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MACLEOD CALENDAR

Adult walking program at the community hall runs Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9-10 a.m. * * *

Cocoa Club for children aged 10 years and over hosted by Dana Burrows at 4 p.m. Oct. 25 at the library * * *

Family Lego Drop-In from 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25 at the library. * * *

Trinity United Church Fall Rummage Sale 5-7 p.m. Oct. 26-27 and 10 a.m. to 12 noon Oct. 28. * * *

Fort Macleod Curling Club 125th anniversary open house 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27. Curling With Rock Stars at 3 p.m. Oct. 28. * * *


Fort Macleod Mustangs host Nanton Palominos at 7:45 p.m. Oct. 28 in a Ranchland Hockey League game. * * *

Criss Cross Apple Sauce for children aged five years and under 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31 at the library. * * *

The Johnny Cash TV Show comes to the Empress Theatre stage on Nov. 3 at 7:30 p.m. * * *

The Empress Theatre presents Ryland Moranz and his Darkest Secrets in concert at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 10.

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MAE Belles hold final meeting

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The club has staged an annual Christmas party starring children from the district.

The MAE Belles have fund-raised and directed improvements to the former Ardenville school, which they took over and turned into a social centre that served as the hub of the rural community.

Card parties, raffles, theme nights and other events brought friends and neighbours together on a regular basis at the social centre.

Early members canvassed the district to raise money for the Community Chest.

Another regular feature of meetings was an active roll call rather than a boring noting of members' names.

Over the year members have answered the roll with readings, favourite recipes, and even whether they had considered self-improvements such as face-lifts or botox.

Recently, members discussed the women's rally after Donald Trump was elected U.S. president, and stated their opinions on the legalization of marijuana.

Raffles were held at each meeting, with prizes being something made by members.

Friday's meeting at the REO Hall was a somber affair, with a few tears shed



Photo by Frank McTighe

The MAE Belles at their final meeting on Friday at the REO Hall. Front row, from left: Flory Fraser, Annette Vallieres, Edith Evans, and Margaret Gosling. Back row, from left: Jana Sharatt, Peggy Donahue, Neisje Vanden Dool and Heather Dodd.

as the MAE Belles finalized the difficult decision to dissolve the organization.

Edith Evans reflected on the place of the MAE Belles in the social fabric of the rural community.

"It was the thing to do,"

said Evans, who followed the footsteps of her mother in joining the MAE Belles. "You couldn't not be a MAE Belle if you lived in this district."

After attending to business, the members continued

a tradition of every MAE Belles meeting as noted in the minutes, with "a lovely lunch" served to members and guests.

"It's been fun," Evans said. "We hope we did our bit for the community."

Curling club celebrates 125 years

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The curling club will open its doors to the public at 3 p.m. Friday.

A corporate curling challenge featuring Westco Construction and the Town of Fort Macleod takes place from 4-5:30 p.m. on inflatable curling sheets in the club's parking lot.

The public will be able to try out the inflatable sheets provided by Alberta Curling.

The silent auction for the chance to curl with a "rock star" closes at 8 p.m.

People can bid for the right to play as third, second or lead on rinks skipped by top Alberta curlers Shannon Kleibrink and Casey Scheidegger.

There is also a raffle to fill out the line-up on a rink that will curl against Kleibrink.

Kleibrink with third Amy Nixon, second Glenys Bakker and lead Christine Keshen won bronze at the 2006 Olympics.

In 2004 Kleibrink became the first woman to win a Canadian Mixed Curling Championship as skip.

The Fort Macleod Curling Club will also serve anniversary cake on Friday night.

On Saturday a mini skins bonspiel will run from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. involving the first 32 curlers to register.

The winners of the silent auction will hit the ice at 3 p.m. Saturday for a six-end game in the Curl with Rock Stars event.

Jamie Bourassa, who was raised in Fort Macleod and became world-renowned as a curling ice technician will attend the anniversary celebration.

Bourassa is donating autographed jackets as well as pins he collected over the years at major curling events with proceeds going to the Fort Macleod junior program.

After Curl with Rock Stars, the scene shifts to the Fort Macleod and District Community Hall for cocktails

at 5 p.m. and dinner at 5:30 p.m.

There will be a guest speaker from the Sandra Schmirler Foundation, followed by a dance at 9 p.m. with music by Suite 33.

Proceeds from the event will go to the Sandra Schmirler Foundation, established in the name of the curling great who won three Canadian and three World championships before her death from cancer in 2000.

The foundation has raised more than \$7-million to provide life-saving equipment for premature and critically ill babies at Canadian hospitals.

"We're very excited to open our doors to the community," Zoeteman said.

Tickets are available through the Fort Macleod Chamber of Commerce Web site or by calling Lorelei at 403-795-1068.

A 50-50 draw that support fund-raising for the Schmirler Foundation is also running through the Chamber Web site.

Fort Macleod RCMP respond to 53 calls

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During the week of Oct. 15-22, the Fort Macleod RCMP responded to 53 various calls of service throughout Fort Macleod, Granum and the MD of Willow Creek which included:

- Two abandoned 911 calls.
- Three animal calls.
- Three assault and assault with a weapon complaints.
- Three crime prevention initiatives.
- Three fraud complaints.
- One harassing communications call.
- One information file.
- Two mischief complaints.
- Eleven moving traffic or speeding violations.

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- One possession of property obtained by crime less than \$5,000.
 - One alcohol-related roadside suspension.
 - Three reports of suspicious persons, vehicles or property.
 - One theft under \$5,000 from a motor vehicle.
 - Nine traffic collisions.
 - Three traffic hazards.
 - One report of someone uttering threats.
 - One well-being check.
- Community awareness**

With the coming of colder weather, Fort Macleod RCMP are encouraging the community to not leave vehicles running with the doors unlocked and keys in the ignition.

Even with colder temperatures, waiting inside your vehicle until it warms up, is the safest practice.

RCMP recommend installing a remote starter, having a spare key, or using a steering wheel locking device to reduce the chance of a vehicle being stolen while it's running.

A stolen vehicle could give thieves access to a home address, garage door opener, house keys, and

any other information that stated as the vehicle owner's identity.

To help prevent this, it's advised that garage door openers, vehicle registrations, and other identification documents are removed from vehicles.

Fort Macleod RCMP encourage the public to report any suspicious activity to police.

If you see a crime in progress, dial 911. If you wish to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477, on-line at www.P3Tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through Apple App or Google Play Store.