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Rainycrest hosts Meet & Greet for new Chaplain



From left, Edith Bodnar, Administrator-Chaplain Rev. Wayne McIntosh, Heather Hudson, Activation Coordinator and former Chaplain, John Chornoby.

by Marlene Deschamps

On Thursday, April 15th, Rainycrest hosted a Meet & Greet for the new Chaplain, Rev. Wayne McIntosh. He is replacing long time Chaplain, John Chornoby who retired last fall.

Along with his new role as Chaplain At Rainycrest, Rev. McIntosh is also the Pastor at St. John's Anglican Church in Fort Frances.

Hallett Hall at Rainycrest was packed with residents, Auxiliary and families who came out to meet Rev. McIntosh and say goodbye to John Chornoby who had put in

many years at Rainycrest. He received a big thank you and was presented with a gift. Rev. McIntosh was then introduced and given a warm welcome. He told those gathered that there would be no sermon as he found some fell asleep during his sermons. He said he was glad to be there and had already visited and held hallway chapel service for the past four weeks. He also thanked John and said he had big shoes to fill. He told those present that he first met him when he attended a Ministerial Association meeting a few short weeks after coming to Fort Frances. He

added he received a great welcome from John who hosted the meeting. He went on to say that spiritual caring is as important as food, medicine, social care, friendships and love to survive and that was why Rainycrest had Chaplain services.

Heather Hudson, Activation Coordinator thanked everyone for attending and Margaret Ann Hudson of the Auxiliary also welcomed Rev. McIntosh and said she was so glad he was there.

Everyone was invited to stay for cookies and refreshment before leaving.

It's our anniversary and we are proud to say we've been serving the Rainy River District for 18 Years!



Each year at this time we ask for your volunteer subscription of \$25.00 more or less. As our newspaper is brought to you free of charge, this small yearly contribution helps us immensely.

We hope you enjoy reading our paper, we really enjoy putting it together. If anyone has wondered where Daisy the newspaper reading raccoon came from, she represents an animal who became a good friend and now resides happily with other animals who were orphaned, caught in traps or just need a safe place to live.

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Sincerely,
Jacquie and Martin Dufresne and our Star reporter, Marlene Deschamps



Lots to see during Spring Fever Days in Emo



Church Cadets from left, Jessie Esselink, Travis Korrelsen, Andrew Loney, Noah Van Heyst, Lane Hyatt and Noah Van Deroo.

by Marlene Deschamps

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast at Christian Reformed Church

Christian Reformed Church Cadets were kept very busy Saturday morning serving up many delicious breakfasts from 7:30-10:30 am to the steady stream of people who stopped by to start their day at the Church. There are 20 young lads in the program and they were very efficient in serving all the patrons, clearing the tables after they left and setting up for the next group. One of the young fellows said it was fun but there were times during the three hours the breakfast was served that were a bit hectic.

Royal Canadian Artillery recruiting during Spring Fever Days.

Two young Privates from 116 Independent Field Battery of the Royal Canadian Artillery in Kenora were set up on Front Street in Emo for their annual Spring Fever Days. They were handing out brochures, answering questions and speaking with everyone who approached their set up. Anyone interested in joining can call 807-468-6749 or 807-757-3229. There was also an Armed Forces representative at the arena.

Pine River Solar Vigor clean-

tech set up visited by many interested people.

There were many people visiting the Pine River Solar's Vigor SUNtracker booth set up at the arena during Spring Fever Days. People were on hand to explain the size of the panel with one of the panels that make up the grid propped against the wall at the back of the display. They heard of how their original investment was soon paid for and how they would they be in the position of making money from the SUNtracker. This method of generating clean renewable solar energy seemed to be very appealing to many.

Huge Boat display in arena.

Nestor Falls Marine had a boat display at the Emo Arena and there were big boats, there were small boats, there were pontoon boats that looked like they could be a small summer cabin on the lake. There were also motors, safety equipment, and all of the usual extra supplies ones needs to enjoy their time on the water in this great recreational area. There were also boats set up at Tompkins Hardware along with other sporting equipment and many great bargains for the house and garden.

Chem-Free Grad committee

holds car wash.

Students from the Chem-Free Grad committee were again this year offering a BBQ and car wash at Cloverleaf's parking lot. From the look of many of the classic cars lined up for the parade they probably visited the students to get their cars looking all clean and shiny before the parade started.

All in all it was another great weekend for Spring Fever Days in Emo. The weather was warm and sunny as people wandered up and down Front Street checking out the bargains buying tickets and sampling some of the many foodstuffs on tables on the sidewalk. They could also wander over to the Legion to check out the crafts and have lunch before going over to the Library to get a bag of books for only \$5. All down the highway businesses had bargains and prizes. There was the annual Cuts for Cancer, family fun at the curling club, and yard sales signs dotted the community. It was almost too much to take in in one day, but that is what Emo is known for - the big little community who knows how to celebrate each season and isn't it great they invite the whole district to come celebrate with them.

The wonders of nature



Fifteen foot tall pussy willow tree..

by Marlene Deschamps

Around fifteen years ago, Bev Bond received a beautiful flower arrangement as a gift. In the arrangement were a number of pussy willow branches. When the flowers died as they all will do, the pussy willows were still nice enough to keep them in a vase with water. When she saw that they grew roots she gave them to Dorothy Taylor who lives two doors down and asked her if she wanted to plant them. Dorothy who is now 88 years old, said "I just stuck them in the ground, not knowing if they would

grow or not." Well grow they did and today there is a 15ft high pussy willow tree in her back yard. Now, we are all familiar with wild pussy willows that grow along ditches, but these pussy willows are the cultivated type and grow much like a willow tree will (I was not aware that pussy willows were a branch of the willow tree family.) The pussy willows furry blossoms are triple the size of the wild ones.

Dorothy's back yard is full of flowers just starting to grow and blossom. She said most were brought back by her husband from Belgium after the

war and the people he became friends with sent them new ones over the years. There are tulips, daffodils and irises galore all ready to burst into a wide array of colour. The pussy willow tree is starting to lose the furry blossoms and the tree is starting to get green leaves at the end of each of the branches. This tree is a unique surprise and the day the picture was taken they really showed nicely against a bright blue sky. Thanks for the chance to see it ladies and thanks for the bouquet of pussy willows you gave me.

Rainy River Trade Show

Saturday, April 24
10 am to 4 pm

It's the **BIGGEST** Show this end of the district has ever seen!

Penny Table

Rainy River Recreation Centre
There's LOTS to see!

Business Booths
Government & Health Booths
More details on pg. 7

Food Booths & Prizes

Support local merchants, artisans and crafters

\$300 in Chamber Gift Certificates

KidSport Fun Zone 1pm to 4pm
JK to Grade 3: Register at the Zone 12:45 (East side of Rec. Centre) for Ultimate Frisbee, Tee Ball.
Grade 4-8: Pre-register for Mixed Slo Pitch by emailing Meghan at rainyriverrec@tbaytel.net or ph. 852-4446. Game to be played at 2:50
Golf for all ages!