

Wasn't that a Party!



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Thanks a million, Saskatchewan!

Saskatchewan – you showed your heart throughout 2005 as we commemorated and celebrated our home. You sang our song and wrote your own poems and stories. You raised the flag and wore the gear. You picked a place in Saskatchewan you'd never been to before and you went there (maybe even twice). You discovered your roots and planted a centennial tree. You planned events and special projects that built lasting – and living – legacies. You proved that nobody throws a party like Saskatchewan!

You celebrated with family and friends and created memories to last another 100 years. You shared your centennial spirit and provincial pride with the many visitors who enjoyed our birthday celebrations! You showed the world it could use a little more Saskatchewan.

Keep your provincial pride close to your heart; keep telling the world just how much we love this place – Saskatchewan! Tuck this souvenir keepsake away in your scrapbooks, shoeboxes and time capsules as we reflect on Saskatchewan's centennial year!

For making us all Saskatchewan proud – thank you – from the bottom of our 100 years of heart! Here's the story of how we celebrated Saskatchewan throughout 2005!

Happy birthday, Saskatchewan!

A Message from Her Honour The Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan



This has been an unforgettable year. Tens of thousands have returned home to join us in commemorating the 100th anniversary of Saskatchewan's inauguration into the Dominion of Canada. I have had the rare privilege of celebrating with citizens in every corner of our vast province. I have witnessed the outstanding dedication and excitement of so many Saskatchewan people.

In May, we were deeply honoured by the visit of Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh. It was a proud moment, indeed, when a live audience of 10,000 and a national television audience of two million witnessed a majestic rendition of our royal anthem to greet our Monarch and Prince Philip at the Lieutenant Governor's Centennial Gala.

The arts have been an integral part of our centennial. Communities have commissioned artworks and musical compositions, unveiled murals, written poems, stories and dramas, performed plays and concerts, published books, and held art exhibitions, dance performances, symphonies and powwows. The arts, which have been so vital to the people of this breathtakingly beautiful land, have appropriately taken centre stage during this milestone year.

It has been a profound privilege for me to honour our outstanding citizens with the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal, and to present the Lieutenant Governor's Celebration of the Arts pin to the gifted and generous people who enrich our lives.

As our centennial draws to a close, everyone who has worked so hard to create celebrations worthy of our magnificent home can take great pride. Each individual who has contributed to festivities – large and small – has honoured our visionary ancestors and inspired future generations. Thank you for celebrating our extraordinary blessings and our remarkable accomplishments ... 2005 is your legacy.

Lynda Haverstock
Dr. Lynda Haverstock

A Message from the Premier of Saskatchewan

I've said it before, and I'll say it again. Nobody throws a party like Saskatchewan! In our centennial year, Saskatchewan people across this great province celebrated like never before. In true Saskatchewan spirit, we showed our pride in our province's past, and our confidence in its future. We partied in our communities. We played hockey, walked the south and canoed the north. We showcased our artistic talent in the Lieutenant Governor's Centennial Gala. We hosted Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, and we invited the rest of Canada to join us during the Jeux du Canada Games. We lit up the living skies with the greatest light show this province has ever seen! We became a "have" province, and now we look to the future.

My colleagues and I have a vision for the next century, a vision of a green and prosperous economy, a vision for diverse and growing communities, a vision for an unbreakable social fabric where economic progress translates into social progress and all citizens benefit from our prosperity. And, we have a plan for realizing this vision.

I was asked to talk about my favourite part of the centennial, and I have to say that what I enjoyed most was the chance to meet and talk with Saskatchewan people of all ages, of all cultures, from all walks of life. It is often said in Saskatchewan that our people are our greatest strength, and I can tell you, it's true.

The many events, large and small, that were held across our province this year could not have happened without countless volunteers who cheerfully gave of their time, talents and energy to celebrate "100 years of heart." To every volunteer, I say a heartfelt thank you. It couldn't have happened without you.

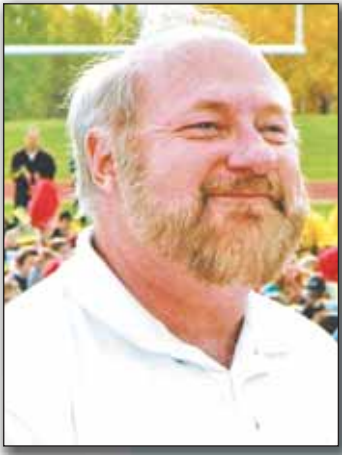


Lorne Calvert
Lorne Calvert



A Message from Saskatchewan Centennial 2005 Chair

When you reflect on all the great things that happened in our province in 2005 you can't help but smile – I know I do. Never in my life have I been prouder to live in Saskatchewan!



During our centennial year, I travelled over 50,000 kilometres to join you in the many community celebrations. I was fortunate to see up close the work that many of you did to commemorate this occasion, and I was proud to create many centennial memories with you. Each of the 365 days of our centennial year had a special centennial moment, and I will cherish them for the rest of my life.

It was important that the spirit and vitality of our communities be the cornerstone of our centennial celebrations, and that the celebrations pay tribute to the people, places and legends that make Saskatchewan a great place to call home. Because of the heart of Saskatchewan volunteers, our centennial was felt throughout the province, the country and the world. Young and old – all across the province – our people had reason to celebrate, and that's exactly what we did!

The goal of the centennial was to give each and every resident not one, but several opportunities to come together and celebrate Saskatchewan. But on a personal note, it was my dream that our residents be given the opportunity to express out loud the feeling that we have in our hearts about the province we love. Friends, I'm happy to share with you that my dream for the centennial has been realized. It wouldn't have been possible – and it wouldn't have been the celebration it was – without you.

Through the millions of ways you celebrated, thank you for showing Saskatchewan your heart!

As we turn the page on our first 100 years and enter our province's second century, we each have an incredible opportunity before us. I encourage you to keep the spirit of 2005 alive for years to come, and never stop sharing your provincial pride wherever you go.

Cheers to you, Saskatchewan! Here's to another 100 years of heart!

Glenn Hagel
Glenn Hagel, MLA

A Message from Saskatchewan Centennial 2005 Youth Ambassador

What an awesome year it's been! I've had the time of my life celebrating our centennial – Saskatchewan style! My role as the Saskatchewan Centennial Youth Ambassador gave me the opportunity to work up close with the youth of this province as they celebrated our birthday in a million different ways. Thank you to all of the youth who got behind the centennial celebrations and showed just how proud you are to be from Saskatchewan. It was great to see you join together with your classes, clubs, sports teams, musical groups, family and friends to celebrate our province's 100th anniversary. You did a great job – I hope you had as much fun as I did!

I have hundreds of special memories from 2005, but some that stand out the most are the visits to schools across the province. I had so much fun this year talking about my dreams and hearing about yours, too. I hope you will keep talking about the province you love, and continue pursuing your dreams right here at home. In Saskatchewan's second century, it's up to our youth to shape and define the future of our province. With the talent, the creativity and the heart I saw this year, I know there are many more good things to come.

Happy birthday, Saskatchewan! Here's to our next century!

Theresa Sokyrka
Theresa Sokyrka



What's **your** centennial project?

Whether it was a big party or a personal goal to look at Saskatchewan in a new light in 2005, people everywhere celebrated the centennial with unique and fun projects. Inspired by our warm people, our incredible sunsets or the memories of family and friends, people showed their pride in as many ways as possible. Here are a few examples of how you made the centennial memorable on a personal level. What was your centennial project? Share it at www.sask2005.ca.

Drawing on our creativity



Justess Renwick, a grade 4 student at Jack MacKenzie School shows off her centennial masterpiece.

Students across the province used the centennial year to learn about the many people, places and inventions that have contributed to building our province. At Jack MacKenzie School in Regina, students created a Saskatchewan scene in their art class to remind them of the province they're proud to call home.

Binding memories together

A mother-daughter team used the many centennial events and activities they took in as the content for their own special books. Trudy Jackson wanted to have a reminder of all the things she and her family did in 2005 to celebrate the centennial – everything from photos of the Royal Visit, family camping trips and, of course, some shots of the incredible fireworks on September 4, 2005. Her daughter, Chantelle, also created a scrapbook as a gift for her father's birthday that includes half a century of family photos and a lifetime of memories.



Chantelle Ollivier of Rocanville creates her centennial memories.

Dressed up for centennial fun

When the community of Ceylon held its homecoming celebration, few expected a centennial ship to parade down Main Street. Elaine Nyhus and friends built a centennial parade entry that was more than just a 'float' – it was a salute to her family heritage. The ship also made waves in neighbouring communities that requested it set sail to their summer festivals.



Residents of Ceylon were invited to 'Take a Liking to a Viking' with this parade float.

Pick a place? How about 100!

The centennial year was a great opportunity to explore Saskatchewan, and that's just what Ruth Bitner of Dalmeny did. Ruth's goal was to visit 100 Saskatchewan places – not just to drive past the many towns, villages and hamlets along the highways and byways as she travels or commutes – but to explore the main streets and back roads, too. Ruth didn't stop there; from Abernethy to Aneroid, Zealandia to Zelma, she has seen at least one Saskatchewan community whose name begins with each letter of the alphabet – over 235 places in total!



Ruth Bitner picked hundreds of places to visit in 2005.

Sing out – together!

In Estevan, elementary school choirs joined together in song to celebrate the province's 100th birthday. Hundreds of students from Westview, Pleasantdale, Hillcrest and Spruce Ridge elementary schools took a break from the text books and brought out the song books to celebrate the centennial.



Estevan students showed their provincial pride by joining together in song.

A new Saskatchewan superhero?

He stood proud and tall in a field welcoming visitors and residents and watched over farmers in the surrounding areas. Bale Man, as he has been named, proudly waved the Saskatchewan flag for all to see (from far and wide) as he celebrated Saskatchewan's centennial and said, "Hey, welcome to Biggar!"

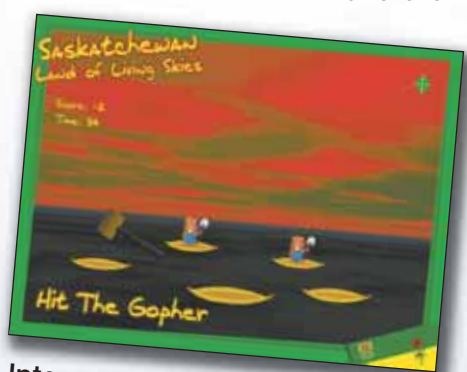


Bale Man salutes Saskatchewan.



A little bit of Saskatchewan, all over the world

David Spriggs from England, Mathias Poths from Germany, Marcus Obrefjord from Sweden and Mihar Patel from India all came together at Queensland University in Australia to create a multimedia project about Saskatchewan. The interactive project includes a map with a list of things to do and places to see; a Saskatchewan photo gallery; information on Saskatchewan wildlife, history, geography and sports activities; Saskatchewan events; a Saskatchewan trivia challenge; a "Hit the Gopher" animated game; and even a perogy recipe.



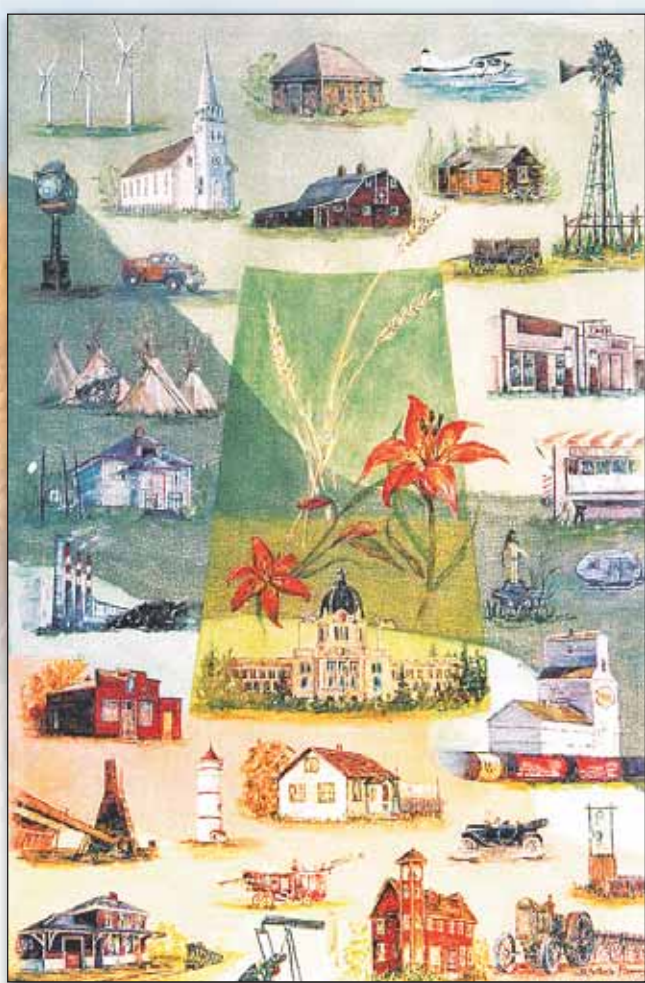
International students studied Saskatchewan and developed an interactive multimedia project.

Making centennial tracks across Saskatchewan

Anglican Bishop Rod Andrews of Saskatoon wanted to show how proud he was to be from the province celebrating 100 years of heart. Making many stops to visit friends along the way, Bishop Andrews' centennial project was a 1,500-kilometre trek on a tractor travelling at a speed of approximately 16 kilometres per hour. Along the way, supporters offered contributions totalling \$42,000, which allowed him to make a donation to three international charities close to his heart. The trip lasted from June 14-28, 2005, and made stops in over 30 communities including Pike Lake, Delisle, Lashburn, Maymont, Colonsay, Watrous and Lintlaw, to name a few.



Bishop Andrews on his tractor.



Stefania Piecowye's centennial artwork.

"Centennial Memories"

Artist Stefania Piecowye painted special artwork to capture her feelings of Saskatchewan during our centennial year. Stefania was also among the artists who participated in the Alberta-Saskatchewan Centennial Mural Mosaic.

Serving a slice of Saskatchewan

Kindergarten to grade 4/5 students at Henry Braun School in Regina learned something new about Saskatchewan each month including sports, our province's habitat, authors, First Nations cultures and traditions, and fine arts.



Students made a pizza in the shape of Saskatchewan to learn about our province's places.

Centennial snapshots

Lorraine Brecht embarked on a heritage photo pilgrimage this past spring and summer, taking pictures of our heritage buildings, homes and churches. Along the way, Lorraine met many of Saskatchewan's friendliest people. So far she's collected over 2,800 photos from 50 communities, and she's not done yet!



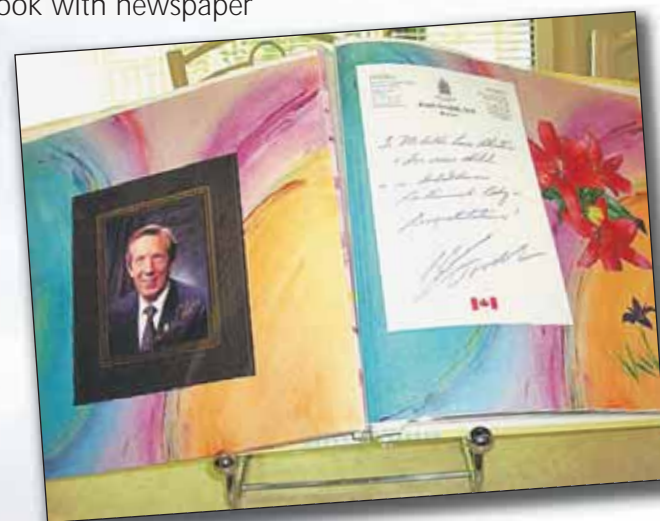
The courthouse in Gravelbourg.



Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church east of Insinger.

A centennial baby book

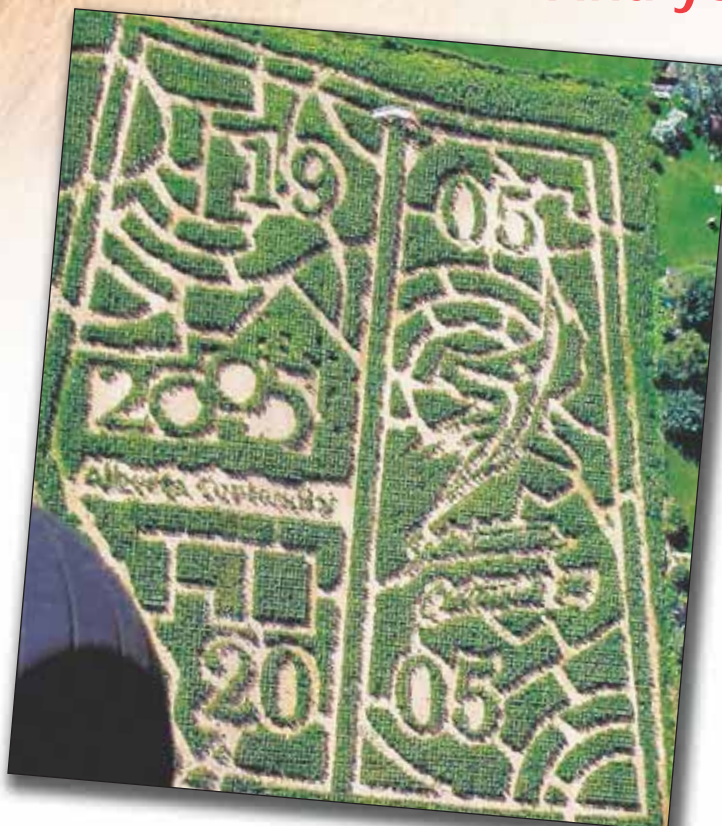
Proud mother Michelle Chester wanted her newborn baby girl to know about the important year she was born in. So, even before her baby arrived, Michelle began collecting special centennial keepsakes for a scrapbook. She filled the scrapbook with newspaper clippings and collected letters from Saskatchewan's political leaders and celebrities to share the centennial excitement with her new child.



Many people contributed to the scrapbook, including Premier Lorne Calvert.

Find your way through this celebration!

As the corn crops were popping up across Canada, so were centennial projects. A six-acre corn maze featuring Saskatchewan's centennial logo was grown by Hunter brothers, Chip and Tom, in Florenceville, New Brunswick. The Hunter brothers' mother from Saskatchewan suggested the idea to her sons, who were all ears. The maze required an engineer and over 4,000 mapping co-ordinates to create, and featured multiple choice questions using Saskatchewan trivia.



Out in New Brunswick, people were finding their way through a centennial maze.

The year in review

What a year it's been in Saskatchewan! From concert tours to time capsules to sporting events, Saskatchewan Centennial 2005 was proud to work with many partner organizations to bring the centennial to your corner of the province.

Thank you to all the groups, organizations and individuals who helped out with the celebrations in the many communities across Saskatchewan. At more than 4,000 events, there were sure to be smiling audiences and volunteers! Cheers to you, Saskatchewan – take a look back at many of our centennial events and remember all the special times you shared with family and friends.

The countdown to 2005

One of the most anticipated countdowns was announced on September 23, 2004. With only 100 days to go before the start of Saskatchewan's centennial year, thousands gathered to hear about the first phase of centennial programming, and how the province would celebrate 100 years of heart. The centennial song competition, homecoming program and leadership award were announced from Century Field in Yorkton.



Enthusiastic Yorkton residents kick off the centennial.

Centennial licence plate

Cars, vans, buses, trucks, scooters – even skateboards took their centennial pride to the streets throughout 2005. The commemorative licence plate was introduced on November 4, 2004,

and provided a \$5 per plate sold contribution to the Centennial Legacy Trust Fund in support of seniors to help fund programs through the Saskatchewan Seniors' Mechanism.



Centennial Chair Glenn Hagel and Premier Lorne Calvert put the first centennial licence plate on the Premier's car, which logged many kilometres on Saskatchewan roads throughout 2005.

Centennial Leadership Award

Saskatchewan's centennial is all about people – past, present and future. Hundreds of not-for-profit organizations used the province's 100th birthday as the occasion to honour their volunteers.



Centenarians and newborns recognized

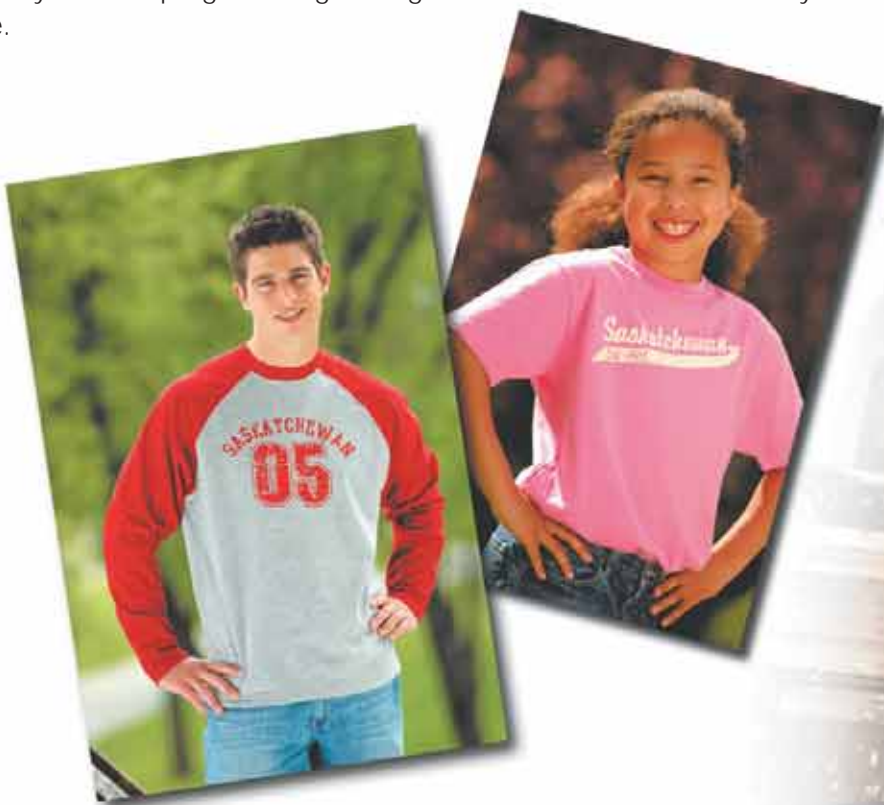
Saskatchewan's oldest and youngest received special commemorations during the province's centennial celebrations. Saskatchewan's centenarians were given a commemorative medallion and a certificate. Babies born on January 1, 2005, or September 4, 2005, received a medallion and a \$100 Saskatchewan Savings Bond.



Inez Wickstrom of Cabri receives her centenarian medallion.

A year with cool gear

Saskatchewan spirit was the style in 2005 as people showed their provincial pride by wearing official Saskatchewan Centennial 2005 clothing. All of the official centennial merchandise supported Saskatchewan businesses, and in many cases had employers hiring more to keep up with demand. From the sales, 15 per cent of the total product cost was set aside for the Centennial Legacy Trust Fund in support of youth for programming through the Provincial Youth Advisory Committee.



Starting the year off right

January 1, 2005, was day one of a 365-day celebration of 100 years of heart. Events were held across Saskatchewan to welcome the centennial year with open arms. Hundreds of participants welcomed the centennial at the Saskatchewan Legislative Building.

Centennial songs

A provincewide search to find a centennial song was launched on September 23, 2004 – over 250 entries were submitted. From them, Saskatoon's Stan Garchinski's "Saskatchewan, We Love This Place!" was selected as the centennial song. The official version sung by Brad Johner was released on January 27, 2005, and since then has been sung thousands of times and translated into French, Ukrainian, Russian and sign language. Saskatchewan Express and Saskatchewan Centennial 2005 administered the song competition, SaskEnergy sponsored the search and CBC Saskatchewan assisted with production.

Another centennial song "Come Celebrate" was launched on National Aboriginal Day, June 21, 2005. It was recorded by Young Scouts, a group of First Nations youth from across the province. The song, featuring Saskatchewan-born Métis singer, songwriter and actor Andrea Menard, encourages people to join together to celebrate our people, our province and our 100 years of heart.



Centennial Chair Glenn Hagel and Premier Lorne Calvert congratulate centennial song composer Stan Garchinski.

Saskatchewan celebrated at Camp Julien

Saskatchewan people far and wide celebrated our province's 100th, including civilian and military members from Saskatchewan stationed in Kabul, Afghanistan.



A centennial salute from Afghanistan.

Centennial Scene

Some of the events that celebrated Saskatchewan's birthday have been captured in a video diary. During the summer, students from the First Nations University of Canada travelled the province interviewing people and video taping centennial events including homecomings, reunions, festivals and summer fairs. Short video stories of the events are posted at www.sask2005.ca.



Game of the century

Stars from both sides of the Saskatchewan-Alberta border assembled for a one-time centennial showdown in Lloydminster on April 14, 2005, as Team Saskatchewan took on Team Alberta in the WHL's Game of the Century. Although Team Alberta finished ahead in points scored, Saskatchewan fans clearly walked away with the spirit award. The nationally televised event was made possible by CBC, the WHL and the centennial committees in Alberta and Saskatchewan.



Saskatchewan centennial team.



Gift to graduates

The class of 2005 received a commemorative Saskatchewan Centennial 2005 photo frame, designed and manufactured by Saskatchewan company The Wood Boys. Over 13,000 grade 12 students made up the centennial class of 2005.

Theresa Sokyryka's Great Centennial Road Trip

The Saskatchewan Centennial 2005 Youth Ambassador toured the province and put a song into the hearts of students with Theresa Sokyryka's Great Centennial Road Trip. Several lucky schools from around the province got the chance to meet Theresa, sing the centennial song and share their centennial messages with her. Over 20 schools hosted Theresa, including a school in Edmonton, Alberta. Students heard about the rising star's experiences pursuing her dreams from home as she encouraged youth to dream big in Saskatchewan.



Fly the flag contest

Saskatchewan residents were encouraged to show their colours and fly the centennial flag anywhere they wanted to show their Saskatchewan spirit. The Fly the Flag contest ran from June 13 to September 10, 2005, and received over 2,500 entries.



Fly the Flag contest winner Gladys MacDonald of Moose Jaw showed Saskatchewan her centennial spirit with her window display.

Home is where the heart is

Eight lucky people received a centennial gift of two return airfares courtesy of WestJet and Saskatchewan Centennial 2005. The contest received 9,782 entries from people wanting to fly family or friends home to Saskatchewan.



Saskatchewan's new coin

On July 13, 2005, the Royal Canadian Mint and Saskatchewan Centennial 2005 unveiled a new circulation 25-cent coin to commemorate our province's centennial. The coin was designed

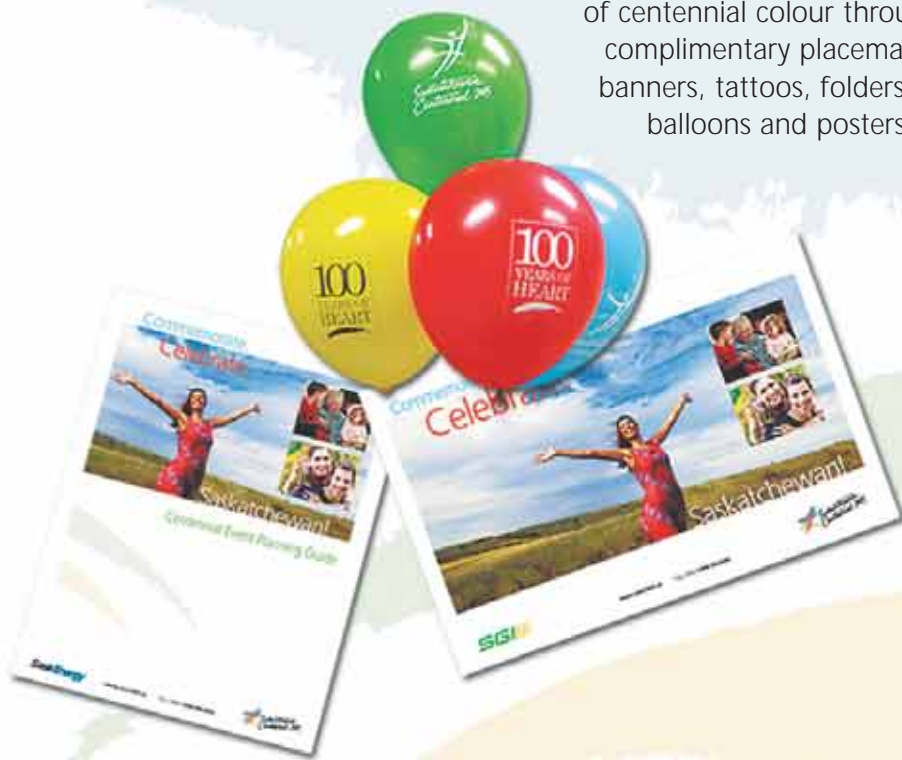
by Paulett Sapergia from Grasswood, Saskatchewan, and features a singing Western Meadowlark, flanked by two shafts of wheat on a prairie scene. For the first time in the Mint's history, Canadians voted for the selection of the coin design from three finalists, with Sapergia's design receiving 14,427 of the 24,381 votes.



Paulett Sapergia and her award winning design.

Promotional items

Many communities doubled, tripled, even quadrupled in size as the province rolled out the centennial welcome mat. Nearly 200 homecoming celebrations – and all other 4,000 registered centennial events in 2005 – had a splash of centennial colour through complimentary placemats, banners, tattoos, folders, balloons and posters.



Theatre tour

All of Saskatchewan was a stage as Dancing Sky Theatre of Meacham hit the road for a special centennial summer theatre tour of "All My Relations – Wahkotowin." The tour travelled over 15,400 kilometres (with a solar-powered trailer) to bring the Saskatchewan Centennial 2005 Theatre Tour to 56 communities.



Often performed in Saskatchewan's great outdoors, the tour involved large puppets including Rosie, who represented Saskatchewan's environment.

An historic event on March 15

As the Legislature resumed sitting, an historic motion introduced by Premier Lorne Calvert and seconded by Leader of the Official Opposition Brad Wall gave all Saskatchewan MLAs something to talk about at the 2005 spring session. Following the introduction of the motion, a special program featuring Saskatchewan talent got everybody in the spirit for a celebration.



Waldeck School choir.



Spring session opens with centennial pride.

Centennial Crop Checkin'

Crop Checkin' was a made-in-Saskatchewan rock show featuring some of the most talented recording artists in the province including Wide Mouth Mason, Jason Plumb, Breach of Trust, Megan Lane, and Wheatmonkeys. During the summer months, 10 concerts were held free of charge featuring three to five Saskatchewan artists.

The tour visited: Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park, Gravelbourg, Humboldt, Kamsack, Kindersley, La Ronge, Meadow Lake, North Battleford, Tisdale and Weyburn, and played to over 7,500 people.



Some of Saskatchewan's top musicians toured the province for our 100th birthday celebrations.

The Greatest Canadian captured on film

They took a step back in time in some rural communities for filming of The Tommy Douglas Story. The two-part television production pays tribute to the Father of Medicare and the man voted as "Greatest Canadian." The Tommy Douglas Story spans several decades, requiring some communities to undergo a facelift to reflect Saskatchewan during its earliest years as a province. The two-part series was produced by Minds Eye Entertainment and will air nationally on CBC in the spring of 2006.



Members of the film production crew.

Commemorative stamp

Eager stamp collectors lined up on August 2, 2005, to get the first glimpse at the spiffy new centennial postage stamp. The 50-cent stamp is a lasting reminder of an incredible year and a beautiful province.



Saskatchewan Roughriders – Gridiron Challenge

Saskatchewan and Alberta came together to promote their centennial celebrations through a competition between the Saskatchewan Roughriders and the Edmonton Eskimos. The result of the two-game series was a tie at 55 – 55. The trophy, and the bragging rights, will be shared by the two provinces.



CENTENNIAL GRIDIRON CHALLENGE
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Visits from special guests

Our province's centennial celebrations attracted some very important guests. On September 2, 2005, Prime Minister Paul Martin kicked off Saskatchewan's centennial weekend with events in Saskatoon, Regina and at the Flying Dust First Nation. Former Governor General Adrienne Clarkson took in celebrations on September 4, 2005, in Regina.



Her Excellency Adrienne Clarkson at the RCMP Musical Ride.



Flying Dust First Nation Chief Percy Derocher and Prime Minister Paul Martin.

Outdoor light show

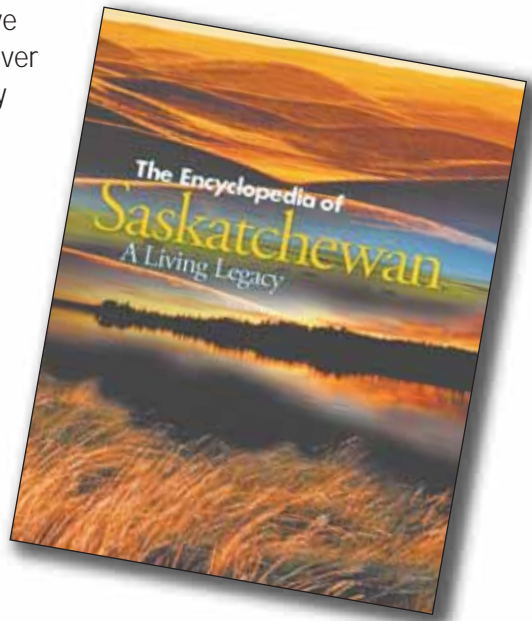
In late August and early September, the Saskatchewan Legislative Building came alive in celebration! Crowds gathered to watch multicoloured visual effects dance across the Legislative Building's magnificent walls. The lights were choreographed to four classic Saskatchewan songs including "Saskatchewan, We Love This Place!" and "100 Years of Heart."



One of Saskatchewan's most photographed buildings was portrayed in a new light from August 22 to September 5, 2005.

Encyclopedia of Saskatchewan

Saskatchewan Centennial 2005 sponsored the publication of the most comprehensive source of information on Saskatchewan ever produced in a single volume. Published by the Canadian Plains Research Center, the encyclopedia has 2,200 individual entries and features 21 in-depth essays covering all aspects of life in Saskatchewan.



Seniors' pins

Over 150,000 special-edition pins were mailed to Saskatchewan residents 65 years of age and older to celebrate Saskatchewan's centennial anniversary and thank them for a century of important contributions.



Artist Allen Sapp at the official tour launch in North Battleford, December 2, 2004.

Through the Eyes of the Cree

A look at Saskatchewan's centennial and the people of the Northern Plains Cree was showcased in a travelling multimedia exhibition developed by the award-winning Allen Sapp Gallery of North Battleford. This exhibition, Through the Eyes of the Cree and Beyond, was a special centennial initiative that brought the art of Allen Sapp and the story of his people to 10 locations through Saskatchewan, Alberta, Ontario, Manitoba and the Northwest Territories.

Gift to students

Saskatchewan Centennial 2005 and Weyerhaeuser Saskatchewan teamed up so Saskatchewan school children could Help Grow the Future. The program provided kindergarten to grade 12 students enrolled in the 2005-06 school year a white spruce seedling to plant in honour of Saskatchewan's centennial, and a commemorative photo card. Up to 200,000 trees were planted in backyards, school grounds and community parks across the province as a living, lasting reminder of an incredible year!



Students at St. Catherine's Community School in Regina launch the program.

Students celebrate peace

Saskatchewan students turned out in the hundreds on September 21, 2005, to celebrate the province's first Peace Day. Students created messages of peace and pledged to do their part to make Saskatchewan a more peaceful and caring society in our second century. Over 2,000 entries were submitted to the Designs on Peace contest, with 100 being chosen to create a permanent monument of peace. In addition, over 100 peace poles went up across the province with the internationally recognized motto "May peace prevail on earth."



Students at Saltcoats School celebrate Peace Day in Saskatchewan.

Art installations

Saskatchewan Centennial 2005 and the Saskatchewan Arts Board commissioned four permanent, outdoor art installations by local artists for communities that act as the gateways to the province.

Estevan received Jefferson Little's piece called "Spinning Prairie." Residents of and visitors to La Ronge will enjoy Chris St. Amand's piece entitled "Portage." Yorkton's "Doorways to Opportunity" was created by Lionel Auburn Peyachew, and Lloydminster's skyline grew with Douglas Benthem's piece "Sky Dance."



La Ronge



Yorkton



Lloydminster

Centennial time capsule

Thousands of items were collected for the time capsule, a project that partnered Saskatchewan Centennial 2005 and Canadian Western Agribition. The time capsule will be opened in 2020, when Canadian Western Agribition celebrates its 50th anniversary. Items can still be sent to Canadian Western Agribition until March 31, 2006.



Quilts, books, medals, photos, artwork – you name it – the centennial time capsule's got it!



Estevan

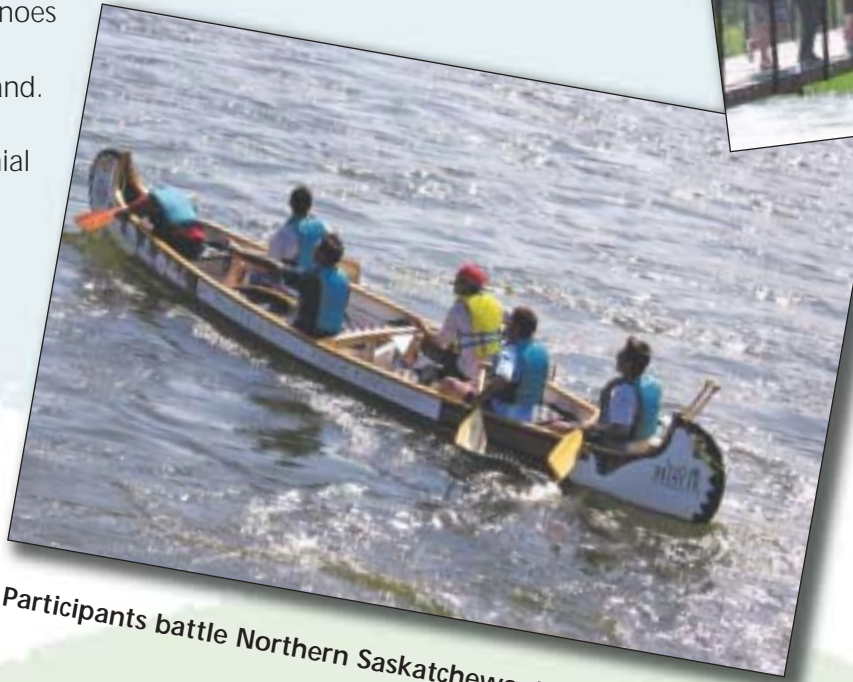
Nobody throws a party like Saskatchewan!

In 2005, we showed the world it could use a little more Saskatchewan, and from the looks of things, the world liked what it saw! Here are a few of the highlight events that had the entire province – and nation – watching.

Saskatchewan Centennial Canoe Quest

The Saskatchewan Centennial Canoe Quest brought together 31 teams of paddlers from as far away as Scotland to race the Voyageur Trail, the historic Churchill River trading route.

Participants travelled in 25-foot voyageur canoes from the western border of Saskatchewan across 1,018 kilometres of lakes, river and land. Along the way, they were welcomed by 13 northern communities that planned centennial celebrations to showcase their distinct cultures and traditions.



Participants battle Northern Saskatchewan's strong currents.



Spectators cheered along the route.



An enthusiastic volunteer.

2005 Jeux du Canada Games

In August 2005, Saskatchewan was host to provincial athletes and cultural performers as Canada came together to celebrate our rich heritage in sport and culture at the 2005 Jeux du Canada Games.

The games showcased the talent of many Saskatchewan athletes and artists, and the volunteer force behind the games proved that Saskatchewan truly is the heart of the nation.



Firing up the crowd.



Making new friends.



Let the games begin!

Canada Day

The province celebrated Canada's 138th birthday Saskatchewan style this summer with some help from our nation's capital. Events took place in hundreds of Saskatchewan communities including feature televised events and concerts from the provincial capital, Regina.



Saskatchewan singer Connie Kaldor entertained the crowds with her memorable and familiar songs.



The day-long festivities started off by welcoming some new Canadian citizens.



Thousands on thousands came together to sing Happy Birthday – to Canada and to Saskatchewan.

The Lieutenant Governor's Centennial Gala

The Lieutenant Governor's Centennial Gala was a huge success. More than 10,000 people gathered at the Credit Union Centre in Saskatoon for an unforgettable night to celebrate Saskatchewan arts, with millions more tuning in at home as the event was broadcast to all of Canada.

Over 700 Saskatchewan performers were a part of the gala event, and the intricate sets featured the works of many Saskatchewan artists.



Artist Colin James rocks the crowd.



Traditional-Aboriginal and contemporary dancers take the stage.



Dancers and musicians entertain as golden wheat colours the background.



Her Majesty and His Royal Highness bid farewell to the crowd after a wonderful evening.

2005 Royal Visit to Saskatchewan

Saskatchewan has been host to many special guests during its centennial year, including Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh who visited Saskatchewan to help celebrate the province's centennial.

The Royal Couple arrived in Regina on May 17, 2005, for three days of activities that took them to Regina, Lumsden and Saskatoon.



Her Majesty meets proud members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.



Many Saskatchewan youth were thrilled to see Canada's Queen.



Her Majesty and His Royal Highness visit First Nations University of Canada.

Celebrating First Nations Elders

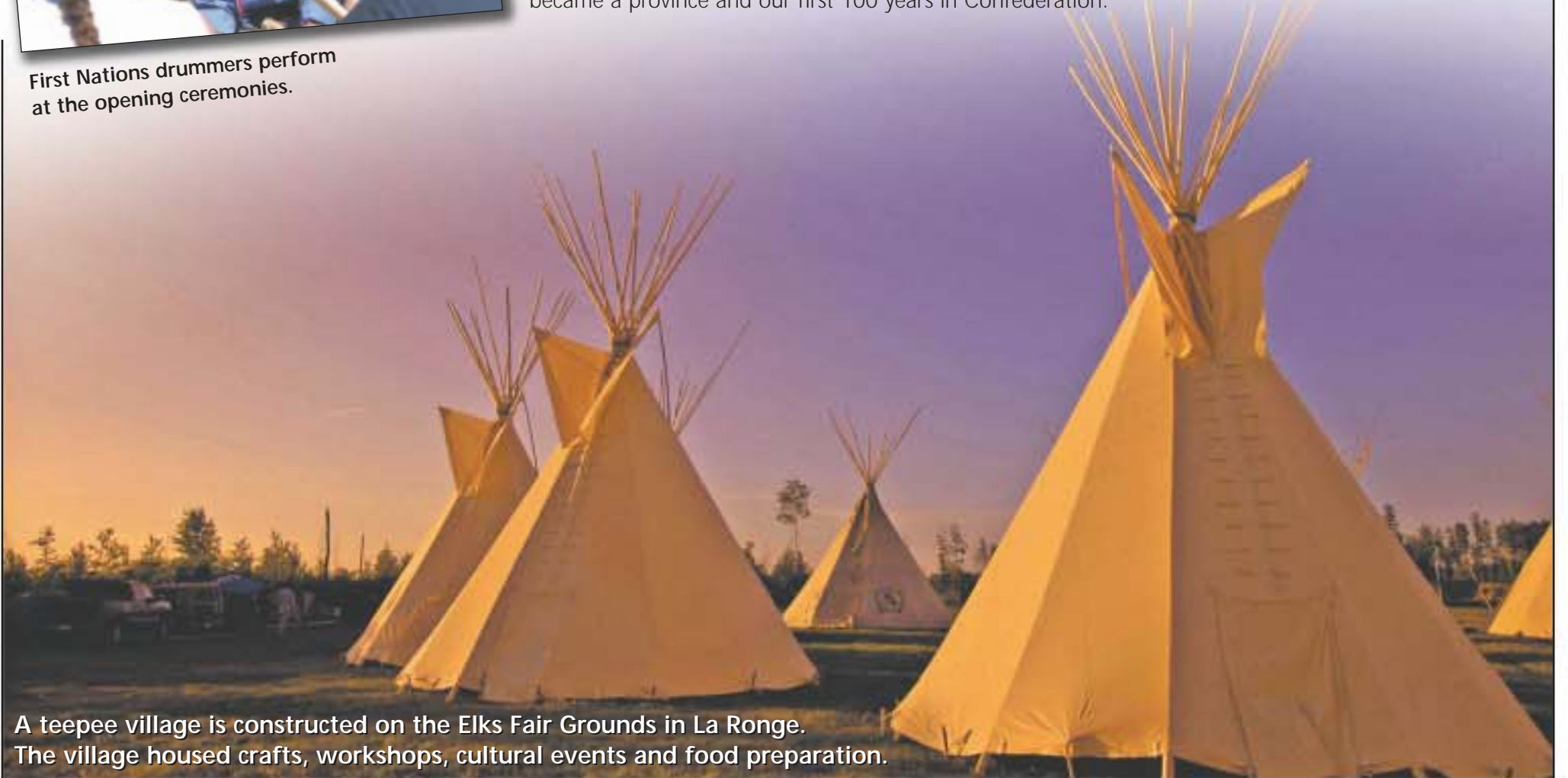
A celebration of cultural diversity was held in La Ronge from June 9 to 12, 2005, as hundreds of northern elders gathered to share their stories and experiences.

Elders play an enormous role in First Nations society, providing counsel for decision-making, leadership for activities and helping to maintain the language, culture, customs, skills and heritage of those who came before us.

The gathering provided an opportunity to honour the years before Saskatchewan became a province and our first 100 years in Confederation.



First Nations drummers perform at the opening ceremonies.



A teepee village is constructed on the Elks Fair Grounds in La Ronge. The village housed crafts, workshops, cultural events and food preparation.

Proud to celebrate!

Whether they've been here for the entire time that we've been a province or they opened their doors during the centennial year, there's little doubt that businesses all over Saskatchewan were celebrating in 2005.

Businesses were quick to catch the centennial spirit and say Happy Birthday, Saskatchewan! More than 2,300 registered for the Saskatchewan Centennial 2005 Business Program, which provided them with complimentary posters, coasters, tent cards and a logo designed exclusively for use by businesses.

Hundreds more proudly displayed their centennial spirit at customer appreciation days and homecoming parades by showcasing Saskatchewan products in their stores, and by greeting friends and visitors with a warm centennial welcome! See how businesses celebrated at www.sask2005.ca!



"Cheers to You" Saskatchewan businesses for helping to celebrate 100 Years of Heart! From stores to offices, centennial decorations designed especially for businesses were a must-have in 2005. A series of 12 Saskatchewan trivia coasters became an especially popular collector's item of the centennial year!



A&Ws across the province raised their glasses in honour of the provincial centennial on November 19 and 20, 2005. In Humboldt, owners Hugh and Carol Jenkins welcomed MLA Donna Harpauer and other dignitaries, who were put to work

pouring frosty mugs of rootbeer. The 47 A&W stores in the province featured centennial drink and food specials, and had a whole lot of centennial fun.

Members of the Green Haven Sun Club in Regina could barely contain their centennial pride during a body painting contest held in the summer of 2005.



McDonald's in Saskatoon and Regina put their centennial pride on display inside and outside their restaurants. Centennial promotional material was on display and

windows were painted with the centennial logo. On September 4, 2005, as the province celebrated its official 100th birthday, staff shed their crew uniforms and donned centennial gear. When asked how they felt to be part of the centennial celebrations, they replied, "We're lovin' it."



Visitors driving into Fort Qu'Appelle had no doubt that Saskatchewan was celebrating its birthday! Businesses throughout the town decorated their stores, flew the flag and showed their customers what pride in place is all about!

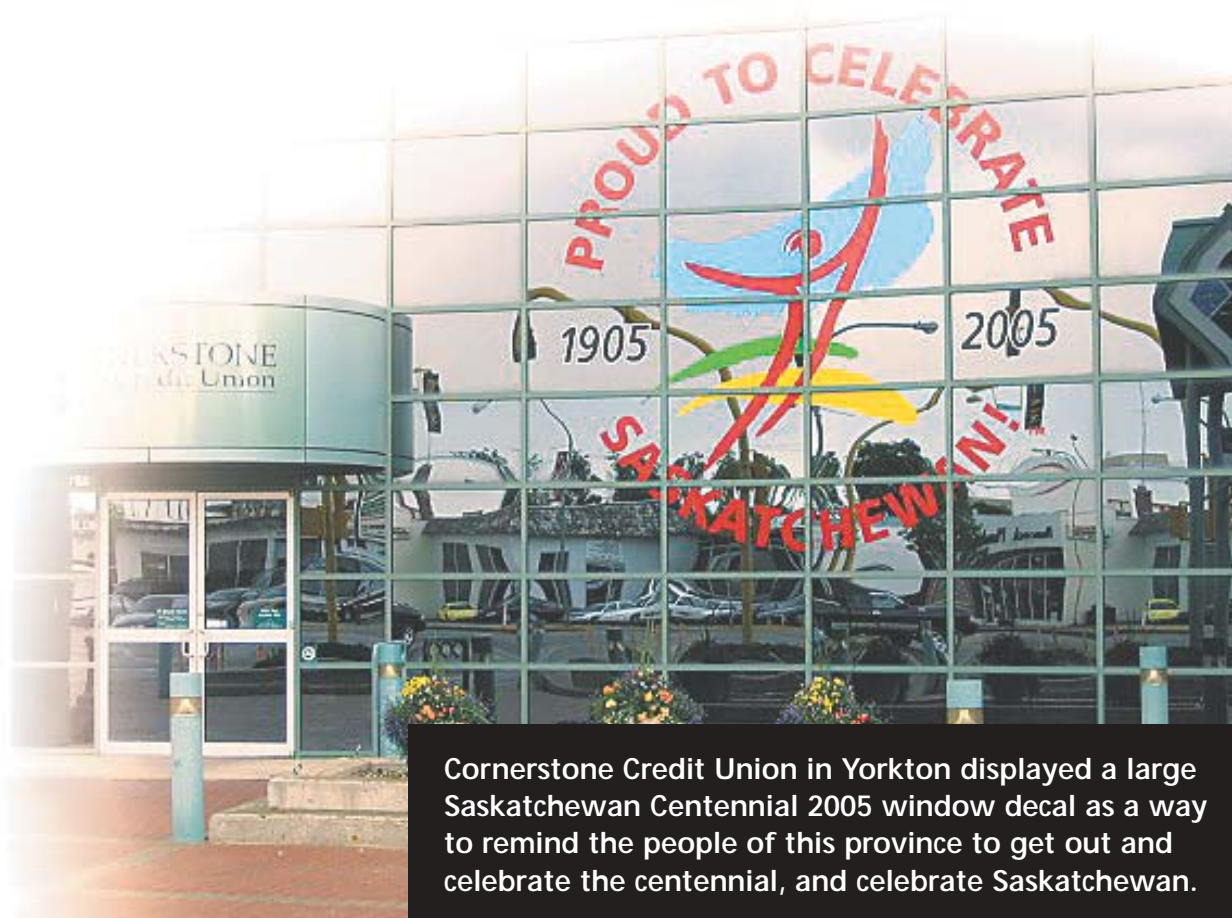


Employees at the Re/Max Weyburn Realty office are proud to be from Saskatchewan, and they were wearing their love for the province with true centennial pride during the city's parade in July.

Family, friends and visitors were treated to Saskatchewan hospitality at the Debden homecoming. Staff at the Lamplight Cuisine took their pride to the street, decorating a float and entering it into the homecoming parade.



Pride was growing for the staff and management at the Lake Lenore Grocery and Co-op. They donated hanging baskets and planters to all the businesses in town so Lake Lenore would be in full bloom for the town's centennial celebrations July 22-24, 2005. The project was such a success that they've decided to do it again, in our second century!



Cornerstone Credit Union in Yorkton displayed a large Saskatchewan Centennial 2005 window decal as a way to remind the people of this province to get out and celebrate the centennial, and celebrate Saskatchewan.

Centennial snapshots

A calm summer sunset, a special moment with family or the many reasons why you're proud to call this province home – throughout 2005, you shared your special centennial photo, story or memory with the province and the world.

Hundreds of photos, stories, poems and songs sharing your thoughts and outlook on life in Saskatchewan came in for all to enjoy. Here's a sampling of a few of the reasons we love this place – Saskatchewan! For more, visit www.sask2005.ca!



On the dock at Makwa Lake
(Daryl Pearson, Meadow Lake)



Kinlee Fahselt in a Southwest Saskatchewan wheatfield
(Shanna Hadden, Cabri)

I AM SASKATCHEWAN

Alannah Rieger, Emerald Park

I am Saskatchewan
I am a child who has rosy red cheeks after playing in the snow,
I am Saskatchewan, and I feel the wild winds blow,
I am the pastel sunset painted across the sky,
I am the Canada Goose, who on the water does lie,
I am the Northern Lights, who proudly show off their powers,
I am the spring mist of sunshine showers,
I am the bitter lake's currents, nobody can fight,
I am a howling blizzard on a cold winter's night,
I am the northern woods, the velvet green treetops,
I am the jack rabbit who across the prairie hops,
I am the golden waving wheat fields dancing in the breeze,
I am the raining down of leaves from the poplar trees,
I am content in this land,
I am Saskatchewan.



Kathleen (Kit) Roberts at 102 years old with her great-great-granddaughter, Marissa Kathleen Sundelin.
(Barbara Aspvik, Prince Albert)

CALDER CENTENNIAL 2005

Kim Shymko

The weekend of July 29-31, 2005, the little town of Calder was bustling with activity. Two years ago, a group of 20 people got together and decided to join the province in celebrating 100 years, and what a celebration we had.

The community of Calder has approximately 70 people living in it, but during the weekend we had over 900 walking the streets, visiting and remembering what the town used to be like. Friday night, we had registration and a local talent show which went over well. Saturday, the day started with a pancake breakfast, a parade with over 50 entrants, an afternoon threshing show, school tours and walking tours. The evening started with 650 people enjoying supper catered by In Good Taste followed by a dance with Brothers of the Road keeping the dance floor full all night. Sunday began with another pancake breakfast, non-denominational church service and a cairn dedication service to our local war veterans. The afternoon had another threshing show, as well Yevshan Ukrainian Dancers, and a local gospel group entertained everyone before people started going home. A park was built, murals were painted by local artists and a store was reopened for the weekend. The weather was beautiful, the people were fabulous and the committee was thrilled that everything worked as well as it did. The committee would like to thank all who attended and those who donated time, money, etc. towards our celebration, for without you we had no celebration.

Kim Shymko, Co-Chair, Calder Centennial Committee



Fall field trip
(Derek, Sylvestre)



Prairie Rainbow
(Natalie H., Saskatoon)

SASKATCHEWAN

Ken Culham, Cobble Hill, British Columbia

I drive toward the flatness
I sense it drawing near
And memories come pouring in
Of much that I hold dear

The faces turn to meet me
The ghosts of decades past
The ones who led and guided me
With wisdom made to last

There's nowhere I can see a sky
So vast and quite so blue
Or vivid orange and some red
As sunsets come in view

Canola fields are in full bloom
With brilliant yellow hues
Setting stage for flax to come
With seas of radiant blues

Of course the wind will blow today
Of course it may get warm
Of course mosquitoes may appear
And to our skin may swarm

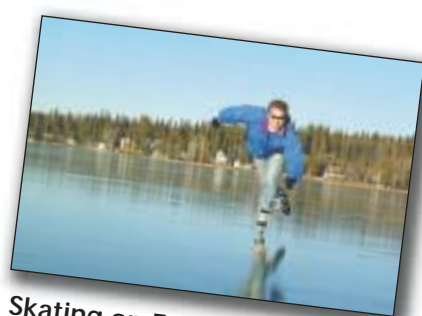
But when the dust has settled
And we tally all we see
It seems to me Saskatchewan's
A darn nice place to be

No matter where I settle down
No matter where I roam
When I return to prairies flat
I feel that I am home

*Now living on Vancouver Island, Ken and family lived in Saskatchewan in Cabri, Moose Jaw and Regina from 1938 to 1990.



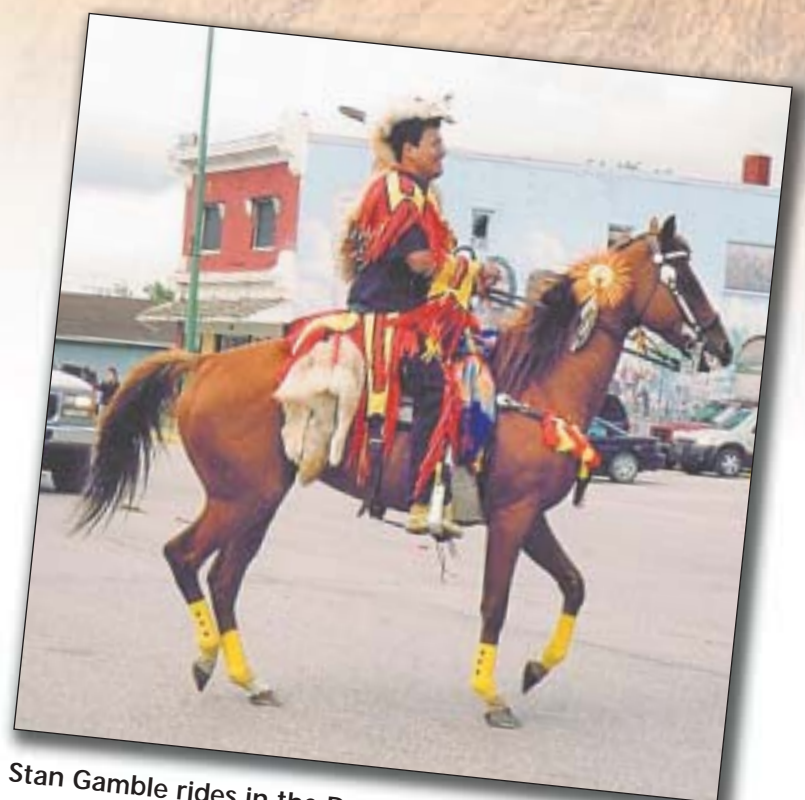
Skyline Riders at the Ponteix Centennial Celebration
(Patricia Masse, Regina)



Skating on Emma Lake
(Brad Fenty, Saskatoon)



Sunset at Jackfish Lake
(Amy Jurgens, Saskatoon)



Stan Gamble rides in the Duck Lake Centennial parade on July 25, 2005.
(Laurent C.J. Perret, Duck Lake)



Claire and fall leaves in Saskatchewan
(Denise Needham, Regina Beach)

GIRL GUIDE COOKIES ORIGINATED IN SASKATCHEWAN

Alice Gaveronski, Regina

In 1927, the Guide Captain, Mrs. Christian Riepsamen of the Newlands Own Girl Guide Company #4 of Regina, Saskatchewan, was trying to find ways for the girls, which included her daughter Henny, to earn their camp fee. Mrs. Riepsamen was from Holland and everyone loved her baking, so she got the idea of making cookies, putting one dozen in each bag and giving them to the girls to sell to their neighbours for 10 cents a bag. They sold like wildfire, and the girls were able to take the train to Long Lake (Last Mountain Lake) to camp. There were few cars in those days and that is why they took the train. The next few years selling cookies became the way that girls all over Canada were able to get to camp.

Girl Guides of Canada began selling cookies in 1929, and these cookies have become a Canadian tradition and are offered for sale twice a year: spring and fall and it started in Regina, providing funds to support fun, exciting and adventurous guiding activities for girls and women, which still includes camping!



Helping spread centennial cheer on September 4, 2005.
(Crystal Robertson, Regina)



The geese are at home in Wascana Centre
(Tracie Ansell, Regina)

HOMECOMING REFLECTION

Martha Sander, Saskatoon

On July 23rd, I was lucky enough to attend the Saskatchewan homecoming in the village of Handel. Our family farm outside of Handel was my home for my first 18 years of life. I have been gone for 33 years from that community but in my mind and heart I was going home.

I have memories of this day that I will treasure forever. I am so thankful that I did not miss out on one of life's perfect days. Thanks to my cousin from Handel for phoning me and gently urging me not to miss a day for the memory books.

The incredible wind that blew all day was the first thing we all talked about. It was a strong wind. Not a cold wind, not a hot wind. I believe it was the perfect wind created by the spirits of the thousands of friends and relatives that had lived there also and wanted to celebrate with us.

People do change after 30 years. Some were heavier, some were lighter, some were greyer, some were balder and we were all older. I discovered one thing that doesn't change. The eyes and the smile may have grown around them now, but the eyes and the smiles are still the same as they were 33 years ago.

We had relatives, friends, hugs, smiles, laughs and I reflected on my way home, to my current home, that some things don't change no matter how long you have been away. We grew up there with relatives, friends, hugs, smiles and laughter, and it is good to know that will never change. It was and is a wonderful community to call home and I look forward to the next homecoming.



Family came from the Shetland Isles, Scotland, to see what Canada was about...we showed them Wanuskewin. They had a superb time!

(Tammy Cummins, Prince Albert)



Wheatheads from Saskatchewan
(Daryl Lessak, Regina)



Nikita and Brynn hanging out at Mission Ridge ski hill, with some very rosy cheeks!
(Darla Demoskoff-Janz, Fort Qu'Appelle)

SASKATCHEWAN

Erin Cote - Grade 4/5, Leask
A place with lots of grass
A place with lots of land
A place with beaches with very soft sand

Who has seen Saskatchewan
The meadows full of flowers
The forests full of green
In the cool spring showers

Who has seen Saskatchewan
The hills very little but big
The trees great for logs
And the caves where you can dig

Who has seen Saskatchewan
With animals running everywhere
The clouds up in the sky make cool pictures in the air



Ty, Saul, Wilson and MJ Deans feed the geese at Wascana Park. Ty is the first baby born in Saskatchewan in 2005.
(M.J. Deans, Regina)

SASKATCHEWAN

Unknown

When God created Canada,
He laid it out with care;
Each province must have its blessings,
And a little cross to bear.
He tried to make them equal,
Yet each one be unique,
And when He made Saskatchewan,
These words they heard Him speak;
"I'll spread a vast prairie across the southern end,
And cover it with prairie grass that some day will be grain.
As the human race increases so they must be fed,
And Saskatchewan shall grow the wheat to be made into bread.
I'll bless it with the sunsets that nowhere else will better be,
Also with the Northern Lights that many lands will never see;
To the North will be the parkland with crystal lakes and many trees;
I surely hope the human race will take good care of these."
When He came to the natural resources,
He scattered here and there.
Oil and coal to the South, and trying to be fair,
Potash across the centre for He knew the time would come,
If the Earth was to keep providing it would be needing some;
Now for that little cross to bear; and with a wily grin,
He reached out His precious hand and tossed the gophers and mosquitoes in.



Playing at Grandma's farm near Estevan
(Tracie Ansell, Regina)

Commemorate. Celebrate. Saskatchewan!

From showcasing Saskatchewan talent to naming new provincial emblems, government departments, Crown corporations and provincial agencies set out to ensure that the centennial created lasting memories and left meaningful legacies. These are just a few of the special projects and events that added to the celebrations. For more information on these and many more, visit www.sask2005.ca.



Saskatchewan Environment's Provincial Fish Emblem Contest received over 10,000 votes to name the Walleye as one of the province's newest provincial emblems. Two other emblems received official status – the Fransaskois flag and the beloved saskatoon berry. (Photo courtesy of Nipawin Journal)



Lieutenant Governor Lynda Haverstock recognized over 4,000 individuals with the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal. Recipients were selected based on the recommendation of governmental and non-governmental organizations and Members of the Legislative Assembly. Community leaders, MLAs, MPs and judges also received the medal.

Saskatchewan's Legislative Building and grounds were named a National Historic Building, a National Historic Site and a Provincial Historic Site.



To honour the contributions of our veterans, Saskatchewan Government Insurance offered a new licence plate in the centennial

year. The Saskatchewan Veteran licence plate was created through a partnership with the Saskatchewan Command of the Royal Canadian Legion.

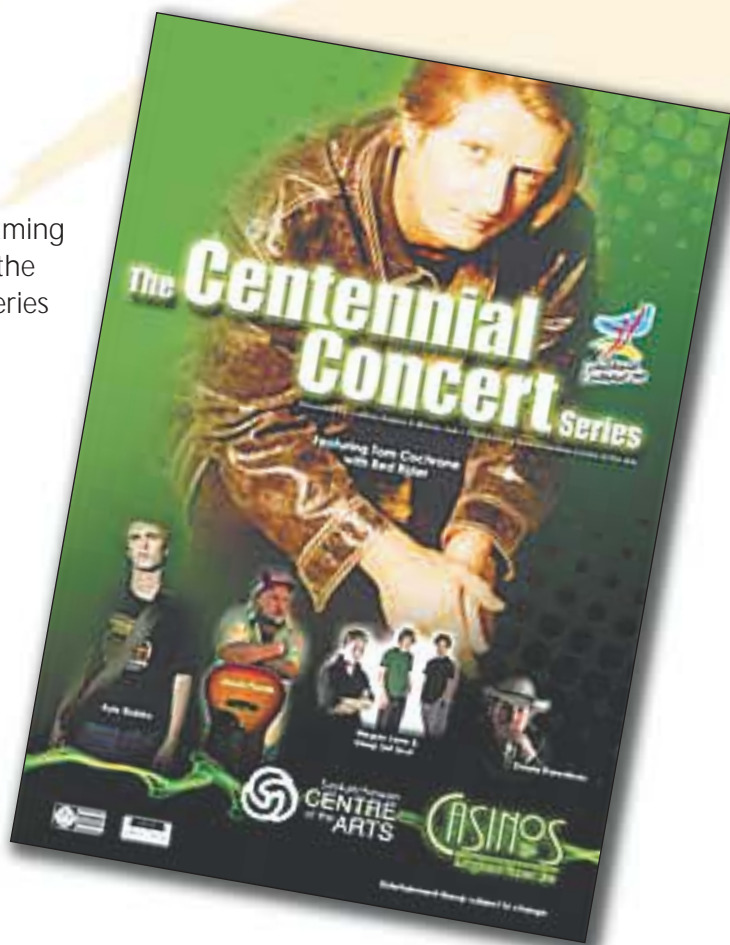


Saskatchewan Health's birth index went online in 2005, providing people with access to information on live births from the past 100 years and more.



In a special tribute to the centennial, Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food created the Saskatchewan Centennial Brand, which was used in the traditional brand burning ceremony to kick off Canadian Western Agribition, and published a special edition of its brand registry. (Photo courtesy Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food)

The Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation brought the Centennial Concert Series to four cities in the province. The free concerts attracted thousands of people and kept toes tappin' throughout the centennial summer.



This summer's hottest out-of-province ticket had to be "The Pride Outside," hosted by Rider alumni Roger Aldag and Bob Poley. The Saskatchewan Ambassadors Program, administered through Saskatchewan Industry and Resources, took the party on the road. Saskatchewan expatriates were invited to share in centennial celebrations and football fun in Toronto, Calgary, Vancouver and Edmonton.

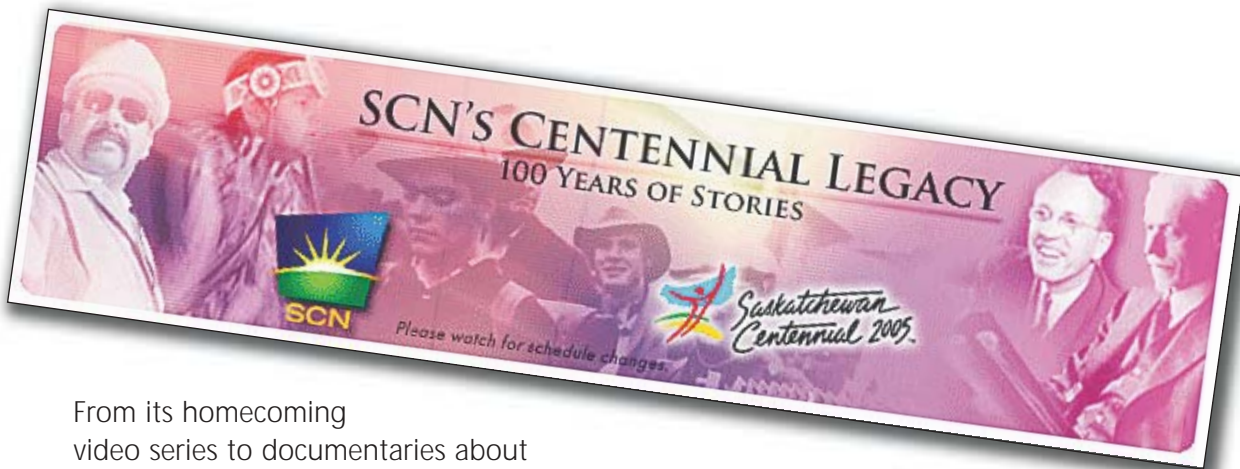


Centennial Chair Glenn Hagel and STC Minister Maynard Sonntag show off the buses' new look.

Saskatchewan Transportation Company's buses sported the centennial logo, becoming travelling billboards for the centennial year over the 5.2 million kilometres of highway that STC travels.



More than 450 farm families received the Century Family Farm Award from Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food and a framed copy of their original land grant from Information Services Corporation of Saskatchewan.



From its homecoming video series to documentaries about centennial events, Saskatchewan Communications Network created over 110 hours of TV series, documentaries and specials that celebrate our heritage and culture.

Saskatchewan Learning helped to bring the centennial alive in schools across the province. The "Celebrate Saskatchewan's Centennial: A Guide for Teachers" provides a wealth of information about Saskatchewan and suggestions for getting students involved in the centennial year.



More than 3,000 young people provincially were drawn to a centennial initiative by Information Services Corporation (ISC) of Saskatchewan. Artwork and essays were displayed on ISC's centennial website, providing opportunity for people around the world to learn why our young people love this place – Saskatchewan!



Saskatchewan Culture, Youth and Recreation's Map of Saskatchewan Archaeology plots the 20,000 known archaeological sites in Saskatchewan, from the pictographs in the Churchill River's Thunderbird Bay to the Moose Mountain Medicine Wheel.



In celebration of the province's centennial year, SaskTel and Courtney Milne created "Coolscapes", an online gallery featuring 5,000 of the renowned artists' landscape and nature images. In addition to being a valuable resource for teachers, students were able to download and print images free, or use the photographs in their own multimedia presentations.



Staff at the SaskPower Shand Greenhouse began work on their centennial project years in advance as they researched the best technique to produce Western Red Lily seedlings. The project was a blooming success with approximately 80,000 seedlings distributed in the centennial year!



To help prepare for its centennial year, the Government of Saskatchewan announced the \$120-million Centenary Capital Fund in the 2000-01 Budget. The fund helped to address specific infrastructure needs over four years, including highway improvements; upgrading and developing new trails, buildings and campgrounds in provincial parks; renovating and building schools; and enhancing forestry and fishing facilities in the North.

The birthday party of the Century!

Nobody throws a party like Saskatchewan! As 15 communities hosted regional celebrations, well over half a million Saskatchewanians came together to sing Happy Birthday at activities throughout the September 4, 2005, weekend. A network of volunteers throughout the province ensured every guest had the time of their life.

A provincial icon, the Canadian Forces Snowbirds, joined in the fun by flying over many of the community celebrations and reminding those gathered that even though there were 15 regional events occurring, Saskatchewan's people were linked together throughout our celebrations.

Enjoy this look back at how we all celebrated the birthday party of the century!



Estevan

Brad Johner, Heather Dawn, an Estevan Idol competition, Ding-a-Ling Circus, face painting, birthday cake and tonnes of food and fun ensured that residents and visitors in Estevan had a great time.



Moose Jaw

A full weekend of activities put Moose Jaw in the centennial spirit with the RCMP Musical Ride, street dance featuring the Northern Pikes, pancake breakfast, ecumenical service and lots of singers, dancers and other birthday entertainment.



Humboldt

Centennial celebrators in Humboldt enjoyed threshing day activities, an interfaith service, pavilions, art exhibits, children's games and crafts and a community entertainment showcase featuring Saskatchewan Express.



La Ronge

Parties fuelled up at a pancake breakfast before enjoying a multi-denominational church service, live entertainment, children's activities, pony rides, a petting zoo, skateboard demonstrations, and arts and craft displays.



Meadow Lake

The community hosted a spirited day of events including a concert and entertainment showcase featuring hypnotist Wayne Lee, children's activities and games, and lots of displays and food throughout the entire day.



Lloydminster

Canada's border city pulled out all the stops to prove which side of the border throws a better year-long, province wide celebration. A pancake breakfast, children's activities, barbecue, and a local talent celebration made the Saskatchewan side shine.



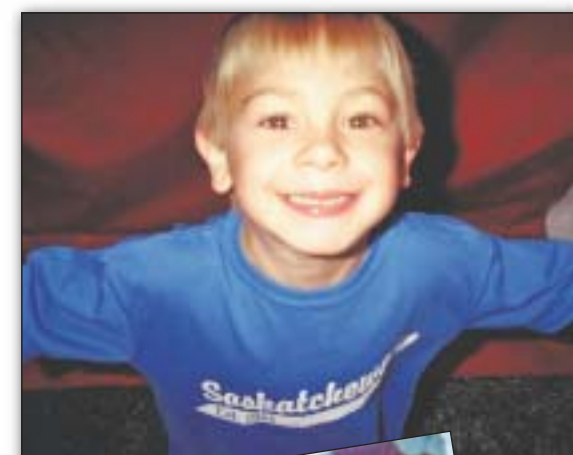
Melfort

Centennial songwriter Stan Garchinski was in Melfort to celebrate along with other entertainers, including Shifty Morgan, Rybinski Band and Darlene Tuleta. There were also many opportunities for family and friends to gather at the children's entertainment showcase, taste of Saskatchewan exhibit, and visual and performing arts showcases.



Prince Albert

Doc Walker headlined the Party in the Park in Prince Albert, featuring other entertainment including HOJA and children's entertainers.



Melville

Starting the day off with a 10-kilometre marathon, residents in Melville then enjoyed a youth talent show, chariot and chuckwagon races, First Nations dancers, and a musical impersonator.



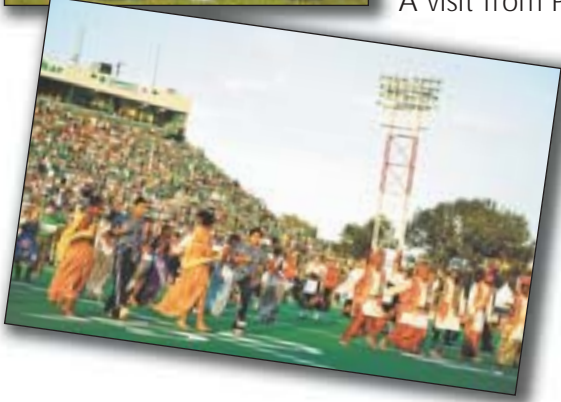


Regina

The provincial capital put a capital P on party as it hosted thousands and thousands of celebrators. A visit from Prime Minister



Paul Martin, a cultural entertainment showcase, a concert featuring Colin James, Tom Cochrane and other notable performers and a Saskatchewan Roughrider win in the centennial edition of the Labour Day Classic added to the special day.



The Battlefords

Pancakes, baseball, church service and entertainment – those choosing to take in September 4, 2005, events in The Battlefords were in for a treat as they joined in the celebration of 100 years of heart.



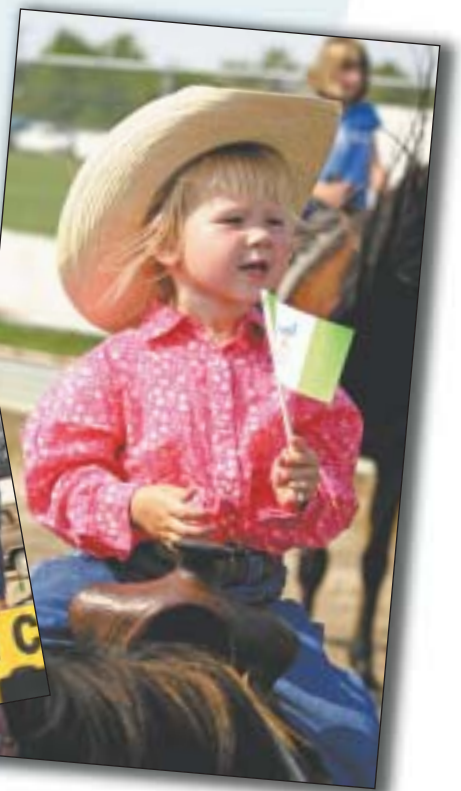
Saskatoon

Prime Minister Paul Martin and Premier Lorne Calvert flipped flapjacks in the Bridge City to start off the centennial weekend, which saw activities for the young and young at heart including a concert with Brad Johner, Saskatoon's Metro Big Band, Eileen Laverty, John Arcand, and musicians and dancers from all genres of music.



Weyburn

September 4, 2005, was a good day to be in Weyburn as crowds gathered to enjoy the flea market, children's rides, a community supper and family barn dance featuring Aaron Pritchett.



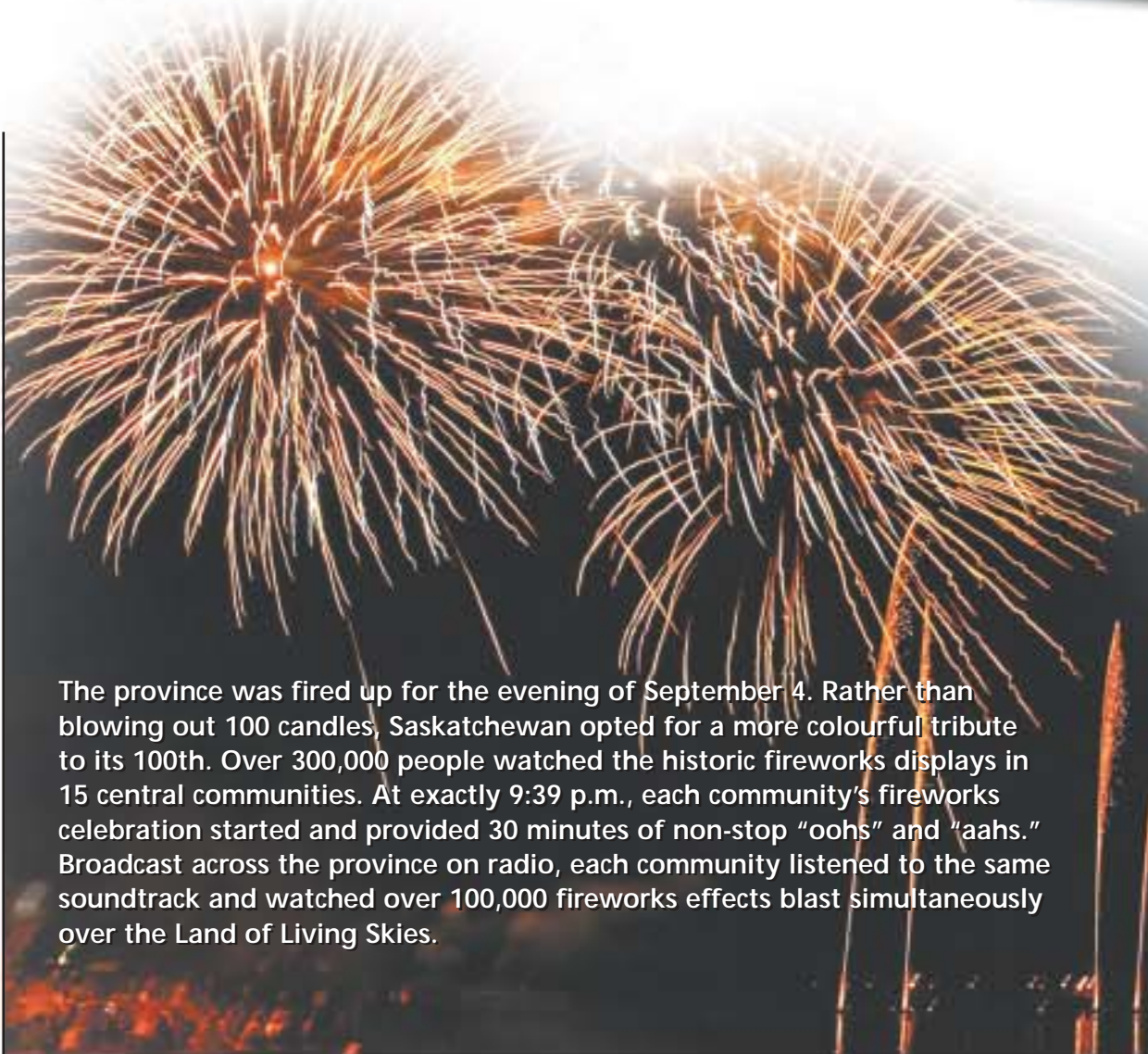
Swift Current

Jack Semple, Connie Kaldor and Hart Rouge were just some of the star-studded guests who helped welcome the start of Saskatchewan's second century in Swift Current. An interdenominational church service, multicultural displays and lots of local entertainment kept crowds entertained the whole day through.

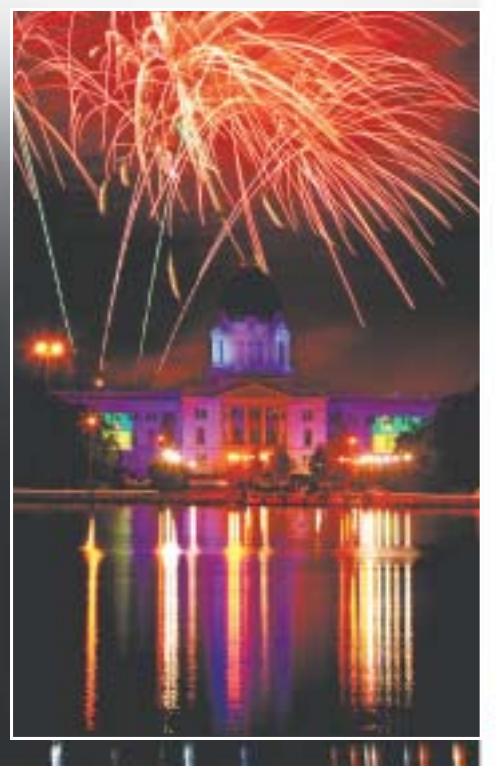


Yorkton

A city-wide church service brought people together on Saskatchewan's birthday and they stayed together celebrating in Yorkton throughout the day. An old-fashioned picnic and live entertainment helped Yorkton celebrate our province's centennial.



The province was fired up for the evening of September 4. Rather than blowing out 100 candles, Saskatchewan opted for a more colourful tribute to its 100th. Over 300,000 people watched the historic fireworks displays in 15 central communities. At exactly 9:39 p.m., each community's fireworks celebration started and provided 30 minutes of non-stop "oohs" and "aahs." Broadcast across the province on radio, each community listened to the same soundtrack and watched over 100,000 fireworks effects blast simultaneously over the Land of Living Skies.



We love this place. Saskatchewan!

Our centennial celebrations were fuelled by the deep passion we have for our province. Let's continue to show the world it could use a little more Saskatchewan. We can keep the spirit of 2005 alive for years to come and help Saskatchewan realize a second century that was as defining as our first. What's your wish for Saskatchewan's second century? What dreams do you want to pursue from right here at home? What firsts do you think Saskatchewan people will introduce in the coming years? Share your thoughts as we embark on a new century in Saskatchewan – visit www.sask2005.ca!

Saskatchewan celebrates!

Saskatchewan's centennial gave people a reason and opportunity to celebrate. With the mandate to provide meaningful legacies for the province, Saskatchewan Centennial 2005 worked to ensure that people had not one, not two, but many opportunities to be a part of history.

In early October 2005, Saskatchewan people were asked what they thought about the centennial celebrations. Over 1,000 people from every corner of Saskatchewan responded, and felt the centennial celebrations were a memorable – and worthwhile – provincial initiative.

Over 70 per cent of the province participated in individual, family or community centennial celebrations! With a province of a million, there was a whole lot of partying going on in 2005! Approximately 81 per cent believed that the centennial celebrations are building pride in the province. Over three-quarters of the respondents were satisfied with the overall centennial activities and 92 per cent were satisfied with the September 3-4 weekend celebrations. And, to top it off, 86 per cent of Saskatchewan residents felt it was important to them to continue on with the spirit of Saskatchewan's centennial for years to come! **Party on, Saskatchewan!**

Take '05, Saskatchewan!

There were more than 737,400 visits to www.sask2005.ca for centennial information. Many people who visited took a couple minutes to share some highlights and memories. Here's a sample of what they had to say!

Jason Goertzen

Wellington, New Zealand, Company Director

How did you celebrate the centennial year in Saskatchewan?

I had the chance to bring my family home to Saskatchewan and introduce them to their grandparents and great aunts and uncles at a family reunion. I got to show them where I grew up and what made me, me! The centennial was a great opportunity to be able to celebrate my family.

What is your favourite meal?

Saskatchewan potatoes and gravy

What about Saskatchewan do you give thanks for?

Wide open spaces and free clean air. The road that goes on forever, and the guts and courage that our forefathers had to build this great province in the face of adversity.

What one word best describes Saskatchewan people?

Optimistic

What sets us apart from other provinces?

What sets Saskatchewan apart from other provinces, what sets it apart from the world. It is simply one of the greatest places in the world. It offers the great cultured people who surround themselves with success and wrap it all up with a wonderful uncorrupted wilderness.

Evelyn Stewart

Regina, Cook

What is your favourite Saskatchewan place and why?

The Qu'Appelle Valley in the summer and the fall. It's beautiful and scenic from spring to fall. Green and rolling and vibrant with colour in the fall.

How many generations has your family been in Saskatchewan?

Four

Who is Saskatchewan's greatest person?

Tommy Douglas

What is your favourite memory about Saskatchewan?

This year-long celebration. The people that live here are proud of their province. The centennial gala in Saskatoon was great, hometown parades and celebrations were fun. The Canada Summer Games and all the concerts. The Labour Day weekend party in Wascana Park was fabulous and the fireworks were world class.

What one word best describes Saskatchewan?

Friendly

Kalen Weigel

Quill Lake, Training horses and Playing hockey

What is your favourite Saskatchewan place and why?

My favourite place in Saskatchewan has to be Quill Lake, Watson, Fishing Lake reserve, and Hudson Bay, Saskatchewan! Why I like Quill Lake is the long prairie grass and that it was once roamed by the First Nations people. Watson is the place where I play hockey in the winter. Fishing Lake reserve because that's my reserve. Then Hudson Bay because all my friends are there and my grandma and grandpa and my aunt and uncle live there.

How many generations has your family been in Saskatchewan?

Six

Who is Saskatchewan's greatest person?

Aunt Vera Holderness

What is your favourite memory about Saskatchewan?

My favourite memory about Saskatchewan is when I go to the chariot and chuckwagon races every summer and I compete in barrel racing and fun times at Barrier Lake.

What one word best describes Saskatchewan?

The original prairie grasses.

Mary McMillen

Estevan, Accountant

How did you celebrate the centennial year in Saskatchewan?

I celebrated by taking in the September fireworks display. I also attended the centennial celebrations in Carnduff.

What is your favourite meal?

Sausage and fried potatoes

What about Saskatchewan do you give thanks for?

I am thankful for the living skies and northern lights.

What one word best describes Saskatchewan people?

Humble

What sets us apart from other provinces?

Our unique name, big skies and beautiful sunsets.

Thank you Saskatchewan!