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Chapple Heritage Day dubbed a success

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THE good people of Chapple have done it again. The 11th annual Chapple Heritage Day ran from July 31 to Aug. 1 and was a success. A bonfire, country musicians, hotdogs roasting on an open fire with drizzle nipping at the 75 event-goers' noses were all part of the celebration.

Glen and Jim Jackson graciously drove lucky individuals in their 1927 Whippet automobile around the Both farm.

A coin hunt for toonies, loonies, quarters and candies was enjoyed by a large group of children. New this



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year was the Hatchet Hunt where people searched for — you guessed it — a hatchet.

A watermelon-eating contest, thanks to the Jacksons who supplied the melon, was a big hit for all ages.

With their stomachs full of water-

melon, hotdogs and candy, some children were thrilled to take part in another new event. The kids were challenged to catch a greased pig and place a pink bow on top of its head.

Special thanks go out to Steve and Joan Both for offering their land to make the annual event a success.

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The residents of Rainy River District will have to wait yet another year before they can cool off in the Spray Park. The park is to be finished in September, but because of record-low temperatures, the park will be christened next year.

An extra \$40,000 will be added to

the final cost because of the requirement for an unexpected new water treatment system. The final costs of the park won't be known until next year.

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It really is the season for construction in Fort Frances and a lot of residents are definitely not singing its praises. For the next three weeks, the Portage Avenue underpass will be shut down so the west side concrete slabs can be finished. With all the construction and water problems on Scott Street and Portage, the businesses in the downtown core are taking a hit. Stores, the laundromat

and various restaurants are surely taking a financial sting right in the middle of tourism season.

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Sydney Kellar was the first-place winner of the Beta Sigma Phi-Alpha Upsilon chapter's Bass Baby contest. Khadim Lawson grabbed second-place while Shayna Shute ended up in third place.

Northwoods Gallery and Gifts, Betty's and Canadian Tire donated prizes.

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