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Whitewood Hosts 4-H Provincial Judging Competition

Thirty-three 4-H members, coming from Swift Current, Lloydminster, Prince Albert, Saskatoon, and Whitewood areas participated in the Provincial 4-H Judging Competition on Aug 10th & 11th in Whitewood. These young people, aged 15 to 21, came to hone their skills in judging sheep, bred heifers, bull calves, draft horses, and alpacas. Winners of this competition are eligible to attend the Canadian National 4-H & Youth Judging Competition at Agribition this fall.

Registration was held Friday evening at the Whitewood Inn, followed by supper and a quick exam. There were social activities to get acquainted, including a swim in

the pool! Saturday morning started bright and early, with everyone out at the Whitewood Auction Barn by 8am for breakfast and judging starting at 9:00. During competition, the young judges were required to place five different classes over the course of the day, then present oral argument to the Species Judges to explain why they had placed the class as they had. Helping us out as Species Judges were: Kim McDougall from Regina - Market Lambs; Levi Jackson of Sedley - Bred Heifers; Doug MacCormick, Grenfell - Bull calves; Delvin Smutku from Stockholm - Draft Horses; and Elaine Wyatt from Broadview - Alpacas. Kim McDougall brought his sheep with

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2007 Provincial 4-H Judging Finalists

President's Message: Donna Sagin

With the summer almost gone, I hope everyone has had a successful fair season so far! Weather has definitely made the season interesting and hopefully all the fairs made it through safely.

The SAASE Marketing campaign with CTV was very successful. We had several compliments on the advertising for all our fairs and it gave the general public a reminder to come out to their local fairs and exhibitions. Good job to those who took time for the News at Noon and talking about your fair.

Even though the summer fair season has been busy, I encourage everyone to finish their Infrastructure Surveys and get them into the SAASE office. This is the only way we will be able to put hard figures together in an attempt to secure funding from the provincial government. We know that each and every fair has capital projects they wish to undertake but finding the money is difficult. This survey is crucial to assessing the needs of our member fairs and exhibitions across Saskatchewan. So if you have not yet completed your survey, please finish it and send it in to Glen at the SAASE office. The sooner you can get it completed the better, as the office will be putting together a proposal that will go to the provincial government.

The SAASE office has received a number of nonprofit corporation applications, but there are still many societies that have not applied to become nonprofit corporations. I would encourage those who have not to get the application filled out and get it back to Glen as soon as possible. If you have any questions please give Glen a call. Also if you need another application you can go onto the Corporations Branch website at www.saskjustice.gov.sk.ca/corporations, or give Glen a call and he will mail one out to you. Remember there is no cost involved in incorporating - Sask. Ag. and Food are picking up the \$85 cost.

Congratulations to Brittany Serblowski from Bruno on being the 2007 recipient of the Clark Lewis Scholarship. I know that the selection committee had a real tough job as all the applicants are exceptional young people. These young people are definitely the leaders of tomorrow, and all are to be congratulated on their nomination.

Plans are currently under way for the SAASE Convention and Annual Meeting that will take place in Yorkton on March 14 and 15. The convention agenda will be outstanding, and I hope that everyone makes a special effort to get to the event. The convention is not only a great source of information, but it is also an excellent place to network with other Ag. Societies

Well that's it for now - I hope everyone has a great fall.

Donna

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The SAASE Office is located in the Canada Centre complex on the Ipsco Place (Regina Exhibition Park) grounds, next door to the Saskatchewan Livestock Association office on the 2nd floor. Visitors are always welcome—give Glen a call at 565-2121 and drop in.

Brittany Serblowski - 2007 Scholarship Recipient

Brittany Serblowski of Bruno is this year's Clark Lewis Scholarship recipient. Brittany was nominated by the Carlton Trail Agricultural Society. The Clark Lewis scholarship selection committee had a total of 17 applications, and like the first year the choice was very difficult, as the quality of young people was outstanding.

This fall Brittany will be attending St. Peter's College for her first year of pre-dentistry / pre-medicine courses. She then plans on enrolling at the University of Saskatchewan in the College of Dentistry or College of Medicine. Upon graduation she would like to return to rural Saskatchewan and open her own practice.

Over the past number of years Brittany has been heavily involved in her community, as well as at school. As a student at Bruno Central School Brittany has consistently volunteered her time to make her school a better place. As well as being a member of numerous school sports teams she has volunteered and served in various positions within the intramural house system, and is currently a house leader. She is also on the Bruno School Yearbook Committee, designing and planning this year's yearbook. Brittany is part of the Bruno Fly Higher / YES Team, where she helps organize school activities to promote a healthy lifestyle for youth. Academically she is consistently on the honour roll, achieving a grade average of over 90%, while maintaining a positive attitude and good working relationship with her peers and the staff.

She has been very involved in broomball at both the provincial and national levels, winning medals for Saskatchewan at the junior and senior levels. Brittany also volunteers her time with officiating and coaching various sports.

As if this isn't enough, her involvement in the community has been extensive. Over the past couple of years she has volunteered for the Bruno Cherry Festival – put on by the Carleton Trail Ag. Society. She has volunteered with the Bruno Lions Club, as well as helping out at the Bruno Arena working in the food booth. She has also volunteered with the St. Bruno Church / CWL where she has been a choir member, a Bible camp assistant, worked with children's liturgy and at funerals. Brittany

is an accomplished musician, having received her Grade 6 Piano Certificate with honours. With that skill she has volunteered and played piano for seniors at the Bethany Pioneer Village Seniors Complex.

In her "spare time" Brittany has taken numerous courses including attending youth empowerment conferences, occupational health and safety conferences, boating safety courses, and St. John Ambulance first aid course. She has even somehow found time to work at jobs after school, as well as during summer vacation.

Dave Willenborg, Principal at Bruno Central School, put it best when he said that "Brittany is a young lady with a strong work ethic and a desire to succeed. She is friendly and cooperative. She exhibits a high level of maturity and moral fabric. She is conscientious and committed." For all these reasons and more Brittany Serblowski has been named the 2007 winner of the Clark Lewis Scholarship. Congratulations Brittany.



Bruno Cherry Festival a Big Hit

The Bruno Cherry Festival was successfully held August 10 - 12th, 2007 in the community of Bruno, Saskatchewan, just 40 minutes east of Saskatoon.

The Festival began with the Community's Literary Cherry Book Club presenting Yann Martel. Yann recently captured the world renowned Man Booker Prize for his 300 parable *Life of Pi*. The evening's dinner included such delicacies as sour cherry/cucumber soup, hummus, bannock, cottage cheese/dilled/sour cherry perogies, salad with a vinaigrette sour cherry spread, and of course ending with the traditional sour cherry cheesecake, all catered by Jennifer Willems of the New Grounds Cafe in Birch Hills.

The morning of the festival began with dark clouds and the threat of a downpour. But after a few grateful prayers the clouds did part and the weekend's events began. Under the main tent the crowds were delighted with entertainers such as Bruno's Carmel Gang, Codie Prevost, Jeff Straker, The Miller Family troupe and their rendition of the Dr. Carter Medicine Show that impressed both young and old.

The Car Show and Shine (which had been expected to be cancelled) had over 40 participants from all over Saskatchewan.

Prairie Dog Doug entertained the young children throughout the weekend while Wayne Udley the Wandering Magician strolled through the crowds delighting both young and old with his unique magic tricks.

The Tradeshow and Market Place had 16 booths showcasing everything from sour cherry products for sale, to grain-burning heaters, pottery, sherbet, blown glass, honey, stone ducks, artistic woodwork, nutritional supplies, specialty coffees, and fudge. The Garden Market featured fresh garden products, canned foods, perogies, and local bison.

Orchard tours were conducted by Bob Bors, while throughout the weekend Ed Brockmeyer held planting and mulching demonstrations.

Backyard hobbyists were entertained and enlightened by workshops that included cooking and sharing wonderful recipes featuring sour cherries, developing an orchard, landscaping and pruning trees and shrubs in your backyard, and wine making. Sessions for producers included U of S Food Lab: What It Can Do For You; soil analysis and cherries; irrigation; fencing and economics; cherry cultivar suitability; orchard maintenance; marketing; Canadian Cherry Producers - Where Do We Go?; and organic production.



The popular Cherry Food Court served 780 slices of pie and sold a total of 247 pies! Close to seven hundred burgers and 675 cherry smokies were sold, along with hundreds of elephant ears, 34 gallons of ice cream, and 30 gallons of cherry sauce. Dozens of containers of frozen cherries and 200 packages of dried cherries were also sold.

The Cherry Pit Spitting Contest winner was Bill Greuel of Regina with an impressive spitting distance of 37 feet and 10 inches.

Over 100 proud volunteers and 8 board members welcomed at least 2000 visitors representing more than 70 communities from Saskatchewan, seven communities in Alberta, and at least one community from British Columbia.

The Carlton Trail Ag Society plans and organizes the festival but knows it couldn't do it without a lot of help. We would like to extend a sincere thanks to all of you, both volunteers and sponsors who helped out and made the Bruno Cherry Festival a great success!



Kids trying their luck at the cherry pit spitting contest

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him, Dave Hepburn from Whitewood supplied the Bred Heifers, while bull calves came from Dale Easton, Wawota. The Clydesdale geldings came from Harvey Macfarlane, Wolseley and Janet Blackstock, Whitewood; and the Alpacas were provided by Double E Alpacas in the Broadview area and Rainbow Alpaca Ranch near Moosomin. We greatly appreciate the time and effort these people put in to make the day possible for these deserving young people.

The day was wrapped up with a superb Prime-Rib banquet catered by the Whitewood 4-H Beef

club. Whitewood Mayor Malcolm Green spoke to the members, welcoming them to the community, congratulating them on qualifying to participate at the Provincial level, and expressing best wishes for those advancing on to the National level at Agribition.

The top placing members were:

Krista Dust - Prince Albert

Brandon Sparrow - Saskatoon

Tyler Smyth - Whitewood

Katie McMillan - Saskatoon

Kelsey Dust - Prince Albert

Kyle Jeannot - Whitewood

Erika Easton - Whitewood

Karen Wagner - Swift Current

Kurtis Reid - Saskatoon

Brandon Sander - Prince Albert

Chance Rothwell - Prince Albert

Lexie Girodat - Swift Current

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SAASE Convention and Annual Meeting Rolls into Yorkton March 14 - 15, 2008

The SAASE Convention and Annual Meeting will be taking place in Yorkton from March 14 - 15.

This year's convention will be hosted by the Yorkton Exhibition and will take place at the Gallagher Centre on the Yorkton Exhibition Grounds. The host hotel for the convention will be the Yorkton Best Western Inn located at 100 Broadway Street. The hotel features a hot tub, fitness centre, pool, and high speed internet.

At this year's convention the It's a Pizza display will be set up. It has recently been rebuilt, and is something that has not been featured at the SAASE convention since Weyburn hosted. The Manual/Handbook for Agricultural Societies in Saskatchewan, which was developed in 1987, and has been sent out as a resource to Ag. Societies since then will also be

featured. The book was excellent, but was obviously out of date. By the time the convention rolls around the updated version will be available to all Ag. Societies.

The convention will be held in the Gallagher Centre on the Yorkton Exhibition Grounds. For those of you who have not seen the newly renovated and expanded facility you are in for a big treat. Make sure that you take some time to walk around and take a look at this outstanding facility.

Speakers for the convention have yet to be finalized, but this year's convention will be something that you will not want to miss. Convention packages will be sent out in November. Make sure that you plan to attend this year's SAASE Convention and Annual Meeting from March 14 - 15 in Yorkton.

BITS & BITES

- The "It's a Pizza" display is available to all Ag. Societies. The display has recently been renovated and rebuilt. It is a great way to link the food we eat to agriculture. If you are interested in the display give the SAASE office a call to check availability.
- If you have an article that you would like to appear in the SAASE newsletter please email it to the SAASE office. It will be included in an upcoming SAASE newsletter.
- SAASE and Sask. Ag. and Food will once again be hosting a series of regional meetings around the province. If your Ag. Society is interested in hosting one of these meetings please get hold of Glen at the SAASE office.
- The SAASE office has received a number of nonprofit incorporation applications, but there are still a number of Ag. Societies that have not yet applied. If you have any questions please give the SAASE office a call.



Western Canada Fairs Convention October 25-28 - Saskatoon

The 2007 Western Canada Fairs Annual Convention will be taking place from Thursday October 25 right through to Sunday October 28 in Saskatoon at the Radisson Hotel. This year's convention will be hosted by the Vermilion Agricultural Society.

This year's convention theme is "Leadership & Stability = Community - Walking hand-in-hand on a firm foundation." Once again the program will be very strong, as there will be a number of workshops relating to the operation of fairs and exhibitions. The convention will begin with Thursday night's ice-breaker program at 7:30. There will

be a light meal and entertainment. It will also give you an opportunity to catch up with some old friends. Opening ceremonies take place at the Friday morning breakfast. The trade show opens at 5:00 pm on Friday and then runs all day on Saturday.

There will be a live auction, as well as a silent auction. All members are encouraged to bring items as this is an important fundraising project.

The convention fee is \$145 before September 20, \$160 after September 20, and then \$175 at the convention. The convention fee includes all workshops and meetings, trade show and showcasing, three breakfasts, two luncheons, two evening meals, daily

coffee breaks, as well as the Thursday social evening. The registration office will open at the hotel at 7:00 pm on Thursday night, and then reopen at 7:30 am on Friday.

Convention delegates should book their rooms as early as possible to avoid disappointment. Rooms at the Radisson Hotel (665-3322) will be held until September 20th at the rate of \$94 plus taxes per night.

For more information regarding the convention or to register give Joyce Walter a call at 691-1259 in the a.m. or 692-7357 in the p.m. We look forward to seeing everyone at the 84th annual Western Canada Fairs Convention October 25 - 28.



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Coming Events

September 2007

1 - 30	Doc's Town Heritage Village	Swift Current
1 - 4	Chuckwagon and Chariot Finals	Prince Albert
1 - 22	Melfort Flea Market	Melfort
7 - 8	Provincial Appaloosa Horse Show	Melville
8	Ranch Country Horse Sale	Maple Creek
8	Showdown in Cowtown PBR Event	Maple Creek
14 - 16	Regina Fall Home Show	IPSCO Place-Regina
15 - 16	Parimutuel Horse Racing	Melville
15 - 16	Saskatchewan Indemand	Saskatoon
15	Maple Creek CHRHBA Horse Sale	Maple Creek
22	Lloydminster Rare and Exotic Sale	Lloydminster
28 - 29	Unity & District Trade Show/Fall Fair	Unity
30	Dressage Horse Show	Melville
30	Grenfell Agricultural Society Fall Fair	Grenfell

October 2007

7	Swift Current Ranchman's Ridin' and Recitin'	Swift Current
7	Perdue Market Place	Perdue
12	Broadview Fall Fair	Broadview
25-28	Western Canada Fairs Convention	Saskatoon
27	Denzil Trade Show and Fall Fair	Denzil
27	Denzil Cattle Show	Denzil
27	Creelman Annual Pumpkin Festival	Creelman
27	Nokomis Pumpkinfest	Nokomis
28	Radisson Annual Pumpkin Contest	Radisson
28	Denzil Team Penning	Denzil
30 - 31	Lloydminster Stock Dog Trials	Lloydminster

November 2007

1	Lloydminster Stock Dog Trials	Lloydminster
1 - 3	Lloydminster Stockade Roundup	Lloydminster
3	UFA Roundup Ranch Horse Competition & Sale	Lloydminster
3 - 4	Battlefords Craftie Classics	Battlefords
10	Lloydminster Golden Feather and Fur Show	Lloydminster
14 - 17	CAFE Convention	Toronto
15 - 17	Saskatoon Fall Fair	Saskatoon
20 - 25	Canadian Western Agribition	IPSCO Place - Regina

December 2007

1	Vanscoy Turkey Bingo	Vanscoy
3	Doc's Town Country Christmas	Swift Current
10	Weyburn Livestock Update	Weyburn
12 - 13	Swift Current Foraging Into the Future	Swift Current
14	Broadview Santa Sleigh Ride Fun Night	Broadview
31	Prairieland Park New Years Eve Party	Saskatoon

If you have any events you would like to add to our list,
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