

WEATHER

Temps for November 17
(Measured at Medicine Hat Municipal Airport)

NORMAL High: 2.6° / Low: -8.5°
RECORD High: 19.4° (1976) / Low: -31.1° (1955)

TODAY 17 Partly cloudy
High: 5° / Low: -2°

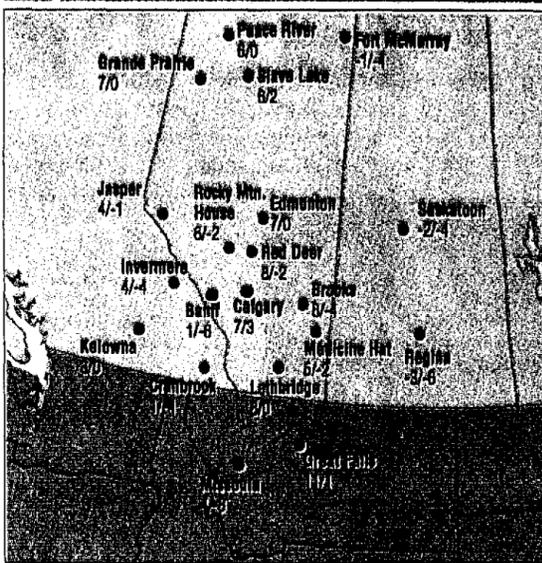
TOMORROW 18 Partly cloudy
High: 7° / Low: -3°

Saturday 19 Partly cloudy
High: 11° / Low: 1°

Sunday 20 Partly cloudy
High: 9° / Low: 5°

Monday 21 Partly cloudy
High: 8° / Low: -1°

Regional Forecast



City	Today			Friday			Today			Friday		
	HI	LO	Chk	HI	LO	Chk	HI	LO	Chk	HI	LO	Chk
Bariff	1	-6	pc	2	-4	c	-1	-4	pc	1	-9	pc
Brooks	8	-4	pc	6	-4	pc	1	-3	c	-1	-8	pc
Calgary	7	3	pc	6	1	pc	8	0	pc	9	-1	pc
Cold Lake	1	-3	c	-1	-9	pc	1	-2	c	0	-9	pc
Cranbrook	1	-4	pc	4	-5	c	5	-2	pc	7	-3	pc
Edmonton	7	0	c	3	-2	pc	4	-8	pc	2	-8	pc
Fort McMurray	-1	-4	c	-3	-9	pc	6	0	c	3	0	c
Grande Prairie	7	0	c	3	0	c	8	-2	pc	4	-4	pc
Great Falls	11	1	pc	14	-1	pc	3	-6	pc	4	-8	sm
Invermere	4	-4	c	4	-5	c	6	-2	pc	4	-4	pc
Jasper	4	-1	c	5	1	c	-2	-4	pc	1	-9	sm
Kalispell	3	-7	pc	2	-6	c	6	2	c	5	-3	c
Kelowna	3	0	s	7	-1	pc	1	-2	pc	1	-2	pc

Almanac

TEMPERATURE	SUN	UV INDEX	FYI
High yesterday: 6.0° Low yesterday: -11.0° Normal high yesterday: 3.0° Normal low yesterday: -8.3° Record high: 20.6° (1943) Record low: -30.6° (1959)	Today Tomorrow Sunrise ... 7:39 a.m. ... 7:41 a.m. Sunset ... 4:36 p.m. ... 4:35 p.m.	LOW Very high: 12 High: 11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	Get the latest news from Minute to Minute online at www.medicine-hatnews.com
PRECIPITATION	MOON	The UV index forecasts the ultraviolet radiation coming from the sun. The higher the number the more risk of sun damage to your skin.	Southern Alberta Newspapers
Yesterday: 0.0 mm Month to date: 3.4 mm Year to date: 353.9 mm Normal month-to-date: 8.4 mm Normal year-to-date: 311.7 mm	Today Tomorrow Moonrise ... 5:13 p.m. ... 6:03 p.m. Moonset ... 10:02 a.m. ... 11:07 a.m.		
	Last New First Full Nov. 23 Dec. 1 Dec. 8 Dec. 15		

Today is November 17 1558

Britain's Queen Mary Tudor, daughter of Henry VIII, died 447 years ago today. She was known as Bloody Mary for her violent attempts to return Protestant Britain to Catholicism. She was succeeded by her half-sister, Elizabeth, who ended the religious persecutions of the English counter-reformation and became one of England's most successful monarchs.

1887

The weather had been so beautiful in Medicine Hat that children were still seen playing outside in their bare feet. The thermometer registered 68.

1903

The North West Mounted Police occupied Herschel Island in the Beaufort Sea and raised the British flag.

1938

Singer-songwriter Gordon Lightfoot was born.

1992

The soundtrack for The Bodyguard, Whitney Houston's film debut, was released. It would become the best-selling soundtrack album of all time, passing Saturday Night Fever and selling more than 15 million copies in the U.S. alone. The highlight was Houston's cover version of Dolly Parton's I Will Always Love You, which would rank among the all-time best-selling singles.

1998

In what the record industry dubbed Super Tuesday, Garth Brooks' Double Live was the clear winner among a plethora of superstar album releases. Double Live sold a record 1.09 million copies in its first week, breaking the previous mark of 950,000 set by Pearl Jam's Vs. in 1993. Others releasing albums on Super Tuesday included rapper Method Man, Whitney Houston, Celine Dion, Mariah Carey, Jewel and Seal.

2000

A teenaged boy who fatally shot one student and wounded another at W. R. Myers High School in Taber on April 28, 1999 was sentenced to three years in prison.

glimpses of his private life. The album contained the hit Desiree and the original You Don't Bring Me Flowers, which in a newly-recorded version by Diamond and Barbra Streisand became a number-one hit in 1978.

Police

Police pleased with fundraising events

Medicine Hat News

Members of the Medicine Hat City Police Service are pleased with the response for this year's Cops for Cancer Fundraising. Sgt. Randy Youngman said \$22,393 was raised this year between two events.

On Nov. 12, the police put the community to the test by taking buckets around at a Medicine Hat Tigers game.

"We raised \$5,520 in that two-and-a-half-hour period," said Youngman. "The response from the community was fantastic."

A handful of police officers, including chief Norm Boucher, also sacrificed their hair to generate support.

The money will be directed to the local Canadian Cancer Society to go toward cancer research.

The Cops for Cancer idea started in 1995 with an officer in Edmonton. Since then, the program has raised more than \$16 million.

Committee didn't recommend project

Medicine Hat News

A story in Wednesday's paper which stated the city's public services committee had recommended approval of a 2005 capital budget amendment for drainage improvements to the Seven Persons Creek overflow under the Trans-Canada Highway in Kin Coulee Park was incorrect.

The estimated \$60,000 project was not recommended by the committee, but will still go to city council for a final resolution.



STORM WRECKAGE

Rosemary Awada, left, talks with Brandy Crowle in front of Awada's wrecked mobile home on Wednesday near Briensburg, Ky. Meteorologists said a cold front moving rapidly east collided with warm, unstable air from the south to produce the thunderstorms that stretched from the Gulf of Mexico to the Great Lakes, spawning funnel clouds and tornadoes in five states.

Alberta

Tourism generates \$4.96B in 2004

Medicine Hat News

More people explored Alberta's attractions last year and spent significantly more money over the course of their travels.

Travel Alberta statistics released this week show tourism in the province generated \$4.96 billion in 2004, up 14.4 per cent from 2003.

The number of person-visits topped 18 million, up 2.4 per cent from 2003.

More than 13 million of the person-visits were by Albertans travelling within the province.

Tourism revenue is expected to increase again in 2005 by between five and 10 per cent.

Elk herds dwindle, wolf numbers rise

Canadian Press

Early results from two studies of Alberta's eastern slopes support anecdotal evidence from farmers, hunters and trappers that elk herds are dwindling while the wolf population expands.

The studies found about 5,000 of the large ungulates live between Nordegg, the Banff-Jasper national parks boundary to the west and Sundre and Drayton Valley to the south.

That's well below the 7,000-elk goal for the area, but not yet a cause for concern, said Jim Allen, wildlife biologist with Alberta Sustainable Resource Development.

The actual number of wolves on the eastern slopes is harder to track since the animals are more reclusive and harder to spot. But early indications suggest the wolf population is healthy, said Allen.

He believes it's too simplistic, however, to link the two.

Saskatchewan

Province sees extra \$873M

Canadian Press

REGINA
The Saskatchewan government has \$873 million in extra money to spend this year, as high energy prices have swelled the public purse.

A mid-year fiscal update released by NDP Finance Minister Harry Van Mulligen on Wednesday shows the province is making more than two-thirds of its revenue surplus — nearly \$625 million — from oil and gas alone.

But Van Mulligen said his government will not use the money for tax cuts, something the federal government did when it announced a massive budgetary surplus earlier this week.

Region

Potable water will soon be a realization

Southern Alberta Newspapers

Access to safe, ample potable water will soon be a realization to rural residents in the Medicine Hat and Seven Persons area.

"This is a one-time opportunity that residents of the area should take advantage of," says Rangeland agologist and Westside Water Co-op secretary treasurer Nancy Boutlier.

She said the co-op is now accepting \$250 deposits on potential water co-op services from all interested parties to cover the start-up and engineering study expenses for the co-op.

The engineering study will then be utilized to determine the area to be serviced by the Westside Water Co-op.

There will be no non-potable water provided through this system.

World

Martha sued by jury consultant

Associated Press

NEW YORK
A trial jury consultant has filed a lawsuit against Martha Stewart, saying the domestic diva owes her \$74,047 US for services provided before Stewart's trial for lying to federal officials.

Julie Blackman, who operates her own trial strategy consulting firm, said in a lawsuit filed this week in Manhattan's state Supreme Court that she was hired by Stewart's lawyer Robert Morvillo on July 15, 2003, to help plan Stewart's defence.

Blackman also consulted with the defence teams for former Tyco International Ltd.

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Meet Miss Rodeo Canada

ROSE SANCHEZ
Medicine Hat News

Medicine Hat has bragging rights to the newest Miss Rodeo Canada — the city's sixth.

In a ceremony on Nov. 11 at the Canadian Finals Rodeo, Aleaha More, Medicine Hat's 2004 Stampede Princess, was crowned the 38th Miss Rodeo Canada.

Originally from Virden, Manitoba, 22-year-old More moved to Medicine Hat to study Visual Communications at Medicine Hat College. She has completed her schooling and will complete a final work term once her year-long reign as Miss Rodeo Canada is complete.

More's quest for the prestigious rodeo crown began at a young age. Always a rodeo fan, More competes in barrel racing. Her mentor during high school encouraged her to get involved in pageant competitions.

She was crowned Manitoba High School Rodeo Queen and from there was hooked. She's competed in numerous pageants, but she always kept her eye on the Miss Rodeo Canada title.

Thanks to support from the Medicine Hat Exhibition & Stampede, More travelled to Edmonton to compete for the crown at the beginning of November.

There she competed with six others in public speaking, modelling, horsemanship, a written



ALEAHA MORE

exam and was followed around by two judges critiquing her personality.

More says she was surprised and excited when her name was announced as the winner. "Usually you can tell who the top two girls are, but this year all seven of us were fairly equal," she says.

For the next year, More will travel to numerous rodeo events in Western Canada and into the United States. She is also the spokesperson for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation.

More is grateful to have reached the top when it comes

to pageantry in the rodeo circuit. "This is where it all comes to," she says about the hard work. "It's been a goal of mine since I started (competing) in rodeo queen contests."

More credits her win to the Medicine Hat rodeo committee and everyone who contributes to it.

She says it helped that the Medicine Hat contest is run similar to the Miss Rodeo Canada pageant.

More is unsure whether she will return to Medicine Hat although she did love the time she spent here.

"I would love to have a chance to come back," she says.

For now, she'll spend the next week resting until her first official Miss Rodeo Canada appearance at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas from Dec. 2 to 11.