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Emo Fair Queen Chosen during evening of fun and great entertainment



Pictured from left, First Princess and winner of the Dorothy Bonot Award, Sarah Glover, Queen Kaylee Heyens, Second Princess and Miss Congeniality, Chelsea Mosley.

By Marlene Deschamps

There were two newcomers sitting at the Judges Table this year. Brenda Elias and Robert Simmons were both new to the task. They were joined by Angela Cousineau who has sat in that seat for quite a while now. They were there to judge contestants Sarah Glover, Kaylee Heyens, Chelsea Mosley, Haley Trimble and Liz Steele.

All scores were tallied by the Official Auditor, Crystal Grey. Sis Wilson who headed the Fair Queen Committee and worked tirelessly to make this year's event another success was the announcer and Robin McCormick was again the emcee.

In between the candidates performances there were six different entertainers who per-

formed and thoroughly entertained the crowd.

All contestants sold all of their buttons. First place in Banners was a tie between Sarah Glover and Chelsea Mosley. Chelsea Mosley took first in Fashion while Kallie Heyens took first in the Interview. Sarah Glover won Talent competition. Kallie Heyens took first for her Float. Sarah Glover won the Dorothy Bonot Award and it was presented by Dorothy's granddaughter Jackie McCormick. Miss Congeniality, voted on by the girls themselves was awarded to Chelsea Mosley.

Chelsea Mosley was chosen as Second Princess. She received her crown and flowers from last year's Second Princess, Hillary Brown. First Princess was Sarah Glover who received her crown and flowers from last year's First Princess, Elysia Huitikka. Then 2010 Emo Fair Queen, Megan Veniot, passed her crown, cape and flowers to the 2011 Emo Fair Queen, Kaylee Heyens. Each of the royalty received lots of gifts and prizes from sponsors, businesses in Emo and throughout the district. Congrats to the committee for a great event again in 2011. You all work so hard at this. Good luck to Sis.

Emo Fair 2011 had something for everyone



The Fair Parade is always a highlight of the weekend. The Queen's Float with 2011 Emo Fair Queen Kaylee Heyens and Mini Queen Kallahan LeBlanc sharing the waving to the crowd duties. Mini King Zack Simmons sitting in front taking all the excitement in stride.

By Marlene Deschamps

The 2011 Emo Fair did not disappoint anyone who travelled to Emo for the 3 days of events that took place. From the Queen contest, to the Livestock exhibits, to the 4H displays along with those at Exhibition Hall gave people a chance to marvel at the quality of animals raised in our district along with produce, jellies and jams proudly displayed. The Exhibition Hall also had many examples of the craftsmanship of both the men and ladies of the district. From beautiful quilts to sewing to crochet items and art work, they were a marvel to behold. The Fair gave a chance for youngsters from towns to see what is involved in raising animals and training horses. The small animal building saw many youngsters wanting to pet lambs, sheep, goats and even pigs. They also asked a lot of questions about the animals and birds and had a chance to learn something. Many of them kept asking their parents why those roosters were making so much noise as they were crowing quite loudly.

Local singing talent performed on the small stage over Saturday and there were plenty of chairs set up where people could stop and enjoy the music. The carnival rides and game booths were kept pretty busy all three days and permeating any other noises were the squeals of delight and/or fear of the young ones whirling around, sometimes far above the crowd, on

one of the rides the carnival had. Food booths, manned by different lodges or groups lined the way from the carnival to the small stage. People could have hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, wraps, salads and other treats. The most popular food booth was run by the Lakers Fan Club. They served up wallye burgers and wild rice soup along with hot dogs, sausages and sauerkraut. They sold out of most of their food before 5 o'clock. There were various horse shows going over Friday and Saturday and their stands were also filled with family and horse lovers watching riders display the skills of their animals. Of course the 4H cattle auction is one of the biggest hits of the fair and many will be enjoying Rainy River Raised Beef over the next months.

The Arena was filled with booths and displays and the Conservatives, the Liberals and the NDP all had booths staffed

with people campaigning for their candidates. There were also products to buy, causes to support and information booths that made it difficult to spend less than an hour or two so nothing was missed. The Women's Institute display was the most popular set up in the arena and it was a real glimpse into the past.

The races that were rained out on Saturday went ahead on Sunday. The carnival stayed open until 4 so people could use up all their tickets they couldn't use during the down-pour.

So once again the Emo Fair was filled with fun, great food, great events and the chance to visit with old friends and catch up. I was nice talking to you Howard about the old times in Blackhawk.. Kudo's to Emily Watson and her great committee and to all the volunteers who work so hard to hold a Fair that can be enjoyed by so many.



Women's Institute Museum's Pioneer Display at the Emo Arena was awarded 1st Place by the Emo Fair Committee.

Emo Fair Mini Royalty chosen



Mini King Zack Simmons and Mini Queen Kallahan LeBlanc.

By Marlene Deschamps

On Thursday, August 18th, 2010 Emo Fair Queen, Megan Veniot performed her last official duty when she interviewed the 7 boys and 5 girls who were

vying to become 2011 Mini Royalty. She said earlier this was one of her favourite things she had to do as Queen. The children were delightful as they each answered a set of ques-

tions put to them. Some answers brought ripples of laughter from the crowd of people in the Emo arena auditorium. Each child received a gift certificate from Tompkins Hardware with the Mini King & Queen receiving the gift certificate, a crown, cape and banner and the opportunity to ride on the Queen's float during the Saturday parade. It was obviously a hard decision for the judges because all the contestants had a unique charm which they did not hesitate to display. In the end the winners were: Mini King Zack Simmons and Mini Queen Kallahan LeBlanc. As soon as the regalia was passed on to them they proudly posed for pictures being taken by not only the press but some pretty proud parents and grandparents.

Jack Layton will have a State Funeral

By Marlene Deschamps.

I will open this article with a few of Jack's own words in a letter he wrote to the Canadian people just two days before he passed. He wrote—love overcomes fear—hope overcomes despair so if you are loving, hopeful and optimistic you will make Canada great. Jack's two page letter can be viewed at cbcnnews.ca.

Upon hearing the news of NDP leader, Jack Layton early Monday morning, I contacted MP John Rafferty. He said he was surprised to hear the news because although he knew he wasn't well he fully expected him to recover from his latest bout with cancer. He was a fighter and he had beaten prostate cancer previously in a very public battle. He said MP

Nicole Turmel will remain as interim leader and they will probably have a leadership convention early in 2012. He said he will be ready to go to work September 19th when the house resumes and he will keep up the fight for what Jack so much believed in. He also announced today, Tuesday, August 23rd that all three of his constituency offices will be open in the afternoons for anyone who wishes to sign a condolence book. He added that he would be pleased to forward any cards or letters people wish to drop off at the offices to Jack's wife Olivia Chow and their two children Michael and Sarah.

NDP leader, Jack Layton passed away around 4 am on Monday, August 22nd with his family by his side. He always

thought of his family first and then all Canadians next. He was still fighting and still thought he had a chance on the previous Saturday but thought that just in case he did not make it he wanted to leave a letter for all Canadians. As stated above the letter can be viewed at CBC.

Condolences started pouring in immediately and many political persons spoke on CBC which ran an all day tribute to the man who has been called a man of the people. Ordinary citizens were also interviewed and as one said, When has there ever been a leader who has been called by their first name and was pleased to have you address him as Jack. Even the newscasters remarked about what a courageous, honest, hard working person he was

and how his enthusiasm was contagious. This man brought the NDP into the spotlight from the first time he became the leader in 2003. The NDP won 19 seats and it took them out of the background and practically non-existent into a relevant political force. In the short time he has been leader he achieved what was thought to be unachievable. The NDP won 102 seats and became the official opposition. They just about wiped the Liberals of the map along with the Bloc who they essentially did wipe off the map. Many of the seats won by the NDP were won by young Quebecers, something, many thought was not possible. Former Prime Minister, Jean Chretien appeared on CBC for over an hour along with other leaders and spoke of Jack

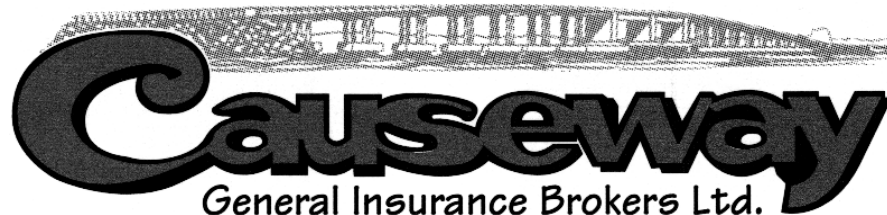
Layton. Bob Rae spoke of the respect he had for the man even though on the opposite sides of the political fence. The flag at the Peace Tower was lowered to half mast. People started gathering there at noon and laying flowers and tribute at the eternal flame. Flowers and tributes have also been piling up at his constituency office in Toronto. Prime Minister Harper spoke of his dedication, his strong principles and the force of his personality. He said since the were both musicians they spoke of having a jam session but never got around to it. He said he regretted that session that never was. Late Monday, Harper announced that Jack Layton would have a State Funeral. Although this is a departure from past practices,

this will be done. As such the body of Jack Layton will lay in state in the foyer of the House Wednesday and Thursday and then be moved to Toronto City Hall to do the same there. He will then be moved for the State Funeral which will be held in Thomson Hall at 2 pm EDT on Saturday. This will be open to the public and although the Prime Minister is in the far north he has stated that he will return for the funeral.

As condolences continue to pour in for Jack Layton family, you are reminded that the constituency offices are open in the afternoon for you to express yours. He was considered to be a great man, a kind man, an honest man and the next Prime Minister in waiting for many across the country.



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