



Fjalla Blað

Ok, this isn't the *Fjalla Blað* you're used to seeing. Editor for many years, Susan Sigurdson Powers, negotiated a trade: she agreed to accept the much-needed position of ICA Secretary only if someone would take over the newsletter. June is already gone and we're only a month away from The Celebration! So....this issue is mostly a reminder of the important stuff.

Thank You

First, thanks to Susan for her dedication to the *Blað*. She spent many hours over the years tracking down photos and stories and sculpting them into an interesting and historical newsletter. She is already proving to be an extremely efficient Secretary!

IMPORTANT

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mark your calendars for a special
Friday Forum at the Deuce!

12 pm, August 1st, Mountain Community Center



Free Lunch for attendees of the afternoon presentations, sponsored by Icelandic Roots.

To register for the event and lunch: <https://www.icelandicroots.com/event-calendar>

12:15 PM: **"The Icelandic Emigration Journey,"** Sunna Olafson Furstenau

North Dakota and Minnesota Icelandic settlements and people. "The Icelandic Emigration Journey, From Turfhouses to Prairie Homesteads"

12:30 PM: **"Weaving History with Njal's Saga Tapestry,"** Claudia Petursson

Unique chance to engage with this legendary narrative through her 49-foot traveling tapestry and the saga's enduring impact over a millennium later. The 100-yard (football field) tapestry created by volunteers remains in Iceland. The artwork will be on display thru Saturday.

12:55 PM: **"Bloodlines and Ballads":** "Finding Ourselves in the Icelandic Sagas," Jason Doctor, professor of Public Policy at the University of Southern California. He leads the Saga Project, Public Webinars, and other special projects and programs for Icelandic Roots.

1:15 PM: **"The Wild Weather of North Dakota and Iceland,"** Aaron Kennedy. Assoc Professor in Atmospheric Sciences at the Univ of ND, will compare & contrast hazardous weather he has studied in ND and Iceland and discuss why both serve as the ultimate testing grounds for weather instrumentation he developed. He will showcase his images of snowflakes.

2:00 PM: "Free Genealogy Center and Free Access to the Icelandic Roots Database . Fill out the cousins form and pre-register, you can have access to the database for the weekend and will be able to check how you are related to every person you see --!!!



Duane Geir has been driving his beautiful classic cars in the parade since 1999, but this year, someone will be driving him as he officially serves

as Parade Marshal! Grease the joint on your waving hand, Duane! The Honorary Parade Marshall is **J. Vilmar Kristjanson**.

See more about both on the website and in the Chronicle.



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Mountain, North Dakota



The schedule will be updated with new events as they become available. For current information, visit our website: www.thedeuce.org.

SUNDAY, JULY 27TH– MONDAY, AUGUST 4TH

"The Icelandic Emigration Journey" Poster Exhibit at Gardar Pioneer Church



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12:00 PM **Souvenirs** – MCC Chair Room – 12:00 Noon - 6 PM

3:00 PM **Icelandic Ólafsson Gin and Reyka Vodka "Gleðistund fyrir alla" (Happy Hour for everyone!)**
Gardar 10th Hole Country Club 3:00 to 5:00 PM

Disc Golf all day – Gardar - Bring your own disks or borrow from the Country Club

5:00 PM **Mountain American Legion Fish Fry** - Main Street - 5 PM - 7 PM

7:00 PM **Icelandic Bingo** - to benefit the Borg Auxiliary

8:00 PM **Street Dance "Whiskey Wheeler"** 8 PM – 11 PM Free admission



SATURDAY, AUGUST 2ND

7:00 AM **Pancake and Sausage Breakfast** – Mountain Chalet Café - 7 - 10 AM

8:00 AM **Life in the Vast Lane 5K** – Assemble at Legion Grounds.

Run/walk to the top of Schroeder Hill - Bus return to Mountain

9:00 AM **Souvenirs** - Main location in MCC chair room – 9 AM – 5 PM

Main Street across from Vikur Church – 9 AM - 2 PM **Icelandic Goodies** - Main Street

10:30 AM **Parade** - Main Street - **Broadcast live on KXPO AM 1340 and Live on ICA Facebook page**

11:00 AM **Vikur Salad Luncheon** - Vikur Church basement

11:00 AM **Icelandic Roots Genealogy Center** - Mountain Community Center - 11 AM - 2 PM

12:00 PM **Car Show and Shine** - Main Street - **Music by "Kenny and The Classics"**

12:00 PM **Children's Icelandic Story Time in Amma's Garden** – Kathy Thorlakson lawn N of MCC

12:30 PM **Kid's Inflatable Games** - North end of Main Street from 12:30 - 4 PM

12:30 PM **Pedal Tractor Pull for Kids** - Main Street - **ND State Sanctioned Pull** - Olson Pedal Pulls

1:30 PM **Horse Show** – West of MCC – Bring your horse for the parade and the show!

2:00 PM **Heritage Program** – Borg Home Lawn - **Bring your lawn chairs!!**

Iceland Combined Men's Choirs Karlakór Hreppamanna and Sprettskórinn

Her Excellency Svanhildur Hólm Valsdóttir, Iceland Ambassador to the U.S. – Keynote Speaker

3:00 PM **Bean Bag Tournament** - Main Street

5:00 PM **Street Dance "Homestead Band"** – Main Street – 5 - 8 PM Free admission

9:00 PM **Street Dance "Kickin Back"** - Main Street - 9 PM - 1 AM Free admission

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3RD

11:00 AM **Worship Service** - Vikur Church - Light brunch to follow worship service

1:00 PM **North Dakota State Tractor & Pickup Pulling Contest** - West of Mountain Community Center
Admission \$20 for adults - 15 and under free

Icelandic Food Goodies will be available on main street during the Saturday events until sold out

The Souvenir Center in the MCC Fire Hall and across the street from the Vikur Church
will be selling Icelandic hard fish and Raffle Tickets for the cash raffle prizes of \$500 and \$1,000.
Hours posted above

Drawing will be held after the Tractor Pull on Sunday, August 3rd. Need not be present to win.

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Check for updates at www.TheDeuce.org