

# The 12th Annual Heritage Day

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Since 1997, each year in early July, the Stayner Heritage Society has been greeted by perfect weather. And, more amazingly, each year, Catherine Walker, as Master of Ceremonies, has greeted the many who have attended with a top-rate show. This year was no exception. Kudos to her for a wonderful show each year.



Following the pancake breakfast put on by the Jubilee Pres. Choir, and the parade, organized by Manfred Leimgardt, once again, the **Beinn Gorm Highlanders**, and the **Classic Country Memories Band** set the tone for the show. The high quality was continued with the “exhortation” by Roy Wilson, **Town Crier**, and his wife, Kay and the **Georgian Girls** with their rendition of “O Canada”.

Mayor Ken Ferguson, Mike Gennings, chair of Stayner Chamber of Commerce, and Stayner Heritage Society chair, Jeff Parton, all brought greetings.

The abundance of talent continued with **The Clearview Community Theatre Travelling Group** (led by Gren Bray), **Bob Gunns** on the harmonica ( a Roy Thompson Hall Act) and **Colin Orr** (veteran keyboard artist with candlelight dinner-type music). **Joe Bothwell**, former winner in the Clearview Idols Contest, sang a few favourites. All of the performers presented a wide variety of music to the delight of the crowd. One reason the show is so well received each year, is the Sound System, operated by Gren Bray and his helpers.

The **sponsors** who made the entertainment possible were: Reinhart Foods, Wheeler/Spriggs Insurance, Stayner Legion, Branch #457, Stayner Chamber of Commerce, Helen Hanna, and Re/Max Clearview Inc.

Elsewhere, there was lots of activity. Shirlye Millsap, June Holroyd and the ladies of various Stayner Churches sold pies from their stand; Murray Lowe, Goldie Hendry and their helpers, entertained the crowd while they sold hotdogs and drinks; and Marlene and Tyler Davidson ran the popcorn and candy floss stand. Edythe Philipps,

Barb Starnsky and Carolyn Muir gave information and sold merchandise, including the new DVD's from the "Heritage Booth" situated at the entrance to the park. Many signed the guest book!!!

Throughout the park, the children found several activities. Diane Millsap with Eleri, Cam, and Adam looked after the **playland games** for little children. The **Colouring Contest**(operated by Gayle Favalaro and Jill Ruppert) winners were: **5 and under**, 1st-Claire Diana-Gonsalves; 2nd -Philip O'Brien; **6 - 8 Years**, 1st-Keegan Seddon, 2nd-Kyanna Bell; **9 and over**, 1st-Madeleine Jerry, 2nd-Shelby Rolling. The picture this year was "Stayner Public Library", drawn by Anson Finlay.

#### The Kiddie Tractor Pull



(donated by Stayner Rental and operated by Jamie Thurman and her daughter, Katrina) engraved medal winners were: **30-40 lbs**, 1st-Danlel Miller, 2nd-William Wager, 3rd-Holly Lemieux; **40-50 lbs**, 1st -Oliver Ward, 2nd-Adam Millsap, 3rd-Ava Bell; **50-60 lbs**, 1st-Nathan Wager, 2nd-Kyle Bell, 3rd-Adelaide Bouchard.

Participants in the **Scavenger Hunt** (organized by Pete Millsap) all won Dairy Queen certificates.

A new feature this year, "**Meet U-Gene**", designed to instigate in children an interest in Family History, was conducted by Ferne Allen and Michelle McKenzie.

Darci-Que and Emily entertained children with balloon animals and button painting, while Jennifer Dutka did face painting.

Gretta Leighton won \$300. in the 50-50 draw, conducted by Mile & April Gennings., and Ethel Sharpe's daughter, Catherine, won the prize for coming the greatest distance from Alabama.

SHS thanks all those named above and many more, not named, who volunteered to help make this day such a success. Clearview Firefighters helped set up and take down, an invaluable service. It was a wonderful day in the Friendly Town.

*The following photos from Jeff Parton & June Holroyd:*











