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You can beat the high price of fuel!

Celebrate your community summer events.

Pumpkin Growing Tip #23

Pumpkins respond to subliminal messages. To grow a very large pumpkin place a tape recorder in your pumpkin patch that plays over and over, "I am going to Smoky Lake, I am going to Smoky Lake, I'm going to Smoky Lake."

This is where all large pumpkins want to go.

June 2006

Summer at Last!

Last fall, David Phillips of Environment Canada predicted a very, very cold winter with much snow and extreme cold temperatures for western Canada. Well we all know what actually happened. David Phillips is now predicting a very hot and dry summer for 2006. I hope he is just as accurate this time too.

If the predictions of Atlantic storms and high gasoline prices do come true, we will change our traveling habits. It may be time to spend a little more time at home and enjoy the events that our communities offer.

A Short List of Community Events in the Lakeland REA area

Vilna

July 1 – "Canada Day Celebrations", Historic Displays, Fireworks, Family Fun.

August 19-20 – "Vilna Boomtown Days", Parade, Pancake Breakfasts, Midway, Car Show and Shine, Bench Show and Saturday Night Dance.

Mundare

June 9 – "Farmers' Day Supper", evening.

August 19-20 – "Agridaze", Parade, Quilt Show, Bench Show, Sporting Events.

Smoky Lake

August 5-7 – "Heritage Days", Rodeo, Dance, Demo Derby, Fireworks.

October 7 – "Pumpkin Festival", Farmers' Market, Displays, Fun for All, (major event)

Vegreville

June 18 – "Iron Runner's Show and Shine" Car Show, Demo Derby, Displays.

July 7-9 – "Pysanka Festival", Where everyone's Ukrainian!

August 10-13 – "Country Fair" and "Vegreville Centennial Celebrations" (major event)

Victoria Settlement

July 9 – "Jamboree and Craft Sale."

August 20 – "Field and Fort Day", Celebrate the Lives of Fur Traders and Missionaries and Fun Things to do with Potatoes.

Hairy Hill

July 7-8 – "Hairy Hill Rodeo", Heavy Horse Pull, Wild Horse Race, Dance both Evenings.

Lavoy

June 9 – "Farmers' Day Steak Fry" at the Lavoy Hall.

Andrew

June 9 – “Farmers’ Day Celebrations,” Pancake Breakfast, Chili Luncheon and a unique evening of music featuring a 3-band dance, jazz band, country and a rock band.

July 1-2 – “Sportoff Days”, Parade, Sports Events, Mud Bogs, Beer Gardens, Dance.

Ryley

June 17 – “Sports and Fair Days”, Parade, Comedy Troupe, Petting Zoo, Fireworks, Supper, Bob Layton and more.

Two Hills

August 19-20 – “Two Hills Rodeo”, Parade, Rodeo, Bench Show, Horse Show, Kids’ Events

Derwent

July 8-9 – “Sports Days”, Parade, Kids and Fun for the Family Events.

Willingdon

June 9 – “Farmers’ Day Toonie BBQ”, noon.

August 12 – “Willingdon and District Agricultural Society Fair”, Parade, Kids Events, Livestock Show, Evening BBQ and Dance.

Ranfurly

“Steak Fry” - Last Tuesday of every month, sometimes you’ll get ribs.

August 13 – “Ranfurly Agricultural Fair”, Parade, Horse Show, Bench Show.

Holden

June 10 – “Farmers’ Day Soap Box Derby Celebrations”, Great Family Fun, Parade, Pancake Breakfasts, Supper.

June 11 – “ Historical Society Heritage Celebrations” at the Museum.

Chipman

June 10-11 – “Chipman Fair Days”, Ball Tournament, Heavy Horse Pull, Cowboy Poetry, Kids’ events, petting zoo and more.

Bruce

July 29 – “Amateur Rodeo”, Parade, Kids’ Events.

July 30 – “Bruce Stampede”, one of the longest running rodeos in Alberta.

Have a great summer start! Visit, participate and volunteer for all the local summer events in your community and neighboring communities. Contact each of these communities directly for more detailed information.

This list is not complete in any way. There are more local communities, halls and organizations that have events worth celebrating as well. Nearly every location has a **Farmers Market** full of goods and services for your enjoyment. Stay close to home this summer and enjoy.

Have a community event to publicize? Contact Glenn at Lakeland REA LTD.