



2024

Annual

Report

# WEYBURN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

January 8, 2025 | 7:30 PM

### AGENDA

1. Call to order President
2. Acceptance of Agenda Approval
3. One minute of Silence for Deceased Members
4. Financial Report MNP
5. President's Remarks Tyler Metheral
6. Minutes of 2023 Annual Meeting Approval
7. Committee Reports – 2024
8. Election of Officers Tyler Metheral
9. Old Business
10. New Business
  - Neal Keefe Volunteer Award – Dylan Grant
  - Fair Dates 2025 – July 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Other Business
11. Adjournment

# **WEYBURN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

## **2024 DIRECTORS**

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Directors for Re-election/New Directors and or New Committees:

**Terms Expiring this year – one-year term expiring 2025:**

Volunteer Coordinator:

**Terms Expiring this year – two-year term expiring 2026:**

President:

Vice-President:

Hospitality:

**Terms Expiring this year - three-year term expiring 2027:**

4-H Beef Committee:

Light Horse Committee:

Farrier Competition/Flavours of Fall:

**Open Positions:**

Junior Work

Home Products

Photography

Historian

Parking and Policing

Commercial and Concession

Finance

**1 Year Remaining expires 2025:**

Social Media & Advertising: Brandie Fisher

Ag Safety Education: Stacy Kosior

**2 Years Remaining expires 2026:**

Cattle Committee: Mike & Carla Fellner

Entertainment Committee: Caroline Erasmus & Melissa Carson

Grounds: Tyler Metheral

Gates: Melissa Carson

Household Arts: Leanne Anderson

Rodeo: Jeremy Wig

## **HONORARY VICE PRESIDENTS**

Ron Metheral, Murray McGillivray, Norm Flaten, Keith Johnstone, Edgar May, Don Schlosser, Garth Charlton, Graham McKenzie, Jeff Gaab, Roger Clay, Don Payak, Brian Pederson, Richard Tollefson, Ray Wahl, Rick Bell, Wendy Neiszner, Treva Tollefson, Chad Johnstone, Neal Keefe, Tyler Metheral, Jeff Clay

## **HONORARY DIRECTORS**

Elva Turner, Rea Pederson, Don Endicott, Dorothy Gaab, Edward Pretty, Graham Thackeray, Pat Benning, Jim Morrice, Sandy Cleasby

## **JUNIOR DIRECTORS FOR 2024**

Nikola Erasmus, Hayden Pulfer

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## **2024 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Grounds Committee – Tyler Metheral  
Cattle Committee – Mike and Carla Fellner  
4-H Committee – Beverley Gordon  
Flavours of Fall – Marla Holdstock  
AG Safety Day – Stacy Kosior  
4-H Horse – Jodie Long  
Ag Education/Safety – Stacy Kosior  
Volunteer Coordinator – Brittany Stepp  
Social Media & Advertising – Brandie Fisher  
Hospitality – Kelley Neiszner  
Gates – Melissa Carson  
Entertainment Committee – Caroline Erasmus  
Household Arts – Leanne Anderson  
Rumble in the Ring – Tyler Metheral  
Souris River Rodeo – Jeremy Wig  
President’s Message – Tyler Metheral

## 2024 GROUND COMMITTEE REPORT

We would like to thank Kai Fisher for and all the mowing and trimming he did this past year and Glenn Tollefson for everything he does. Kent Fisher as well and for all the extra time grooming and prepping grounds, servicing equipment, moving panels, cleaning drains, etc. Brandie Fisher for planting caring for all the flowers and helping wherever to keep our grounds looking great, thank you. We have 32 acres we look after so it takes a lot of volunteer time to keep it nice so if you see something out of place or needs repair say something or pick it up and help us out. Super Seed, Jeff Clay, once again sponsored chemical to control the weeds, that was greatly appreciated. Al Culbertson has been hauling water and watering our new trees please thank Al if you see him. This year we painted the exterior of Exhibition Hall and replaced metal fascia and eaves troughs. This was a big and necessary expense as we had repaired and replaced some bricks all around the building first. Two broken window upstairs were repaired as we installed new glass in frames. We have requested the Curling Club install eaves troughs on their storage shed on the North side of Ex. Hall as rainwater is washing down our brick wall. The brown tin on the front of the hall is currently being priced out for replacement. The East washroom was also painted, thanks to Johnny Mueller, Mel Van Betuw for the use of his lift and Southern Industrial and Truck for their lift. The Weyburn Oil Show Board helped with paying for painting of some gates and some panels, as well as purchase of some new panels. We also purchased a porta potty and set it out by the rodeo arena, thanks to Peanuts Pumps of servicing potty. Thanks everyone who help the grounds committee this past year.

TJ Metheral  
Grounds Director

## 2024 CATTLE COMMITTEE REPORT

This year we had a successful Jackpot Show held on Tuesday July 2, 2024. Our entry numbers were up in the Jackpot Lamb, Jackpot Calves, Jackpot Heifers and Jackpot Steer classes. Unfortunately, we did not have any entries in the Commercial Pen of Heifer class so moving forward we will be looking at adding something else to the Jackpot Show or changing up the payouts with the sponsorship from that class. In total, we had fifty-seven entries, eight in the Jackpot Lambs, nine in the Jackpot Calves, twenty-three in the Jackpot Heifers and seventeen in the Jackpot Steer Class. Our Sheep Judge for the day was Billy Goudy and our Cattle Judge was Justin VanDeWoestyne who both had their work cut out for them with the quality of animals the participants brought into the ring. Fun was had by all when spectators were allowed to judge the animals to see if anyone judged them the same as the judge for the day. Our Champions for the Show were as follows: Jackpot Market Lambs was Harper Wilgenbusch, Reserve was Kade Gordon, Jackpot Bull Calf was Three Star Simmentals, Reserve was Charlotte Kosior, Jackpot Female Calf was Kate Webb, Reserve was Ryder Fellner, Jackpot Prospect Steer was Eric Fettes, Jackpot Heifers was Ryder Fellner, Reserve was Wilgenbusch Charolais, Jackpot Steers was Carter Stewart, Reserve was Mya Doud. We would like to thank our Judges Billy and Justin, Brittany Stepp for marshalling, Jacey Fellner for ringing and Shiney Hallberg for announcing, Jamey Sali for her work in the office. The show went well, was a good afternoon.

Mike and Carla Fellner  
Cattle Directors

## 2024 4-H BEEF COMMITTEE REPORT

The 82<sup>nd</sup> Interclub Show and Sale was held on July 1, 2 & 3. There were 118 steers in the show and sale. There were 60 heifers, 9 two-year old and 4 three-year old female projects as well. Garrett Liebreich was our judge for Judging, showmanship and grooming. Natalie Grylls and Mark Pillar did the steers and females. Garrett also did the showmanship for the sheep. The judges for the market lamb show were Sarah Nye and Jack Wright.

We continue to have excellent support for our show and sale. I cannot thank the sponsors, buyers, members, volunteers, committee members, leaders and parents who continue to work together so we can facilitate a great 4H experience for the members. Our sale would not be so successful without Holdstock livestock and their commitment to our sale by offering their services. They provide a service for buyers who just want to support 4H but have no use for the steers they have purchased. I want to personally express my gratitude to them all.

New this 2024 was the first annual show and sale of market lambs. Leslie Gutzke did an amazing job of the first annual show and sale. There were two clubs and eight market lambs. It proved to be very well received and lots of interest was generated from both children and adults.

Mike and Carla Fellner are an incredible asset to our organization, and I thank them both for all they do. A thank you to the Board of Directors of the Weyburn Agricultural Society for all they do to help with the show. Finally, thank you to Jamey Sali, our Office Manager, for embracing learning about 4-H and doing great work in the office with the entries and all the paperwork that is required.

2024 marked an important milestone for me personally. I celebrated thirty years of volunteering with 4H. First as a leader, and now as a chairperson of the committee. Thank you for all of you allowing me the opportunity to work with fine young people. I do so enjoy seeing the great contributions that you all make in this world. Lots of my volunteers for the show and sale are former members who want to give back.

Beverley Gordon  
4-H Beef Director

## 2024 FLAVOURS OF FALL COMMITTEE REPORT

The 7th Annual Flavours of Fall was held on October 12<sup>th</sup> from 8 pm till 1 am in Exhibition Hall. Tickets to the event were sold at Pharmasave. We also signed up for Front Door Sales to try selling tickets online this year. We sold around 70 tickets online. We set up the sales so that online costs were passed onto the ticket purchaser. We were also able to set two cost points, one for presale and the other for regular door price after 5pm on Saturday so that sales could continue up until the door closed at the event.

The evening showcased a wide variety of food, beverages and entertainment. Some local restaurants participated in the event including Detour, Red Swan Pizza, Boston Pizza, Stranger Danger Candy Co, Cochin Grillz, and the Cozy Corner from AgActiv.

Beverage sampling was provided by Great Western Brewing, Labatt Breweries, Outlaw Trail Spirits, Bandits Distillers, Blackfly Beverages, Prairie Sky Co-op, Paddockwood Brewing, Bee & Thistle Winery, District Brewing, Beam Suntory, and LB Liquor Store.

We had many sponsors for the event. AgActiv came on board to be this year's major sponsor. Barber Motors provided three vans for a safe ride home. Prairie Sky Co-op donated the use of their refrigerator trailer for the weekend. Goliath Disposal donated extra garbage carts for the event. Other sponsors for the event included Farr Air, Weger Paradis Law Firm, Great Plains Ford/Motorsports, Enbridge, Arkk Tubing Inspection, Edge Safety, Doane Grant Thornton, Streamline Oilfield Services, TS&M Supply, Gowan Canada, Cossar 3 Oilfield Safety Services, Fire & Flower Cannabis, Pumpjacks and MNP.

This year we also had an early bird ticket draw for a Tail Gatz cooler from Bayer. We had an additional Yeti Cooler from BASF that we used for a door prize draw for everyone who attended the event to enter. And we once again put together our fully stocked beverage center which was donated by NuFarm and stocked with product from our vendors. One lucky attendee who was through the doors prior to 9 pm went home with that great prize. Dylan Grant Aerial Photography took photos of the event and put together a video montage of the night.



We started the evening off with an acoustic set by Pat with his Guitar. Closing out the night was the cover band Wildfire. Jeff Richards was our emcee for the evening.

There were 50/50 tickets sold during the evening with the proceeds going towards the repairs on Exhibition Hall. Attendees could also use the 360 photobooth to capture a video on their phone.

This year was definitely a struggle. We struggled with vendors, sponsorship, ticket sales, and volunteers. We are not seeing the participation from our local establishments like we did in the early years. A lot of the feedback that we heard was due to staffing issues. We lost a lot of sponsors that have supported us in previous years. This may be due to the fact that it was also an oil show year. Our tickets sales lagged, and we only saw roughly 500 people through the doors. We were once again up against a Rider game and a Red Wing game, as well as having beautiful fall weather.

When its all said and done it is still a successful event, just not the mega success that it has been in the past.

Marla Holdstock

Flavours of Fall Director

## 2024 AG EDUCATION & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Progressive Ag Safety Day was held on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, following the theme “Safety is My Superpower”. It was a little later this year due to The Oil Show. Our Committee consisted of myself, Robyn MacLean (FCC), Sheila Miller (Sask Ag), Jamey Sali, and Hayden Pulfer. This year had some challenges and uncertainties due to the teacher’s strike, but in the end, we were able to adapt things so that the students could still attend. We had stations set up in the main area of Exhibition Hall, as well as the lobby, one station outside and one station in the McFadden Building. It ended up being a rainy day, so we had to set up a tent for the station outside. We hosted Grade 4 students from all three Weyburn elementary schools, Fillmore, Yellowgrass and Midale, as well as students from the Home School program. In total we had 242 students attend, and around 40 volunteers or professionals that worked as presenters or group leaders. Due to time restrictions from the strike, we had to cut down to 10 stations and therefore 10 groups that were a little larger than planned. These groups spent roughly 12 minutes at each station. The stations included:

- 1) Sun Safety –Presented by Jennifer Morrice, Nurse
- 2) Helmet Safety-Presented by Constable Dallas Austin
- 3) Chemical Safety-Presented by Amy Woodard (farmer), Savannahh Schaeffer (Chem Rep)
- 4) Equipment Safety-Presented by Kaylin Sidloski (Machinery dealer) and Jim Halberg (Rancher)
- 5) Electrical Safety-Presented by Jason Mattidy (Saskpower), Glenn Duck and Desirea (Saase)
- 6) Lawn Mower Safety-Presenters Randi Maurer (farmer), Sheila Miller (Sask Ag)
- 7) Animal Safety-Presenters Kristin Caldwell and Julie Chinski (PAHC Vet Techs)
- 8) Grains Safety-Presenters Mark and Bobby Bratrud (farmers, Consultants)
- 9) First Aid-Presenters Jason Roy and Stephanie Schmidt (Weyburn EMS)
- 10) NEW: Railway Safety –Presented by Peter Dobrowolski (Operation Lifesaver)

Most stations had something to contribute to our “Take Home Bags”. SAASE provided \$7 funding per student. These funds were used to purchase supplies for each student to make a First Aid Kit, as well as ear plugs and candy for the take home bags. New sponsor this year was CN Rail, who gave \$500 towards snacks. Prairie Sky Coop covered the remainder of the food costs for the granola bars, juice boxes, cheese sticks and water. FCC graciously sponsored the lunch for our volunteers and presenters (Beef on a bun catered by McKenna Hall). Thanks to everyone involved!

Stacy Kosior

Ag Education/Safety Director

## 2024 LIGHT HORSE COMMITTEE REPORT

This was a great year for the equine partners at the Weyburn Ag Society. The new ground Arena equipment – GROUND HOG was an amazing upgrade. It was purchased in 2023. The ground improvement, just by using, was phenomenal.

In May the HWY 39 Barrel Racing Series began its annual barrel racing jackpots in Weyburn. The hot weather and DRY conditions caused a few of the “planned” jackpots to be cancelled due to the weather. The series wrapped up on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Board was approached by Scott Birnie of Arcola to hold a Miniature Horse Show during the fair. As people of Weyburn and surrounding areas expressed their thoughts that they would like to see more Horse exhibits and shows, we thought that would be a fabulous addition to the Annual Fair Days. Scott also agreed to use his team of ponies in the parade to promote the show.

The 4-H Horseshow was another success, with around 20 contestants from 3 local 4-H Lighthorse Clubs in attendance. Our judge for the show was Rose Debegorski.

The addition of the Outlaw Buckers versus Oil Kings bronc riding was a great addition to the equine horse events!! And as always, the Rodeo brings out many people to watch and experience the whole Weyburn Fair Days.

We are always looking for new equine events and ideas, and more volunteers to help out with events and even on the board as well. Feel free to contact any Committee member!!

Thank you for another great year with the Horse Committee and the Weyburn Agricultural Society.

Jodie Long  
Light Horse Director

## 2024 VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR REPORT

This position was introduced in 2023 AGM as a 1-year term to see how the position would go. There were kinks to smooth out for sure but the first year is always a tricky year without proper guidance and direction.

I communicated with Discovery Weyburn for interviews bringing in volunteer interest. I was called upon by other directors to assist with volunteers for the spring clean up day, Ag Safety Day, Flavours of Fall and directed multiple volunteers for shifts during Weyburn Fair to various committees.

I utilized a brand-new volunteer database set up by Brandie Fisher. This database is still somewhat restricted to who can view it. But it is available upon request. Brandie did a call out via social media for anyone to sign up on their own. This was the best as each person was able to provide where they would feel comfortable helping. I would say we should continue to do this call out at least annually if not semi-annually during the slower social media outreach times.

After 2024 Fair Days, multiple directors input into this database of who helped them at their events. This is in a way helpful for having names down, but not all names had a phone number or way of contacting them. It will be a continued work in progress.

I had high hopes of sending out email/text blasts from the volunteer database when ever there were events being held at Weyburn Agricultural Society however many times there was not enough notice for some events, or I wasn't asked to look for volunteers at all. The email that I was utilizing was wasvolunteer@hotmail.com however this was short lived as I was blocked out of using this account. I can set up a new account moving forward if the board would like this position to remain.

The only negative thing about this first year was the lack of communication and direction. Moving forward knowing the exact role would be the best. I had verbally communicated I would be unable to set up volunteer shifts for Weyburn Fair Days, and Melissa verbally said she would take over. When the time came to create shifts and fill, it was directed to me to fill but I was unable to complete this task due to other commitments. If this position remains part of the board the direction needs to be clearer, or communication needs to be more prominent.

This year unfortunately I was not able to attend many of our events due to other commitments and a very full calendar, but I would like this role to be utilized to be as helpful as possible moving forward for all directors. I had sent in a request for a Volunteer Appreciation night as round table discussion at a board meeting, but this was declined in 2024. If we are no longer going to do an appreciation night, there should be a discussion about how to increase our volunteers and retain them with some sort of recognition.

Brittany Stepp  
Volunteer Coordinator Director

## 2024 SOCIAL MEDIA/ WEBSITE/ ADVERTISING REPORT

This was my second year of doing this role and I have learned so much. The website was up and running and with the fair and other events going on this year I was able to add more information to it. At times I was struggling with keeping up with the information as it was happening but for next year and good communication, I believe our website can be a one stop shop for all information regarding our organization and events.

This year I really tried to steer the public to our website. Yes, Facebook is great but we can hold so much information on our website like forms, programs etc. if we provide it.

I also did a lot of advertising for the Souris River Rodeo and 4-H days utilizing our local radio station and discover Weyburn as well as the local newspaper. Something new this year I tried making a QR code for the rodeo program to cut down on all the paper. It directed people right to the Souris River Rodeo page. The QR codes were also used for the fair as it took them to the Fair website page as well that included maps of all the events. I plan to continue this but make signage bigger. And have consistent advertising and not doubling up causing confusion to our guests.

The Flavors of Fall committee had reached out to an organization called go digital for help in advertising and where to advertise. The program wasn't the right fit for that, but they were looking for, but did help out in our branding and helped explain how to keep our information consistent. They also taught how to use google and how to put information about us and our events. They also taught how to put information up for those who are visually impaired and use readers. I also signed up for one of their courses called wix boot camp. It was delayed due to a technical issue and the busy time of Christmas, till the new year. As I was talking to Allyson of go digital it seemed that Wix would be a better platform for our website. It has more options that would benefit our organization. For example, we could go as far as having forms on our website for the public to request rentals, taking donations, or even selling our own tickets. Allyson is so kind to continue to help me if I run into any problems in the future. Once the website is loaded up Aaron from Route 413 that hosts us will make it live.

With the help of Marla Holdstock we applied for a few grants, we used this not only to apply for the grant but to get the word out of who we are and that the buildings on the grounds we maintain and get the knowledge out to the people. We could not have done this without the help of Dylan Grant, he has helped make a video that got us the E. Bourassa Community Development Fund Grant, and the photos that we sent in to the UFA Rural Community Grant Program. Dylan has supplied us with photos and videos of our events for a few years now and I am beyond grateful for all he has done for us.

Goals For next year:

I would like photos of every board member on the website, it's easier to reach out if people put some faces to names

I would like all the correct forms of rentals, 4-H Entry forms, Even have a membership Form etc. all posted.

Better Bigger Signage at all gates of the Fair and 4-H Days

Going to reach out to every board member for the Fair/4-H Days thank you ad for the paper which will include who they (for their part of this week) want to thank for 1. Volunteering 2. Sponsorship. It was a little chaotic this year but thanks to Marla for helping me finish it.

Here is to a great 2025!

Brandie Fisher

Social Media & Advertising Director

## 2024 HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make this year a success. Would also like to thank Bandit's Distilling Inc who supplied us with their vodka and new rye, as a sponsor.

Thursday night we were open 5pm-12pm, the Souris River Rodeo brought in a great crowd and was busy most of the night.

We went with Great Western Brewing company these year as they are a sponsor of the Souris River Rodeo. They came out Friday afternoon to sample a new product and give out some swag. This went over well and brought a lot of people into the Forge and Anvil. Friday was a very crazy night with the rodeo crowd and the Iron Pigs game, there was hardly any room to move around. Thanks to board members who jumped in to help.

Saturday we were open from 2pm to 2 am. The day was very steady, after the Smash it show was over, we had a good crowd but died off after 10pm. I believe we need to have some form of entertainment to encourage the patrons to stay longer.

The 3 days were a great success and again thanks to everyone who helped.

Kelley Neiszner  
Hospitality Director



## 2024 GATES COMMITTEE REPORT

2024 was my first year back on the board after taking a break to go to school. It has been nice to be back and involved in the community once again.

There was only one event that required gates this year, The 115th Annual Weyburn Fair Days on July 4, 5 & 6 and it went quite smoothly. We required 54 volunteers to fill the shifts over the three days and I was able to get most of them filled right away with past volunteers that continue stepping up each year. I also reached out to the local banks to see if they would be able to help out, TD Bank provided 6 volunteers, Weyburn Credit Union provided 2, and Scotiabank provided 2. The remainder of the shifts were filled with new volunteers that I hope to see again at future events.

Attendance this year was slightly down on Thursday and Friday compared to last year with the weather playing a main role, though it didn't stop people from sticking around during the down pours and seeking shelter in the Exhibition Hall and Tom Zandee Arena. Thursday, we had about 1700 visitors and Friday we had about 2500. Saturday was our highest attendance at about 3600, which is up by about 1000 from last year, the Demolition Derby always helps bring the crowd in no matter the weather! All together we welcomed about 7800 paying visitors through the gates for the 115 Annual Fair Days.

Our gate booths got a much-needed fresh coat of paint thanks to Nicola Erasmus, one of our Junior Directors this past year, and some of her friends. Thanks to them the booths are sure to stay looking good for years to come. I want to take this time to thank all the volunteers that make our events possible and all my fellow board members for all of their hard work throughout the year as well. I look forward to what 2025 has in store for the Weyburn Agricultural Society.

Melissa Carson

Gates Director

## 2024 ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Annual Fair Days was kicked off with the Chamber of Commerce parade, thank you all for the setup of the float, Jodi for the horse escort and all the helpers that walked along handing out fair programs.

The Sports Arena contained Household Art displays Tractor Town pedal tractor obstacle course and Kid's Tractor Pull. We expanded by adding an Ag Pavillion area that focused on agricultural education. We had SAASE's "Ag Experience" Tablets, Sask Cattlemen's Association's blow-up dome with video, Ag In The Classroom displays and Simmental Association's beef carcass puzzle. The purchase of the little picnic tables allowed for kid's coloring, and we had some grass mats with farm toys for hands-on play.

We tried filling Exhibition Hall with some different vendors each day. Thursday we had local groups: Southeast Newcomers, City of Weyburn, Weyburn Library, Mental Health and Weyburn Theatre. Friday, we had Safety Zone with vendors from SaskPower, Operation Lifesaver, Weyburn Fire Safety, Melanoma Canada and other farm safety displays. In the evening, we had a talent show that did not see much interest. We left the organizing and advertising to an outside source that was more familiar with this kind of entertainment. We will probably not include this in the program again.

The Midway was provided by Canuck Amusements, even with the rain there was still an above average crowd. Knocker Balls and the big sand box were back and quite busy. The wobbly water balls were also new this year and seemed to attract a lot of attention. Hangman was also back this year and there were lots of food vendors.

The Truco Trick Riders were new, the Truco Trick Riders were a great addition to the Rodeo and the crowd seemed to enjoy the performance of these talented performers.

We also had a Mini Horse show scheduled this year, there were not many entries, and they also took part in the parade.

Ol' McDales Family Farm and Petting Zoo was back this year and situated in the McFadden building, this is always a popular event and were quite busy.

Tequila Mockingbird was the Friday Night entertainment after the Rodeo and a local band, Switch entertained the crowds on Saturday, Travis Sonnenberg handled the sound for both bands. The bands were set up in the new stage trailer that saved time, and they could start playing immediately after the Rodeo. The trailer will need some additional soundproofing, and we will work on that for the next fair.

Rumble in the Ring was back this year, there was a great crowd, the stands were full and standing spectators, this event included a Demo Derby, Quad Pulls and Lawn mower races. Big thanks to all that helped to organize this and for the preparation of the arena.

I want to thank all for their help, support, advice and help to come up with a schedule of events for our annual fair days to make it fun and a huge success.

Caroline Erasmus

Entertainment Director

## 2024 HOUSEHOLD ARTS COMMITTEE REPORT

This year at the fair we had only a handful of participants, but we put up around 7 tables and 7 walls to display our works.

This area was well viewed as the rainy weather sent people looking for shelter in the Sports arena.

I am not sure how to build the program. As the fair is in the early days of summer, School involvement is tough for the teachers to get their students work in and back to the students. I did reach out to a 4H homecraft club but had no response. Getting paper copies to people - or direct emails of the entry pages to people early in April or May may help. I am ready to hear from others with ideas.

Leanne Anderson

Household Arts Director

## **2024 RUMBLE IN THE RING/SMASH IT SHOW**

The 2024 show held Saturday evening July 6th had 6 cars, 6 quads and 9 racing mowers. With only 6 cars entered in The Rumble we tried to put on the best show we could to entertain the large crowd. The mowers were fast and as always fun to watch. The quad pulls help fill in to keep the crowd entertained, we were hoping to have a few more entries as this was our second year having quad pulls. Thank you to Jeff and Tina Clay, Brian Neiszner and Carey Metheral for helping with sound, announcing and keeping track of winners and Kent Fisher for running the tractor, etc. We must remember to thank all our sponsors and shop local and support those who support us. The Quad Pull Sled was rented from Perry Bender which he brought down from Melville. Thank you to everyone who helped making this year's Fair great.

TJ Metheral

## **2024 SOURIS RIVER RODEO COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Souris River Rodeo was held on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 2024 with Performances held the Thursday and Friday evenings and a morning slack on the Friday. The rodeo was held again during the Weyburn Ag Society Fair Days, and we had fantastic crowds for both performances. This was the second year of switching to the Thursday and Friday evening performances and it was well received again by the spectators and contestants. This move also makes so the rodeo does not conflict directly with the Wood Mountain Rodeo.

I can not stress enough that to put on these events we rely on the community support for sponsorship and once again the Weyburn and surrounding businesses and communities did just that. I would like to give another large Thank You to all our Sponsors that make this event happen.

We welcomed back Battle River Rodeo after a Stock Contractor Tender. Battle River under new ownership once again provided good stock to put on a great show. The Souris River Rodeo continues to attract one of the largest number of contestants of any CCA Rodeo which is a great accomplishment.

Thanks again to the Souris River Rodeo Committee, Weyburn Ag Society, Volunteers, Sponsors and Rodeo fans for all the efforts for another successful rodeo.

Jeremy Wig

Rodeo Director

## 2024 PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Thank you, everyone who has helped the Weyburn Agricultural Society and myself in any way this past year. I understand how valuable one's time is and those who have helped in any way be sure you are appreciated. Volunteers are the backbone to the Weyburn Agricultural Society we need to look at attracting new people, as we lean more and more on the dedicated ones get things done. We don't want anyone to leave because they are overwhelmed by the amount of work we do every year. I appreciate everything that everyone puts into all our events, but all our committees could use more help. All our sponsors big and small are just as important, we must continue to support and thank all those that support us. All the work put into applying for grants has paid off, thanks to all who worked so hard at this, we had a real nice presentation good job. Staying with the three-day fair seems to be working out ok. Despite all the rain this year our attendance numbers, were ok and midway receipts, we did alright. The Kids Tractor Land in the Tom Zandee sports was a big hit again and incorporating more agricultural and safety aspect got some great comments thanks to all those involved with this big task. Upgrades to the exterior of Exhibition Hall would not have been possible without help from E Bourassa and Sons, and U.F.A. We purchased a newer forklift, and a new side by side, plastic tables, corral panels and had some new security panels built, thanks to Curtis Fox and the crew he lined up to build these new panels quickly and at a great discounted price. I welcomed the challenges we had this past year, and I think in most part we worked through as a team. Our mission to educate and entertain our youth and community is a great way to be involved and help grow our great community. Thank you everyone who made this a successful year.

TJ Metheral

President