

Founders Days 2009

Get ready for our annual Founders Days Festival which will take place August 7- 9.

The Founders to be honoured this year are Chas Burrows, a prominent building contractor, and Fred Pratt, who ran a prosperous egg, cream, and feed business.

The festivities this year celebrate 100 years since:

- The first baseball team was formed (League included Camrose, Strome, Daysland & Wetaskiwin)
- The first building boom in Camrose
- The Catholic and the Anglican churches were built in Camrose
- Agricultural businesses flourished
- Camrose became an important telephone centre complete with rural party lines



• The CPR line was completed from Saskatoon to Camrose Friday August 7th at 1:00 pm a ceremony will be held to honour our Founders, the late Chas Burrows and Fred Pratt. Family members of the honourees will be present from near and far, along with local dignitaries to celebrate their great life-time achievements and to place bronze plaques commemorating them at the Founders Square on 51st Street.

After the ceremony at Founders Square, there will be a reception and open house at Wideman Paint & Décor to meet & greet the Founders' families.

You are welcome to attend. Many celebratory activities will take place at various locations in Camrose throughout the Founders Days weekend.



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Website Extra

The Downtown Camrose website can be a useful business tool. Check it out to see Current events and to watch for new businesses starting up in the Downtown area.

For just \$5 a year you can add more information about your business.

If you provide the City Center office with additional information such as special services or product lines that you offer your customers, we will add them to your listing. You can have up to three extra lines to describe your business. You can't beat the price of just \$5 a year!

For more information, contact the City Center office.

Historical Dress

Dressing in period costume is a great way to get into the spirit of Founders Days. This is a great opportunity to interact with your customers/clients in a new and different way. Interesting conversations unfold automatically when experiences out of the ordinary take place. Another way to



get into the Founders Days theme is to display the Rosettes and Bunting synonymous with Founders Days to dress up your windows and store fronts. Customers respond positively to colour and costume. If you are interested in purchasing new Rosettes and/or Bunting, or need to refresh what you already have, contact the City Center office. Let's have some fun and get into character and make this a festive weekend. This is a great way for us to increase our great of community in Downtown Camrose. See you in costume!



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The Railway Museum will have Historical displays as well as story telling, train rides, artisans & crafters, and garden tours.

The Centennial Museum will have many historical displays for your curious viewing.

There will be entertainment on Main Street Saturday at Merchants Tea & Coffee House, featuring music, scrabble tournaments, and rope skipping.

Harry Andreassen Field at Rudy Swanson Recreation Park will have an All Star baseball challenge Friday evening, and most of Saturday and Sunday. Be sure to attend the Rotary/Rotaract Founders Days Fun Dunk Tank Event for some raucous fun at the baseball field from noon to 4 pm on Saturday.

The locations of the events are as follows: Founders Square (Opening Ceremony) 4925—51st Street; Camrose and District Museum, 53rd Street & 47A Avenue; Camrose Railway Station & Park, 4407 - 47 Avenue; Merchant's Tea & Coffee House, 4857 - 50th Street; Rudy Swanson Recreation Park - Harry Andreassen Field, corner of 55th Street & Parkview Dr ; Wideman Paint & Décor, 4939 - 48 Street.

For more details visit www.CamroseFoundersDays.com

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Heart of the Rose City



Music on Main Returns

After a seven year hiatus, the Music On Main Street program is back once again and will take place on Thursday evenings, 7 to 9 pm throughout the summer.

A variety of musicians will be on stage to sing and play for your listening pleasure.

Whether or not you chose to be a sponsor of Music On Main this year, we suggest you take advantage of the opportunity to run specials and to engage with the people who come to listen to the music and stroll the Downtown area.

Many thanks to Alana Hogstead for spear-heading the revival of the Music On Main program.

The photos shown here, compliments of Martha's Music, were taken July 9th, opening night for the season. MP Kevin Sorenson, took time out of his busy schedule to kick things off and the crowd was wowed by the well known Millet



band, Lethal Dose.

On July 16th Bloozhound gave a great Blues performance. There is still a terrific line-up of talented musicians scheduled to perform.

July 23rd - Station Wagon will play a classic mix.

Aug 6th - Myra Marshall Band will give us the Blues again.

Aug 13th features our illustrious MC, Arne Mack with his newly formed rockabilly band, Macreet; and on closing night,

Aug 20th, Panache will play us out with Big Band swing.

Face painters will be on hand to entertain and delight the children.

Be sure to come Downtown and stroll the Main Street, enjoy the music, and engage with your current and potential new customers. What better way to spend a summer evening?



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