvest of Memories Fall Festival.** *Saturday, September 24th.*

This year the event will commemorate the Blairmore Centennial Homecoming. The event will take place at the Crowsnest Sportsplex. The gala includes a fabulous dinner, entertainment (Crowsnest's own Mike Maguire and fellow musicians), live and silent auctions, raffles, door prizes and dancing. Don't miss out on a great evening! Tickets will go on sale August 1st at the Crowsnest Museum.



## WRITING-ON-STONE PARK AND CAMPGROUND

32 km east and 10 km south of Milk River on Hwy 501 403-647-2364



**Art Retreat: Photographic and Video Arts.** Friday, September 9th to Monday, September 12th.

Watch a Parks Canada video of this annual retreat at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t96eT6cro6I> If you are interested in registering or finding our more information please phone **403-647-2364 ext. 229**. Only 20 spaces available.

With its mild winters, Writing-on-Stone is a great destination to visit year-round! Hiking trails are clear for most of the year. For inquiries regarding trail conditions or tour schedules please call the information desk at the Visitor Centre **403-647-2364 ext. 0**. Rock-Art Tours: Adults (18 and over) \$8.00; Youth (7-17) \$6.00; Children (under 6) Free; Family (2 parents and their children under 17) \$25.00. Camping all year \$21 - \$27 a night.

## REMYNGTON CARRIAGE MUSEUM

Cardston, Alberta 403-653-5139



**World Miniature Horse 'Chuckwagon Championships.** Friday, August 19th to Saturday, August 20th.

These chuckwagons are approximately one half the size of those on the professional circuit and are pulled by a team of four miniature horses, but they pack all the punch of their regular sized counterparts? Racing is scheduled for both days.

The Museum has the largest collection of horse-drawn vehicles in North America with over 240 carriages, wagons and sleighs. The 63,000 square foot facility features video displays, a fire hall, a carriage factory, a restoration shop, a working stable, carriage rides, carriage rentals, a restaurant and a gift shop. There are free guided tours. Group tours and educational tours are offered. Open daily 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Contact: [info@remingtoncarriagemuseum.com](mailto:info@remingtoncarriagemuseum.com). Admission: Adults \$10, Seniors (65+) \$8, Youth (7-17) \$5, Under 7 free, Families \$22.

## FEATURE ARTICLE

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### The Crowsnest's Old Dog by Claire Allum

A little southwest of Bellevue, on a sunny south-facing bedrock terrace overlooking the Crowsnest River, possibly the oldest evidence for domesticated dog in Canada was found in 1977.

The site is known to archaeologists as the Maple Leaf Site or DjPo-47. In 1977 and 1978 University of Calgary students and researchers dug through soil, peat, colluvium, clay and ash<sup>1</sup> to uncover areas where ancient peoples carved up meat for their spring barbeques.

The archaeologists dug 36 excavation units and uncovered a "multicomponent" site, a place where different peoples had used the same area several times. Just as picnickers today tend to use the same spots beside a lake, so too did ancient peoples often find the same best spots for processing meat, camping or to be hunting blinds. At this site they chopped apart limbs and stripped meat before transporting choice pieces back to their camp elsewhere in the valley.



Paleohunters processing meat

The earliest occupation of the Maple Leaf Site, Component 1, dates to between 8,500 and 7,000 B.C.<sup>2</sup> The primary meal was big horn sheep. Component 2, a slightly later occupation, dates to between 6600-5700 B.C.<sup>3</sup> It is here we meet our early dog, represented by a pair of mandibles, the left and right lower jaws, in amongst a mess of fragmented bison bone.



Modern dog mandibles

The primary difficulty in identifying dog bones in an archaeological site is separating them from wolf bones and to a lesser extent coyote bones.

Since the early 1990s, pioneering genetic research, comparing dogs and other canids (dog-like carnivores), has made it clear that the direct ancestor of all domesticated dogs is the Gray Wolf, and probably not a North America wolf, but one or more subspecies from Eurasia. There are a few researchers who argue for an independent domestication of a subspecies of North American Gray Wolf. The confusion is a result of the genetic closeness of dogs and wolves and their potential to crossbreed, variables which make teasing apart genetic lineages very complex.

According to research by Robert Wayne, of the University of California Los Angeles Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, the dog and wolf deviate only by 1.5% of the mitochondrial DNA sequence.<sup>4</sup> In fact, the dog is so closely related to the Gray Wolf that the Smithsonian Institute and the American Society of Mammalogists reclassified the dog as a subspecies of Gray Wolf (*Canis lupus familiaris*)

in 1993. Of course, this has sparked a debate among those researchers who believe behavior and morphology are more reliable methods of species classification—à la Carl Linnaeus. To them, Lassie will always be *Canis familiaris*.

The identification of the early Maple Leaf dog was made by Dr. Alison Landals, of Stantec Consulting Ltd., as she completed her M.A. at the University of Calgary.

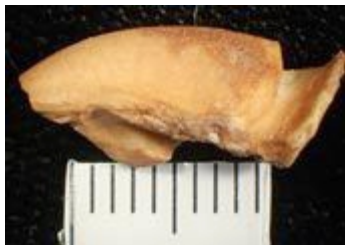
“It would have been a big dog,” she told me over the phone, “midway in size between a Canadian Inuit Dog and a local wolf.”

Changes in size, behavior and diet through time resulted in differences between wolf and dog teeth. Domesticated animals are almost always smaller initially than their wild ancestors, and eating scavenged, sometimes cooked meat and bone from human living floors, changed their jaws and teeth. Dr Landals used indices comparing the size of the lower carnassial teeth (flesh and bone shearing teeth also known as the first molars) with the whole tooth row. Her results indicated dog for the specimen.

Finding early canid (dog or wolf) bones in southwestern Alberta sites is not unusual according to Landals. “There’s lots of it in almost every site excavated. Unfortunately, skulls are not commonly present, and in the past, when they have been found in good enough condition, the measurements for tooth indices have rarely been made.”

Sure enough in Component 3 of the Maple Leaf site, dated to 5650-5000 B.C.<sup>5</sup> she found four canids, two wolves and two dogs. In an analysis completed by Dr. Jonathan Driver, now Provost at Simon Fraser University in British Columbia, 15 prehistoric sites in the Crowsnest Pass contained the remains of at least 17 canids.<sup>6</sup>

The Maple Leaf site dog is early, but the earliest evidence of dog in the Americas comes from a Paleolithic meal in Texas. Someone wolfed down (sorry!) a meal without chewing properly and swallowed a chunk of bone. It was later deposited in Hinds Cave, and then excavated by archaeologists in the 1970s. The paleofeces (also known as a *coprolite* or old poop) was recently rehydrated and reconstituted by Samuel Belknap III, a graduate student from the University of Maine, studying paleodiet. He sent the bone fragment off for genetic testing. It turns out the bone is a portion of a domesticated dog’s right occipital condyle—that part of the skull that attaches to the vertebrae—and



Portion of occipital condyle. National Geographic online.

is 9,400 years old.<sup>7</sup> Belknap commented "It's surprising the sizes of some of the bones that people were swallowing. They didn't chew their food quite as well as people do today."<sup>8</sup> Unfortunately, no genetic study has been done on any of the Crowsnest canids yet.

There is a chance that the early Maple Leaf specimen is a wolf-dog hybrid. Dr. Susan Crockford at the University of British Columbia, says domesticated dogs are usually

quite a bit smaller than wolves. She suggests that when wolf-dog hybrids occurred, they would have been larger than dogs and deliberately killed because they were a danger to

people and possibly domesticated dogs.<sup>9</sup> Dr. Landals, on the other hand, pointed out to me that dog owners in this area may have been deliberately breeding for size. In late prehistoric times the dogs used by First Nations peoples living on the Plains were used as pack animals and to pull travois—two long poles upon which possessions and food were attached. They would have wanted big strong dogs.

The mandibles are evidence for domestic dog in the Crowsnest whether they are dog or hybrid. Both Landals and Crockford would like to see these sorts of questions cleared up with more detailed morphological and genetic analyses done on canid bones found at archaeological sites throughout Canada.

We will never know exactly what role early domesticated dogs played in the life of Native peoples living in the Crowsnest Valley. Perhaps our best clues come from the records of early European explorers describing dogs they encountered. In the northern Plains dogs were primarily used as transport animals. They would haul travois or have packs attached to their backs. Secondary roles included helping with hunts and acting as sentries at camps. In some areas they were even eaten as a special, ceremonial food, but the Blackfoot only did so under starvation conditions.



Eurasian Gray Wolf. OpenCage Phot Lib.



Paleofeces. National Geographic online.

In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the artist Paul Kane described some dogs pulling travois he saw while travelling along the North Saskatchewan River.

*The dogs generally used...partake largely of the character and disposition of the wolf, which they often so resemble in appearance as sometimes to have been shot in mistake.*<sup>10</sup>

They were probably what have come to be known as Sioux Dogs, one of three distinct Native breeds known to have existed on the Plains.<sup>11</sup>

So where are the descendents of these dogs today? Sadly, just as the indigenous people of the Americas were decimated by European diseases, so too were their dogs. During the colonial period, Native dogs were hunted and poisoned by Europeans—in some cases for bounties—and they interbred with European breeds.



Soski, wife of White Calf, Blood Reserve in Fort Macleod area. W.J. Oliver. Detail. Glenbow Archives NA-769-4. Dog travois.

Landals talks of digging an archaeological site near the Old Man Dam in the M.D. of Pincher Creek in which almost half of the bones excavated were dog. "I think they were poisoned," she told me. "It was a post-contact site. Sometimes bison hunters would lace a stripped bison carcass with strychnine. It would kill scavenging wolves and the hunters would return later to collect their pelts to sell to the Hudson Bay Company. Unfortunately, sometimes Native dogs would find the carcass first."

Today, of the eight identifiable breeds of Native dogs in existence at the time of European contact, only one, the Canadian Inuit Dog, is still in existence today.<sup>12</sup>

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### PRAIRIE'N PEAKS QUILT FESTIVAL

#### Prairie'n Peaks Quilt Festival.



The quilt festival which ran from Friday, June 10th to Sunday, June 19th, was a collaborative effort between local quilt enthusiasts and quilt shops in the Pincher Creek and Crowsnest Pass areas, with support from the Crowsnest and Kootenai Brown Museums. It was so successful that the event will run again next year.

Fifty of 56 quilt kits were completed as part of the "Cozy Covers for Kids Challenge," and are to be donated to the Alberta Children's Hospital. The "Best in Show" prize for a quilt went to Susan Andrews for her Teddy Bear Quilt. She won a baby lock Grace Sewing Machine valued at \$799 and donated by baby lock Canada and Cozy Corners.

## COLEMAN NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

### Coleman National Historic Site Monument Unveiling.

On Wednesday afternoon, June 29th, a good crowd came out to see the unveiling of the seven and a half tonne obelisk which displays the Coleman National Historic Site Plaque. Fred Bradley, co-chair of the Crowsnest Heritage Initiative was MC. Platform guests were the Honorable Ted Menzies, Member of Parliament for Macleod and Minister of State (Finance); Evan Berger, M.L.A. for Livingston-Macleod; his Worship Bruce Decoux, Mayor of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass; and Mr. Jerry Rejman, the last Mayor of the Town of Coleman. The project was the work of the Crowsnest Heritage Initiative Coleman Historic Site Sub-Committee in conjunction with Community Futures Crowsnest Pass, the Crowsnest Historical Society, and staff of the Crowsnest Museum.



Fred Bradley, Jerry Rejman, Ted Menzies, Bruce Decoux, Evan Berger



Ted Menzies

A light breeze rustled the deep blue cloth covering the obelisk as the speakers made their presentations, Ted Menzies and Evan Berger drew attention to the importance of national recognition of Coleman's historic industrial and residential centre. Bruce Decoux, Jerry Rejman and Fred Bradley reinforced the message with reminiscences of working in the mines as young men, underlining the



significance coal mines and their processing plants had to the Crowsnest community.

Ted Menzies unveiled the obelisk to an enthusiastic applause. A reception was held in the Crowsnest Museum after the unveiling. The Coleman National Historic Site monument can be viewed at 7701-18th Ave. Coleman, just in front of the Crowsnest Museum.

Coleman was designated a National Historic Site in 2001, for being one of the last well preserved coal-mining landscapes in one of the most important coal producing areas in western Canada.

## 100 YEARS AGO: 1911

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- **July 16th.** Born: Ginger Rogers, American actress and dance partner of Fred Astaire; as Virginia McMath in Independence, Missouri.
- **July 20th.** Frank was visited by a large brown bear on Monday evening last. Bruin visited Blossomwood Ranch and delighted himself around the poltry yard where he played havoc and devoured five of Mr. Drumm's splendid turkeys. Blairmore Enterprize.
- **July 21st.** David Lloyd George, the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, gave a speech making the government's position clear, that the United Kingdom would not remain neutral, and would come to the aid of France in the event of an attack by Germany.
- **July 27th.** Dominion elections are announced--Sir Wilfrid Laurier is expected to win. Blairmore Enterprize.
- **August 6th.** Born: Lucille Ball, American comedienne and television executive, in Celoron, New York
- **August 10th.** Seven large milch Cows killed by Train near Blairmore on Thursday night. Blairmore Enterprize.
- **August 10th.** Police Barracks at Blairmore. D.S. Barrett, editor of the Blairmore Enterprize accused a man of assalt. Blairmore Enterprize.

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