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Don McLean has bits of local history he would like to place in a new home.

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Top athletes

Zoe Nelson and Jack Hewlett received the Danny Paskal award.

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LET'S SNUGGLE



Photo by Emily McTighe

There was some snuggling of snakes Wednesday at the Fort Macleod Library as children got up close and personal with Tyson Knauf's slithering pets. Above, Max the Dumerils boa gets friendly with Hawksley Fox.

Premier to attend coal town hall in Fort Macleod

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GAZETTE EDITOR

Premier Danielle Smith and other top elected officials will be in Fort Macleod on Wednesday, June 11 for a town hall meeting on coal mining.

The town hall meeting was announced on Saturday morning in a social media post by Livingstone-Macleod MLA Chelsae Petrovic.

"Join us for an important evening of discussion on Alberta's coal industry and related policies," Petrovic said in a published statement. "This is your chance to engage directly with provincial leaders and voice your concerns."



Danielle Smith

Doors open at 5 p.m. at the Fort Macleod and District Community Hall.

The two-hour town hall gets under way at 5:30 p.m.

Energy and Minerals Minister Brian Jean will join the premier at the town hall. Also attending are Agriculture and Irrigation Minister RJ Sigurdson, Environment and Protected Areas Minister Rebecca Schulz, and Petrovic.

The town hall follows the news that Northback Holdings Corp. received the green light to proceed with exploratory drilling on Grassy Mountain near Blairmore.

The Alberta Energy Regulator on May 14 approved Northback's application for a deep drill permit and temporary water diversion licence.

"The panel approved Northback's application, with conditions, and found that the applications met all regulatory requirements and are in the public interest," the AER wrote in its decision.

Northback will drill on the site of an old coal mine about seven kilometres from Blairmore.

Piikani woman on awareness journey

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A Piikani Nation woman and her family begin a long journey today to raise awareness of missing and murdered Indigenous women, men and two-spirit people.

Stephanie English will lead the journey that begins today at Parliament Hill in Ottawa.

"This is still a huge epidemic of all walks of life," English said. "The issue is still being forgotten."

Seven years ago English started an annual Calling My Spirit Back walk to Calgary from the Piikani Nation.

English is hopeful that by walking to the Piikani Nation from Ottawa, Alberta will be stirred to act to search landfills for human remains and set up provincial alert systems for missing and murdered women, children, men and two spirit relatives.

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