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#### HAPPY LABOUR DAY WEEKEND

Here is a little history about our federally mandated day of rest and relaxation. Canada has a long history of workers rights advocacy and was first in North America to observe the workers movement with a labour celebration in 1872. The US followed in 1882 after being inspired by Canada.

Canada and the US both celebrate Labour Day on the same day each year, while many other nations have chosen May 1 as an international observance of workers rights and some countries move their Labour day to a Monday close to May 1. Some say the main achievement of the labour union movement has been the eight hour work day. Before the mandated 8 hour limit, a work day could go as long as 10-16 hours a day for 6 days a week. Children were often used as labour in 'ye olde' days, too. So on Monday, just take it easy.

#### JULY AND AUGUST 'YEARS GONE BY'

Lorraine shares a double-whammy this week with two months worth of history from the Eastend Enterprise. It's a big one, so it stretches out over 3 pages and spills onto page 6. This is by far my favorite part of the Echo. Thank you, Lorraine.



#### GET YOUR SUMMER BUCKET LIST DONE?

We are less than a month away from the end of Summer 2023. Did you get your "bucket list" complete for this year? Here's my list of 15 things you might put on your to-do list this year:

- 1. Host a BBQ with friends
- 2. Take a road trip.
- 3. Play 9 holes of golf. We have a beautiful course in town.
- 4. Have a picnic in the park.
- 5. Go camping.
- 6. Take a bike ride.
- 7. Visit the farmers market (Thursdays at 4:30 at Town Square).
- 8. Go stargazing at the Wilkinson Observatory.
- 9. Go kayaking or canoeing. The river is perfect right now.
- 10. Visit a museum. We have two in town and the worlds largest t.rex.
- 11. Have pamper day at a spa. Get a massage right here in town.
- 12. Have a backyard movie night.
- 13. Explore a nearby city.
- 14. Have a DIY project day.
- 15. Tour a brewery or winery.



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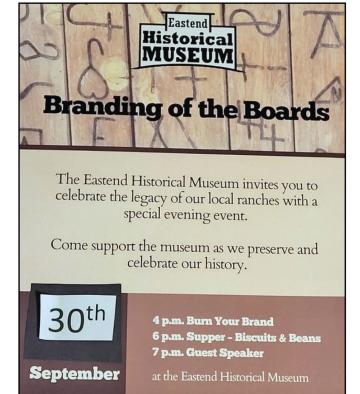


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# The Eastend Enterprise

# YEARS GONE BY: JULY/AUGUST

BY LORRAINE ARMSTRONG

#### 100 Years Ago - 1923

Gus Hollenbeck of Dollard, pool room keeper, was shot to death as he was preparing to close for the night. It is understood that Hollenbeck had given information to the provincial police that the two boys, who had been found dead in a small lake by Dollard, had been murdered because of their knowledge about the Bank of Hochelaga robbery in Dollard. All this has occurred within a six-week span and two men have been arrested.

Dr. S.E. Burnham, M.D.C.M. has located here, replacing Dr. Pomerov.

Mr. DeLong, Imperial Oil agent, has resigned and the vacancy has been filled by Mr. A.E. Simpson.

Rev. F.A. Duchesne of Frenchville accidently shot himself while removing a bolt from his gun during a hunting trip at Lone Tree Lake. His death was instantaneous.

A Kealey Springs resident appeared in court and was fined \$200 for having a whiskey still in his possession.

The Kearney Bros, north of Ravenscrag, hosted a barn dance in their barn with the Eastend Orchestra playing. This large barn was located just east of West Bench Colony and measured 120'x65'.

The grain elevator owned by Mr. Sievert Slovarp caught fire and was completely destroyed. The fire was of a mechanical nature and had a good start before being discovered.

The six -day Chautauqua in Eastend attracted a large crowd. The program was divided into musical entertainment and lectures on current topics by recognized thinkers and speakers. Music selections by the Imperial Symphonic Orchestra, a male quartet and Canadian violinist, Joseph Marks were enjoyed. Chief Strongheart gave an informative talk and a plea for justice for his people who had fought side by side the white man during the war. The last evening was devoted to a lecture on "India, Past and Present".

Richie Noble, 9 yr. old son of Mr. & Mrs. Earl Noble, suffered a severe skull fracture after being kicked by a horse and required immediate surgery. Dr. Pomeroy of Eastend took the child to Shaunavon where he was assisted by Dr. Swanson in removing part of the skull and saving the boy's life.

## 90 Years Ago - 1933

R.A. Snider, barrister from Morse, Sask., opened his office in the former Union Bank building.

After a stand of 19 years the building, formerly used as a café, hospital and latterly the residence of H. Hall, is being moved over a full-sized basement and will be converted into a Masonic Hall. The building will undergo renovation, the roof raised several feet and 16' will be added to the east end.

A large crowd from the Kealey Springs area, north of Ravenscrag, attended the picnic at Mr. Carle's place. Mr. Carle had planted trees, shrubs, fruit trees and flowers making his yard a beautiful spot for the annual July picnic which carried on for many years. Mr. Carle's daughter, Mrs. Pearl Hill, who lived on Redcoat Drive in the house now owned by Neil Kuystermans, was also known for her beautiful yard.

#### 80 Years Ago - 1943

Eastend rodeo had the biggest crowd ever and featured some "mean horses" from the Fred Williamson ranch near Claydon. Two of the most spectacular rides were Joe Lavallie from Maple Creek and Lloyd Trottier of Val Marie. Billie Bascom, age 17, and his younger brother performed some difficult tricks on a horse that Billie had trained. Saddle bronc riding was won by Slim Franks with George Webber and Lawrence Lundberg also placing. Bareback was won by L. Trottier with Buster Armstrong getting 2nd. Lawrence Lundberg won the wild cow milking. Wild steer riding with contestants Hugh Frame, Bill Studer, the Bublitz boys, Bert and Buster Armstrong, and also one brave girl, Miss Blanche Blomme – no mention of who won this event tho!

The debut of the Robsart picture show was a big success. In spite of very bad roads, the seats were filled and many people were left standing.

Walter Pidt, 8 years old, was found deceased after a riding accident on his way to Dunkeeley School.

White Valley Council meeting made a motion (with the first 4 bushels of wheat exempt) that taxes and current hospital and physician accounts be paid before the balance of crop is released.

Men reaching the age of 18 this year and married men up to 30 years of age are subject to call for compulsive military service.

It is now illegal to waste coal due to the increased use of coal by the navy, wartime shipping, railways, war industries, army barracks and air training schools. All persons will be required to reduce coal consumption by 1/5 as compared to last year.

Children were encouraged to collect Milk Weed. Ottawa pays 3 cents a pound for dried leaves as lab tests have shown that the gum can be blended with a certain type of synthetic rubber.

# 70 Years Ago - 1953

Mrs. Alice Metzger thanks Ravenscrag and area for their patronage during the years the A. Whitefoot Store was in business from 1914-1953.

Mr. Walter Page, a history professor at Stanford University, California has been researching the Eastend area and is interviewing longtime residents and gathering information from old newspapers.

A dozen of Eastend ladies have organized themselves with the intention of acting as guards at the swimming hole every day for the next few weeks from 3-5:00 pm.

Andy Grabatin of the Kealy Springs district reports frost as late as July 4th.

In the Divide news, the annual International Border picnic was held again after a one year lapse due to foot and mouth disease.

Clinics were held for the topical application of fluorine at Eastend and neighboring towns in an effort to reduce dental caries.

The TB van will be in Robsart, as many as possible should attend for chest x-ray examinations.

The Pottruff United Church, 6 miles north of Ravenscrag, was the scene of a wedding joining Joyce Forness and William Topham.

#### YEARS GONE BY: JULY / AUGUST CONTINUED

#### 70 Years Ago - 1953

Jake Bessie and family have moved to Eastend after being employed a number of years as BA Oil and Pioneer Grain agent in Ravenscrag. John Svennes has taken over as the Pioneer Elevator agent.

#### 60 Years Ago - 1963

Dial telephones are to be installed in Eastend, Neville and Ponteix.

Dr. NW. Crux from Edmonton has taken over Dr. Adamson's practice in Eastend.

Four local school boys (Vernon Hudson, Steve Girard, Larry Armstrong ad Stewart Busse) played for the wedding dance of Carolyn Hill and Emil Sigurdson.

An extension has been added to the United Church by completing the basement on the south side. Lowell School was placed on the new foundation by Eldon Bengtson.

Ardent gardener, Mrs. Duncan McCuaig, has gone into gardening on a larger scale. Last spring Duncan built a greenhouse of considerable size, what started as a hobby may turn into a full time job.

366 students enrolled on opening day at Eastend School. Bus drivers are Leonard Lewis, Walter Cooke, LV. Breton, Ed McAtamney, Gus Bancescu, Robert Phillips and Jake Bessie.

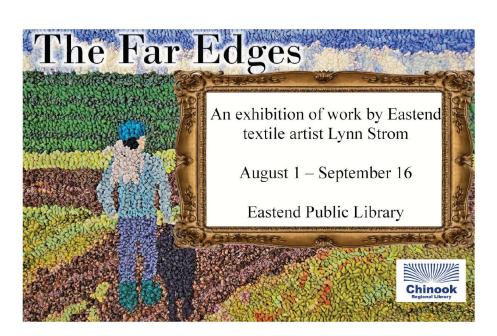
# 50 Years Ago - 1973

The Eastend Laundromat and Car Wash, now under new management, is open for business.

Ronald and Garry Bakken have purchased the Co-op Store in Frontier and will be open for business shortly.

Eugene Studer, Vic Hicks, Ken Wills and Bud Hanson were instrumental in the finding of a Titanothere skull, 12 miles west of Eastend. Due to the fact that all the bones are of one animal, are complete and not crushed make this the best find yet in this area.





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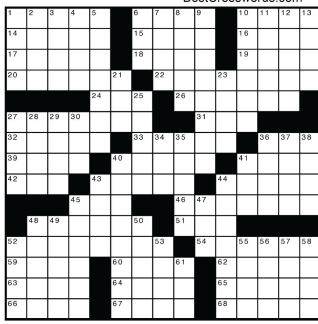
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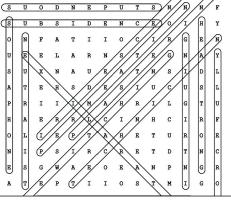
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