



WEYBURN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Weyburn Agricultural Society will be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at 7:00 pm in the Boardroom. Any suggestions on how to improve our events or on new ideas for fund raisers are always welcome & appreciated. Lunch to follow.

Bursary Winner

The 2007 Bursary Certificate of \$500.00 was awarded to Jade Ivan and was presented to her at the WCS Awards. Jade will receive the cheque when she completes her first semester and provides us proof that she will be attending her second semester.

W C F Convention

Thirteen members attended the 84th WCF Convention in Saskatoon on Oct 25-28. The theme was Leadership plus Stability equals Community. Keynote speaker was Dr. Bob Church who expanded on this year's theme. The show casings & work shops were well attended and we came home with some contracts for new attractions for our 100th celebration. We requested that Select Shows bring back the bumper cars and some new exciting rides for our 100th.

Our Annual Pictorial Album did not win a prize but is a very good depiction of our year's activities. Thanks to Muriel Wahl, Rae Keefe, Tory Metheral and Diane Eddy for all their help in putting the album together. Please stop by sometime and take a look at our albums. Our entry in the poster contest won 2nd prize in the category of a colored fair poster: advertising, promotion budgets of less than \$10,000.

Weyburn has been asked to host the WCF Convention in 2009 in Saskatoon. We will need entertainment ideas as well as lots of volunteers to help us with this big event. So mark the last weekend in Oct., 2009 on your calendar.

Dinner Theatre

Our 5th Annual Dinner Theatre will be held on March 13-16, 2008 at the Royal Canadian Legion. Gwen Wright & Margaret Loos have agreed to be the directors. We have selected a play entitled "An Evening of Culture" Faith County II written by Mark Landon Smith. It is a comedy with a cast of 3 men and 5 women. Auditions will be held on Nov. 27th at the Ag. Office at 7:00 pm. Last year we played for three sold out dinner theatres and over 130 attended the dessert matinee on Sunday. This will be a great evening out for everyone with good food and hilarious entertainment so buy your tickets early because every year they sell out faster. Tickets will be ready for sale on Dec 10th and they will make excellent Christmas presents for those hard to buy for people on your Christmas list.



2007 Weyburn Fair

The 99th Annual Fair was another successful one with the attendance slightly down from last year with 8354 over the three days. The attractions were Prairie Dog Doug, Keegan Duck Face painting, Magic Shows & Karaoke Shows, Pony Chucks & Chariots, Kid's Pedal Tractor Pull, Youth Talent Search and Saskatchewan Express. Entries in the 4-H Light Horse were up, Draft Horse were down and entries in the Sports arena were all up or the same as last year.

The 4-H Fed Calf Show & Sale saw 134 steers sell for an average of \$1.89 a pound, entries in the female classes were down slightly. Cloverbud competition was back this year with 10 kids participating. Jackpot classes were down slightly and the 4-H Regional Judging Competition was cancelled due to lack of volunteers. Midway receipts were up from last year and the weather was great all three days. **I would like to extend a big thank you to all our Directors & their committees and to all the wonderful volunteers for your many contributions that help make the fair the success that it is.**

Next year's 100th Annual Fair dates are **June 30, July 1 & 2, 2008.**

Watch for all the exciting events throughout the year that will help us celebrate 100 years of service to our community.

Ranch Rodeo

The Ranch Rodeo was held on Sunday, July 1st with six teams entered. The weather co-operated and we had another successful event. Thanks to our many sponsors we showed a profit of nearly \$6500.00 that went towards the grandstand roof. A big Thank you to Mike & Carla Fellner and the rest of the volunteers for a job well done.

CCA Rodeo

This was the 2nd year that the Weyburn Agricultural Society hosted the CCA Rodeo alone. We would like to thank Randy Schmidt, Chad Johnstone, Darren Hockley, Brian Lanktree and Pete Anderson for all their help. With their help and the help of all our sponsors & volunteers we had another very successful Rodeo and donated \$1000.00 to the Violence Intervention Program.

RCMP Musical Ride

The RCMP Musical Ride proved to be a successful fundraiser and we would like to thank Beryl Tytlandsvik for suggesting the idea of hosting the ride. Thanks to our sponsors, the S.T.A.R.S. Choir, volunteers and all the board members we had a very successful event and deposited a little over \$15,000.00 into the Grandstand Account.

Grandstand Update

This summer I asked for another quote from Stewart Steel for the roof of the grandstand as we had around \$40,000.00 in our account and the last quote was \$60,000.00. We were hoping to start putting up the roof in the spring of 2008 so it would be up in time for our 100th anniversary celebrations. The quote came in at \$100,000.00... We still plan on putting a roof on but we are not sure how long it will take us to raise that much money. We are looking into quotes from other vendors so hopefully a miracle will happen.

Volunteer of the Year Award

It's 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 December 3rd meeting.

History Book

We are still planning on publishing a History Book after our Centennial Celebrations. Please submit any stories, pictures or information that would relate to the annual exhibitions or any other events that the Weyburn Agricultural Society may have been involved in. We have a scanner so all your pictures will be returned to you after the book has been completed. If you have any suggestions or are willing to help put this book together we would greatly appreciate hearing from you

100th Celebrations

Plans are well on their way for the 100th Anniversary celebrations of the Weyburn Ag. Society. Raymond Wahl has organized a Centennial committee that have been hard at work for several months. The 100th Anniversary will kick off with a Banquet held at the McKenna Hall on Monday, February 11, 2008 to honour all past presidents & secretaries. Tickets can be purchased in advance from the Ag. Society & Superior Office Products. There will be some great entertainment by Colleen Weimer's high school group with a skit depicting some of the high lights of the past 100 years. Be sure to get your tickets early, as there is limited space available.



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year....