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2020 Weddings





By Listy Gillingham

The wedding date has been set for David and Bethany

The wedding date has been set for David and Bethany's wedding, June 22, 2020 which meant it was also time to officially acknowledge their engagement. Birdy and Lyle graciously agreed to host a party and the Gillingham/Tipton fan club came out in force to help recognize this perfect match. A camping theme was selected as David proposed to Bethany at Joshua Tree while enjoying the great outdoors last winter on a camping trip.

Birdy had the house decorated accordingly with a beer pong table focused on tossing marshmallows instead of ping pong balls. Birdy also invited people to "come get roasted" or "go on a bear hunt" with her pop guns. All events included a chance to play for Camp Bethany or Camp David including a tick tack toe game.



Caterer extraordinaire, Marie Hoelck, provided plenty of comfort food in the way of sliders, hot dogs, chips, and a cheese platter that would knock your socks off! The cookies were all about s'mores which included graham crackers, chocolate, and marshmallows. Bethany's mom, Sarah, supplied a beautiful platter of cookies made by a friend that were personalized for the special couple. Wine, beer, and champagne were the choice of beverages and kept everyone cheery as we progressed through the night visiting and making new friends.



Midway through the party, Bob brought out the song he wrote in honor of the couple. He chose a Van Morrison song to continue with the outdoor theme titled, "Moondance!" *See the text of the song on the next page.*



After the song, David and Bethany shared their thanks to Birdy and Lyle for hosting the party and his amazing parents for the use of the pool house to help with their house goals. They also thanked Bethany's parents, Bruce and Sarah, for their support in the wedding planning and the rest of their friends and family who came out to celebrate with them. The party lasted well into the evening which tells you the wedding will likely be a blast with this group!



"Moondance"

Well, it's a marvelous night for engagement
With your friends and your fam at your side.
A fantabulous night for a party
We're all gathered with chest-bursting pride.

As the day of your wedding is nearing
The excitement is building for sure.
We can see you were meant for each other,
And your love for each other is pure.

And all the night's magic seems to whisper and say
Time's moving so quickly, it-will-soon, be-your-day.
Can we just have some more great party like this, you two
A bright and sparkly future we-see for you, we do.

Well, we wanna have fun with you tonight
Beth-a-ny and ol' Dave, our betrothed
This is better than golf and hot yoga
The most fun you can have while still clothed.

And when you walk down the aisle we'll all be there
To make sure that you're never alone
There and then all your dreams will come true, dears
There and then you will truly be one.
And every time that we see you, we'll just giggle and dance
For we know you'll be happy with a life, of romance.

Can we just have some more great party like this, you two
A bright and sparkly future we see for you, we do.

Well, it's a marvelous night for Engagement
With your friends and your fam at your side.
A fantabulous night for a party,
We're all gathered with chest-bursting pride.

As the day of your wedding is nearing
The excitement is building for sure
We can see you were meant for each other,
And your love for each other is pure.

And all the night's magic seems to whisper and say
Time's moving so quickly, it-will-soon, be-your-day.

Congratulations!





Carinda's Bridal Shower

By Birdy Hartman



On September 14, we were honored to be a guest at Carinda's parent's home as we showered the engaged couple with gifts. It was a warm Saturday in Allied gardens but there was plenty of beer, wine or mimosas to quench our thirst.

Kendalh, Carinda's brother and man of honor, had prepared a feast of Mexican food and Karin Sorem created a dessert of cupcakes and donuts arranged into a diamond engagement ring. Everyone was in a festive mood as we ate, drank and were merry.





We played some interesting games. One was taking a straw in your teeth as you tried to pick up gummy rings. We discovered that big Al was quite masterful at this game with Big Lyle coming in on top as well. We also played a lively game of pass the cucumber between your knees. It looked a little racy, but we soon discovered that the ladies could easily pass that cucumber leaving the gents left to take a shot. One has to wonder if those men lost on purpose just to earn that shot. Hmm. It was fun for us to see some of Brett and Carinda's longtime friends. And we thank Kim and Kevin for their hospitality. It was a lovely event.

Annie Celebrates Mini Mulholland with a Baby Shower

By Listy Gillingham

Kristy Keith held a wonderful baby shower for her sister, Annie, last month in their new home. Annie and Kevin have decided to purposely not find out the gender of their baby so they can truly enjoy the experience of wondering for 9 months what magical surprise they have in store for them in the form of their first child.

To support this mystery they decided to go with a baby room theme around being an adventurer which seems very fitting for their child, boy or girl. Kristy took the theme and added her own touch that helped keep us guessing all day if she'll be having a boy or girl.



Guests got right to work when they arrived as Kristy had stations to visit that included snacks to eat and crafts to make for the new baby. Colorless baby blocks were waiting to be decorated with stickers, pens, and sponge paint.

After that, everyone got to pick a page out of the Shower Baby Book where we all wrote a fun message to the new baby. And who doesn't like to tally up the guesses on whether or not the baby will be a boy or a girl? I think Team Girl got a few sympathy votes for Grandma Listy even though the Keith boys would all love to have another boy in the family!

Lunch was served and included sandwiches and salads. After lunch, we sat around the backyard and played a game that involved puzzling through children's book titles written in emojis which was a lot harder than you can imagine. We also played a round of present opening bingo to help keep the unwrapping of the gifts exciting for all who watched.

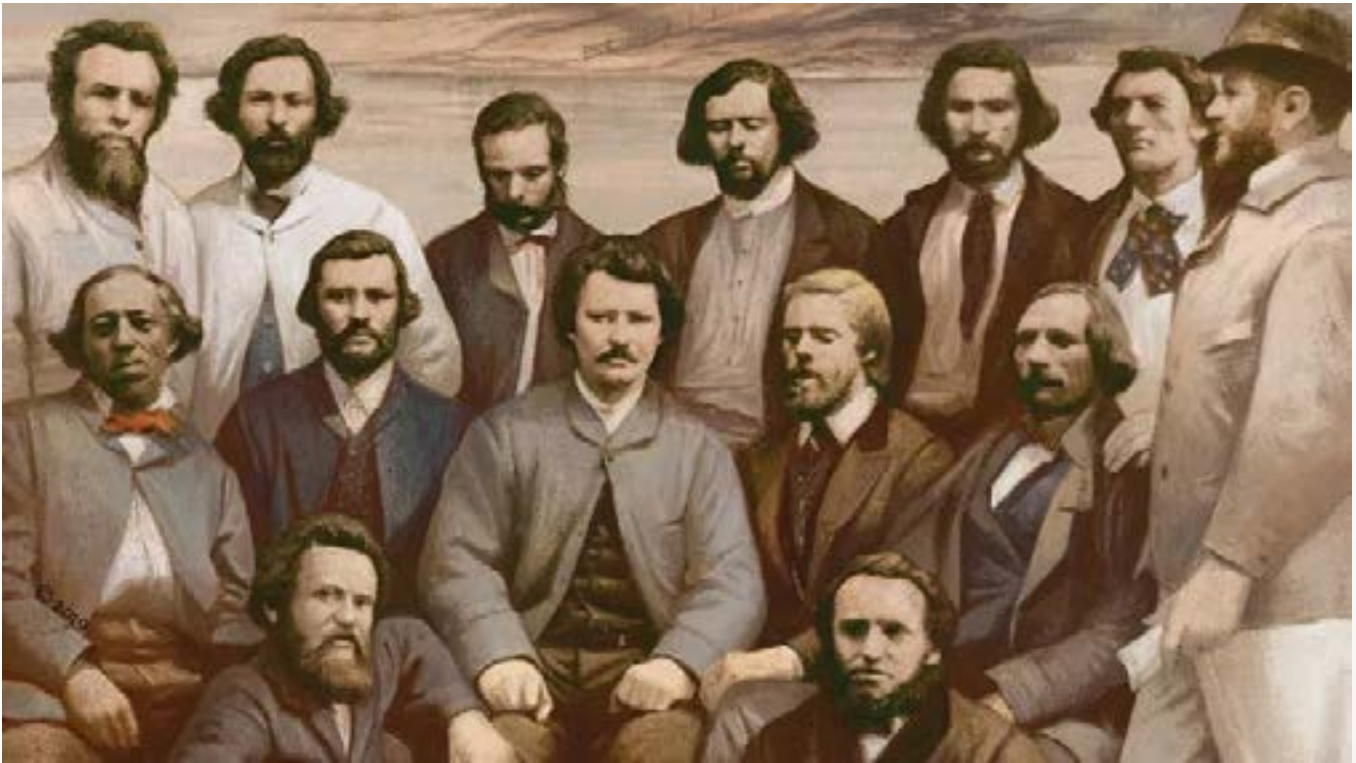
Annie got many wonderful gifts and could not have been more pleased with how generous everyone was to a baby they haven't even met. She was showered with love from many of Kevin's relatives who could not attend due to living on the other coast. Annie felt very blessed to have her mother-in-law Pat and two sister-in-laws (Erin and Brittany) break away and join her for this special occasion. The Riel and Gillingham clans also made appearances which helped make the event fun.

Special thanks to everyone who helped fill Annie and Kevin's new house with every contraption needed to raise a baby. She felt the love from friends and family members which will make welcoming this special package near the holidays even more fun.



Louis Riel and the Red River Resistance honored in new Canada Post stamp

Darren Bernhardt · CBC News



The stamp, designed illustrated by Gérard DuBois, is based on an 1848 lithograph of Fort Garry by Henry James Warre and an 1870 photograph of Louis Riel and his provisional government. (Canada Post)

Louis Riel and the resistance he led to protect Métis people and their rights during the turbulent events leading up to the creation of the province of Manitoba are being honored by Canada Post. A special stamp, featuring Riel and his provisional government councilors, along with an image of Upper Fort Garry in the background, was released on Wednesday.

It was unveiled next to the Fort Garry gate, the last remaining section of the historic structure, which was demolished in the early 1880s in order to straighten Main Street and align it with the bridge over the Assiniboine River.

The stamp's release comes two weeks after the Royal Canadian Mint issued a new coin featuring a portrait of Riel on Oct. 22 — the 175th anniversary of his birth. It is the first coin to be engraved with Michif, the official language of the Métis Nation.

"I am delighted by the many recent national acknowledgements of the Métis Nation," said Manitoba Metis Federation president David Chartrand. "Their contributions to Manitoba and to Canada are finally and justifiably becoming fully known and appreciated."

The stamp was illustrated by Gérard DuBois, who based it on an 1848 lithograph of the fort by Henry James Warre and an 1870 photograph of Riel and his provisional government. "I hope everyone in Canada buys this stamp and that it goes all over the world. It is a form of visibility and presence that will memorialize [the Métis] people's struggle for land, sovereign rights and for the integrity of our distinct culture," Chartrand said.



Manitoba Metis Federation president David Chartrand cheers the unveiling of the new stamp featuring Louis Riel and his provisional government. (Justin Fraser/CBC)

Riel has a complicated legacy. Convicted and hanged as a traitor to the country, he is now seen as a Métis hero. In 1992, the Canadian government officially recognized him as a founder of Manitoba, and many are pushing for him to be formally acknowledged as a father of Confederation.

Riel was born in St. Boniface, Man., and was 25 when he emerged as a leader for the Métis people. The Red River

Resistance — also called the Red River Rebellion — followed the Canadian government's purchase of Rupert's Land, a vast northern and western swath of what is now Canada, from the Hudson's Bay Co. The Canadian government began surveying Métis land in Red River for future settlement, ignoring those who lived on and farmed the land.

Riel stopped surveyors and declared that any attempt by Canada to assume authority in the area would be contested unless Ottawa first negotiated terms with the Métis. He created a provisional government after seizing control of Fort Garry in November 1869. It was there that Riel created a list of rights and conditions passed on to Ottawa as terms for the province entering Confederation.

It was also where Riel imprisoned a contingent of men who opposed his governance and unsuccessfully attempted to overthrow it.

The Riel-led Legislative Assembly of Assiniboia was the first elected government in the Red River settlement and functioned from March 9 to June 24, 1870. His resistance was ultimately quashed when the Canadian militia arrived, with Riel already having fled to the United States.

The flashpoint was the execution of Thomas Scott, an Ontario-born member of an anti-Riel faction, in March 1870. The execution prompted Ottawa to send the military expedition to enforce federal authority in Red River. However, the Manitoba Act that formally established the province included many of the conditions set out by Riel. He was officially recognized by the Parliament of Canada and the provincial legislature as a founder of Manitoba in 1992.

Riel's U.S. exile ended in 1884 when the Métis in Saskatchewan called on him to help protect their rights. That resistance again became a military operation when Canadian troops arrived, culminating in the Battle of Batoche. Riel was captured and faced a trial in Regina. On Nov. 16, 1885, at the age of 41, he was hanged for high treason.

FAMILY SHORTS

Dear Grandma Yaya,

Now that I have kids of my own, I can appreciate how much love, patience, and sacrifice it took for you and Grandpa to find each other and raise such a large, kind-hearted family. Growing up surrounded by so many people was always such a blessing (whether I knew it at the time or not!). Of all the memories, though, I think my favorites were our annual birthday outings that always meant being pulled out of school for shopping, lunch, movies, and - of course - bon bons! Getting you and Grandpa to myself for an entire afternoon was the biggest gift of all (and if we could



find our car in the parking garage with no help from security, it was an added bonus!!). You always added such joy, compassion, faith, and love to our lives, and I'm forever grateful that all three of my kids got to meet you. I'm comforted knowing that you and Grandpa are reunited once again. Thank you for the love, laughs, and the forever memories!

All my love, Kristy

It was great to see all of the family, friends, and neighbors at the celebration of my mother's life. I so enjoyed listening as my brothers and sisters and cousin Michael shared their memories. I made a presentation of her "love story" with snippets of audio from a taped discussion



my brother had with her and my dad. It helped me drift through her life choosing photos and enjoying all of the good memories. If you still have your parents, take time to make a video as it helps to have them with your virtually at a memorial. - Margaret