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## Celebrating Canada Day in North Eastman

Canada Day celebrations will be taking place this weekend in North Eastman.

Originally known as Dominion Day – Canada Day celebrates the British North America Act coming into effect on July 1, 1867, creating the country of Canada with its initial four provinces of Ontario, Québec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Manitoba became Canada's fifth province when it entered Confederation with the passing of the Manitoba Act in 1870.

### LAC DU BONNET

The Lac du Bonnet Lions-sponsored Canada Day

weekend will be roaring once again June 27-29.

Throughout the weekend, a Wonder Shows midway offers a variety of rides and games for the young and young at heart.

On Saturday, the Lions will host a family fun zone from 1-3 p.m. with free games, face painting and barrel train rides. There will also be a Lions pickerel fry at the Lac du Bonnet Community Centre from 3-6 p.m.

Unfortunately, Manitoba's best fireworks display has been postponed this year due to dry conditions.

The Lac du Bonnet Arena board will host entertain-

ment on both Friday and Saturday nights with their Rockin on Sunshine Canada Day Beer Garden and Socials.

On Friday, party bands JukeBox Heroes and Black Lights will anchor an evening with four tribute bands – Heartbreaker (Pat Benatar), Hot Blooded (Foreigner), Unchained (Van Halen) and For Those About to Rock (AC/DC).

On Saturday, The Dub City Foundation, Jaxon Macey Nolan and The Boom will hit the stage.

The annual Canada Day parade takes place Sunday at 12:30 p.m. The theme this year is Fun at the Lake. After the parade, a car show will take place on Second Street.

On both Saturday and Sunday, the Pioneer Club will host a pancake breakfast from 9-11 a.m.

### DUGALD

The Dugald Community Club will host Canada Day celebrations on July 1 from



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RCMP lead the Canada Day parade in Lac du Bonnet.

5 p.m. until dark.

Along with stage and DJ entertainment there will be a host of activities. Axe throwing and jousting will be on site along with kid-friendly activities like and bouncers, face painting, balloon sculptures and tattoos. There will

be a petting zoo, fantastic inflatables, barrel train rides and 10-cent card bingo. Food trucks will also be on site as well as vendor tables and a choice auction.

### GARSON

The Garson Centen-

nial Community Centre is hosting a Canada Day pancake breakfast from 9-11 a.m. and activities like face painting, bouncy houses and Wild Willow Ranch/Rescue with animals until noon. Please bring a tin for the bin.

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# Winnipeg Folk Festival Celebrates 50 Years

This year, a cornerstone of Manitoba's music community celebrates a major milestone.

The Winnipeg Folk Festival, which has been an incubator and inspiration for so many, turns 50 and has unveiled its golden anniversary lineup. The vener-

able festival will welcome thousands of festival goers back to Birds Hill Park from July 10-13 for four days of music discovery, including a packed lineup of artists from Manitoba.

The genre-spanning list of local performers includes quirky kids icon

Al Simmons, pop powerhouse Begonia, singer/songwriter Dominique Adams, legendary children's performer Fred Penner, Anishinaabe musician Leonard Sumner, OMBIGZI featuring Moccasingaze artist Zoon, blues rocker Romi Mayes, folk-tinged indie rockers Slow Spirit, Indigenous dance troupe Summer Bear and Friends, JUNO-Winnipeg folk fusion band The Duhks, folk duo Two Crows for Comfort, kids-focused DJ duo WackyDoodle Dance Party and Ukrainian folk/punk fusion outfit Zrada

Touring acts hitting the stage year's festival include marquee names like Jason Isbell and The 400 Unit, Lake Street Drive, Gillian Welch and David Rawlings, Waxahatchee, Mavis Staples, The Cat Empire, Ani DiFranco, Allison Russell, and many (many) more.

One of North America's premier outdoor music festivals, the Winnipeg Folk Festival is year-round, not-for-profit arts organization that presents live music, arts events and community programs. More than 70,000 music fans annually attend to take in the acts on 10 stages over the four-day festival weekend.



Jason Isbell

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Celebrating five decades of music, people and creativity, this year's milestone event promises a dynamic blend of concerts featuring 60-plus artists, workshops and celebrations.

In true festival tradition, the schedule is packed with the hallmark of folk festivals - workshops. They offer a rare and intimate experience: artists - some of whom may be playing together for the first time - share stories, collaborate spontaneously, and jam live on stage.

These unique sessions are where musical magic happens - unexpected pairings, fresh arrangements and unforgettable moments that create lifelong memories for audiences and artists alike.

"There are a lot of great concerts and workshops each day. We've put special care into the daytime

schedule - you won't want to miss any of it," said festival artistic director Chris Frayer, "This year's workshops will be something truly special, from Gillian Welch and David Rawlings with their old friend Robyn Hitchcock, to Ani DiFranco and Allison Russell alongside Christopher Paul Stelling and Leonard Sumner, singing protest songs in the spirit of Pete Seeger's folk tradition. It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience."

## Workshop Highlights

Bantu Lullabies, Griot Blues and Wagogo Styles  
Friday, July 11 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Snowberry Field Stage  
An all-African workshop celebrating the rich musical styles of Tanzania, Congo, and Senegal.

Artists: Les Mamans du Congo X Robin, Sousou & Maher Cissoko, and The Zawose Queens.

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50th Hootenanny  
Friday, July 11 from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Big Bluestem Stage  
We made it to 50 against many odds, so let's have a party with some of the artists who were at the first Winnipeg Folk Festival and many beyond!

Artists: Blackie and The Rodeo Kings, Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer with Chao Tian, David Essig, Peter Paul Van Camp, The Black Sea Station and The DuHks.

What Side Are You On  
Friday, July 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Green Ash Stage

A protest songwriters' circle, inspired by folk legend and Festival friend Pete Seeger.

Artists: Allison Russell, Ani DiFranco, Christopher Paul Stelling and Leonard Sumner.

Beats Don't Fail Me Now  
Saturday, July 12 from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Snowberry Field Stage  
Cambodian psych rock, Indigenous futurism, and global electronica all collide on one stage.

Artists: Beats Antique, Dengue Fever and Omigizi

Home to Manitoba

Saturday, July 12 from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.  
Big Bluestem Stage

An all-Manitoba love letter featuring homegrown talent from the heart of the country.

Artists: Begonia, Dominique Adams, Fred Penner, Leonard Sumner, Slow Spirit, Two Crows for Comfort and Zackery.

We Know Why the Turnip Truck Sings

Sunday, July 13 from 1-2 p.m.

Big Bluestem Stage  
Gillian Welch, David Rawlings, meet up with old friend and neighbour Robyn Hitchcock to decode

this wonderfully weird title through song.

Newbie Info

Individuals attending the Winnipeg Folk Festival for the first time will discover it's more than a concert. Over 6,000 people camp at the designated festival campground where all night jam sessions play an integral part of the Folk Festival weekend. Another 1,500 people stay in the Folk Fest's 'quiet campground' and at Birds Hill Park's regular campsites.

An outdoor event, participants should prepare for the elements – comfortable footwear, a hat, sunscreen, mosquito repellent, waterproof ground cover, pegs for your main stage tarp, rain gear, warm clothes for the evening, a flashlight, and a reusable drinking cup.

Tickets and volunteer opportunities are available at [winnipegfolkfestival.ca](http://winnipegfolkfestival.ca)



Blackie and the Rodeo Kings

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# Springfield Country Fair July 26



The Springfield Country Fair celebrates the community's rural roots.

Springfield will continue to celebrate the community's rural roots at the 141st annual Springfield Country Fair on July 26.

Hosted by the Springfield Agricultural Society at the Dugald fair grounds located at the corner of Hwy 15 and PR 206, the event is a staple on the summer calendar.

Kicking off with the traditional pancake breakfast at 8 a.m., the festivities will continue throughout the day offering activities, displays and competitions for visitors of all ages.

Youngsters are encouraged to show-off their skills in the bike decorating contest at 10:30 a.m. followed by a tractor pull and scarecrow making contest at 11 a.m.

After that, children ages four to 12 are invited to show-off their strength in the tractor pull at 11 a.m. There will also be bouncers, mini

golf, barrel train rides and children's crafts.

A great way to participate at the fair is to enter exhibits and other opportunities for friendly competition. Exhibition categories include engineering, seed, grain and forage, junior hobbies, artwork, garden fruits and vegetables, plants and flowers, baking, fruits and preserves as well home crafts like sewing, knitting, crocheting, embroidery and photography.

After judging, all entries are displayed on the many exhibit racks with ribbons affixed to the Top 3 winners in each of the categories.

Of course, no day at the Springfield Country Fair would be complete without the Canadian Wellington Boot Throw competition. Open to everyone ages four and up, the Children's Huck-a-Boot contest will begin at 2 p.m. with the adult competition to follow.

The Springfield Braves men's baseball team will host the North Winnipeg Pirates at Braves Field at 4 p.m.

Entertainment on the

outdoor stage this year will include local singer/songwriter Fuller Hull and magician Big Daddy Magic.

For more information, including contest categories and a complete list of activities, visit [www.springfieldagsociety.com](http://www.springfieldagsociety.com)

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- If you have pets, keep them on leash and under control; don't leave them outside unattended.
- Secure attractants so that wild animals can't access human food, garbage, pet/livestock food, or composted food scraps.

For more Wildlife Smart tips and information, visit:  
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