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25 Teams compete in Bridge Building



Tyanna Carpenter (Grade 8) and Tyler Neil (Grade 7) from Evergreen Public School in Kenora.

by Marlene Deschamps

Last week saw many activities and events in the various school throughout the Rainy River District and beyond in conjunction with Education Week. Just one of those events was Dougall Media Regional Skills Competitions. This competition saw 25 teams compete in a Bridge Building competition. Teams consisted of up to 4 contestants. The students had to design, construct and test a balsa bridge to determine the strength to weight ratio. After the bridges were constructed, testing was conducted by applying weight on the center of the bridge until failure occurred. This was done by suspending a pail from the middle and the students putting rocks in the pail-one by one-until the heavy pail made the

bridge collapse. The Technical Committee Chair and Competition Director was Ivan Strachan and the skills and knowledge that was tested were: forces of tension, compression, torsion, shear and bending; designing, sketching and drafting; measurement and calculation; construction and evaluation.

The small gym at the Fort Frances high school was packed with students from: J.W. Walker; SCAP; Evergreen Public; Keewatin Public; St. Francis; Atikokan High School; Robert Moore School and Riverview. Several of the schools had more than one team entered in the competition.

At the end of the Competition the J. W. Walker team of Hailey

Beaudry, Sommer Jones, Jacob Jack and Riley Pollard came out the winners. Coming in second was the SCAP (Sturgeon Creek Alternative Program) team of Kendall Stampler, Kenton Peters, Jeff Dyck and Spencer Shortreed. Rounding out the top three was the team of Tyanna Carpenter, Brycen Gutknecht, Tyler Neil and Boe Rodgers. Third place winners are featured in the photo above.

The students participating were obviously having a great time with this competition. They were cheering each other on and there was some oohing and aahing while their classmates and/or friends were placing the stones in the pail for the judging. They all had a great day and lots of fun before departing for home.

With great joy congregation processes to its new church



Pastor Kors Pater carried the Memorial Cross with Mark Douglas from the original church location on First Street through their congregational procession to the new location on Broadway. Mark Douglas is the Chairman of the Board and Building Coordinator.



Members of the congregation are pictured above during their first service in the new location in the sanctuary which can seat up to 250 people. That is only part of the 12,160 square foot building. There is also a large Fellowship Hall, a large kitchen, offices, class rooms, nursery and teen room all of which are flooded with natural light from the large windows. The idea of a new church building was conceived five years ago and since that time, more than \$700,000 has been raised to produce a totally debt free state of the art facility. The majority of the labour was donated by members of the congregation.

On Sunday May 9, 2010, the congregation at Rainy River Evangelical Covenant Church transitioned from the house of worship on First St. to their new church building on Broadway Ave. Since 1965, the congregation has occupied the old Mission Covenant church building on First St., over the last five years as God guided, and directed the congregation purchased the land,

equipment and supplies and built the new building on Broadway Ave. The congregation began their worship service this past Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at the building on First St. and after a few songs of praise and reflective words from Pastor Kors Pater and Gordon Armstrong proceeded together down Broadway Ave. to the new church building and continued their service.

Following the service, we fellowshiped together over lunch in their new building. Many more pictures of this wonderful day are available on our website <http://www.rainyriverecc.com>. We encourage Rainy River to take part in what the church offers to the community and feel free to stop by and check out the new building.

submitted by Pastor Kors

Cabin Country Quilt Guild display at Museum



by Marlene Deschamps

On Thursday, May 6th the Cabin Country Quilt Guild display at the Fort Frances Museum opened. Around 100 people attended the opening of the display which will be at the Museum until May 26th. The main floor is awash with color and every type and size of quilted items one could imagine. 21 members contributed to the Main Floor display with another 10 making quilted items for the upstairs section

which was part of the Mother's Day Challenge where you could vote for your favorite of the 10 items displayed.

The Guild has three co-presidents; Gail Govier, Phyllis Johnson and Marie Gregory. The Guild at this time has 41 members and after taking a break they will begin meeting again in September. Their meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of the month at the Zion Luther Church at 7

p.m. Anyone interested in finding out more about the club or how they can get involved can call Marie at 274-3096, Crazy Ladies Fabrics at 274-6665 or Gail at 482-2803.

Before this marvelous display is removed one should really take the time to visit it at the Museum. It is well worth your time and there is almost a guarantee that you will be amazed at the wonderful work these Guild members have produced.

Cara Luft to perform at Cornell Farms on June 20th

by Marlene Deschamps

Again this year there will be concerts at Cornell Farms. The concerts give people a chance to see performances by artists-both local and from afar, that they probably wouldn't have a chance to see.

The first concert this year will feature Cara Luft. Singer/song-writer/guitarist extraordinaire Cara Luft is that rare artist steeped in folk and traditional roots music. She has over the years stretched the boundaries and blends genres and styles.

She is one of the founding members of the Juno Award winning folk trio, The Wailin' Jennys and her music has been described as a rich roots travelogue whose traditional heart beats with a wholly contemporary pulse.

Based in Winnipeg, Cara has become a widely-respected and well-traveled member of the Canadian folk/roots music community. She has appeared at the Lilith Fair and prestigious International Guitar Festival in the United

Kingdom. According to the Kelvedon Institute in Essex, Cara is an extremely accomplished guitarist and a captivating singer-an all round dynamic performer with deep roots in both folk and rock and roll.

Cara will perform at the Cornell Farm on June 20th. You can get your tickets from the Cornells who are at Farmer's Market every Saturday and from the promotion literature this is a major artist and the tickets will probably go pretty fast. See you there.



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