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### Season's Greetings:

Consider making heritage part of your celebrations. Count down the new year and support a heritage cause. The Rum Runner is hosting the "Coal Creek Boys New Years Eve ~ Historical Society Fundraiser." Local talent Carly Perkin is the opening act. Tickets are \$25 and can be obtained from The Rum Runner and the Crowsnest Museum. Ticket price includes champagne and appetizers at midnight. The official poster is attached to the back of this newsletter.

If you are still looking for last-minute Christmas gifts, consider buying family and friends an "Experience Alberta History Pass." The annual pass allows admission to all provincially run historic sites, interpretive centres and museums. The cost is: Adult \$30, Senior \$25, Family \$75. Children age 6 and under are always free at these places. Sites include: The Frank Slide Interpretive Centre; Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump; Oil Sands Discovery Centre, Fort McMurray; Loughheed House, Calgary; Remington Carriage Museum, Cardston; Royal Alberta Museum, Edmonton; Royal Tyrrell Museum; Tyrrell Field Station...the list goes on. Passes can be bought at the sites themselves or at AMA offices. Many of these venues are open during this holiday season and their gift shops, as well as our Crowsnest Museum gift shop, are a good source of gifts and stocking stuffers.

For very last-minute gifts, head to Pincher Creek and the **Kootenai Pioneer Village Christmas Market** on Friday, December 21st, 4 to 8 pm.

The next newsletter will be published on February 15th 2013.

### WHAT'S ON

#### THE CROWSNEST MUSEUM & ARCHIVES

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



**Coal Creek Boys New Years Eve ~ Historical Society Fundraiser: Tuesday, December 31st. 8pm.**

Opening for the Coal Creek Boys will be our very own Carly Perkin. The Coal Creek Boys are a full time touring, professional, alternative, country and roots/rock band.

There will be a 50/50, and a raffle. Special Rum Runner dinner menu items will include duck, lobster and crab. Money raised will be donated to the Crowsnest Pass Museum. Ticket price is \$25 and includes the entertainment, and champagne and appetizers at midnight. Buy a ticket and help keep the history of the Crowsnest Pass alive. Purchase tickets at The Rum Runner or at the Crowsnest Museum.

**Open : Tuesday to Saturday 9 am—5 pm.**

As well as exhibits on coal mining in the Crowsnest Pass, there are galleries on Pass life in the early 1900s, natural history, the military and on Emperor Pic and rum-running, and a gift shop.

## THE FRANK SLIDE CENTRE

Hwy 3 Crowsnest Pass 403-562-7388



The Frank Slide Interpretive Centre highlights the rich heritage of the Crowsnest Pass amid the breathtaking beauty of the Canadian Rockies. The Centre is open all year and visitors will be greeted by friendly, knowledgeable staff who will share the fascinating stories of the Frank Slide through dynamic interpretive programs and presentations. State-of-the-art interactive displays and exhibits throughout the Centre focus on the infamous Frank Slide of 1903 - Canada's deadliest rockslide. The Frank Slide Interpretive Centre is open year round 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Adults \$10, Seniors (65+) \$8, Youth (7-17) \$5, Under 7 free, Families \$22.

## HEAD-SMASHED-IN (UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE)

Hwy 785 403-553-2731



Along with its displays, the interpretive 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.

## KOOTENAI BROWN MUSEUM

1037 Bev McLachlin Dr., Pincher Creek. 403-627-3684



**Pioneer Christmas Market: Friday, December 21st. 4 - 8pm. Santa will visit from 6 - 7:30 pm.**

Looking for unique and fabulous gifts. Come to our Christmas Market. There will be jewelry, native crafts, household linens, baking (buy them and pretend you made them), soaps, cosmetics and much much more.

Kootenai Brown is open to the public daily from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Tuesday, Thursday and Friday through the winter season, Adults \$10, Seniors (65+) \$7, Youth (7-17) \$7, Under 7 free, Families \$25



## REMINGTON CARRIAGE MUSEUM

623 Main St. Cardston. 403-653-5139



**Christmas Art Show. "Joy to the World." Dec. 1 - 31st.**

In the Main Foyer. There is no charge for the show but there is regular admission if you wish to visit the Museum.

**Family Day Kid's Carnival. Monday, February 18th.**

Admission to the Museum is free. There will be old-fashioned theme kid's games, crafts, other activities, food and prizes.

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 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Contact: info@remingtoncarriagemuseum.com. Admission: Adults \$10, Seniors (65+) \$8, Youth (7-17) \$5, Under 7 free, Families \$22.

## GALT MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

502 1st St. S., Lethbridge 1-866-320-3898



**Archaeology in southern Alberta Exhibition:** Come marvel at the secrets hidden in your backyard! The land of Southern Alberta is full of stories about our past - fortunately, there are people who know how to interpret what they find.

Archaeology is a fascinating way to discover the human stories hidden under the soils and across the landscape of Southern Alberta. Archaeologists uncover bison bones that are 11,000 years old by digging several metres under the prairie grasses. They excavate depressions that turn out to be garbage dumps and privies to learn about the people who lived in a coal mining town in the Crowsnest Pass. **Exhibition ends Jan. 13th.**

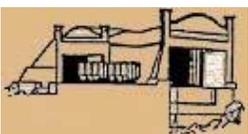
**Canadian Science and Engineering Exhibition. Feb 2 - May 19.** Hall of Fame.

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.



## BELLEVUE UNDERGROUND MINE

21814 28th Avenue Bellevue, AB T0K 0C0 (403) 564-4700



The Bellevue mine is closed for the season.

If you are an educational or other special interest group who would like to arrange a tour outside the normal season, please contact the Bellevue Underground Mine at the above telephone number.



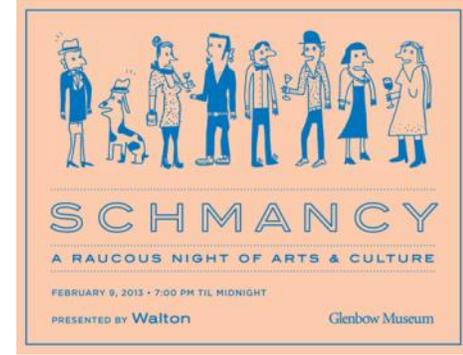
**Schmancy: a Raucous Night of Arts & Culture. Saturday, February 9th. 7 pm - midnight.**

We welcome our community to experience an entertaining and imaginative evening of art, culture and ideas inspired by our current exhibition and collections.

- 7 - 8 pm feature presentation by George Stroumboulopoulos.
- 8 - 10:30 pm entertainment, exhibitions, cuisine and cocktails
- 10:30 - midnight drinks and dancing in the Club Pivot Lounge.

Tickets: Reg. \$195; Members \$175; Under 30 \$95 (only 100 available); 10 ticket package \$1,600; VIP 10 ticket package \$3,500 (includes access to VIP lounge). Tickets are valued at \$100. Tax receipts will be issued for amount paid over \$100.

The Museum is open Tuesday to Thursday and Saturday 9 - 5 pm, Friday 11:30 - 7:30 pm, Sunday 12 - 5pm, Monday closed. Adults \$14 (18+), Seniors \$19 (65+), Students (ID) \$9, Youth \$9 (7-17), Family \$32, Child free (6 and under).



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Glenbow Archives NC-54-4212

Men from quoiting club sitting in front of the bandstand ca. 1925. Gushul Studio. Glenbow Archives. Quoiting was a game a bit like horseshoes but with metal, rope or rubber rings rather than horseshoes.

**The Blairmore Bandstand**

By  
**Ian McKenzie**

Calls for a bandstand in Blairmore began shortly after the formation of the town's brass band in 1911, but it was not until 1921 that the town invited tenders to build one. The bandstand was completed in July that year, on the south side of Victoria Street (main street, present 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue) opposite from Sixth Avenue (present 130 Street). Another bandstand was erected in the West Townsite at the same time, presumably by West Canadian Collieries.

The bandstand received immediate and sustained use from the 1920s through the 1940s for local or visiting bands, and for public addresses during ceremonies and celebrations. One of the first major events was the Armistice Day celebration in November 1921 which commenced at the bandstand. In 1927 it was the focal point, along with an arch spanning Victoria Street, for the local celebration of Canada's Diamond Jubilee of Confederation (1867 – 1927) which included a five-mile road race with the runners starting and finishing at the bandstand.



May Day rally, Blairmore, 1923

Coal miners' demonstration. May 1st, 1923. Gushul Studio. Glenbow Archives NC-54-1607.

The 1920s and 1930s in Blairmore are known for union activities and communist flirtations. The bandstand, the Orpheum Theatre, the sports field and other locations were used for political or organizational rallies and speeches, particularly during times of labor unrest or strikes. Visiting activist Harvey



Award ceremony after annual footrace from Blairmore to Coleman. 1930. Gushul Studio. Glenbow Archives NC-54-4263.

Murphy was prevented from speaking at the Blairmore Bandstand in May 1933 by police, but did speak there on other occasions.

The 1940s brought a new task to the bandstand, that of supporting the war effort. After extensive renovations the bandstand was used for rallying speeches in support of the victory loans program throughout the war. It was also a focal point for end-of-war celebrations. During the war, the National Film Board used the bandstand in a film on the coal industry.



May Day demonstration on Victoria Street (Main Street). May 1, 1930. Gushul Studio. Glenbow Archives NC-54-4364. Bandstand is middle right.



The bandstand today (known locally as "the Gazebo"). Copyright Harry Palmer 2011.

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**Religion in the Bible Belt.** Sept. 21st 2013 - Jan. 12th 2014.

**Wind Work, Wind Play: Weathervanes & Whirligigs.** Jun 1st - Sept. 2nd, 2013

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**Easter Egg Hunt: Mar. 23rd, 2013. 11 am.**

Age 10 and under. Bring your own Easter basket. Easter Bunny will be there.

**World Mini Chuckwagon Championships. Aug. 16th - 17th, 2013.**

**Culture Days. Sept. 27th - 29th, 2013**

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## 100 YEARS AGO

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- **13 Dec.** Just Opened. COSMOPOLITAN HOTEL. A.A. Sparks, Prop. Solid Brick Structure. Steam Heated Throughout. Best and Most Elaborate Hotel in Southern Alberta. Rates. Per month \$35 and \$40 for board and room. Meal tickets \$8. Blairmore Alberta. Blairmore Enterprise.
- **18 Dec.** The "Pittdown Man," later discovered to be a fraud, was found in the Pittdown gravel pit, England.
- **20 Dec.** Bellevue. What was near being a riot occurred at the Finnish Hall on Saturday night in connection with the wrestling match between Freddie Bealle of local fame and Hallbre the Swede. Blairmore Enterprise.
- **30 Dec** (reported Jan 3 1913) An avalanche at Coal Creek Mine swept away the carpenter shop. At least 6 men were killed immediately. Several others were severely injured.

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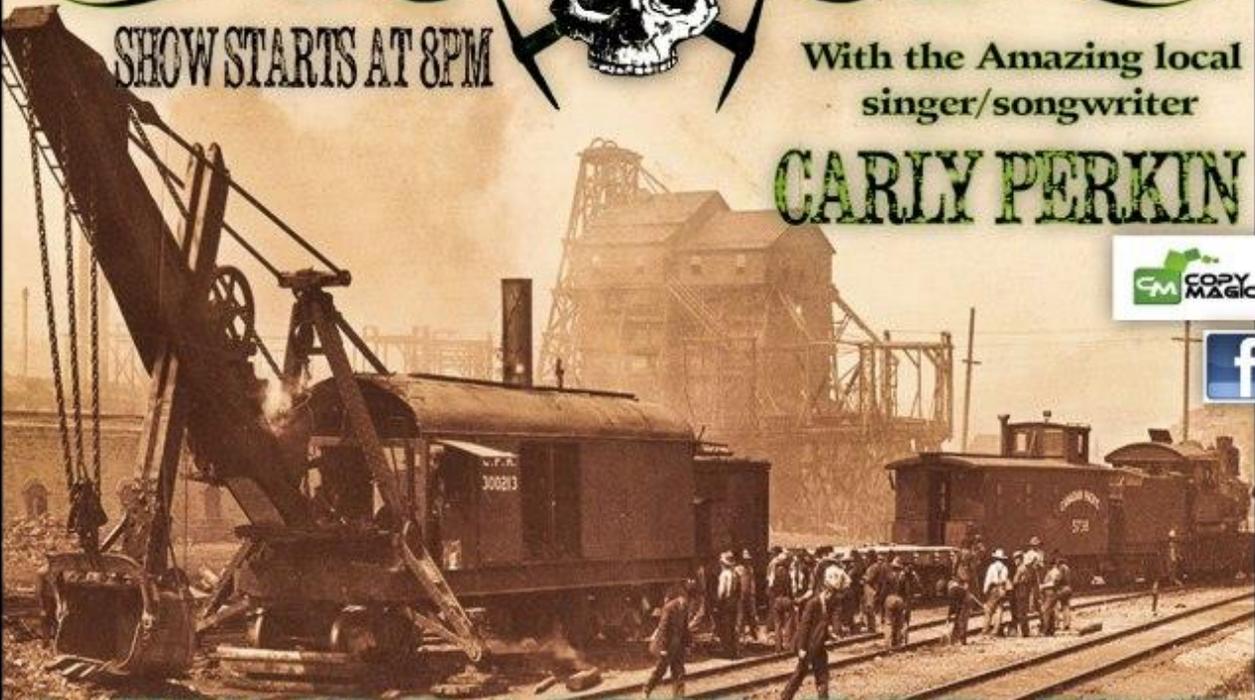
# COAL CREEK BOYS



SHOW STARTS AT 8PM

With the Amazing local  
singer/songwriter

**CARLY PERKIN**



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## CROWSNEST MUSEUM



# NEW YEARS 2012 2013

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Tickets Available s at the Rum Runner or Crowsnest Pass Museum.

