

3RD GRAND FALLS WINTER CARNIVAL

FEBRUARY 12 TO 15, 2009

~ **Igloo Building Competition** - Beside the Hyundai Dealership on Ouellette Street, Grand Falls

~ **Atom Hockey Tournament** - Feb. 13-15, at the Grand Falls Stadium

It's Winter Carnival time in Grand Falls

By Madeleine Leclerc

A bevy of activities will be held during the Town of Grand Falls' 3rd Winter Carnival held Feb. 12-15. Unless noted, all events will be held on the site of the igloo building competition on Ouellette Street, between the Hyundai dealership and the Best Western.

Activities will include the igloo building competition, a giant snow cave maze and snow sculpture slide, a hockey tournament, a Curling for Cancer tournament, a pancake breakfast and horse sleigh rides. As well, the site will feature various exhibits inside a heated tent.

The Wal-Mart Atom hockey tournament will begin on Friday, Feb. 13 at the Stadium. The tournament's final

will be held on Sunday, Feb. 15. Also at the Stadium that same day, adults can participate in a free skate session from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. At 7 p.m., the Carnival's official opening ceremony will be held at the site of the igloo building competition which kicks off at 7:15 p.m. The recreation of the Guinness world-breaking igloo will also be located at the same location. A giant snow cave maze, giant snow sculpture slide and the heated tent with refreshments will greet visitors of all ages.

On Saturday, Feb. 14, Valentine's Day will be highlighted with a pancake breakfast at the John Caldwell School from 8 until 11:30 a.m., with profits going to the 2009 graduating class and romantic candlelit horse sleigh rides will be offered in the evening from 7 to 11 p.m. The Golden Age Club will host a Valentine's Day dance at 8:30 p.m.

Also on Feb. 14, a Curling for Cancer tournament will be held all day at the local Curling Club. From 1 until 5 p.m., free horse sleigh rides will be offered. From 8 p.m. until 2 a.m., a bonfire will light up the night sky. From 9 p.m. until

2 a.m., Groove Machine will provide live entertainment.

On Sunday, Feb. 15, the igloo building competition will continue from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. From 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., the public judging portion of the competition will take place. From 2 until 3:30 p.m., the igloo strength test and results tabulation will follow. Free horse sleigh rides will continue and a variety of exhibits will be available to the public inside the tent from 1 until 4 p.m. A Texas Hold Em tournament will also be held on Sunday beginning at 12:30 p.m. at Suzanne's Club.

From 3:30 until 4 p.m., the igloo building competition awards and closing ceremony will be held.

"There is easy access to the site not only for motorists but also for snowmobilers as the trail is located nearby," stated Eric Ouellette, member of the igloo building competition's organizing committee. "A \$5 button gets you into the site all weekend, and \$1 of every button sale goes to help the Grand Falls Regional Food Bank. Visitors are also encouraged to bring non perishable food items," he added.



Not as easy as it seems

Building an igloo out of snow blocks isn't quite as easy as many may believe. These two hardy souls worked away at building their igloo in last year's competition despite bone-numbing cold. (File photo)



The pressure is on

Last year's igloo building competition proved to be more popular than the previous year. This igloo stood up to the pressure of having two giant tractor tires lowered onto it. (File photo)

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