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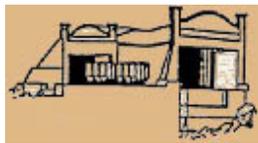
The Crowsnest Museum, the Bellevue Underground Mine and the Frank Slide Centre are all open



THE CROWSNEST MUSEUM.

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

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



THE BELLEVUE UNDERGROUND MINE.**Visit the new Website http://www.bellevueundergroundmine.org/**

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.
 Bellevue 403-564-4700



THE FRANK SLIDE CENTRE. 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 August and perhaps later.
 Hwy 3 Crowsnest Pass 403-562-7388

GLENBOW MUSEUM

130 9th Ave. SE, Calgary 403-268-4100

Cut: Costume and the Cinema. August 20th to September 28th.

On view for the first time in Canada, this exhibition reveals the integral role of costume design in creating unforgettable screen characters. "When actors put on those clothes that is when the character comes alive," says Nancy Lawson exhibition co-curator. More than 30 actors are represented from some 25 films which depict five centuries of history, drama and comedy. Some of the films represented include a refreshing take on the classic Cinderella fairy tale (Angela Houston Ever After); seventeenth century Virginia (Colin Farrell, The New World); the eighteenth-century England of the aristocracy (Keira Knightley and Ralph Fiennes, The Duchess); the first voyage in the Pirates adventure trilogy (Johnny Depp, The Pirates of the Caribbean; Curse of the Black Pearl); the fantastic and opulent nineteenth-century Paris (Emmy Rossum, The Phantom of the Opera) the story of Peter Pan (Kate Winslet, Finding Neverland) and the new adventures of Sherlock Holmes (Robert Downey, Jr. and Jude Law Sherlock Holmes).



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. Admission: Adults \$10, Seniors (65+) \$8, Youth (7-17) \$5, Under 7 free, Families \$22.

BOMBER COMMAND MUSEUM OF CANADA

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



25th Anniversary. Saturday, August 20th.

Activities:

- 408 Squadron Military Helicopters and personnel
- Lancaster Merlin Engine Run-ups
- Lancaster Rear Gun Turret Demonstrations
- Lancaster Cockpit Tours
- Snowbird Cockpit Tours and Photo Ops
- Lancaster Mid-upper Gun Turret Photo Ops
- Video Presentations in the Joe English Room
- Snacks and Refreshments available in the North Hangar

Lancaster Merlin Engine Run-ups.

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>

REMINGTON 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@remingtoncarriageuseum.com. Admission: Adults \$10, Seniors (65+) \$8, Youth (7-17) \$5, Under 7 free, Families \$22.

FORT WHOOP-UP NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

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



Heritage Weekends

August 20th, 2011

Heritage Weekend: Reenactment Day

10:00 am - 5:00 pm; Regular Admission

August 27th, 2011

Heritage Weekend: Shooting of Dave Akers

10:00 am - 5:00 pm; Regular Admission

September 3rd, 2011

Heritage Weekend: Reenactment Weekend

10:00 am - 5:00 pm; Regular Admission

September 10th-11th, 2011

Whoop Up Wagon Trek

Registration Fee and Times T.B.A.

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.



GALT MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

Summer Wine and Beer Tasting Fundraiser. Friday September 9th, 4:30 - 10 pm.

Themed around the upcoming Toys & Games exhibit, this sell-out Galt Museum fundraiser offers dozens of products to sample, entertainment, contests, and a silent auction that will bring back playtime memories this year! Must be 18+

Tickets: \$9 public/\$7.50 annual pass holders (plus GST) | includes a collectible mini stein | Sampling tickets \$1 each (only sold at event). For more information call 403.320-4219

The Museum is open all year round. Monday to Saturday 10:00 am to 4:30 pm, Sundays and Holidays 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Adults \$5, Seniors (65+) \$4, Youth (7-17) \$3, Under 7 free, Families \$12.

BAR U RANCH

13 km south of Longview on Hwy 22. 1/2 km west on Hwy 540. 403-395-2212



Nestled between the rolling Porcupine Hills and the towering Rocky Mountains, surrounded by the prairie landscape and shaped by Chinook winds, the Bar U Ranch National Historic Site is one of the first and most enduring large corporate ranches of the West. Steeped in history, the Bar U commemorates the history and importance of the ranching industry in Canada.

The Bar U Ranch was one of a small group of very large corporate ranches in western Canada, including the Cochrane, the Oxley, the Walrond and the Quorn. From 1882 to 1950, the Bar U was one of the foremost ranching operations in Canada.

First Nations Day. Sunday, August 28

We commemorate the contributions of Aboriginal people to ranching life, when natives took on traditional cowboy roles, becoming a significant part of the ranching community. Stony Nakoda elders, drummers, dancers and speakers gather at Round-up Camp to tell the stories of their ancestors.

Chore Horse Competition. Sunday, September 11th

A glimpse back in time to when horsepower was used for everything, from delivering milk and hauling fire wagons to constructing roads. Watch as today's teamsters guide their heavy horse teams through a timed course of skill-testing manoeuvres.

Admission: Adults (17 and over) \$7.80; Youth (6-16) \$3.90; Seniors (65+) \$6.55; Children (under 6) Free; Family (2 parents and their children under 16) \$19.00.

CROWSNEST HOMECOMING REUNION: September 23rd to 25th.



....also celebrating....

Blairmore's Centennial

Crowsnest Museum – Harvest of Memories

M.Arty Art Market

The weekend will kick off at 7:00 pm at the Albert Stella Arena in Blairmore on Friday, September 23rd, with an opening reception presentation on **Blairmore's Red History by Kyle Franz**. This will be followed by **Registration**, and a **Social Evening** with **Entertainment** to follow until late into the evening.

All day Saturday, September 24th the Crowsnest Pass Allied Arts will be holding their **M.Arty Art Market** at the Alberta Stella Arena from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. This art and craft market not only features local crafters and artisans, but will also have an entertainment stage with several events to celebrate Blairmore's Centennial.

On Saturday evening September 24th, as part of the Crowsnest Pass Reunion/Blairmore Centennial, the Crowsnest Historical Society will be holding their **Harvest of Memories Fall Festival** at the Coleman Sports Complex starting at 6:00 pm. This annual event is held as a fundraiser to support the Crowsnest Museum and includes a superb catered dinner (Premium Alberta Beef, Bourbon Chicken and a mouth-watering dessert buffet), silent and live auction and entertainment featuring the talented **"Mike Maguire (Roughhead)"**, a Crowsnest Pass native and his fellow artists **Carole Arbour** and the band **"Pieces of Red"**.

The formal Homecoming Events will conclude with a **Homecoming Breakfast** at the Albert Stella Arena from 8:00 – 11:00 am on Sunday, September 25th.

The Crowsnest Pass Reunion / Blairmore Centennial/Harvest of Memories Event Ticket Package will cost \$75.00 per person and include the following events:

Friday, September 23:	Registration and Homecoming Social Evening (including one beverage ticket)
Saturday, September 24:	Harvest of Memories Dinner and Dance (sponsored by the Historical Society)
Sunday, September 25:	Homecoming Breakfast

Also, various discounts at local merchants and on the entrance admissions to the Crowsnest Museum and the Bellevue Underground Mine will be offered to Event Ticket Package purchasers. **Deadline** for purchasing the Crowsnest Pass Reunion /Blairmore Centennial/ Harvest of Memories tickets is September 12th, 2011.

Please contact Al Martini C.A. at 403-563-2895 or almart@shaw.ca to purchase. For more information on Blairmore Centennial Events and tickets visit www.crowsnestheritage.ca.

NEWS RELEASE FROM BLAIRMORE CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

As part of the activities to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of Blairmore during the Crowsnest Pass Homecoming Reunion September 23rd to 25th, the Blairmore Centennial Committee wishes to recognize families listed on the 1911 Blairmore Census and who have still have family members living in the Crowsnest Pass.

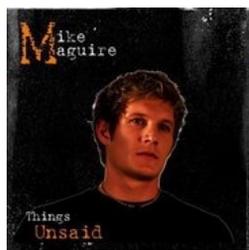
To be recognized, families are encouraged to check the 1911 Blairmore Census list located on the Discover Crowsnest Heritage website at http://www.crowsnestheritage.ca/?page_id=556 1911 census or check the list which is available at the Crowsnest Museum.

The Crowsnest Museum will be accepting names for registration as a Blairmore Centennial Family until Monday, September 11th. Those families who register will be recognized at a ceremony during the Crowsnest Pass Homecoming Reunion the weekend of September 23rd to 25th, 2011.

For more information on the Crowsnest Pass Homecoming Reunion celebrating Blairmore's Centennial check out http://www.crowsnestheritage.ca/?page_id=556

For further information contact: Fred Bradley, Chairman, Blairmore Centennial Committee, Phone 403-563 -5353.

CROWSNEST HISTORICAL SOCIETY HARVEST OF MEMORIES



Mike Maguire "Rough"

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

This year the event will commemorate the Crowsnest Homecoming Reunion. 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.

Beards and Bonnets Contest. Saturday, September 24th.

Among the many exciting and creative activities being organized by the CNP Homecoming Centennial committee, is the fun-filled Beards and Bonnets contest. Open to people of all ages, the Bonnet contest invites you to let your imagination soar and create a prize winning bonnet. Enter to win in the "Most Creative", "Most Colourful", "Weirdest" or "Best in Show" category. But, don't hold back! Arm yourself with glue gun, cut-outs, flowers, etc. and create a masterpiece you can enter into any or all categories.

The Beard competition can be no less creative. Snip, clip and mould your facial hair into a sight to behold in the "Most Creative", "Best Colour", "Bushiest", "Rookie", and "Best In Show". With months to go before the event, there is still time to turn your face into a creative canvas for the work of art that could be your beard!!

Want to up the ante on your chance to win? Enter with a partner in the Best Beard and Bonnet Couple.

The fun begins on Saturday Sept. 24th at the Albert Stella Arena from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Contestants are urged to register in advance by phoning the Crowsnest Museum at 403-563-5434 or emailing cnmuseum@shaw.ca





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.

FEATURE ARTICLE

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“The Wind She Blew Some” (headline, Blairmore Times, Sept. 23rd 1905)

Here is a selection of the very many articles on wind that have appeared in Pass newspapers over the years, compiled by Ian McKenzie.

Blairmore Times, Sept 2 1905 - Monday morning while Mark Drumm, editor of the Frank Paper, was sitting at his desk a gust of wind smashed the window hurling the fragments in his face. Mark had a tooth knocked out and received some severe cuts that required several stitches at the hands of Dr. Malcolmson.

Blairmore Times, Sept 23 1905 - Taking advantage of no one being there to blow back, both the mine and smelter management being absent, the wind played tag with things around Frank last Wednesday. While ordinarily the wind only blows a gale at Frank, on Wednesday it gave them an imitation of a cyclone ripped up sidewalks, broke windows and walked off with everything not nailed down.

Frank Paper, Sept 28 1905 - A.W. Ponton, D.L.S., who is conducting surveying operations for the provincial government in this district is not at all favorably impressed with the murmuring breezes that occasionally spring up in the pass and he has a very good reason for it. One of them was unkind enough to wreck his camp a few days ago and in doing so used Mr. Ponton anything but gently... He was camped on the hill above the slide on one of those days that the wind played such pranks and was lying down by the stove in the main tent when one of the gusts hit camp. The other men in camp heard what was coming and got outside but Mr. Ponton who does not hear well, knew nothing except that the canvas was flapping harder than usual. That did not disturb him however and he laid still. Presently the tent went in the air like a balloon, the stove was knocked over onto Mr. Ponton who was severely burned and considerably bruised by being hit by falling missiles. As to the camp, it was scattered broadcast and now Mr. Ponton declares he is going to provide himself one of the armored cars the British used in South Africa and mount it on wagon wheels as a place to live in when he comes this way surveying again.

Frank Paper, Jan 11 1906 - Not since the celebrated incident of four years ago, when a twenty-four foot plank was driven through the side of Rondoni's house has the wind blown in Frank as it did Monday morning for a couple of hours... D.E. Barry was assisting Henry Brouillette to unload a car of furniture for Alex. Goyette and was riding on a load of mattresses when a gust picked up man and the mattress he was sitting on and lifted both bodily off the wagon. Then it turned him over and he lighted on the ground with the mattress on top instead of under him... Mr. Chambers of the Sanitarium was blown down in the street and sustained some painful bruises. A woman crossing Dominion Avenue was blown off her feet and before she could gather herself together or assistance could reach her she rolled clear across the street. ...the people generally feel they could very well afford to dispense with such extremely ardent caresses from the Chinook zephyrs.

Frank Paper, December 26 1907 - The wind made a new record for itself Monday evening. Old timers say it was the hardest blow the town has ever known... A section of the roof of the coal company's power house at the shaft was blown off, part of the wall of one of the new brick buildings being built by the cement company at Blairmore blew down, a few telephone poles were tipped over and a number of windows broken.

Coleman Miner, Nov 6 1908 - The Union hotel had several windows blown in and a part of their metallic roofing carried away, 41 Meat Market had their large windows and doors blown in as well as the west and front end of the roof loosened from the building, P. Burns and Co. lost a few windows, a large piece of the C.A.C & Co. tipple roof was torn off and carried over the tracks, telephone poles were snapped off and that portion of the sidewalk between Dominion Avenue and the C.P.R. station was completely taken away and distributed in various parts of the town. The Geo. Cobley Co. suffered a heavy loss in the destruction of two large plate glass windows as well as having considerable damage done to goods which were on show in their windows. There was a continual procession of tin cans, stove pipes, rocks and boards travelling down main and other streets for several hours. Luckily no one was on the streets at that time of the night or we might have been called upon to report more serious accidents in the way of loss of life. Frank is certainly unlucky.

Blairmore Enterprise, May 9 1912 - What might have proved a serious accident occurred to Edward Christie, on Tuesday, at Bellevue. Mr. Christie was standing on a ladder, working on the side of a house he was building, when a whirlwind from the opposite direction lifted the house and carried it towards him. He was thrown back against a barbed wire fence but escaped injuries. The building moved nearly four feet.

Blairmore Enterprise, Nov 22 1912 - The high wind of Sunday played havoc with property in town and hardly a building on Main Street escaped without some damage. In some parts of the town buildings were upturned and in one case a two-flat shed about 8x20 was lifted bodily and lodged on its side about twenty-five feet away and on an elevation two feet above its original position. Had not another building obstructed its course, in all likelihood the Buzzaks of Burmis would have had to solve the mystery of how the building was conveyed to that town.

Blairmore Enterprise, June 26 1914 - A severe wind storm visited this burg on Monday last, and in its course took off the roof of the Union hotel, which at that time was standing near the C.P.R. track on its way to its new site. During the flight the telegraph wires of the C.P.R. and the town electric wires were broken, and the roof was taken clean off the waiting room of the station. Several electric poles were blown down and nearly all phones in town were temporarily incommisioned.

Blairmore Enterprise, Oct 5 1917 - Considerable damage was done by the high winds of Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning. The tower of the [Frank] fire hall was blown over and poles and transformers of the Company light power line were blown to the ground, and as a consequence the mine was idle on Wednesday.

Blairmore Enterprise, May 3 1918 - The old Catholic church in Frank was blown down by the high wind tonight. No blame is attached to German agents.

Blairmore Enterprise Jan 3 1920 - In the height of a windstorm the other day, a freight car standing on a siding near Hillcrest was blown from its trucks, while another nearby was bereft of its roof.

Blairmore Enterprise, Mar 3 1921 - A portion of the Pelletier Lumber Company's flume was carried away by the heavy wind the early part of last week.

Blairmore Enterprise Dec 6 1923 - The heavy windstorm of Tuesday did considerable damage to buildings at Frank and Bellevue, as well as putting the telephone and electric light lines somewhat out of commission. At Bellevue fences were lifted out of frozen ground and thrown up against buildings and large numbers of windows were bereft of their glass. Some residents of Frank were obliged to leave their homes and seek shelter in the more substantial structures. Autos suffered considerably, many losing their tops. At Hillcrest, a building that was being moved to a new location was taken by a gust of wind and carried too far, and an onlooker asked the contractor if "his bus would likely stop at Passburg?"

Blairmore Enterprise Feb 22 1923 - "Why, man, what are you talking about? We have the wind so bad at Bellevue at times that it blows the roof off the picture theatre. Ask Bill Cole. Whew." "That's nothing. Now, look here. We have had it so bad in Hillcrest that it once blew a ten-dollar bill out of a Scotchman's hand."

Blairmore Enterprise Nov 16 1933 - Considerable of the lumber placed on the ground near the east side of the Slide, for the new camp to be erected there, was reduced to matchwood by a wind of cyclonic proportions that hit the spot on Friday evening last. Boards and sidewalls were carried for hundreds of yards, some a distance of a quarter of a mile. The same gust of wind lifted a garage from its foundation near Maple Leaf, lodging it against the roof of a nearby house.

Blairmore Enterprise June 6 1935 - People of Frank desire through The Enterprise to sincerely thank the Town of Blairmore for a very generous supply of garden dirt wafted to them from Blairmore's parks, etc., on Friday last by a west wind. They state that they would rather the Coleman soil as it is such a different color.

Blairmore Enterprise Aug 1 1935 - The wind was so strong in the Gap on Sunday that a four-pound rainbow trout was blown out of an eight-inch frypan.

THE GEORGE COBLEY Co.
General Merchants,
Frank
JUST AN
ACCIDENT
.....
Caused by the wind.
So our windows are boarded up till new glass
arrive.
P. S.
A fine new ship-
ment of ladies coats,
in the latest styles.
Also a shipment of childrens fine
shoes just receive!
These goods have to be on
To be appreciated
Prices Right

Advertisement in Frank paper. November 5, 1908.

Blairmore Enterprise June 11 1937 - On Thursday evening of last week, shortly after six o'clock, a large plate glass window, 6 x 10 feet, was broken to bits in the store operated by M. A. Murphy on main street. The accident was caused by a strong gust of wind preceding a heavy shower of rain. As the glass fell, it crashed into the store, breaking several articles of crockery that were on display in the window. The loss is estimated at something over a hundred dollars.

Blairmore Enterprise Oct 20 1939 - Last Saturday a terrific wind blew the roof off of G.E. Cruickshank's garage. The wind whipped the roof onto the top of Mr. Emery's house with great damage. Then parts of the Emery house speeded on and just missed the top of J. Mackie's house, but carrying away the chimney, which protruded above the roof line. Several radio poles and windows were broken and the town was in darkness for several hours, as mine employees strove to repair broken electricity lines.

Coleman Journal, Dec 11 1957 - Hurricane force winds with gusts up to 100 miles an hour hit the Pass on Sunday causing heavy damage. Bellevue suffered the most damage with roofs blown off, windows broken, power lines knocked down and chimneys toppled. Power lines broken down caused a complete blackout of the Pass for over 25 minutes. Mr. Joe Shevels of Bellevue was lifted by the wind and carried across the highway, he suffered a broken jaw. In Coleman roof shingles were blown off, power lines and telephone wires were broken causing the town to be cut off from outside communication. The large smoke stack at the international mine is leaning at a 45 degree angle. Windows were cracked by flying rocks. Many old timers stated that they had seen heavy winds but none as strong or as damaging as on Sunday evening.

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100 YEARS AGO: 1911

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- **Aug. 15th** Crisco Shortening is introduced to the world.
- **Aug. 17th.** Blairmore's new opera house opens on Wednesday evening, next.
- **Aug. 29th.** Ishi, considered the last North American to make contact with European Americans emerges from the wilderness of northeastern California.
- **Aug. 31st.** As part of the violence associated with miners strike District 18 of WMW of Alberta--someone tried to blow up Matthew Green, an Austrian, working at the West Canadian Collieries mine. Dynamite was placed outside his window sill. It did lots of damage. Lucily Green and his family slept far away from the window.
- **Sept. 7th.** The large battery of coke ovens were completed at Passburg.
- **Sept. 8th** Opening of Mount Royal College, offering elementary and secondary level academic courses, and special courses in household sciences, business, music and art to 200 students; Methodist Church institution. Calgary, Alberta

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