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Chickendaze Returns to Roost May 30-June 1

Springfield's Chickendaze summer festival will be returning to roost at the Oakbank Community Club grounds May 30 to June 1.

Hosted by the ADHOC (Anola, Dugald, Hazelridge, Oakbank and Cooks Creek) Entertainment Association Inc., Springfield Chickendaze is a family event known for their cheerful hospitality and fun filled atmosphere.

Thousands of people come through the event over the weekend with Chickendaze seeing the return of many favourites including children's activities, beer gardens, chicken races and the mixed orthodox softball tournament.

"This is Chickendaze's 15th year; a fantastic milestone that we celebrate with our community. This event would not be possible without the community involvement, volunteering and support," said ADHOC chair Mike Bertram. "Our crew revels at providing a well run and safe weekend of fun and pride for all of Springfield and beyond."

Select Shows

Chickendaze is proud to announce that Select Shows will not only be providing exciting rides Friday, Saturday and Sunday, their midway this year will be approximately 50 per cent larger, extending further down Almey Avenue.

On Friday night, Men In Kilts will perform on the Barnyard Mains Stage from 9:30-10:40 p.m. The Winnipeg-based band fuses the traditional sounds of the fiddle and the highland bagpipes with the electric guitar, bass and drums to create a sound that is uniquely their own.

Kates Outlaw – the four-piece country rock band

that stole the show at last year's Dauphin Countryfest – will hit the stage from 11:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

On Saturday, children and their parents will be lining Oakbank's Main Street for the Chickendaze parade at 10:30 a.m. Chickendaze floats and parade participants hand out candy, flyers or prizes directly to parade attendees.

Bertram said the 2024 parade was the largest yet and he encourages families to attend and enjoy the free spectacle.

For children, Glitterbug Family Entertainment is coming back to the Barnyard with face painting, glitter tattoos and balloon animals. Chickendaze is also hosting a colouring contest sponsored by Springfield Dental Centre.

The Royal Chickee Derby is a mini chicken racing tournament for kids ages four to 10 at 2 p.m. Each child gets to name their own racing chicken and cheer them on in the race. The winner of the race is crowned King or Queen Chickee.

A new event this year, a Zumba demonstration will take place at 2 p.m.

Several local artisans, crafters, food sellers and merchants are registered to sell their wares at the Vendor Village Saturday from noon to 4 p.m.

The Chickendaze Chicken Wing Eating Contest begins at 3:30 p.m. for children and 4 p.m. for adults. There will be three divisions (children 10-13; teens 14-17 and adult 18-plus). First 12 in each age group to sign up will be entered.

A "campfire quartet" acoustical group starting will hype the crowd at 6 p.m.



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The Chickendaze parade Saturday at 10:30 a.m. is a highlight of the weekend.

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Rockalypso will bring the sounds and rhythms of the Caribbean to the Barnyard Main Stage from 8:40-9:40 p.m. Van Halen tribute band Unchained will get the Jump on entertainment from 10-11:10 p.m. followed by Kiss tribute band Last Kiss from 12:10-1:15 a.m.

Sunday brings a Worship Together Springfield church service at 10:30 a.m.

Juno Award winning children’s entertainer Al Simmons will perform in the afternoon.

The 112th Canadian Football League Grey Cup is being hosted in Winnipeg this year, and to aid in promoting the event, the Winnipeg Football Club has created The Grey Cup Community Tour. The tour will be at Chickendaze on Sunday with a 24-foot Winnipeg Blue Bomber branded trailer, which folds open to allow guests to enter, play games, interactive challenges and giveaways, all for free.

Springfield band Pinto will perform from 3:30-4:15 p.m. with musical group Route 47 appearing twice, from 4:45-5:15 and again from 5:30-6 p.m.

Rural Ride Shuttle and the Oakbank Shuttle Bus will be making sure everyone gets home safely.

Bertram noted Chickendaze has been a “well-oiled machine” over the years, and as the event grows, they face more scrutinized compliance monitoring with regulatory agencies, which they welcome. They have increased paid security staff to address some concerns raised by these agencies and are looking to provide a more active approach to minimizing the impact to homes neighbouring the venue.



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He added that over the years, Chickendaze had volunteer First Aid personnel and the minimum First Aid equipment available at the venue. Starting this year, in order to ensure they provide a greater degree of protection to patrons, they have enlisted St. John’s Ambulance to set up a First Aid station and provide more experienced First Aid personnel.

“We haven’t had an incident in the past in which anything beyond rudimentary First Aid has been required, but we are always attempting to be proactive rather than

reactive,” Bertram said.

Bertram encourages everyone to visit www.chickendaze.ca to see when acts are performing, various contests, the guidelines for nightly events, and – of course – when the world famous Chicken Races chicken races are on Saturday and Sunday.

“I, on behalf of ADHOC Entertainment Association Inc., would like to take the opportunity to graciously thank everyone for supporting us and I hope you enjoy the festival this year and many more years to come.”

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Places To Stay in North Eastman

There’s plenty of room for guests in North Eastman. Wake up to the sights of natural wilderness from your rustic cabin window, smell the scent of fresh brewed coffee at a cozy bed and breakfast, or luxuriate in a resort on the water.

Campgrounds

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A unique, novel, spacious 120 acre park and campground, Great Woods is situated in the RM of Brokenhead, just east of Beausejour. This park is highlighted with groomed lawns, coniferous and deciduous trees, and the meandering Brokenhead River. Enjoy the natural beauty of this park with a picnic, a stroll on the riverwalk to the beach or walk the suspension bridge to explore nature on self guided wilderness trails in a Manitoba ecological forest.
Location: Near Beausejour, MB
Phone: (204) 268-2814

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Location: Hadashville, MB
Phone: (780) 619-2495

Guest Houses

Moon Gate Guest House
Moon Gate is an eco-friendly, off grid, all season guest house nestled on the banks of the Whitemouth River. We welcome groups, families or individuals for celebrations or event milestones such as anniversaries, birthdays, Babymoon or small weddings, as well as facility rentals for groups planning their own retreats.
Location: Whitemouth, MB
Phone: (204) 348-2473

Bed and Breakfast

The Staff House Bed & Breakfast
The Seven Sisters Staff House (now The Staff House B&B) was built in the 1920s

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to house men working on the construction of the Seven Sisters Falls Dam. The Staff House B&B is a sprawling 5,700 sq. ft. home that has been extensively renovated while retaining many of the original features and stylings of the original house. It remained in service as a staff house until the late 1990s.

Location: Seven Sisters Falls MB

Phone: (204) 223-6578

Falcon Trails Resort

Falcon Trails Resort is a forest resort on the shores of Falcon and High Lake in the Whiteshell Provincial Park with hand-crafted lakefront cabins, private hot tubs, remote hike-in eco cabins, docks, beaches, canoes, hiking, biking and ski trails, wood fireplaces, and the Falcon Ridge alpine ski slopes just a few steps away.

Location: Falcon Lake, MB

Phone: (204) 349-8445

Hotels/Motels

South Beach Casino & Resort

Enjoy gaming excitement at South Beach Casino and Resort, offering 600 slot machines, 12 table games, live poker room, gift shop. The 95 room hotel features lavish suites, tropical pool, meet-

ing/banquet space for up to 350 persons. Live entertainment Friday and Saturday nights. Daily international buffet, Thursday seafood feast and Sunday prime rib feast buffets. Like it. Love it.

Location: Scantbury, MB

Phone: (204) 766-2100

Breezy Oaks Inn & Tavern

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Location: Beausejour, MB

Phone: (204) 268-9050

Papertown Inn

Located in the vibrant friendly community of Powerview-Pinefalls, the Papertown Inn offers a comfortable environment for everyone. Their pool area is equipped with an indoor pool, children's shallow pool, whirlpool and party room for events and ac-

tivities. The PT Grill offers a selection of homemade creations and the lounge is equipped with table seating, pool tables and VLT machines.

Location: Powerview-Pine Falls, MB

Phone: (204) 367-2261

Resorts & Lodges

Inverness Falls Resort

In a quiet natural setting on Lake Brereton, in the heart of the Whiteshell Provincial Park, Inverness Falls Resort offers cozy lakeview suites, pet friendly lakeview cabins, luxury cottages and two bedroom chalets featuring fireplaces, satellite entertainment and a private spa experience.

Location: Rennie, MB

Phone: (877) 467-0832

Riverview Lodge

Riverview Lodge is located in the Whiteshell Provincial Park on beautiful Eleanor Lake. Our lodge is in the heart of outdoor fun and recreation, offering year round family fun. In the summer, enjoy the sun on our private beach or jump off the dock for a refreshing swim in the lake.

Location: Seven Sisters Falls, MB

Phone: (188) 827-5346

Nutimik Lodge

Take a break and come to the lake! You will love it here! Our customers keep telling us that we have the

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Location: Whiteshell Provincial Park, MB

Phone: (204) 348-7652

Nopiming Lodge

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Location: Nopiming Provincial Park, MB

Phone: (204) 884-2281

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