

# The Westend Weekly

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### Relay for Life tops \$40,000



**Pink Ladies Team- top fund raisers and one member of team top individual fund raiser.**

by **Marlene Deschamps**  
Although the number of teams were down this year, Relay for Life which began at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 26th and ended at 7 a.m. on Saturday, June 27th, they still managed to raise a very impressive \$40,513.

The top team in terms of fund raising were Pink Ladies. They raised \$7,334.96. They each receive chances to go golfing for free. The top individual fund raiser was Linda Angus. She raised an impressive \$3,743 and will receive a nights stay at Super 8 and a gift certificate from LaFlambe. The best campsite was the NASCAR team and they receive 10 free medium pizzas from Boston Pizza which will probably make them the first customers when the new eatery is completed this fall. Brian Harris who has supplied music for the past three relays was given a hooded sweatshirt and Shirley Dolph who has been a faithful volunteer throughout the entire process was given a lovely bag.

The evening started off with a speech from Deputy Mayor Sharon Tibbs, who returned from cancer treatment in Winnipeg to speak to the crowd. Although she spoke on behalf of Mayor and Council she was also speaking on a very personal level and she is battling the disease herself and recently helped a family member in her battle with cancer. Sharon, in her teens, was a cheerleader for the Fort

Muskie sports teams. She has become a major cheerleader for the teams that participate each year in Relay for Life. Energy Fitness then took over the stage to put everyone through a warm up before they headed out. When they invited team members to join them on change several of the LaHula Honies (Legion Auxiliary Team) took up the challenge and joined them for the warm up exercises. It was then time for the survivors walk and it is great to see what started out as a handful of people in the past has become dozens who are still with us because of all the new treatments available to battle and win against this terrible disease. The over 1,000 luminaries were lit around 10 p.m. and this year they were decorated with flowers, smiley faces, pictures and drawings, all done by the people who purchased them to honour someone or in memory of a loved one lost. There were pizzas and music and games throughout the night. Everyone really appreciated it when the Kinsmen turned up to serve a pancake breakfast for all as they usually do. It tasted pretty darn good to have a warm breakfast after the chilly and sometimes rainy night and early morning hours.

Margaret Saville, the Cancer Society Fund Raising Coordinator spoke to those on hand and told them that she has been to six relays in total and this was one of her favourites. She noted that as a survivor, she wouldn't be here without

the help of everyone who participates in the relays. The 6 relays in Northwestern Ontario raised a total of \$300,000. She said that the Cancer Society has worked on three successful programs dealing with prevention over the past year. These included tanning beds, smoking ban in cars and cosmetic additives that could cause cancer. She added she is looking towards the day when people will live with cancer as they do today with diabetes.

Usually the relay ends with a last lap waving the "celebrate, remember and fight back" flags but because of the rain they just closed their eyes, waved their small flags and listened to a song. The emcee for the Relay thanked everyone, gave kudos and thank you's to everyone including the six people who had their heads shaved to raise an extra \$376 for the cause. He wanted to give special thanks to his wife, Cindy and to Duane and Grace Cridland and to Randy Thoms who had taken some great pictures that were featured on the large TV screen in the tent. The groups then all left the big tent to clean up their individual camp sites and return home for a well deserved hot shower and warm bed. But they also left with a feeling of pride for an accomplishment because what they did over the course of 12 hours raised dollars that go to fight one of humankind's greatest foes and humankind appears to be on the verge of becoming the winners in the battle.

### Shovel goes into the ground for Abattoir at Emo



**by Marlene Deschamps**

After many hours of work by many people and many delays, the shovel finally went into the ground for the abattoir in Emo. There was a good sized crowd from all over the district on hand to witness the event. The abattoir will be built by Coldbox, food and cold storage builders and P. Engineer Marko Dzeletovich was on hand to help do the deed. Mr. Dzeletovich said that he will hire as many local people as possible for the actual construction work. Also on hand were Councillors and Reeves from Municipalities across the district. Kathryn Duchnick from FedNor was on hand to present Chair, Steve LoShaw with a framed letter from Tony Clement, Minister of Fed Nor acknowledging their hard work and the resulting \$500,000 from the government to assist them in building the abattoir. Chapple Reeve Peter Van Heyst

stated that Chapple was very pleased to support the building of the abattoir. Mayor Ed Carlson of Emo also welcomed everyone and told them they should stick around and enjoy the BBQ prepared for them by volunteers and let everyone know that all the beef for the hamburgers were raised in the Rainy River District. Steve LoShaw introduced all the members of the Committee who had devoted so many hours to finally arriving at this day. They were Ed Carlson, Bill Darby, Ken McKinnon, Deb Zimmerman, Arnie Hakaala, Todd McLean, Ken Fisher, Doug Judson, Trish Neilson, Gertrude O'Sullivan, Harriet Sheloff, Russ Fortier and mentioned two who could not attend - Clayton Teeple and Marvin Smith. Also on hand was Jane Gillon, representative for the Ministry of Northern Development & Mines &

Forestry. MP, John Rafferty, also on hand said it was a wonderful project that a lot of people spent a lot of hours on and it was great to see that Canadian people would be able to eat Canadian food. He congratulated everyone there. As a side little event, you got a chance to hear most everyone singing 'Happy Birthday' to the lady busy fixing up hamburgers. Susan Irvine does a lot of volunteer work at the Sales Barn and she volunteered to come down and do up some burgers for the crowd. She was surprised by the song and all the good wishes coming her way. Everyone got a chance to wish her well when they went to get one of those delicious burgers she was serving up. Great day for Emo-Great day for the district as soon coming your way will be beef that is bred and raised and processed right here in the district.

### RBC makes donation to new Library & Technology Centre



**Chair of Fundraising, Mark Kowalchuk, Heather Johnson, local RBC Branch Manager and Mayor Roy Avis.**

by **Marlene Deschamps** Branch Manager in Fort  
Heather Johnson, RBC, Frances welcomed a good size

crowd who came down to the Bank to not only witness the presentation but the many customers who were at the Bank to receive some of the free goodies the Bank was giving out in conjunction with their Community Week Celebrations.

Heather gave an overview of RBC's contributions to community causes worldwide and cited 2008 stats that were \$99 million to community causes worldwide with more than \$51.5 million in donations and \$47.5 million in sponsorships of community and national organizations. She told everyone that on this day they were there to celebrate the new library and technology centre-a cause that many Royal Bank employees and community members felt strongly about. Please see Royal Bank on pg. 2

### Alberton's public meeting re zoning change draws full house of residents



**From left Councillor Doug Mitchell, Councillor Mike Ford, Reeve Mike Hammond, Councillor Barb Cournoyer, Councillor Peter Spuzak and Clerk Dawn Hayes.**

**by Marlene Deschamps**

On Wednesday, June 24th, the Corporation of the Township of Alberton held a public meeting regarding an application for zoning by-law amendment submitted by Gayle Arpin.

The subject land is part of the southeast quarter of section 22, Township of Crozier, being all of parcel 18443 (PIN56021-0155) and the southerly 198 metres of parcel 19655 (PIN 56021-0192) and the southerly

198 metres of parcel 6506 (PIN 56021-0505). The property is zoned industrial/park and the application was to change it to institutional in order to have a treatment centre for 10 students.

Cecil Horne, as agent for Gayle Arpin, was on hand to present the proposal for presentation. Clint Calder is the legal counsel for the TLC (Teaching and Learning Centre) Centre. He told the crowd the TLC

would like to move its centre from a leased location in Watten to a permanent home as their lease will soon be up. HE noted there are no young offenders at TLC Centres but it is designated for those in need of protection under the Child Welfare Act. He added that it was not a group home but more like a private school and it did have licensed teachers on staff. He also told the packed room Please see Alberton on pg. 2

**Lots of Fun for the Whole Family in Rainy River!!**

**Teddy Bear's Picnic**  
11:30 to 1:30



**12:30 Decorating Bikes & Trikes & Wagons for the Canada Day Parade at 1:00 pm.** The parade starts at Hannam Park, proceeds down 4th to the bank, right, then right again on 3rd back to the park.

**Happy Canada Day**

**Pig Roast**

By RR Fire Dept.  
\$12 per plate and featuring...  
Succulent Pork with potatoes, beans, salad and buns

**Hannam Park is the place to be!**

**Fireworks at 9:30**

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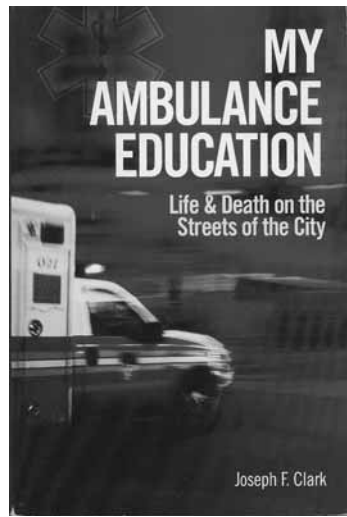


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The Bookworm Sez by Terri Schlichenmeyer

“My Ambulance Education” by Joseph F. Clark



When he was 18 years old and heading for college, Joseph Clark, who had been considering a career as an Emergency Medical Technician, figured being an EMT could at least pay for his education. He quickly learned that education would be found in the “ultimate double life”: student mistakes often get do-overs.

Not so, in an ambulance. Seven years later, Clark, burned-out and tired, chose his college major over the ambulance. He reasoned that an EMT career would help few but his degree could help many. Today, Joseph Clark studies the causes and treatments of stroke at the University of Cincinnati.

But back then, he had stories... “John Doe” is often the moniker given to a patient for whom no identity is known. But sometimes, gallows humor and mental coping mean that “Mr. Doe” gets a variety of names. In his first chapter, Clark describes how EMTs sometimes cope in the aftermath of horrific rescues.

Though the heightened ability to focus is desirable when working with an ambulance service, Clark says that EMTs have to learn to avoid tunnel vision. Not only can it impede the care of someone who needs it badly, but it can have its embarrassing consequences. And speaking of embarrass-

ing, there are people other than the ED who are listening to the radio when EMTs call in. To preserve privacy, the EMS – and, quite often, the FD – uses the alphabet as SOP when transmitting to the ER.

“My Ambulance Education” is a lot like that accident on the highway: you want to look, but you don’t want to see. That’s because this is a darn good memoir, but the graphically gruesome, stomach-clenching tales might mean trouble for delicate readers.

Author Joseph F. Clark doesn’t candy-coat anything and his stories are often blunt, yet respectful. He’s particularly gracious to colleagues in the fire and police departments and the Emergency Departments to which he transports patients. He’s happy to warn readers to buckle up, wear a helmet, and pay attention. And in the end, Clark is honest about why he got out of the biz, but he clearly doesn’t regret his time spent in the back of a rig.

Despite the blood-and-guts (can I warn you enough?), I liked this book a whole lot and I think you will, too. So pick up a copy of “My Ambulance Education” and give it a look.

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254 pages

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that there are no sex offenders in this group of young people and that although it is aboriginal only, technically sometimes it could be available to non-aboriginal. It is a non-secure facility because although they are supervised 24-7 there is no need. They are a not for profit same as a church and if the citizens were concerned about a tax base erosion they may be able to work something out. In a question about noisy powwows, he said they were limited but the program is culturally based.

Lori Flinders, Director for the Program did a 8 power point presentation. The centre houses 10 students between the ages of 12-17 for 90 days.

Councillors and Reeve Hammond then took turns reading comments from agencies such as Bell Canada; Municipal Property Assessment Corporation; Ministry of Transportation; Ministry of Natural Resources; Centra Transmission Holding Inc/Energy Fundamentals Group the Chief Building Official and the OPP. According to the OPP report they were called to the TLC Centre in Watten 223 times. Many were 911 hang-ups with

17 being for minor assaults and 81 missing or walking away. There could be an increase to policing costs based on the costs of finding some of the missing students, but on the whole their attendance is part of their regular duties to any area covered by the OPP

Letters were read from citizens who spoke against the changing of the zoning and most of them included reason such as disruption of their quiet county lifestyle, concerns for reduction of usable industrial/park land for growth. The floor was then thrown open for residents to come to the mike and voice their opinion. One person, Dorothy Friesen, spoke in favour of changing the zoning but basically all others spoke against it for much the same reasons the letters addressed, or they weren't concerned but decided not to speak up.

The meeting lasted three hours and the hall was wall to wall people with others spilling out into the hallways and reception area and then outside and down the steps because there was not enough room to hold the entire population of Alberton which, except for children, all appeared to be

there and all who had their own opinion and not rezoning the area in question.

When contacted the next day, Clerk Dawn Hayes, said this meeting was for information only and no decision is required until 120 days after the application which was May 22nd. They will have to make a decision by September 18th but could make it sooner.

Lori Flinders from TLC said that most of the children at the TLC are from the 10 First Nations in our area but they do take some students from the south. All students go through a rigorous screening and referral process. At the end of their 90 day stay there are options for extensions of their stays and they are usually based on the students wanting to finish school credits or their holistic work. In some cases they can stay up to 6 months. At the end of their stay the students return to Children and Family Services and return to their former or to a new foster home. In regard to the current TLC Centre, they do have an option to renew their lease in Watten but the Arpin property meets a lot of their needs including a wish to have a permanent centre.

Traffic was stalled for miles, and so was your patience.

There was nothing you could do except pound the steering wheel and watch your blood pressure rise. But as soon as you got close to the red-and-blues, you felt a little bad for being angry.

There was an accident, of course. Cars were crunched, the median was ripped, and it didn't look good. You know, because – you couldn't help it - you slowed down to take a peek.

Ambulance drivers hate that, says author Joseph F. Clark. In his new book “My Ambulance Education”, Clark writes about rubberneckers, MVAs, DOAs, and time spent in the back of a speeding vehicle.

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She added that this new facility will provide development and growth opportunities for both businesses and individuals in our region. It will offer a variety of programs and services for all ages-- from kids to seniors. Heather went on to say

that one of the areas in the new facility that is very exciting is the teen area. The new library will offer a safe environment for youth to meet, to study and to learn. They truly believe that an investment in education and youth is one of the best investments a company can make to ensure the future prosperity of our communities.

Heather then asked a broadly smiling Mark Kowalchuk to join her as she said they were incredibly proud to partner with the Town of Fort Frances and Fort Frances Public Library and support this exciting project with a donation from RBC Foundation of \$25,000. She thanked him for the phenomenal work they did and the opportunity to partner with them. Heather gave each of those there for the presentation a pencil which was very unique. It was made out of recycled money of all things.

Everyone was quite pleased to receive one and she added she had been trying to get more to no avail.

Joyce Cunningham was present, of course and I don't think anyone has seen this lady without that broad smile since they found out the Library was a go. Also on hand was Brian Avis, Project Manager and several Library employees.

Mark said one of the best aspects of the Teen Zone is they are hoping to get back some of the many young children who visited the library often and somehow faded away in the teen years and they didn't see them again until it was time to bring their little ones to some of the many programs offered. This, he said, will give them their own place. Everyone was invited to have a cupcake and take a small gift from the back table which included plants, bags, water bottle etc.

## “Track on Down” to Rainy River’s Annual Railroad Daze Celebration July 10 to 12

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**Friday, July 10**

10am - 5pm Open House at Kreger Sales & Service  
12:00pm - 5:00pm UC Silent Auction/Penny Table  
1:00pm - 3:00pm Seniors Picnic at Senior Depot  
5:00pm SloPitch Tournament at Rec. Centre Ball Diamond

5:30pm - 7:30pm Family Fun Night on the ice surface  
8:00pm Dance featuring CenterLine \$8 at the door, under the tent

**Saturday, July 11**

All Day Library Book Sale  
9:00 am Slo Pitch Tournament continues  
9:00am - 12:00pm Farmer’s Market  
9:00am - 4:00pm Flea Market on Fourth St.  
9:00am CN Operation Lifesaver at CN Station  
10:00am - 6:00pm Laser Tag at Rec. Centre  
11:00am Parade starts at Water Front Marina  
12:00pm Classic Car Show on Fourth St.  
12:00pm CW League Luncheon  
12:30 - 3:30pm Naughty Pines Horseback Rides at The Waterfront

1:00pm Philip and Henry Productions Inc. Children’s Magic Show under the tent  
2:00pm Cutz for Cancer in front of “The Cut Above”  
3:30pm Monster Bingo under the Tent  
4:30pm - 7:00pm Legion Steak Fry at the Legion  
8:00pm Adult Magic Show and Dance featuring Philip and Henry Productions Inc. and The Nighthawks under the tent. Tickets \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door.

**Sunday, July 12**

9:00am Slo Pitch Tournament continues  
10:00am Canteen opens  
10:30am Interdenominational Church Service under the tent  
12:00pm Beer Gardens at the Rec. Centre  
12:00pm Registration for the cardboard boat race  
3:30pm Races: The Great Beaver Cardboard/Duct Tape Race at the Waterfront Marina  
Scavenger Hunt under the tent. Registration is at the Post Office  
2:00pm Championship Ball Games  
4:00pm Closing Ceremonies at the Waterfront Marina

**Photo Contest - 4 Seasons in Rainy River**  
Go to [railroaddaze.ca](http://railroaddaze.ca) to download your application and contest rules and to submit entries. Photos depicting outdoor Rainy River scenes must be submitted in high resolution. All entries will be displayed during Railroad Daze and will be voted on by the public. 4 Prizes of \$100.00 in Chamber Bucks!

**Rainy River is the  
place to be.  
Family Fun all  
weekend long!**

**Correction**

We apologize for an error we made in last week’s paper under the picture of Senior Princess, Sheena DeBungee in the article about the Rainy River First Nations Pow-Wow. Sheena’s dress was made by Ingenuity, a Rainy River First Nations home based business which does personal custom orders and design.

**Birth Announcement**

Thank you to Kevin & Jenn for the gift of a second grand daughter Samantha! Born June 15, 2009 in Red Deer, Alberta, she weighed 6 lbs. and 13 ozs. and is a sister for Isabell.

Very proud grand parents are Bill and Rachel Korchak and great grand mother Sophie Arpin.

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