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Join us in Emo Thursday, Friday & Saturday April 24, 25, 26

There's lots to see, to do and great sales too!
Check out the schedule of events in the Fort Frances Times
Register for \$1,000 in Gift Certificates at participating stores
Let's all celebrate spring in Emo!!



Easter 'Hop'enings at the Market



Dorothy Wepruk and Marcia Zeleny were selling homemade Baba Bread and cabbage rolls on behalf of St. Anna's Church Ladies.



Kristine Carpenter of the Ontario Agri Food Education Committee helped children decorate eggs with lots of fun stuff, including yarn and glitter.



From l. Alicia Kress, Julianna Rousseau, Izzy White and Emmy Sacruk fundraise for a schoolmate with a genetic disorder.



Jolene Quast and Donna Law were taking sign-ups for the Community Garden.



Sal Beck had a lovely display of her one-of-a-kind jewellery made from sterling silver, copper and leather as well as a selection of her hand-crafted spring and Easter items for the home.



Young Entrepreneur, Emma Cole, was selling Easter cupcakes from her business, Bake my Day by Emma.

By: Teresa Hazel

A sure sign of spring was in the air on Saturday at the Clover Valley Farmer's Market. There was a great variety of gift items, flowers, homemade and locally grown food to celebrate Easter.

Volunteers from the Ontario Agri Food Education committee who work to promote agriculture in the Rainy River

district chose eggs as their locally produced feature item for spring. They were helping children decorate them and also providing information about the health benefits of eggs.

A group of grade three students from St. Michael's School were selling their hand-crafted bracelets, cookies and cupcakes to help

fundraise for an organization called Global Genes to support a school mate with a genetic disorder.

Jolene Quast, Health Educator at the Northwestern Health Unit and Donna Law, who is a

member of the Fort Frances Horticultural Society were there to promote the Community Garden.

"They are going fast", they enthused about the plots of garden area that are available to adults and children.

"We also have twelve raised beds for the disabled or elderly", they noted.

The Community Garden is located in the north end of town on Lillie Avenue (between Fifth and Sixth Street West). There has been plenty of support from this initiative since it began.

"The Bargain Store and Lowey's Greenhouse give our members ten percent off garden supplies and seeds", noted Jolene Quast.

Nearby local homeowners, Ken Perry and Blaine Orr, also provide water for the garden.

"They let us hook up our hoses from their house", added Quast.

Anyone who would like to get involved with the Community Garden is encouraged to contact Jolene Quast at 274-9827 Ext. 3639 or email jquast@nwhu.on.ca. They are always looking for volunteers to help with work bees, the children's garden club, lawn mowing and trimming and other events held throughout the summer and fall.

As always, the Market was a lot of fun and a great gathering place to browse, chat with



Nicole Lowey selects a beautiful Easter lily.

friends and pick up unique hand-crafted gifts and homemade treats. Donna Lowey, who will be managing the market this year, noted that it will now be open every Saturday from nine until one.

This year, the Market will also be opening throughout the week for their consignment products.

"We're going to give it a try", said Lowey, adding that the

planned weekday hours will be Tuesday to Saturday from eleven to six.

"We have lots of new products coming out", she enthused about the many vendors who will be selling their wares at the market.

Crafters and artisans can arrange to rent space at the market on Saturdays or sell their items on consignment by calling Donna at 276-0366.

Photographers' showcase



With my tripod set up, I began taking pictures when the eclipse started at about midnight on Tuesday, April 15 until it was over around 5 a.m. I took a picture about every 10 minutes throughout the night. This picture was taken around 3 a.m. I was set up in the back lane and my garage sheltered me from the wind. The temperature was minus 15C. It was cold and lonely and I considered ordering a pizza but I didn't think they would deliver to a garage in a back lane in the middle of the night.

Photo by Gord Evers, Winnipeg



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