

DARWELL & DISTRICT
AGRICULTURAL
SOCIETY

ANNUAL SUMMER FAIR



2026

Year of the Horse



August 15 - 16, 2026

By: Petra, Grade 6
Darwell School

The Darwell & District Agricultural Society would like to thank everyone who has contributed toward making our summer fair a success



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Citizen of the Year 2026 Jenny Bahme

I grew up in the City of Calgary. My husband and I, along with our three children, moved to the Blueberry School area when we first left Calgary. From there, we purchased 80 acres in the Darwell area in 1999. Once our house was built, we moved in and started to get to know the community.

As my daughter Amanda wanted to get involved in a horse-related community, Pony Club was what was available in Darwell, so we joined.

From there, it's history. I became the Pony Club representative for several years while my daughter was involved and remained a member even after she was no longer active in Pony Club.

I volunteered to run the horse show and helped with events in whatever capacity was needed. As a member, I held the position of Treasurer for several years. At that time, we ran the Barn Burner, Tractor Pull, and the Darwell Fair.

In recent years, I have become involved as a volunteer with the Darwell Library and currently serve as Vice President. When I am not volunteering, I work for a large company, GFL, in the Acheson area. I also enjoy a few hobbies that involve horses and dogs.

I am honoured to be recognized as Citizen of the Year. I truly love this community and the big hearts of the people who are doing much bigger jobs than I have done. This tiny four-way-stop-sign community is something special. People who do not live in the area are always amazed by what this community has accomplished, and it is exciting to see where it will go in the future.

Fair Schedule

Aug 15 - 16, 2026

Saturday

8:00am – 3:00pm	Bench Show – Golden Age Club
8:00am – 10:00am	Pancake Breakfast – Free with Entry – Concession
All Day	Slowpitch Tournament – Ball Diamonds
All Day	Food Trucks – Grounds
All Day	Kosik Money Mine – Grounds
All Day	Beer Gardens – MacShack
10:00am	Parade – School
10:00am – 4:00pm	Kids Events – Grounds
11:00am	Farmer Olymp-hicks – Skating Rink
1:00pm	Greased Pig Race – Skating Rink
2:00pm	Foam Party

Sunday

All Day	Slowpitch Tournament – Ball Diamonds
All Day	Food Trucks – Grounds
All Day	Kosik Money Mine – Grounds
All Day	Beer Gardens – MacShack
9:00am	Horse Show – Riding Arena / Trail Arena
8:00am – 10:00am	Pancake Breakfast – Free with Entry – Concession
10:30am	Sheep Show - Skating Rink
11:00am	Cattle Show – Skating Rink

Map



Fair Pricing

Saturday - Admission by Donation
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Salt & Pepper Restaurant - Darwell is the proud sponsor of the free pancake breakfast held at 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Saturday & Sunday

★ Darwell Athletics Association Presents ★

Darwell Fair **SLOWPITCH** *Tournament*

FRI-SUN
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DARWELL FAIR

Agricultural Events
Kids Games and Activities



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CAMPING
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DARWELL FIREMANS BALL

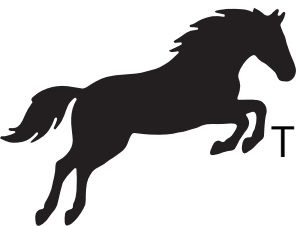
Saturday, November 7, 2026

Darwell Centennial Hall

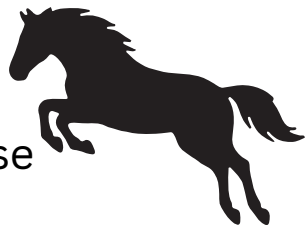
Doors open at 5:00pm

Tickets \$50

This is an adults only event



PARADE



Theme: Year of the Horse

Saturday, August 15th

Judging at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Darwell School Parking Lot

Starting Time: Saturday 10:00 a.m.

Parade Marshal – Maria & Robert Smith

Ribbons for 1st - 2nd - 3rd will be given for parade classes

NO PRE-REGISTRATION NECESSARY

Please use the South parking lot entrance at the school and proceed as far as possible to the North entrance.

The Parade Route will be clearly marked.

Come one come all, and let's show everyone what our community spirit looks like.

Commercial Float

Group Float

Clown

Best Decorated Bicycle

Most Original Idea or Costume

Musical Group (marching or riding)

Best Decorated Horse

Child on Horse (12 years and under)

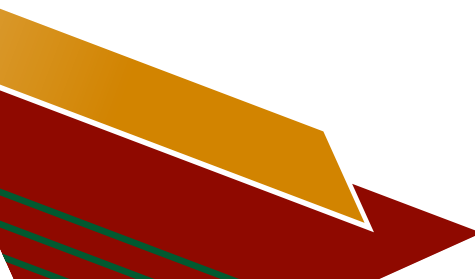
Class for Best Appearance of Rider's Costume and Equipment

Best Riding Group

Best Decorated Team of Horses

Best Antique or Classic Auto

Best Subdivision or Summer Village Float



EQUS

FARMER OLYMP-HICKS

Saturday, August 15th 11:00 a.m.

Skating Rink

FREE EVENT

Participants must be 16 years of age or over.

Please register at the skating rink - first come, first served
maximum of 20 participants.

Prize Money: 1st-\$100; 2nd-\$75; 3rd-\$50

Expected List of Events

1. Square Bale Tossing
2. Picking Rocks
3. Nail Pulling
4. Sand Bucket Hauling
5. Tire Flipping

Rules and Final Event List will be posted on event day.

GREASED PIG CONTEST

Saturday, August 15th 1:00 p.m.

Skating Rink

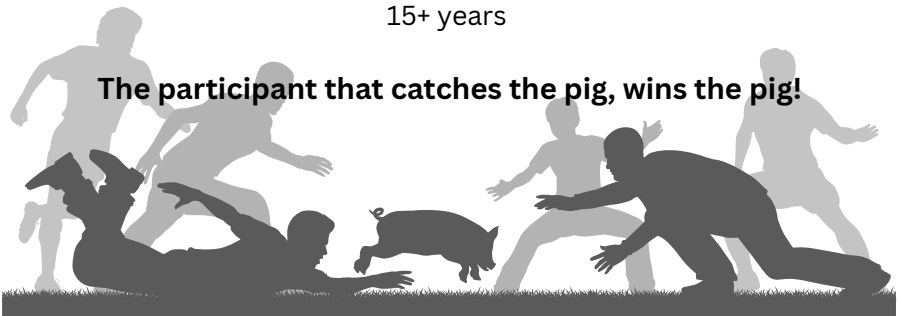
Age groups:

9 years & under

10-14 years

15+ years

The participant that catches the pig, wins the pig!





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Deb McDonald 780.785.2907

ANIMAL HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS FOR EXHIBITORS

These notes are provided to all exhibitors as guidelines for the health and well-being of animals entered at the Darwell Fair. Although testing is not mandatory for many animal diseases, exhibitors should consider themselves responsible for bringing healthy animals.

Some considerations for your livestock should include:

Equine (Horses)

- Horses should be vaccinated with a 5-way shot (Tetanus, EEE, WEE) as well as Flu/Rhino.
- Vaccinations should be done within 6 months before the exhibition.
- Consider de-worming your horse within 3 months before the fair.
- If your horse has been sick within the previous 10–14 days before the fair or had any swollen lymph nodes, contact your veterinarian to check the animal before the fair.

Cattle

- Cattle should come to the fair free of lice, warbles, and ringworm.
- These are contagious and should be treated before the show with no visual evidence of disease remaining.
- Cattle should be free of respiratory disease and show no signs of lameness from foot rot, corns, etc.
- Vaccination for IBR, BVD, P13, and Haemophilus is optional; consult your veterinarian for appropriate prevention.
- Treat for internal and external parasites at least 7–10 days before the fair using a broad-spectrum agent such as Ivermectin (injectable or pour-on).
- All cattle must have a CCIA Tag.

The key is to bring healthy stock only. If all exhibitors bring only healthy animals, we all benefit by avoiding taking problems home. These recommendations are not exhaustive, but observing for common issues helps ensure a safe, enjoyable, and disease-free fair for everyone.

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CATTLE RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Entries for Cattle Show must be entered by 10:00 a.m. Sunday of show day.
2. Judging of the Cattle Show will begin at 11:00 a.m.
3. Entry Fee: \$6.00 per class.
4. Animals must be halter broke and on halter. Any entry not properly halter broke will be excused from the ring.
5. Bulls one year and older MUST have a ring or locking humbug.
6. Cattle will be shown and displayed in the area provided. Stalls in the shed are allotted as entries are received.
7. Only Judges, Ring men and Showmen are allowed in the ring during the judging of the class.
8. Trophies and cash prizes will be presented at the end of each class.
9. All cattle must be registered or recorded with the exception of commercial classes.
10. Livestock manifest will be required for all cattle.
11. No cattle may leave the grounds until 3:00 p.m.
12. Birth dates must be provided for all calf classes.
13. Unethical fitting of livestock entered for competition is prohibited.
14. All cattle must have a CCIA tag.



• **THANK YOU!**
Volunteers

CATTLE SHOW

Sunday, August 16, 2026

Judging Begins: 11:00 a.m.

Entry Fee: \$8.00 per class

PRIZE MONEY 1st – \$20 2nd – \$15 3rd – \$10

In all classes, 4 or more of any breed will form their own class for ribbons only. The top 3 animals of all split classes will advance to a final class.

SHOWMANSHIP

1. Beef Showmanship – Over 18 years old
2. Beef Showmanship – 14 to 18 years old
3. Beef Showmanship – 10 to 13 years old
4. Beef Showmanship – 9 years and under

JUNIOR FUTURITY (4H & Junior) – 21 years and under)

5. Heifer Calf, born after, Jan. 1, current year – commercial/purebred
6. Bull Calf, commercial/purebred
7. Yearling Heifer, commercial/purebred
8. Cow with calf at foot, commercial/purebred

PUREBRED OPEN BEEF SHOW

9. Heifer Calf, born January 1st of the calendar year
10. Yearling Heifer
11. Female – 2 years female, with calf at foot
12. Female - 3 years old and older, with calf at foot
13. Grand Champion Female
1st and 2nd place winners of classes 8,9,10,11 to compete
14. Reserve Grand Champion Female
15. Bull Calf, born on or after January 1st of the calendar year
16. Yearling Bull
17. Two year old Bull
18. Herd Sire 3 years old or over
19. Grand Champion Male
1st and 2nd place winners of classes 14,15,16,17 to compete
20. Reserve Grand Champion Male
21. Breeders Herd – 3 animals, both sexes represented, any age, bred and owned by exhibitor

COMMERCIAL OPEN BEEF SHOW

22. Heifer Calf, born on or after January 1st of the calendar year
23. Steer Calf, , born on or after January 1st of the calendar year
24. Yearling Heifer
25. Female – 2 years old, with calf at foot
26. Female – 3 years old and older, with calf at foot

HORSES

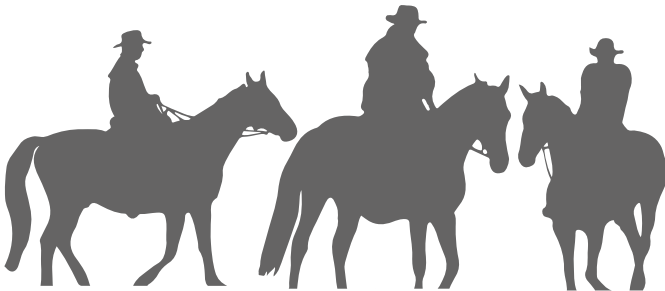
RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The show is open to all horses, but the D.D.A.S. Horse Show Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry.
2. All exhibitors shall wear the number assigned to them.
3. No substitutions of entries will be allowed without a veterinary certificate.
4. Veterinarian or Doctor's certificate are mandatory for refund of entry fees. All classes otherwise must be paid in full.
5. Entry forms must be complete. Please ensure your entry form is legible. Exhibitors are reminded that they are responsible for any errors or omissions on their entry form. Parents or Guardians must sign if exhibitor is under 18 yrs.
6. Stallions are not to be handled by anyone under the age of 18 years.
7. Classes may be cancelled, combined or further divided at the discretion of the Show Committee.
8. The rider's age is taken from the rider's last birthday. The horse's age is determined as if it was born on January 1st of the birth year.
9. Nervous Novice – Riders who have not won a 1st or 2nd in an under saddle class requiring horses to canter, prior to the current year. Lope/Canter required.
10. Junior horse is 5 years and under.
11. All scratched horses and classes to be reported to the Gate Person.
12. Inhumane treatment will not be tolerated and unruly horses may be excused from the show.
13. Gate holds must be requested prior to the class. Exhibitors will not be allowed entry after the class has started.
14. Trail will be held in a separate ring. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to complete the class.
15. Trail is limited to 3 refusals per obstacle. Western or English attire will be accepted.
16. Cross Entries: Walk & Trot entries may enter any halter classes but are limited to the following performance classes: #12, #23 and #24. Nervous Novice entries may enter any of the classes #1-5, classes #10, #17, #18, #21, #31, #32, #33, #38 and #39.
17. Patterns will be posted at the show office the morning of the show.
18. Western attire consisting of boots, jeans, long-sleeved shirt and hat/helmet must be worn for all western classes. Chaps and spurs are optional. Mandatory approved helmet will be required for all riders not of majority age.
19. No martingales, tie-downs or mechanical hackamores are allowed in any class.
20. Entries must be serviceable, sound and in good condition. Ill or unsound animals will be asked to leave the show.
21. The decision of the Judge, Steward, and Show Committee is final in all classes or events. Judge may call the cancellation of show due to weather conditions.

General Information

Email entries will be accepted until Friday, August 15, 2025. Entries can be emailed to ddashorseshow@yahoo.ca. Late entries accepted until show date with a late fee enforced. Late entries will be \$12/class. No exceptions.

1. All late entries close on the morning of show day at 8:30 a.m. SHARP. All outstanding fees to be paid prior to 8:30 a.m.
2. There will be no refund of entry fee after the official closing date of entries except with a veterinary/doctor's certificate.
3. Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Please pick up prize money at the end of the day any not claimed goes to D.D.A.S.
4. Overnight camping is available upon request.
5. It is understood that each entrant by the act of entry or exhibition waives all claims against the Darwell & District Agricultural Society, its officers, members or show committee of any or all injuries arising from exhibiting or operation of the show.
6. We reserve the right to combine or cut classes if the number of entries warrants it. Classes with high numbers may be split to facilitate more equitable judging. Classes with fewer than three (3) horses may be cancelled and entry fee money refunded.



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HORSE SHOW

Sunday, August 16, 2026

Horse Show starts at 9:00 a.m. (no exceptions)

Classes may not be in the order presented.

Please pay attention to the announcer!

ENTRY FEE \$10/class/horse OR \$50/day/horse

LATE ENTRY FEES - \$12/per class (no day rate)

PRIZES: 1st place - \$15; 2nd place - \$10; 3rd place - \$5

(Prize money must be claimed at end of day - any unclaimed money goes back to D.D.A.S.)

HALTER CLASSES

1. Current Year Foal
2. Yearlings
3. Two & Three Year Olds
4. Four Years & Over – Gelding
5. Four Years & Over – Mares
6. Grand & Reserve Champion (1st & 2nd from classes 1-5)
7. Showmanship, 12 Years & Under*
8. Showmanship, 13-18 Years*
9. Showmanship, 19 Years & Older*
10. Showmanship, Nervous Novice*
11. Lead Line Class, children 3-6. No cross entry to other ridden classes.

PERFORMANCE CLASSES

12. English Equitation, Walk & Trot
13. English Pleasure, 12 Years & Under*
14. English Pleasure, 13-18 Years*
15. English Equitation, 12 Years & Under*
16. English Equitation, 13-18 Years*
17. English Equitation, Nervous Novice*
18. English Pleasure, Nervous Novice*
19. English Pleasure, 19 Years & Over*
20. English Equitation, 19 Years & Over*
21. English Junior Horse, Open
22. Poles & Cavalettis, Walk & Trot
23. Jumper – 2', Open
24. Western Equitation, Walk & Trot
25. Western Pleasure, 12 Years & Under*
26. Western Equitation, 12 Years & Under*
27. Western Pleasure, 13-18 Years*
28. Western Equitation, 13-18 Years*
29. Western Pleasure, 19 Years & Over*
30. Western Equitation, 19 Years Over*
31. Western Equitation, Nervous Novice*
32. Western Pleasure, Nervous Novice*



33. Western Junior Horse, Open
34. Reining, Open
35. Trail, 12 Years & Under*
36. Trail, 13-18 Years*
37. Trail, 19 Years & Over*
38. Trail, Nervous Novice*
39. Trail, In Hand



FUN CLASSES

40. Water Race
41. Potato Race

High Point Prizes for Categories: 12 & Under, 13-18 Years, 18 Years & Over and Nervous Novice. Riders must compete in all starred classes to be eligible for high point award in age group.



SHEEP SHOW

Saturday, August 15, 2026

Judging Begins: 11:00 a.m.

Entry Fee: \$5.00 per class

PRIZE MONEY 1st – \$10 2nd – \$8 3rd – \$5

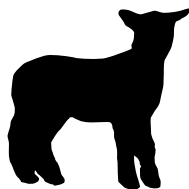
Grand/Reserve - Rosettes

OPEN SHEEP SHOW

1. Ram Lamb - Born in calendar year
2. Ewe Lamb - born in calendar year
3. Yearling Ewe
4. Yearling Ram
5. Mature Ewe
6. Mature Ram
7. Ewe with Lamb at Foot
8. Market Lamb
9. Pen of 3 - Market Lambs
10. Haired Sheep
11. Grand Champion - All 1st & 2nd place winners from Classes 1-7 & 9

SHOWMANSHIP

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COSTUME CLASS

1. OPEN - May run in different order, inquire when registering

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