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Ice age



HERALD PHOTO BY LAURA CAMPBELL
You can be two, 22 or 62 — It doesn't stop enjoyment of an icy treat on a hot summer's day. Robert Pierce and his kids, Kendra, 2, and Taylor, 5, all slip on a cool one while taking a break on the steps of Tin Tin Grocery on 9th Avenue South at 11th Street Monday.

Lancaster museum ready for opening

□ Events planned as tribute to aircraft

The Nanton Lancaster Air Museum will celebrate its grand opening with an all-day event beginning at 7:30 a.m. Saturday.

The day starts with a pancake breakfast and hot air balloon display. Then demonstrations of radio-controlled and control line model aircraft will be held throughout the day as well as other displays and tours through the museum and through the Ian Bazaigette Memorial Lancaster, one of the last remaining AVRO MkX Lancaster bombers.

Official ceremonies will begin at 2:30 p.m. with music by the Kings Own Calgary Regimental Band. After a salute to museum sponsors, members and volunteers and a ribbon cutting, a fly-past will be held at 3:30 p.m.

It will feature De Havilland Tiger Moths and Chipmunks, North American Harvards, Cessna L-19s and four Canadair Tutors from

Canadian Forces Base Moose Jaw, Sask.

At 5 p.m., a cocktail hour begins which precedes a banquet at 6:30 p.m.

Nanton native Douglas "Duke" Warren, winner of a Distinguished Flying Cross during the Second World War, will be the master of ceremonies.

Guest speaker will be R.J. "Reg" Lane.

Lane, decorated several times, was the wartime squadron commander of 405 Squadron (Royal Canadian Air Force) and 8 Group (Pathfinders).

He later became head of Air Transport Command, No. 1 Air Division Europe (RCAF) and deputy commander of North American Air Defence Command (NORAD).

A dance to music by an 18-piece big band will be held after the banquet.

Banquet tickets, at \$25 each, may be reserved by calling 646-2270.

Proceeds go towards the restoration of the museum's collection of aircraft and artifacts.

Taber police hunt vandals, thieves

□ Weekend spree roughs up town

TABER — Taber Police are investigating several break-ins and acts of vandalism during the weekend.

Town police are investigating a complaint Sunday from a resident on the 5300-block of 42nd Avenue where culprits bent a flag pole causing about \$200 damage.

Police are also looking for a female who threw a bottle from a brown van into the side window of a parked car around 2:50 a.m. Sunday, causing about \$150 in damage.

On Saturday, about \$300 worth of damage was done to a well site in the northwest section of town when bottles were thrown at the well head.

Four hubcaps, worth \$200, were

taken off a vehicle on the 4600-block of 55th Avenue. As well, a GMC half-ton truck was left with scrapes down its side, causing about \$200 in damage.

Police are also investigating four incidents Friday.

About \$60 damage was done to a lock assembly on a fuel tank in the industrial section of town. The lock was broken but police do not know if fuel was taken.

Thieves forced a side vent window open on a car on the 6000-block of 57th Street and took 20 cassette tapes valued at \$200.

A vehicle in the 5400-block of 54th Street had its driver-side window smashed, causing \$150 damage. Police are also investigating a break-in at the Taber Animal Clinic, where a chain on a door was broken and the door opened. Police believe nothing was taken.

Macleods to gather in namesake town

□ Clan Day planned for Aug. 12 reunion

FORT MACLEOD — The Macleod clan will gather here next month in the town which bears its name.

This town, named after Col. Macleod of the Northwest Mounted Police, will play host to some of the colonel's relatives and a whole group of other Macleods.

The clan will begin gathering Aug. 11 with the main events set for Aug. 12, designated Macleod Clan Day.

Carla Neirs, director of The Fort Museum, says the Macleods have a reunion planned for early August in Vancouver and many will be visiting Fort Macleod afterward.

"So far we have two busloads coming from Vancouver and likely another bus from Calgary," says Neirs. "There will also be Macleods arriving in their own campers and recreation vehicles. We think there will be 200 to 250 people taking part."

Through the joint efforts of the town and The Fort Museum, the Macleods will be kept busy while here.

After a civic reception and gift exchange, they'll head for the fort for a tour and special edition of the Musical Ride at 4 p.m., followed by a buffalo dinner at the Elks Hall.

Crash dead identified

WELLING — The names of the man and woman killed in a single-vehicle accident near here Sunday were released Monday by RCMP.

Driver William Roger Farrow, 55, and Jo-Ann Morriveau, 38, both of Lethbridge, were killed when their car left the road, struck a power pole and rolled in the ditch about 6:30 p.m.

RCMP said the car was travelling north when it ran off the road, about 500 metres south of Highway 52 on Highway 5 near Welling.

RCMP said road conditions were bare and dry and both occupants of the car were wearing seatbelts at the time of the accident.

The incident is still under investigation.

Seniors' pension raise 'insulting'

□ Minister's letter cools anger somewhat

By SHERRI GALLANT of The Herald

When James Uttley retired early this year he never dreamed it would spark a correspondence between himself and the minister of state for seniors.

But while Uttley, 65, said he is "insulted" by the most recent raise given seniors by the federal government, he is also pleased at a two-page letter he received last week from Monique Vezina explaining the matter.

It began in early July when Uttley read an article about Surrey B.C. resident Arthur Cain — a fellow senior citizen.

Cain, a Second World War veteran, had begun sending Prime Minister Brian Mulroney a monthly cheque for 37 cents — the amount of increase on old age security che-

ques each month, starting this spring.

"It's not just this guy in Surrey who's mad," Uttley said Monday. "There's a lot of seniors who are."

When Uttley read about Cain, he had already sent a cheque to Vezina for \$4.44 — a year's worth of raises — with a letter stating he thought the increase an insult.

"I told her the recent raise given seniors was appalling and insulting and that if the Canadian government thinks this is all senior citizens in this country are worth, then they need the money more than we do," Uttley said.

"Please accept this cheque, I told her, to cover 12 months of the recent raise and put it back into the pension fund to help future senior citizens. Thirty-seven cents a month isn't going to do much for me — it won't even buy me a half a loaf of bread, if you could even buy a half a loaf of bread."

"I told her the only thing it could

do for me was probably put me in a different income tax bracket!"

Nevertheless, while Uttley clucked his tongue at the 42 cents it cost for the minister's office to respond — and return his cheque — he was pleased at receiving a personal reply.

"It was nice to get an explanation for how they arrived at the raise — if you can understand it, that is," he said.

Vezina's letter explained how quarterly adjustments to Old Age Security benefits are based on changes in the cost of living as measured by the Consumer Price Index.

The CPI is published by Statistics Canada and is accepted as an accurate reflection of the cost of living for Canada seniors. The amount of each OAS quarterly adjustment is determined by the percentage increase in the CPI between one three-month period and the three-month period immediately preced-

ing it. "Furthermore, because OAS and the income-tested Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) are the major sources of income for Canadian low-income seniors, this method of quarterly indexation ensures maximum protection against periods of sudden high inflation," read Vezina's letter.

The other federal plan is the Canada Pension Plan, a contributory, earnings-related social insurance program. Benefits from CPP are based on an individual's earnings and contributions to the plan.

CPP benefits are indexed annually in January, also according to increases in the cost of living as measured by the CPI.

"I'm not beefing about the pensions I get — they're good pensions," Uttley said. "Just the raise was an insult. It just seems to me seniors aren't considered very important and I think it's time they started protesting that."

Animals play key role in Heritage Days

□ Rodeo, cattle show planned for Cardston

CARDSTON — The Heritage Days Fair, presented by the Cardston Agricultural Society, is set for Aug. 5-8.

There's also a Heritage Horse Show July 31 and Aug. 1 at the Agridome to start the week.

The main portion of the fair begins Aug. 5 with an all-breeds cattle show at the Agridome, beginning at 1 p.m.

A pet show for children is planned for the Agridome at 7 p.m.

One of the featured areas and attractions of Heritage Days will be the Civic Centre area.

The popular fair and bench show will run from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the

Civic Centre, featuring flowers, vegetables, crafts and art work. The junior portion of the fair will be held on the second floor while the seniors take over the main floor area.

The bench fair will also be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 6.

A trade show will be held in the parking area of the Civic Centre, sponsored by the chamber of commerce. It moves to a tent from noon to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday and from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday.

The Senior's Centre, just back of the Civic Centre, will be home to a craft show and sale from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday. The sale features ceramic dolls, wooden rockers and chairs and many other types of crafts created in the area.

One of the highlights of Heritage

Days will be professional rodeo action at the Agridome, Thursday through Saturday.

Events begin at 5 p.m. Thursday at the rodeo grounds with a buffalo barbecue, featuring entertainment.

Rodeo action goes at 7:30 p.m. each day. Greg Kesler Rodeo is supplying the stock and the rodeo announcer will be Emery Erickson from Saskatoon. Admission for the rodeo is \$7.50.

The pro show features saddle bronc, bareback bronc and bull riding, calf and team roping, barrel racing, steer wrestling, novice saddle bronc riding and mutton busting.

Opening night spotlights the rodeo queen contest and the horsemanship competition. The queen will be crowned Friday night at the rodeo and will ride in Saturday's parade along with the present Miss Rodeo Canada, Deidra Lybbert of Cardston. She was last year's Cardston Rodeo Queen and she'll ride on the fully-flowered Ag Society float, celebrating 125 years of nationhood for Canada.

The third annual professional rodeo is the place to be all three nights.

A pancake breakfast at the Car-

riage Lane Mall from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. starts off Aug. 7.

Capping off the day will be a dance at the Civic Centre, beginning at 9 p.m. The dance will feature a Reflection From the Past Fashion Show at 10:30 p.m., spotlighting the clothing of the 1880s through 1915. People can wear original costumes or ones they've created themselves. Southbound will supply the music for the dance.

The Lions Club and the Main Street Merchants will present a free pancake breakfast at Central Service at 7 a.m. Aug. 8.

The Rotary Parade begins at 11 a.m.

The trade show and craft show and sale continue through the day. At 2 p.m. a culinary highlight takes place. The Cardston Heritage Day Chili Cup Challenge is set for the Civic Centre beginning at 2 p.m. Entrants will bring 20 cups of their best chili to be judged.

A free Turbo barbecue, with a rodeo ticket, is set for 4 p.m. at the Agridome. It will kick off the final performance of the rodeo.

The entire Heritage Days show will wind up at 10:30 p.m. at the Lion's Park with a fireworks display.

Climber falls to death in Logan Pass Sunday

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK, Mont. — A 20-year-old Kalispell man fell to his death while climbing the west face of Mount Gould along the Garden Wall area north of

Logan Pass Sunday. Josh Skibsrud was climbing with two others but was apparently behind them at the time of the fall which was not witnessed, according to a news release from Glacier Park officials.

Skibsrud's climbing companions reached the summit where they waited for him before descending the southwest face of Mount Gould to discover his body in a scree field about 900 feet above the Highline Trail near the saddle east of Hayslack Butte.

Both climbers hiked back to the Logan Pass Visitor Center where they reported the accident.

Skibsrud's body was removed by helicopter.

According to the news release, the climbing party had become separated when different routes were chosen by the first two climbers. Each believed Skibsrud was following the other and did not realize he was not with the other until the summit was reached.

Skibsrud was an avid and experienced climber in the park.

The accident is under routine investigation.

Scientists ponder 'quake

BANFF, Alta. (CP) — Geological activity is being monitored closely in the Waterton Lakes-Glacier National Parks area after a massive rock slide carried away the side of Chief Mountain.

American parks officials speculate a moderate earthquake recorded recently near the Alberta-Montana border may have been a factor in the slide.

The quake — which occurred July 2 and had its epicentre near Browning, Mont. — measured 4.2 on the Richter scale. The shock waves may have combined with heavy rains and freezing night temperatures to loosen Chief Mountain's unstable sedimentary base, the park officials said.

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