

Parks centres for fun August 8

Seven around city

by KIM VAN BRUGGEN

On your mark
Get set.
GO!

That's what hundreds of children in seven neighborhood parks around the city are going to be hearing on August 8. The neighborhood parks program is going to be the focus of fun sporting activities for the whole family.

Each park will highlight two sports in the Canada Games. As well, there will be some support competitions and fun fair activities.

The 'Canada Games' sports will include the long jump, 100 metre dash, soccer dribble, and softball pitch - just to name a few. And some of the support activities include the bean bag toss, three-legged race, and blind volleyball!

There are 17 enthusiastic 'Neighborhood Ambassadors', who have been planning the various activities over the last two months. (You'll find their names listed in the Volunteer Corner of this month's newsletter.) They've been working hard in their neighborhoods to ensure there's something for everyone at the park on August 8.

You can join the fun from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the following parks: McArthur Island, Rayleigh School, Albert McGowan Park, Westsyde Centennial Park, Dallas School, Valleyview Park, Prince Charles Park.

See you there!



Get Coyote Attitude

Hannah Penner (left), Kira Van Bruggen and Alyssa Mori help Buttercup and Cactus get Coyote Attitude started in Kamloops. The 'We've got Coyote Attitude' buttons are on sale now for a dollar at all Overwaitea locations, Scotiabanks, and a variety of downtown stores.

Rick Stenhouse

Help us celebrate

by ANGELA WARREN

It certainly isn't everyday you get to attend a 125th Birthday Party, but Canada is in the middle of one, and everyone is invited.

Kamloopsians will be able to enjoy the celebrations in conjunction with our August 8 'One Year and Counting' festivities at Riverside Park.

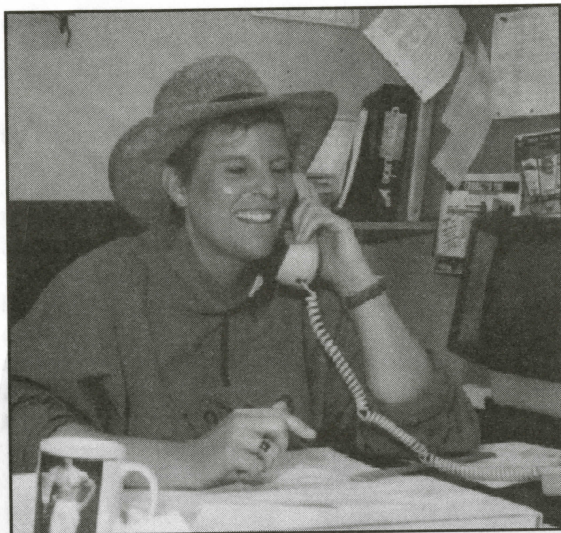
During the afternoon, Experience Canada, a troupe made up of Canada's most talented young performers will be singing and dancing at the Bandshell as part of a cross-Canada "Spirit of a Nation" tour.

Performers were recruited from across the country and include Brock Hunter and Damara Clayton of

Kamloops who will be part of the August 8 show.

Focusing on national pride, the show carries the theme of "Given the choice, I choose Canada".

The 50-minute show will run at 2 and 5 p.m., offering Kamloops two opportunities to enjoy some great entertainment.



Getting Barb Baker off the phone between now and August 8 could be hard. Rick Stenhouse

True Believers

August 8 Ambassadors

Prince Charles Park -	Francesca Brar Rae Youde Jeannine Jubinville
Valleyview Park -	Cathy Fowler Gillian Stanley
Rayleigh School -	Joyce Roshard Susan Smart
Westsyde Centennial -	Barbara Olsen Janet Frew
McArthur Island -	Doreen Gowans Elsie Murphy
Dallas School -	Judy & Glenn Day Joanette Goddard
Albert McGowan -	Leianne Anderson Candace Archibald

Volunteer profile

Barb Baker

by SANDY WISEMAN

Barb Baker belongs to the Harper Mountain Party Patrol Slo-Pitch team.

That sort of says it, for the bouncy, bubbly person who is co-chairing the August 8th committee with Gary Aldus.

Barb, who has been with Canadian Tire Stores for 19 years and is Marketing Manager for the Kamloops' CT stores, says she likes to get involved and have fun.

"What better thing to be involved with than the Games," she says, adding that she sometimes wonders if people realize the impact this event will have on their lives.

"How could people

live here and not get involved. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity."

Although she was born and raised in Thunder Bay, Barb calls British Columbia home, having lived here for 50 per cent of her life. She finds Kamloops a great place for a single gal like herself who enjoys the simple pleasures.

"I like sports, both as a participant and as a spectator. I like to walk my dog and ride my bike. Kamloops is a great place to do all of those things."

Although she has only been involved with the Games for two months, Barb sees unlimited areas that she'd like to delve into when August 8th

has come and gone.

"I'll be staying with the Games. There's a number of things I want to do. I've already signed up for French lessons. That's something I've always said I'd do, now I have a reason."

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Games Gems

Anne Eppinger has been working long hours working on a training package to offer all volunteers in the fall. Her hard work has paid off, as Anne has been able to secure a deal between the Games, the Kamloops Chamber of Commerce and the Province to have a Canada Games Superhost program up and running. . .

Sandra Mori has been working on promotions for the August 8 countdown. It's been no small feat, as she's also been planning her wedding - also scheduled for August 8. (I wonder if we'll see her celebrating in the park that day!). . .

Kathleen Topolewski has taken on the job of coordinating all of the on-stage entertainment for August 8. Many people already know Kathleen and all of the hard work she did for 'Bid Day'. . .

Hats off to **Linda Kline** and the

Merchandise Kiosk group. They've been hard at work selling Canada Games merchandise at various functions and special events around the city. . .

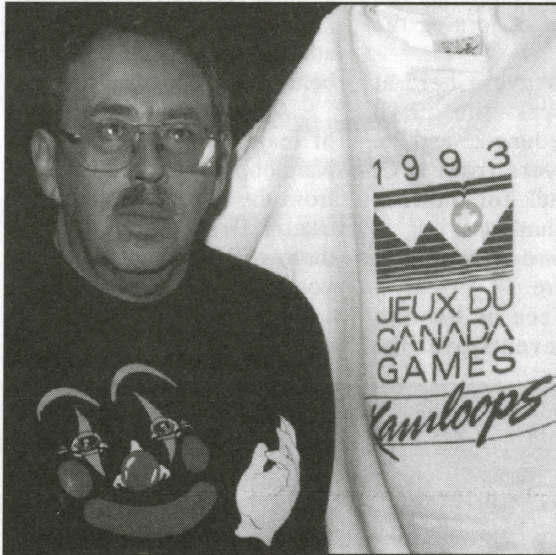
Sad to say that **Graham Foreman** is leaving us as the Rowing Unit Chair. He is leaving to take a job in Kelowna. Graham has been a 'one-man-show' where rowing is concerned in this community, and his shoes will be hard to fill. . .

There are a lot of conscientious volunteers working on the Games, but **Holly McNabb** deserves special commendation. She's the Administrative Assistant for the Medical Services Division, and when she wanted to be able to understand what was being discussed at the meetings, she went out and purchased her own medical dictionary. . .

That sort of thing may run in the family. When **Diane McNabb** was called to see if she was willing to help (as she had indicated), she said she was, and she now regularly commutes from 100 Mile House for the Services Division - Security Unit meetings. By the way, she's Holly's aunt. . .

The McNabbs aren't the only heavily-involved family. **Gary Youde** is the vice-president of the Athletes Village Division, and wife **Rae** joined up by volunteering as a Neighborhood Park Ambassador for next month's August 8 'One Year and Counting' celebration. The torch has already been passed to the next generation as well, with son **Matthew** being a most gracious host at a recent barbecue for the Athletes Village Division.

Wanted: street performers



Henry Vandenberghe is always on the hunt for talent for the 1993 Summer Games. Rick Stenhouse

by HENRY VANDENBERGHE

Elvis is alive.

He's 10 feet tall, he's radioactive, and he's eating fire.

Queen Elizabeth II of England is wandering around looking for her handbag.

"Excuse me, have you seen my handbag? Shiny, about this big, no coins."

Charlie Chaplin as 'The Little Tramp' is directing street traffic.

A performer is hovering above the crowd on a 12-foot

unicycle, disguised as Superman.

This is just a small sample of the diversity in talent I encountered while attending the Edmonton Street Performers Festival. The purpose of the visit was to look for exciting professional street performers for the Games, and to examine the organizational specifics of mounting an event the size of the Festival.

I am pleased to report that the trip was a success on both counts, and the

knowledge gained will greatly enhance venue animation for the Games.

As to the performers selected, that will have to be a secret until next spring.

The artistry and humor of the national professional performers, combined with professional and amateur talent from Kamloops and the Thompson-Nicola Region, will assure that Kamloops will be taking the spirit of the Games 'to the streets' in August of '93.

Riverside's the spot

by KATHY WALLIS

A gala menu of events are happening in Kamloops on Saturday August 8, celebrating the launch of the 'one-year-countdown' to the 1993 Canada Summer Games. Activities are scheduled at seven local parks from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. with Riverside Park taking centre stage from 1 p.m. throughout the afternoon.

"Come on down for a fun-filled day of kids' races, face-painting, entertainment, food, sports demos, and homegrown community spirit," says Barb Baker, co-chair of the ambitious volunteers organizing the festivities. "With one year to go, it's time to celebrate!"

Throughout the morning neighborhood parks will be bustling with kids competing in races and participating in activities (face-painting, story-telling and puppet shows to name a few). Winners of each sport will get medals in a ceremony at Riverside Park.

The day's itinerary will be posted around the Park, allowing you to pick and choose amongst the diverse array of entertainers. Native dancers, the 36-member Spirit of a Nation dance troupe, the Rube Band and numerous local entertainers will be appearing.

There's plenty happening to get enthusiastic about with this countdown event, including the unveiling of the official Canada Games Countdown Clock, which will mark the days until the Games begin.

Coliseum opening

by HEATHER NELSON

Join us in celebrating the 1993 Canada Games - One Year and Counting.

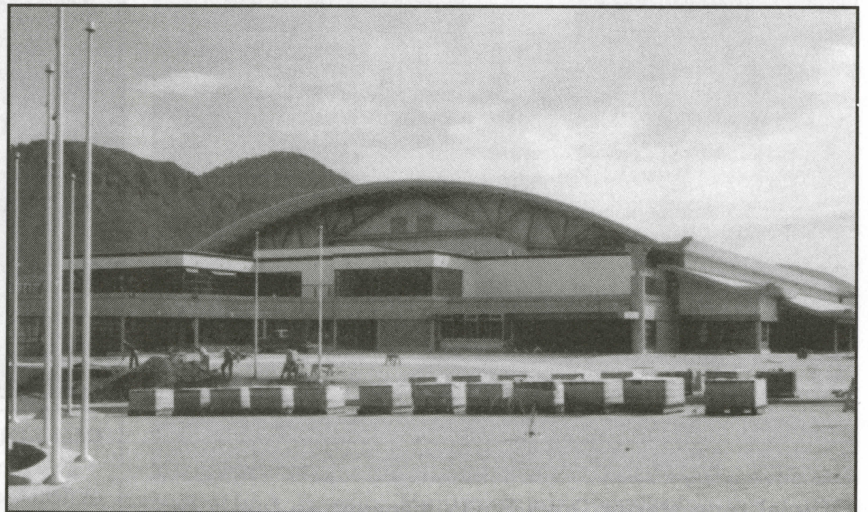
Just in time for these festivities is the grand opening of the Riverside Coliseum on August 8. This facility is designed to hold concerts, ice shows, circuses, agricultural events, trade shows, conventions and sports.

The Coliseum will be packed with top-notch athletes from August 11 to 16 this year, as the basketball pre-test event takes place. While at the games, check out the flooring,

purchased from Cincinnati at a fraction of the price of a new one. The hardwood floor covers the Coliseum's concrete floor, alleviating leg and foot pain in the athletes.

August 8 offers an opportunity to see this fabulous facility for the first time. With the basketball test event the following week there's a chance to re-visit the 17,000 square foot building, and see some great athletes.

Sit in comfort in one of the 5,000 seats, and enjoy the action in the specially-designed arena which has no posts to distract from the play!



Riverside Coliseum - almost ready!

Rick Stenhouse

Track-builder list grows by one

by COLIN RUMAK

It's not easy building a track to host canoeing, kayaking and rowing events.

According to Bob Taylor, head of the provincial sport of canoeing there are only a couple of people in North America capable of building a track.

Now there's one more.

Graham Foreman, along with some help from more than a dozen volunteers, spent almost three months at Shumway Lake, 10 kilometres south of Kamloops, building a world class track.

There are 1,500 hand-made floats and buoys and 58,000 feet of cable - that's over 14 kilometres of cable hidden under the water.

And the very first event was held July 17, 18 and 19, with teams from Saskatchewan, Alberta, B.C. and Washington competing.

Dennis Forsythe, spokesperson for canoeing and kayaking said the event was a success and there were very few problems experienced on the track.

"Everybody was extremely happy with the track," Forsythe said, adding "we have to make minor changes to the 6000-metre track."

One of the first tests of the site was in June when the Canadian Olympic Rowing team was invited, by Foreman, to train in Kamloops. The coach of the Olympic team Mike Spracklen, said he has been to the best rowing sites in

the world, and Kamloops has the possibility of joining the ranks.

The other event held at Shumway was the B.C. Provincials on June 25 and 26. The best rowers from B.C. tested the track for the first time ever in Kamloops.

Taylor said it probably won't stop there.

"I could see us hosting some major events over the

coming years," Taylor said.

The track is also helping athletes from the area become better at paddling and rowing.

Approximately two-thirds of team B.C. is made up of Kamloops youths with the rest from the lower mainland, and coach Drew Mitchell said there will be about five local youths on the team when the 1993 Canada Summer Games comes to the city.



Shumway Lake has seen a lot of boats crossing its waters this summer.



Official race starter Doug Smith managed to find a few minutes to sit back in the shade and relax.

Rick Stenhouse

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... the Jeux du Canada Games were first held in the winter of 1967 in Quebec City, and have alternated every two years between Winter and Summer Games.