

In 1969 Jock Stevenson, Jim Mac Pherson and I were the agriculture committee in the Bearspaw Lions Club, we held a meeting at Jim MacPhers in the spring to decide what we should do, Jock suggested we put on a community fair we thought this was a good idea but after considerable discussion we felt a fair would be a little more than the Lions club could handle. It was decided to hold a meeting in the Bearspaw Lions Hall and invite representatives from the Glendale Womens Institute, the Bearspaw Red Cross society and the Bearspaw 4 H.club. to elect officers and organize a community fair to be held the Saturday before the long weekend in August. Jim MacPherson was elected president. The first five fairs were held in Rudolphs riding arena south of 12 mile coulle, in 1974 the fair was held in the Cochrane Arena and has been held there ever since. For the first six fairs I was Chairman of the hay and grain section, 1976-77 I was treasurer, 1978-79 I was vice president and elected president in 1980-81. in 1983 I looked aft the hay and grain and in 1984 became thw family award co-ordinator. The two years I was president, Leigh Blackwell was vice president, Helen Kidd was treasurer, KenCanning was secretary for the first year and Kay Smith for the second year. In 1980 Fran became chairman of the display on the mezzanina floor she held this position for three years and then in1983 she became chairman of the hobbies and crafts section in 1985-86 she was chairman of the hay and grain section In 1984 the fair was switched from a Saturday to Sunday which seem to go over very well with the fair being better attended.

Following are a list of officers of the Bearspaw Fair Association

	President	Secretary	Treasurer
1969	Jim MacPherson		
1970	Leigh Blackwell		
1971	Ken Canning	Gertie Hawkwood	Sandra Scot
1972	" " "	" " "	" "
1973	" " "	Winnie Wearmouth	" "
1974	Miles Hawkwood	Barb Canning	Kay Smith
1975	" " "	" " "	" " "
1976	Chuck Harrington	" " "	Tim Bancroft
1977	" " "	Ken Canning	" " "
1978	Kay Smith	" " "	Lorna Harri
1979	" " "	" " "	" " "
1980	Tim Bancroft	" " "	Helen Kidd
1981	" " "	Kay Smith	" " "

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1982	Leigh Blackwell	Kay Smith	Walter Wearmo
1983	" " "	" " "	" " "
1984	Walter Wearmouth	" " "	Gordon Smith
1985	" " "	Helen Kidd	" " "
1986	Ken Canning	Greg Garnett	Lorna Harring
1987	" " "	" " "	" " "
1988	Helen Kidd		

The Bearspaw Fair has shown a profit every year although when it was organized the intention of the association was to only make enough money to pay our expenses. There have been no serious accidents, the few that have happened were of the minor scratch and bump type. There have been no major problems that we were not able to overcome. In 1987 we were locked out of the concession kitchen in the arena, the minor hockey association own all the equipment and didn't allow anyone to use it. This made it rather awkward for Linda Sanden who was looking after the concession, but by setting up tables in the concourse and using the kitchen upstairs she was able to manage.