

# Venture Projects 2021

## Lloydminster Chuckwagons a Big Success



The Lloydminster Exhibition hosted the North American Chuckwagon Championships from July 11 - 19. Below is an article on the event written by Lexi Freehill.

The event was held from July 11 to 19, and hosted 42 racers from both the Canadian Professional Chuckwagon Association as well as the World Professional Chuckwagon Association.

Planned and put on by the CPCA, the week-long show was designed to make up for the cancelled shows along the circuit. Due to COVID-19 restrictions and the financial impact of the pandemic, events in Prince Albert, Turtleford and Wainwright were cancelled, while the Meadow Lake show has been rescheduled for the end of the tour.

In May, Calgary Stampede Officials announced their decision to cancel the Rangeland Derby, one of the biggest events in the world of wagon racing. The announcement left many drivers and their families stunned, now left to make up income through smaller events in the circuit. Kim Carey, CPCA office manager and spouse of driver BJ Carey says the impact of the shrunken circuit has not gone unnoticed.

“Financially, it’s been tough for everybody. It’s been difficult when everybody still has the expenses of feeding their horses and all the horse care and everything that comes around with that, and none of them have been able to bring any kind of income in since 2019,” she said.



In addition to the 9 days of racing, attendees were able to watch light horse and heavy horse shows. The Lloydminster Exhibition grounds also hosted night time entertainment, bringing in local artists like Renegade Station and Lloyd's own up and coming Jordyn Pollard.

The NACC will also feature what Carey calls 'mentor heats' in order to pay homage to the history of western heritage. Household names of the industry such as Brian Laboucane and Ray Mitsuing raced the old fashion way, with four outriders and poles in addition to the stove in the back.

Saskatchewan's public health restrictions were lifted on July 11, the same day the event started. Carey says that while drivers were relieved to be able to race again, fans were as equally excited to watch. And others were there for the mini donuts and lemonade.

"I think everyone's just happy to be able to see smiling faces without masks on and be able to go on with life as normal and enjoy this kind of event," said Carey.





# Biggar and District Agricultural Days



The Biggar & District Agricultural Days were held on June 25-27, 2021 - below is the story submitted by the Biggar and District Agricultural Society.

Our day started eventfully with our 40 x 20 beer tent blowing into the wind followed by someone backing over the main valley water line causing a temporary geyser in the valley, misplaced tractor keys was our number three so we were done for the weekends bad luck! Everything after this point was fun and smooth sailing. June 25th we held time onlies for competitors to check out our arena with their horses. A kids cabaret was planned but due to the flood we moved the activities to the infield. June 26th the Red White and Gold Slot Race started at 9:00 with 111 racers competing for money and prizes. After the slot race we held a Western Fortunes and CBHI barrel racing jackpot with over 200 entries in the peewee, youth and open categories. Then we moved to the Team Roping. The Ropin Rally is a new event for the valley and wow it did not disappoint. There were fast times and smiling faces from our







roper. It was great to watch and be a part of the action. June 27th started at 9:00 with the Canadian Finals Breakaway Qualifier event, this is also new to the valley this year. We had over 80 entries for the open breakaway and CFB qualifier sidepot. We are proud to say that some of the competitors from our event will be competing at the Canadian Finals Breakaway. We also hosted peewee and youth divisions in the breakaway. From the breakaway we moved to hosting one more team roping jackpot which was once again very enjoyable to host and watch. It was great to see spectators at our event this year, socially distanced of course but so grateful for an opportunity to get outdoors and enjoy an event. Biggar Bites Food Truck was on site all weekend and the food was delicious. Overall The Red, White and Gold and the first annual Ropin' Rally was a huge success.



# A Great Weekend for the Yorkton Exhibition's Chariot and Chuckwagon Races



The Yorkton Exhibition opened up its new grandstand with a bang, as they hosted the Eastern Professional Chariot and Chuckwagon Races - July 16-19. The chariots ran in the afternoon, with the chuckwagons running in the evening. All 3 days the brand new grandstand was packed with people. There were long lines at the food trucks - parked at the back end of the grandstand, as the people of Yorkton came out to support the event. Below is an article by Ryan Young from GX94 that appeared July 20th.

Yesterday (Sunday) saw the chariots and chuckwagon races, hosted by the Yorkton Exhibition Association, wrap up. It was a big weekend for Casey Peterson. Peterson took the overall chariot title, with a combined time of 183.68 seconds over three runs. Peterson also won the overall chuckwagon title, with a combined time of 183.32 seconds over the three-day event.

General Manager Barb Woytas was thrilled for how the weekend unfolded. "It was a great weekend. We have to thank all of the guests that attended our event this weekend, we couldn't have asked for a better turnout." Woytas said. "Again we want to thank all of our sponsors who stepped up to support this event...and our Grandstand sponsors."

The Yorkton Exhibition Association announced some upcoming events, including the Parking Lot Bingo tomorrow night (Tue), and the Thunder in the Parkland Truck and Tractor Pull on August 27th and 28th. Woytas also announced the Eastern Professional Chariot and Chuckwagon Association series finals will be in Yorkton September 3-5.



# Horse Shoe Pits to Community Garden



The SAASE Venture Project program continues to be a great way for our Agricultural Societies to access funding to help out with the seed cost for new programs or events. The Battleford Agricultural Society was supported through the program for development of a community garden. Below is the report on the project submitted by Battlefords Ag. Society.

As our horse shoe pits were not used on the Battlefords Ag Society grounds anymore we were trying to think of a way to utilize that area and help out our Community. We started by cleaning the area out. There were the pits themselves with cement pads, metal benches and undefined anchors deep in the grounds. Deep routed weeds and grass to dig out that to so much work, disking, harrowing and just plain manpower.

We hauled away many loads of debris and then we had to start hauling in dirt to help fill and level what was taken away. Loads

and loads of dirt were hauled in. Our estimation was a bit low. Then it was time to start hauling in the top soil. Again loads, loads and more loads. We were very fortunate that some of the equipment needed was donated.

It took many volunteers hours to get the plot ready. It was decided to start small as we had no idea if any produce would actually grow. Our starter plot is 120 x 140 ft.

As we have a great amount of Wildlife in the area that likes a good snack we erected a 6 foot







high fence around the area. We will need to modify it to accommodate a gate in the future.

Some of our Board brought seeds and the planting began. We decided to plant just a portion of the plot. And we are greatly surprised at how well everything grew. Squash, beets, corn, onions and potatoes started to appear.

Everyone took turns coming out and weeding and watering. We are very



fortunate that we had access to water nearby.

Some of the harvest has been done and with great results we have lots of produce of all kinds.

In the Spring we will offer plots to our members and are hoping to attract new

members to the Ag Society. Our thoughts are to rent out plots the size of 10 x 40 ft. If this catches on we have plenty more space to offer to our community in the future. Now that we know how to get it ready, all the obstacles and best process we are ready for the challenge.



Thanks to SAASE for approving our Venture project!



# Perdue Ag. Society Hosts Agribition Qualifier Cattle Show



The Perdue Agricultural Society was planning the regular Perdue Cattle Show, but the opportunity arose that they may be able to work with Agribition on their Beef Supreme Program by hosting a qualifier show. The Perdue Ag. Society applied and were awarded with the show from Agribition. This was a huge undertaking for a smaller Ag. Society and would certainly require the support of all their volunteers and community. In addition there would be additional financial commitments that would be required. Perdue applied to the SAASE Venture Project Program, which supplied them some seed money to help them out with their additional expenses. Below is the report submitted by the Perdue Ag Society on the project.

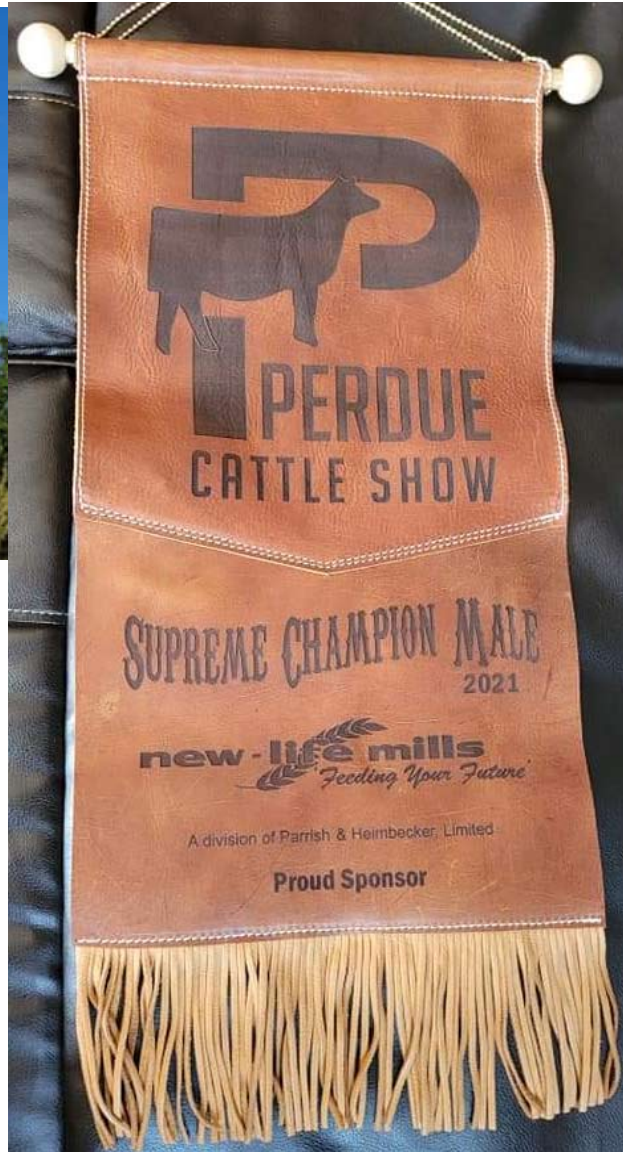
## Perdue Cattle Show

The Perdue Agricultural Society had a new twist on our cattle show this summer. In June the Cattle Committee wrote a letter to Agribition in regards to applying to have the Perdue cattle show become a CWA supreme beef qualifier. The deadline for this application was June 23rd, 2021. We got notified July 5th - then it was all hands on deck to step up to host a CWA qualifier type show.

There were a number of changes and additions that we had to make in order to host the show the way that we wanted. We looked for higher end judges and made the beef show a 2 day event to accommodate all the classes. We also moved to online entries and are now using Assist Expo to handle our entry forms.

In order to accommodate the additional cattle at the show we had to make some changes to our facilities. We upgraded our barn by replacing wooden tie rails to steel continuous fencing from Norheim Ranching. We rented a tent from Handyman Rentals - 40ft x 100ft to accommodate the extra cattle. Free standing panels were gathered up to make a night tie out area for our cattle using our existing horse arena.

In addition to all of our volunteers - we had the men from the correctional center come help set up and cut what











grass we had around the grounds and do the general set up.

Our cattle show had entries of 86 purebreds and 48 commercial cattle. We had 75 exhibitors in attendance plus families. Each day there were around 200 people on the grounds between exhibitors, spectators and volunteers.

We are honored that our Agricultural Society will be represented at the Supreme Show at the 50th Canadian Western Agribition. We hope we can host a qualifying show next year. As for feed back we have people volunteering to host a pancake breakfast and an exhibitor steak supper next year. There was lots of positive feedback as exhibitors were so happy to be back to normal and showing cattle again. With the drought and Covid this year it was great to have an in person distraction where cattle producers could just enjoy friendly competition. Even our judges we had said they would like to come back but bring cattle. All in all everyone had a great time.





# Prairieland Park Hosts Glow Saskatoon

Saskatoon Prairieland Park played host to an amazing display of over 1 million lights from November 26 - December 28. The display was called Glow Saskatoon. What is Glow? Glow is a family-friendly indoor holiday light festival, market and food fair with live entertainment. It's the perfect way to celebrate the holidays with the ones you love. Walk through our twinkling light gardens, take photos in illuminated frames and say hello to Santa Claus. It's all waiting for you at Glow Saskatoon! The Vendor Market showcases the best local artisans and boutique businesses, alongside delicious food and drink options. It's all the magic and wonder of an outdoor festival, hosted inside the cozy and spacious World Trade Centre at Prairieland Park. The theme for this year was "glow around the world". It featured landmarks from China, Holland, Mexico, France and England.



We're really excited to bring it back to Saskatoon, and I think that it's a great opportunity for a holiday tradition for people as well," said Susan Kuzma, manager of special events at Prairieland Park. "This is a fantastic Christmas display of lights. ... We open the doors to all of Saskatoon and area to come and spend a wonderful afternoon or evening here at Glow, and just to take in all of the spectacular lights that we have to offer." "It is very family-friendly. There are lots of opportunities for little ones to come. There are play areas, there are lots of actual activities for kids to do, but it also is a really nice couple's opportunity as well."

Thousands of people attended Glow right - making it a great success, with Prairieland Park looking forward to hosting Glow in 2022.



# Abernethy Ag Society Goes Online for Summer Activities

The Abernethy Ag. Society made the decision to cancel the in person fair for 2021, but had three very successful online events in the fair's place. Below is an article on those events submitted by the Abernethy Agricultural Society.

A late Winter decision to cancel our in-person Fair for one more pandemic year gave us ample time to plan THREE very successful Facebook/Website events for the summer of 2021.

First: a week of Years Past Photos telling our 114 year history. The earliest photo dated back to 1922 and a fairbook to 1923. Cattle confirmation has changed in 100 years! Suits and ties, dresses and stylish hats were the order of the day for many decades. And those of us who have been around for quite a few decades also enjoyed seeing photos of our much younger selves!

Second: A profit of \$2693 in our online Silent Auction. Local citizens and businesses donated 43 items that ranged from local watercolours to handcrafted quilts, wallets, and jewellery; sports chairs, barn-board framed prairie scenes; bingo nights at the rink, a photography sitting, and rounds of golf. Friends and neighbours bid up each other on valued items such as sour cream & raisin pies, a quarter of beef, 50 spring bulbs from a heritage garden, and 3 hours of a local electrician's time. All proceeds go to Agricultural scholarships for local post-secondary students.

Third: 300 entries of online photos for our Second Annual Online Fair Exhibits. Exhibitors from across Canada, and England and New Zealand shared whatever images their hearts desired (except no people). Our Fair Secretary curated the photos into categories and our Social Media Coordinator posted: Artwork & Projects, Baking & Cooking, Flowers & Succulents, Fruit & Vegetables, Nature & Scenery, Creatures, and Handiwork.

The pandemic-pivot helped us look at our Fair activities in new ways. We will never again do a Fair the same way as we did pre-pandemic.

Lots of creativity, loyal community volunteers, Abernethy alumni across Canada, and new friends from around the globe enabled us to come together and have lots of fun. Here's hoping we can see everyone in person next year at our annual Fair — Friday, July 22, 2022! Mark your calendar!



**99 years ago! Waaaay back to Abernethy Fair 1922. Bert Barnsley with his first prize calf. Look at those classy duds. Photo permission - Bert's daughter**



**Title: Hedge Hog - Now an Endangered Species - Name: Eve Dunn  
Town/City: Saxmundham, England**



# Rodeo Returns to Queen City Ex



2021 marked the second annual Queen City Exhibition Pile O' Bones Rodeo. The two-day event was a major undertaking and overall it was a success. The average attendance of the Rodeo was over 3,500 and considering that, there were countless other places for guests to spend their time we consider this attendance to be a success.

Working with C5 Rodeo and Canadian Western Agribition was an easy decision given the reputation of both organizations. The cowboy culture is instilled deeply in both organizations and by aligning our event with these two organizations, we knew this would inspire and allow for innovation and growth of the sport of rodeo. Contributing to the sport of rodeo is part of our passion and is extremely important to us at Regina Exhibition Association Limited and we are in the







heart of a province that relies on all things Ag.

By bringing in world-class stock, athletes, announcers and organizers, the Pile O' Bones Rodeo ran seamlessly and captivated the audience with a powerful pyro display and opening ceremony that paid homage to the history of Regina and why it was once referred to as Pile of Bones. This event was unique to Regina and this helped make it our own. The acknowledgement that Regina is situated on Treaty 4 land and an indigenous POW WOW dancer helped to solidify the Pile O' Bones Rodeo as uniquely our own.

With two full evenings of heart-pounding excitement, this event did not disappoint. From the collective gasps of the crowd when a bareback horse would toss it's rider to the comedic relief brought on by the Announcer there was something for everyone to enjoy. We look forward to QCX Pile O'Bones Rodeo 2022.

