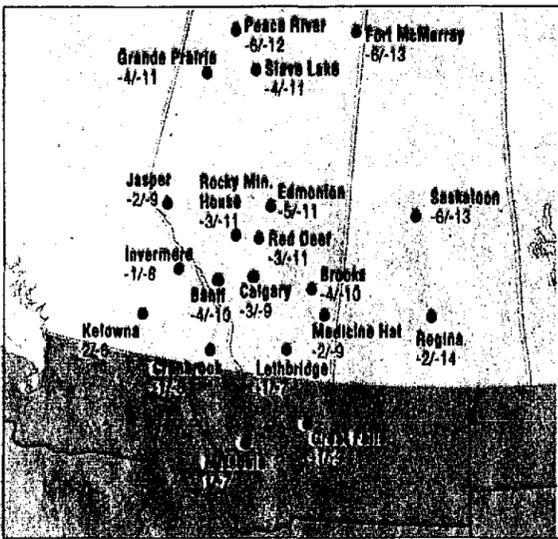


WEATHER

Temps for November 27
(Measured at Medicine Hat Municipal Airport)

NORMAL High: 0.5° / Low: -10.6°
RECORD High: 16.1° (1904)
Low: -37.2° (1887)

Regional Forecast



TODAY 27	Partly to mostly cloudy High: -2° Low: -9°
TOMORROW 28	Mostly cloudy skies High: -1° Low: -7°
Monday 29	Partly cloudy skies High: 4° Low: -6°
Tuesday 30	Partly cloudy skies High: 1° Low: -7°
Wednesday 1	Mostly cloudy skies High: -1° Low: -7°
Thursday 2	Partly cloudy skies High: -2° Low: -7°
Friday 3	Mostly cloudy skies High: 0° Low: -6°

City	Tomorrow			Sunday			City	Tomorrow			Sunday		
	Hi	Lo	Chk	Hi	Lo	Chk		Hi	Lo	Chk	Hi	Lo	Chk
Banff	-4	-10	sn	-3	-9	sn	Kindersley	-5	-12	pc	-2	-8	c
Brooks	-4	-10	pc	-1	-8	c	Lac La Biche	-5	-11	pc	-2	-8	c
Calgary	-3	-9	c	-1	-9	sn	Lethbridge	-1	-7	pc	-1	-8	sn
Cold Lake	-5	-12	pc	-2	-8	c	Lloydminster	-6	-12	pc	-2	-9	c
Cranbrook	-1	-6	sn	-3	-9	sf	Medicine Hat	-2	-9	pc	-1	-7	c
Edmonton	-5	-11	pc	-1	-8	c	Missoula	1	-7	sn	-2	-8	pc
Fort McMurray	-6	-13	pc	-2	-8	c	Peace River	-6	-12	pc	-2	-8	sf
Grande Prairie	-4	-11	sf	-2	-9	sf	Red Deer	-3	-11	pc	-1	-8	c
Great Falls	-1	-9	c	-3	-11	pc	Regina	-2	-14	pc	-2	-9	c
Invermere	-1	-8	sn	0	-9	sf	Rky Mtn House	-3	-11	c	-1	-8	sn
Jasper	-2	-9	sn	-1	-8	sf	Saskatoon	-6	-13	pc	-4	-11	c
Kalispell	1	-7	sn	-2	-9	pc	Slave Lake	-4	-11	c	-2	-8	sf
Kelowna	2	-6	sn	-1	-9	c	Swift Current	-2	-12	pc	-2	-8	c

TEMPERATURE	
High yesterday	3.0°
Low yesterday	-5.0°
Normal high yesterday	0.7°
Normal low yesterday	-10.4°
Record high	16.7° (1933)
Record low	-34.0° (1985)
PRECIPITATION	
Yesterday	0.0 mm
Month to date	3.0 mm
Year to date	325.5 mm
Normal month-to-date	13.7 mm
Normal year-to-date	317.0 mm

SUN	
Today	7:55 a.m. - 4:26 p.m.
Tomorrow	7:56 a.m. - 4:25 p.m.
MOON	
Today	4:37 p.m. - 9:11 a.m.
Tomorrow	5:19 p.m. - 10:14 a.m.
Last	Dec. 4
New	Dec. 11
First	Dec. 18
Full	Dec. 26

UV INDEX	
Today	1
Very high	12
High	11
Medium	9
Low	8
Very low	7
Low	6
Very low	5
Low	4
Very low	3
Low	2
Very low	1

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Midnight Madness gets festive season in gear

By **TENILLE TELLMAN**
Special to the News

An annual event known as Midnight Madness gave Hatters a jump-start to festive celebrations.

This year saw special store sales, snacks and goodies and even some new events.

Frozen Memories came from Calgary for the second time to create ice sculptures in front of Tim Hortons.

Last year the sculptures were left on the street and this year the City Centre Developing Agency thought the sculptures would be an opportunity to raise funds for a downtown charity.

The four final sculptures were auctioned off later in the evening.

"It went fairly well for the first time," said Darlene Ford from Silver Moon Promotions, which organized the events.

"Hopefully it will be something that will catch on."

Ford said that \$275 was raised for the Salvation Army. RJ's convenience store offered to keep the statues in a freezer for those who purchased them and then deliver them for the occasion.

The sculptures were purchased for corporate Christmas parties, a curling banquet and one was even donated to the District Health Foundation for its Search for the Stars finale banquet in December.

"They look absolutely beautiful on a banquet table," said Ford.

She said that they will have the sculptures again next year and she hopes that some larger businesses will come out to bid.

The total money raised is being donated to Christmas charities and the statues last for around eight hours outside of a freezer.

The Salvation Army also held its soup swap for the third year.

The idea was originally intended for a family to bring what they would cook for dinner and exchange it for a bowl of soup.

The purpose was to show people that more than 1,000 people a day are served one bowl of soup a day through the efforts of the Salvation Army.

The concept evolved to food or cash donations in exchange for the soup and customers could also purchase hamburgers or hotdogs, along with coffee or



— NEWS PHOTO BY TENILLE TELLMAN

This angel was sculpted from ice by Frozen Memories. The sculpture and others were auctioned off earlier this week during Midnight Madness.

hot chocolate. A burning barrel was set up behind the volunteers to set the scene.

This year they served home-made cream of potato and beef vegetable soup.

Midnight Madness was also a great time for all the merchants involved.

Norene McDonald, the buyer for Boylands drug store, said "it went very well. We had fun."

She and the staff challenge themselves to dress up every year and this theme was in support of the Continental Cup of Curling. Working in Scottish apparel, the staff were busy straight through until 11:30 p.m.

"It went very well," said McDonald.

"It would be nice if that many people came down all the time," she said.

She added that some customers felt that the evening was quieter than past years, but that was not necessarily the case inside her store.

"It was a good evening and a good way to get people downtown," said Gail Macdonald from Interlace Studios.

Macdonald and her staff all bobby-pinned candle rings of garland to their heads.

"Some people have never even been downtown," said Macdonald.

"Even if it's just once a year, just (for customers) to realize what's downtown."

Charges pending after deadly highway collision

Medicine Hat News

Charges are pending against a Medicine Hat man after a couple from Saskatchewan was killed near Beiseker on Thursday in a two-car collision.

According to a Calgary Sun report, an elderly couple from Saskatchewan was killed after their car was T-boned at a highway intersection near Beiseker, about 120 kilometres northeast of Calgary.

A pipeline truck and trailer heading north crashed into the side of the elderly couple's car.

"It appears the truck travelling northbound went through the stop sign and hit the westbound vehicle," said Cpl. Clarence Bodden of the Beiseker RCMP.

The report said that the Medicine Hat man driving the truck was taken to Strathmore hospital and treated for minor injuries.

The white Buick Century ended up in the ditch, while the truck ended up on its side in the middle of the highway, the report said.

The truck was owned by Natural Gas Engine and Compressor Service and its parent company Collicutt Energy Services Ltd.

MEAT SHOPS

Look for our flyer in today's newspaper!

Correction

To clarify an article that appeared in the Nov. 19 News, Christa Lawrence wasn't the first Saskatchewan resident from a Saskatchewan rodeo to win the Miss Rodeo Canada crown.

Saskatoon's Joan Pardell was the first to win the national title.

She had won a Saskatchewan-based pageant in 1981 to advance to the Miss Rodeo Canada event.

Then in 1983, Eastend's Cathy Kornelson, who was representing Shaunavon's rodeo, won the Miss Rodeo Canada title.

In addition, the competitor in this year's event from Medicine Hat was Becky Thomson, not Sara Davies.

Davies is representing Medicine Hat next year.

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