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### Mother Nature puts a damper on some events at 2009 Emo Fair



Covered Wagon Float dubbed Pioneer Young uns was a great hit by parade enthusiasts.

by Marlene Deschamps  
The Parade on Saturday, August 15th, was great and although the parade route went through the fairgrounds instead of around the Grandstand because of the condition of the track, people still got to see some great floats. The parade was led off by the Legion Colour Guard along with the American VFW group that join them each year for parades. The bagpipes brighten spirits as always and quite a few got into going with the theme "Pioneer Days". Their was an old car driven by Jim Jackson that had everything but the kitchen sink on it-although among the quilts draped over the back there were wash tubs and buckets. One float was done up like a covered wagon and even some of the horse riders got into the spirit with riders being dressed in turn of the century garb. There were many out to watch the parade even if they spent much of the time keeping an eye on the skies.  
They had something new this year in that when you paid your entry you got a ticket for a chance to win \$100. Winning

on Friday night was Jim Fowler and Saturday, Kendra Halvorsen. There is a new chicken barn which made it much easier to see the animals displayed there. It is larger and roomier and gives everyone, especially the children a better chance to see all the different fowl, pig, goats, sheep and rabbits that are usually displayed in much more confined quarters. Unfortunately many new events along with some of the regular ones did not fare too well. According to Fair Board Secretary, Jan Judson, attendance on Friday was around 3,000 which is the norm, but Saturday saw attendance drop from the usual 3,500-4,000 down to around 2,000. The Select Shows had several problems because of the rain but did the best they could. Their generators were covered by water a few times and they had to use pumps. This put a few rides out of commission due to safety factors. The Barnyard Olympics which were new and scheduled to take place in front of the Grandstand weren't a go because no one signed up

because of the weather. They decided to let the 4-H compete in some of the events away from the Grandstand for a chance to win the prizes gathered for this new event. The weather was also a factor in zero attendance for the newly scheduled Family Dance on Friday. No one showed up, but again the area was under a storm watch. The usual Saturday stock car races were also a no go because the track was so wet, the cars would have got stuck in the mud. Judson said they just carried on the best they could and although it was disappointing in some areas, many people did come out and those who did had a great time. She said a lot of credit must go to Emily Watson, President of the Rainy River Valley Fall Fair Board, as she remained, calm, smiling and just made adjustments as needed, so what ran, could run smoothly. Kudos as usual to Emily and the rest of the Fair Board who work so hard to present the Emo Fall Fair, an event that so many look forward to.

### Taylor Pelepetz reigns as new Emo Fair Queen



From left 1st Princess, Marissa Kinnear, Queen Taylor Pelepetz, 2nd Princes, Tasha-Lynn McNally.

by Marlene Deschamps  
Thursday, August 13th was the talent section and crowning of the Emo Fair Queen. The Queen contest was run smoothly again this year by Sis Wilson and her Committee of Mary Crosswell, Joan Westover and Deb Carlson. Robin McCormick was the emcee again this year and kept things moving right along as she introduced the candidates, the entertainment and promoted the sponsors. Any time gaps were taken up by Robin's telling the audience one of her newest jokes.  
The entertainment for the evening, besides the talent demonstrated by the candidates, was provided by Nelson Bragg, Maverick Judson, accompanied by Josh Jourdain. (Maverick also promoted his new CD that is now available) Katlyn Shortreed and a surprise dance number by last year's 1st Princess Dana Drennan and friend Chelsea Crag. Dana won the entertainment portion of the competition last year. The music was provided by Adam Armit of Wildfire Music.  
The Judges this year were: Tammy LeBlanc; Josette Vargas; Angela Cousineau; Krista Neilson with Crystal

Grey doing all the tally numbers this year. At the end of all the performances and before the winners were announced, 2008 Fair Queen, Ashley Nordstrom, addressed the crowd on hand. She said her and the other competitors had become very close during the competition and remained so after. She thanked the Fair Board, the Sponsor and the contestants for making it so much fun. She also thanked her family and friends. She ended by saying running for Fair Queen is great for young girls and she hoped the new Queen would have just as much fun as she did. Ashley earlier said that 2008 was an amazing year. She added she had just graduated from Fort High and would be attending Algonquin College to study dental hygiene. The winner of the Dorothy Bonot Memorial award was Sarah Trimble. Marissa Kinnear was named Miss Congeniality. Competition winners were: Banners-1st Taylor Pelepetz; 2nd Marissa Kinnear; 3rd Sarah Trimble-Interviews-1st Tasha-Lynn McNally; 2nd Marissa Kinnear; 3rd Sarah Trimble; Fashion-1st Taylor Pelepetz; 2nd Tasha-Lynn

McNally; 3rd Marissa Kinnear; Floats-1st- a tie between Taylor Pelepetz and Marissa Kinnear; 2nd Sarah Trimble; 3rd Tasha-Lynn McNally; Entertainment-1st Taylor Pelepetz; 2nd Sarah Trimble; 3rd Marissa Kinnear.  
The winners of the 2009 Emo Fair Queen Contest were then presented by their counterparts from 2008. Winning 2nd Princess was Tasha-Lynn McNally. Winning 1st Princess was Marissa Kinnear and winning the title of Queen for the next year is Queen Taylor Pelepetz.  
After posing for pictures for the press, family and friends, Taylor took a few moments to make some comments. She said "It has been a blast and I wasn't stressed or nervous because things were planned ahead." "I will be going into high school with these girls whom I have known since grade school and we were already good friends." "This has been a great experience for me." Her first official duty would be riding on her float in the Saturday parade although the young ladies are usually at the fair grounds for the entire weekend smiling and waving to everyone who attends the event.

### Tom Bruyere Memorial Walk for Dialysis planned for September 18



Tom Bruyere

Riverside Foundation for Health Care with help from family and friends is organizing a Tom Bruyere Memorial "20-Mile Walk for Dialysis". The walk will take place on Friday, September 18th at 8:00 a.m. The starting point is 20 miles west on the River Road.  
Tom Bruyere, who spearheaded this annual event for eight years and raised over one hundred thousand dollars for Dialysis in the Rainy River district, died suddenly on July 30th.

"We are shocked and deeply saddened by Tom's passing", said Teresa Hazel, Foundation Director.  
"Tom was a friend and supporter of the Foundation and he will be sadly missed".  
Anyone can participate in the walk by either making a pledge or collecting their own pledges and walking whatever distance they can along 20-mile route.  
"We're encouraging people to start at the 20-mile marker or join us anywhere along the route", explained Hazel.  
North Air Taxi is providing a complimentary limo service to bring the walkers to the starting point, which is 20 miles west of Fort Frances on the River Road. Pick-up will be at North American Lumber at 7:15 AM.  
For those who drive to the starting point, a shuttle service will be available to bring vehicles back to Fort Frances. Snacks and refreshments will also be available along the way.  
The walk will end at North American Lumber where hot dogs and refreshments will be served courtesy of The Place

Fine Foods.  
Richard Visser will walk this year in memory of his wife, Metta and now his friend Tom who were both strong advocates for Dialysis in the Rainy River district.  
"I enjoyed walking with Tom. He helped bring a lot of awareness about the need for Dialysis in the Rainy River district," Visser said.  
All proceeds from the walk will be used locally and put toward the Renal Dialysis Program at La Verendrye Hospital. Riverside Foundation for Health Care will issue charitable receipts for all donations and pledges of \$20 or more. All those who make pledges and/or participate in the walk will be eligible to win prizes.  
Anyone wishing to participate in this year's walk can pick-up a pledge form at La Verendrye Hospital, or contact Teresa Hazel at 274-4803 or Deb Westover-Morrisseau at 487-2275. Community members are invited to North American Lumber to greet the walkers between 1:30 and 2:00 PM.

### Thirteen compete for Emo Fair Mini-Queen and Mini-King



Mini Queen, Kora Cook and Mini King Tanner McCormick

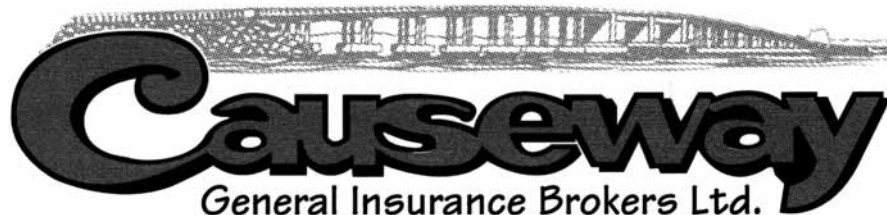
by Marlene Deschamps  
The Mini-Queen and Mini-King were chosen on Thursday, August 13th during the Emo Queen Talent Show and Crowning. Those competing were: Girls-Noelle Taves; Kora

Cook; Alexis Parker; Kenna LeBlanc; Serena Teeple; Hailey Bragg and Abigail Jamieson; Boys-Matthew Taves; Logan Teeple; Jethro Kwandibens; Peyton Morrison and Tanner McCormick.

The youngsters all stood on stage and were questioned by the 2008 Fair Queen, Ashley Nordstrom with the help of 2008 1st Princess, Dana Drennan. The 8 girls and 5 boys were all adorable and the judges had a difficult time picking out the 2009 royalty. After much deliberation, 2008 Mini-Queen, Allison King passed on her crown, banner and robe to 2009 Mini-Queen, Kora Cook. Then 2008 Mini-King, Brent Schram did the honours for 2009 Mini-King, Tanner McCormick.  
Each of the contestants received a gift certificate from Tompkins Hardware with the Mini-Queen and Mini-King each receiving a gift. Mary Crosswell, along with her committee for the yearly event, were pleased to see so many entries this year and glad the competition was held prior to it's usual Saturday date as the two new royals would be with the Fair Queen on the float for the parade.



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