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FAMILY & LEISURE

FAMILY RETURNS FROM BEST CAMPING TRIP EVER; CHILDREN DISPUTE FINDINGS

Parents describe weekend as unforgettable. Children confirm they have been trying.



The Henderson family during what Susan describes as a relaxing afternoon beside the campfire. Other family members were unavailable for comment.

By The Daily Quest Family & Leisure Desk

The Henderson family returned Sunday from a two-night camping trip that mother Susan Henderson, 42, has described as "the best family weekend we've ever had."
Her husband, Robert, has declined to confirm that assessment.

Their children, Tyler, 12, and Emma, 9, have requested that future family holidays take place indoors.

The family arrived at Pine Lake Campground Friday afternoon carrying a tent, four sleeping bags, two coolers and what Robert described as "enough equipment to establish a small settlement."

"We wanted to get back to nature," Susan explained. "No television, no Wi-Fi, no distractions. Just the four of us."

The first disagreement occurred during the assembly of the tent.

Robert insisted he had read the instructions. Susan pointed out that he was holding them upside down.

Forty-five minutes later, the tent was standing, although its entrance faced a large bush.

"That's where the door ended up," Robert said.

Friday night's dinner consisted of hot dogs, marshmallows and several items that had fallen into the fire.

At approximately 2:15 Saturday morning, a noise outside the tent awakened the family.

Robert investigated with a flashlight and discovered a raccoon examining their cooler.

"I don't know who was more frightened," he said.

Saturday brought rain.

By midafternoon, both children had exhausted their supply of board games, books and complaints.

Emma asked whether the hotel nearby had a swimming pool.

Susan suggested they take a nature walk instead.

"That's when things got worse," Tyler recalled.

Despite these minor setbacks, Susan insists the trip brought the family closer together.

"We talked, we laughed, we made memories."

Robert says he remembers most of it.

The children have refused to look at the photographs.

Susan has already booked the family another camping weekend for next summer.

Robert has asked whether they might consider a cabin.

Susan says that would defeat the purpose.

Robert says he is still trying to determine what the purpose was.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

LOCAL BAND PERFORMS FOUR-HOUR CONCERT AFTER AUDIENCE FORGETS TO LEAVE

No-Scroll Ramblers celebrate successful first Offline Jamboree.

By The Daily Quest Arts & Entertainment Desk



The No-Scroll Ramblers shortly before discovering that six songs were not enough to fill an evening.

The No-Scroll Ramblers, a six-piece country band whose members collectively claim more than eighty years of musical experience, performed their first Offline Jamboree Saturday evening at Miller's Barn.
The concert was scheduled to begin at seven and finish at nine.

It ended shortly after eleven.

"We only rehearsed six songs," admitted bandleader Hank Williamsby, 58. "After the third encore, we started playing them again."

Forty-three residents attended the event, along with one dog and a gentleman who believed he was attending a livestock auction.

The evening began with a lively rendition of The Long Way Home, followed by a song about a broken tractor and another about a woman who had apparently left town with the tractor.

By the second set, several audience members had begun dancing.

The band interpreted this as a request for more music.

"We've never had that happen before," Hank said. "Usually people start leaving when we bring out the accordion."

The Ramblers continued performing until their bass player complained that his fingers had stopped cooperating.

The audience responded with a standing ovation.

"We were already standing," explained local resident Dorothy Mills, 67. "We'd been dancing for most of the evening."

The gentleman attending the livestock auction stayed for the entire performance.

He has since expressed interest in joining the band after discovering an old washboard in his garage.

Hank says rehearsals begin Thursday.

"That gives him three days to learn the instrument."

The Ramblers have been invited back next month.

This time, organizers plan to provide chairs.

COMMUNITY

LOCAL MAN GETS FIRST LIBRARY CARD, IMMEDIATELY BORROWS MORE BOOKS THAN HE CAN CARRY

New member says he may have underestimated the availability of literature.

By The Daily Quest Community Desk

After years of promising himself he would read more, local resident Stanley Pritchard, 56, finally visited the public library Tuesday afternoon.
He left carrying seventeen books.

"I didn't realize they let you take so many," Stanley explained.

His original intention had been to borrow a single mystery novel.

However, while searching the fiction shelves, he discovered a book about woodworking, followed by a biography of Winston Churchill, a history of steam locomotives and an illustrated guide to mushrooms.

"One thing led to another."

By the time Stanley reached the checkout desk, he had assembled a collection weighing just over twenty-six pounds.

Librarian Margaret Wells asked whether he was planning a research project.

"No," Stanley replied. "I've just got a bit of spare time."

Margaret reminded him that the books would eventually need to be returned.

Stanley looked at the pile.

"All of them?"

She confirmed that this was generally how libraries operated.

Unable to carry the entire collection home, Stanley borrowed a shopping trolley from the library's maintenance department.

He spent Wednesday evening arranging the books on his coffee table according to the order in which he intended to read them.

Thursday morning, he returned to the library.

Margaret was surprised to see him.

"Finished already?"

"No," Stanley said. "I forgot to get a book about reading faster."

He left with three more.

His wife has suggested that he begin with the first one.

B.O.R.E.D. INCIDENT REPORT

A.P.B. ISSUED AFTER LOCAL MAN OPENS SAME THREE APPS FOR SIXTH TIME

Authorities confirm nothing new has appeared since previous inspection.



The Bureau of Offline Recreation & Emergency Diversions issued an emergency bulletin Thursday evening after a local resident opened the same three applications six times within forty minutes.

Officers from the Unscrollables arrived at the residence shortly before eight.

"The subject was watching a video he'd already watched twice," reported Colonel Kernal. "He didn't particularly enjoy it the first time."

Investigators found a pair of walking shoes beside the front door, a half-finished crossword puzzle on the kitchen table and a guitar that had not been touched since March.

All three were described as possible exits from the situation.

Officers placed the shoes in a more prominent position.

At approximately 8:17 p.m., the resident noticed them.

He asked whether someone had moved his shoes.

Investigators consider this an encouraging development.

The case remains open.

TODAY'S WEATHER

FORECAST: A high probability of November.

TEMPERATURE: Cold enough to reconsider your relationship with the outdoors.

WIND: Remaining undefeated following last edition's leaf-raking championship.

WEEKEND OUTLOOK: Conditions suitable for staying home, going somewhere or changing your mind halfway through.

THE DAILY ASSIGNMENT

OPERATION: THE UNEXPECTED ENCORE

The Daily Quest Arts & Entertainment Desk has received reports that some of the best evenings begin with very little planning.

This weekend, find something happening in your community.

A local concert. A library event. A small market. A community game night. Even a walk through a neighbourhood you've never explored.

You don't need tickets to a major event or a carefully organized itinerary.

You just need to give something a chance.

BONUS CREDIT: Invite someone who normally says, "We should do something sometime."

This time, actually do it.

No musical ability required. Livestock auctions are optional.