



WEYBURN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Weyburn Agricultural Society will be held on Monday, December 12, 2005 at 7:30 pm in the Boardroom. New members are always needed so everyone is welcome to attend & bring a friend. Any suggestions or ideas on fund raisers or how to improve our events will be greatly appreciated. Lunch to follow.

Bursary Winner

The 2004 Bursary of \$500.00 was awarded to the runner up Christine Loos as Kyla Carriere did not sign up for her second semester.

The 2005 Bursary winner is Scott Bell from Milestone. Scott will receive his \$500.00 award when he completes his first semester and provides proof that he will be attending his second semester.

W C F Convention

Nine members attended the 82nd WCF Convention on Oct 27-30 in Saskatoon. This year's theme was "Saluting the leadership of past, present & future pioneers" and offered various topics relating to the operations of fairs & exhibitions. Weyburn entered the colored poster contest & the Pictorial Album Contest. This year our Pictorial Album won 2nd prize and I would like to thank Muriel Wahl, Rae Keefe, Tory Metheral & Tanya Ng for all their help putting the album together. Anyone wishing to see it please stop by the office and take the time to go through it. Neal Keefe once again got some good ideas for the attractions for the 2006 Fair.

Dinner Theatre

Our 3rd Annual Dinner Theatre will be held on March 24, 25 & 26, 2006 at the Royal Canadian Legion. A big thank you goes out to Gwen Wright, who once again has agreed to direct our play. Gwen & Rae Keefe have selected a play called "Dry Streak" written by a local writer, Leanne Minogue. This play is a comedy to do with agriculture and promises to be a great play. Our problem is the play needs four men and three women, we seem to have a great shortage of male actors. If you or you know of anyone that can help us out, please come to **Auditions on November 29 & 30 at the Boardroom at 7 pm.** We are again striving to have the complete cast made up of Ag. Society members or their families. So mark your calendars & pass the word to all your friends to get your tickets early.

Farm, Home & Leisure Show

Our Farm, Home & Leisure Show is back...April 7 & 8, 2006. The Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club & the Ag. Society are working together to put on an even bigger & better show in 2006.



From our place to yours..

Weyburn Fair 2005

We were extremely happy with the results of the 97th Annual Fair. The attendance over the three days was 9079, up approximately 150 from last year and up 500 over the 10 year average. Attractions were James Grant with his Magic Show & Karaoke each night, SE Pony Chucks & Chariots, Kid's Pedal Tractor Pull, Youth Talent Search & Demolition Derby which were all well attended.

Entries in 4-H Light Horse were up, Draft Horses were down and entries in the Sports arena were also down slightly from last year. The 4-H Fed Calf Show & Sale saw 133 steers sell for an average of \$1.79 a pound, entries were up slightly in the female classes. Thanks to last year's heifer auction winner, Art Beck who kindly donated her back to us and congratulations to Cymri 4-H Club for winning this year's heifer auction. The Regional 4-H Judging Competition was once again successful with over 60 entries. The eight finalists competed in the Provincial Competition which was held in P.A. this year. I would like to extend a huge "Thank you" once again to all our committee members and wonderful volunteers for your many contributions on the success of this years event. Next year's 98th Annual Fair dates are July 3, 4 & 5, 2006.

Grandstand Update

To date with all the donations and fund raising attempts we have raised approximately \$250,241.00 . We have two thirds of the grandstand constructed complete with safety guards and thank you signage. We have spent approximately \$221,725.00 and have \$28,516.00 in our account. In order to complete the other third and put a roof on we need approximately another \$75,000.00 so our work is still cut out for us. We welcome any ideas and suggestions for fund raisers, so please give me a call or stop in and see me. We would really like to get this project completed before our 100th birthday in 2008.

History Book

We are looking for any and all information you might have that we can use in our History Book. We are planning to publish a History Book in 2007 so it will be ready for our 100th birthday celebrations in 2008. Any pictures or information that you have over the last 100 years that would relate to the annual exhibitions or any other events that the Weyburn Agricultural Society may have been involved in would be greatly appreciated. We have a scanner so all your pictures will be returned to you after we scan them.

Weyburn Youth Talent Search

Junior winner was Tenille Arts who went on to Saskatoon and was in the final four competitors. Winners of the Senior Competition were Kendra Weimer & Kendra McCallum who went on to Saskatoon as well but did not place. We would like to continue with the Talent Search in 2006 but are hoping to find a sponsor. In Estevan a local sponsor puts up \$1000.00 for prize money, if we could find a business or someone to sponsor the competition it would help a lot. If you can think of anyone that might be interested in sponsoring this event please give me a call.

Volunteer of the Year Award

It is that time of year again where you can nominate one of our hard working volunteers for this award. Just submit their name and a brief outline as to why you feel they deserve this award, and we will vote on it at our next meeting, Dec. 5.

Christmas Party

The Weyburn Agricultural Society will be holding a Christmas Party on January 7, 2006 upstairs in the Curling Rink Lounge at 7:30 pm. Last year proved to be such a good time we have decided to do it again. The ice will be available for a fun spiel for those of you interested, and there will be cards, crib boards, board games, the bar will be open, and Heather's Kitchen will serve lunch. Everyone is welcome to attend; please R.S.V.P. to Sandy at 842-4052 or e-mail to agsociety@accesscomm.ca by January 5, so we know how much lunch to order...A collection will be taken up to pay for the lunch. Come on out and have some fun...

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