

Blueberries, birthdays and bingos

Mmmm Blueberries...

All that outdoor furniture we saw in the north when we travelled to Fort McMurray got me thinking about blueberries... mmmm. Can hardly wait.

Yes, I know that the snow has only started to melt and winter is having a hard time letting go, but I just love the thought of blueberries. How are the two connected you ask? All that furniture was on an unpaved road with lots of trees on both sides... which reminds me of the best places to pick blueberries.

Edmonton Launch...

Things are bouncing in the bingo world. CFWE-FM is expanding to Edmonton and the site development is progressing quickly. The construction site is north of Stony Plain and according to Alan Standerwick, Director of Radio for CFWE, the equipment is in and construction is on schedule. The station launch will go ahead as planned for June 2009.

Change in payouts...

In accordance with Alberta Gaming & Liquor Commission we cannot exceed 65 per-cent of the total sales for prize payouts and since people are out and about during the summer – bingo sales drop – therefore the payouts will drop. From May to September the regular bonanza payout will be reduced to \$2,000 and the Super Bonanza payout will now be \$5,000.

Closed for summer...

Two of our bingo sellers will be closing for the summer: The General Store in Franchere and Mom's Confectionary in Whitefish River.

Mabel is going out to live in the bush. "Getting back to the old ways" she said, "hunting and trapping." Sometimes I think that would be so interesting. I'll have to wait until the fall to talk to her and see how it went.

New sellers...

I would like to welcome Beung Ho and Jung Kim, owners of Gift Lake Payless, as the new seller of CFWE Radio Bingo cards in the Gift Lake area. They have been serving the community of Gift Lake with gas, diesel, propane, groceries and hot food, for 16 years. They are open Mon. to Fri. 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sat. and Sun 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Birthday bingo...

I went to a birthday party last weekend for a 60-year-old cousin of my husband. Her daughter had organized, what they call, "quarter games." You play two games per card and we played 10 sets. Each card was 50 cents. I paid \$10 to play, won \$6.50 so it only cost me \$3.50 to sit and play for half an hour. I had so much fun. When people get together and play bingo everyone has a good time. Even if you don't get to holler "Bingo!" you at least get to spend time with family.

Happy Dabbing...

