

# Sharland is the new Marshall in town

Longtime Exhibition and Stampede volunteer named as Parade Marshall for upcoming event

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Ordinary roads in the city are transformed into a magical stage for the Medicine Hat Exhibition and Stampede parade.

The Parade Marshall this year is Laurie Sharland who has served tirelessly in the community and for the Exhibition and Stampede in particular.

"When I phoned to tell her she was very surprised and didn't feel she deserved it," said David Ziegenhagel, director and chairman of the guest and dignitaries of the box seat committee. "She's been involved for more than 35 years."

Sharland summed up the news of her being appointed the Parade Marshall in a word - "marvelous."

"She's well deserving of this," said Jim Tennant, the corporate relations manager for the Medicine Hat Exhibition and Stampede.

"Sharland is unselfish with her time and is one of the few women who have ultimately become a director."

Sharland is perhaps best known in the community for her role since 1970 as coordinator of the Stampede Queen Contests.

"In those early days the Queen's were crowned at the back of Safeway which was then situated on Third Street pretty close to where the Tim Horton's is now," said Sharland.

Taking on the responsibility came naturally to her. She's always been involved in her children's activities and said she had a pretty good idea of what was needed for the job. Sharland still keeps in touch with many of the past Queens.

"I never tired of it in all 35 years," said Sharland who retired in 2005 but still exudes an infectious enthusiasm as she talks. "Six of our Queens went on to become Miss Rodeo Canada. The first was Susan Hargrave."



"To see our girls win was unreal, really something special," she added.

Looking back over the years some moments during the stampede are deeply etched in her memory.

"The year we honoured Trevor Linden (who will be inducted into the BC Hockey Hall of Fame this month) is very special. His grandma and I worked together for the stampede and I'd watched him grow-up in the community."

There is a certain amount of excitement building already for Sharland. She's been thinking about the ride in the Remington Carriage and possibly recognizing friends and family in the crowds. She's already asked her husband to ride with her and is sure it will be very special.

"I'll tell myself that day what I've been telling my girls all through the years and that is to be yourself and enjoy yourself," said Sharland.

## Promotion from within

NEWS PHOTO  
EMMA BENNETT

Laurie Sharland is this year's parade marshal for the Medicine Hat Exhibition and Stampede. Sharland spent 35 years volunteering with the Stampede, from coordinating the Stampede Queen contest to serving as a director on the Stampede Board. She'll kick off this year's parade on Thursday, July 29.

## Ludwig fails to block peace bond in court

The Canadian Press

GRANDE PRAIRIE, Alta. Alberta eco-activist Wiebo Ludwig has failed to block a court application by energy companies for a peace bond to keep him away from their wells.

Encana, Canadian Superior Energy and Seaview Energy Inc. applied for the bond earlier this year.

In the application the companies said they feared that Ludwig, his son Ben and family friend Richard Boonstra could injure their employees or damage their property.

Ludwig tried to have the application quashed, but a provincial court judge in Grande Prairie ruled against him Friday and the companies are to appear in court on Jan. 24 to make their case.

There has been a series of pipeline explosions involving Encana natural gas properties in northern B.C. in recent years.

Ludwig was arrested back in January, but was released without being charged.

## Regina doc guilty of sexual assault

The Canadian Press

REGINA A doctor convicted of sexually assaulting two of his patients apologized in court during his sentencing hearing.

Dr. Edward Poon was charged after six women complained in 2008 that they had been assaulted during medical examinations.

During the trial one complainant testified that she went in to have her ears checked and he ended up doing a pelvic exam.

The Crown is seeking a three-year jail term.

Poon is to be sentenced on Wednesday.

# AB. health lifts boilwater advisory in Walsh

Medicine Hat News

Alberta Health Services has lifted the boil water advisory for the Hamlet of Walsh.

It is now safe for residents to resume water consumption after following some additional at-home precautions.

Although the municipality of Cypress County has successfully flushed the distribution lines with clean, quality water, residents are also required to do the

same with their own water lines.

This includes: flushing all water-using fixtures for one minute; running all cold water faucets and drinking fountains for one minute before using the water; draining all cisterns and flushing with clean water; draining and flushing the ice-making system in your refrigerator; backwashing pool filters; draining water and super-chlorinating the system; running water softeners through a regenera-

tion cycle; and draining and refilling hot water heaters set below 45 C (normal setting is 60 C).

The boil water advisory was issued on June 19, when extreme rainfall in the area caused flooding and subsequent contamination of the clearwells.

Previously contaminated water and existing surface water such as puddles and canals, may contain water-borne organisms. These organisms can cause dis-

ease affecting the digestive tract and are acquired by ingesting contaminated water. Symptoms include diarrhea and vomiting. Less commonly, people may experience skin, ear and eye infections.

If you are experiencing these symptoms, please contact your family doctor.

For health information, please contact Health Link Alberta at 1-866-408-LINK (5465).

## Police release picture of man suspected of robbery and assault

Medicine Hat News

Police have released a photo of a man they say pepper sprayed a woman and stole her purse on July 2.

At about noon that day, a female was entering a vehicle near the Silver Buckle Inn, at 687 South Railway Street S.E.

She was approached by a disguised male who assaulted her and stole her bags before taking off in a waiting newer white quad-cab truck, that was driven by a second unknown male.



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Anyone with additional information should contact the Medicine Hat Police Service.

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