

Swing Set Donation to Weyburn Therapeutic Animal Park Inc.

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This summer, Weyburn hosted Bonanza 2019, a National Junior Hereford show. Participants and their families came from all over Canada to show Hereford cattle. Exhibitors ranged in age 6 years to 21 years of age but the show attracts family and visitors of all ages.

While Bonanza 2019 was being planned over the past 2 years, the committee members in charge of the children's play area and activities believed the event would benefit from an outdoor play structure. Since these pieces of playground equipment are not available to rent, the committee decided to see what could be built, and thanks to the outstanding support and generosity of a few community partners, a strong/well-built swing set was planned.

Prairie Sky Co-operative Association Ltd was very excited to participate in this project, donating all the lumber and chain for the four-swing structure.

Andrea Bell, Member Relations Manager of Prairie Sky Co-op said "Prairie Sky Co-op prides itself on being a community builder and giving back to the communities it serves in. Having a tangible structure that could be enjoyed at anytime by visitors and residents sounded like the perfect project for us to support. Dawn (Bonanza committee member) and Andrew (swing set builder) led the project and the Co-op was happy to help their idea come to light."

Other contributors to the project included Andrew Felskie of Felskie Woodworks who planned and built the structure at his home near Indian Head, SK, and the Bonanza 2019 Kids Corner/Mini Herf committee purchased the swing seats, hardware, welding and other supplies.

The structure was erected on site of Bonanza 2019 and enjoyed by many children over the four-day event, July 31-Aug 3, 2019.

Recently, the swing set structure has been transported to its NEW permanent home at the Weyburn Therapeutic Animal Park by Jeremy and Arden Charlton.

Vince Sheldon, the WTAPark Media Director, said "We are extremely excited and honored to have this swing set donated to our park! As we are 100% non-profit and volunteer ran we rely on our community to help us out! This swing set came at the perfect time as our playground equipment is getting old and worn out. We are very grateful for the continued support from local organizations and our community as we continue to update our park."