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Medicine Hat Exhibition & Stampede Continuing to Plan for Summer Events

Medicine Hat – The Medicine Hat Exhibition and Stampede's Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, Volunteers and Staff have been working on plans for their annual summer stampede and summer events.

After nearly all events being cancelled in 2020, the MHES are still planning on hosting some events throughout the summer. While stampede week may not look as it has in the past, Hatters will still be able to engage in traditional stampede events.

"We are working closely with Alberta Health Services to ensure that we are able to safely welcome residents back to our grounds," says Kara Brake, General Manager. "We are still planning some traditional stampede activities such as the Queen and Princess Competition, Horse Show, Visual Arts, Better Living, a Pancake Breakfast and fireworks to name a few."

While the annual midway and night shows will not be able to take place, the organization is working with the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association and Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association to host a summer rodeo.

"The Medicine Hat Exhibition and Stampede is looking forward to hosting some of our events this summer," says David Ziegenhagel, President of the Board of Directors. "As we work with AHS we are hopeful that restrictions will allow for our summer rodeo to take place, even at a reduced capacity."

In addition to the traditional stampede events, the MHES is looking at different events they can host this summer. This includes the hosting of a Canada Day celebration, announced last month, and potentially other events held on the grounds. Information regarding future events will be announced closer to the event date.

Refunds will be given to those individuals with tickets to the night shows starting on Monday, June 7th, by contacting the MHES Office at 403-527-1234 or emailing <u>mhstampede@mhstampede.com</u>.

About the Medicine Hat Exhibition & Stampede

Rich with tradition and history - the first Exhibition & Stampede was held in 1887 and consisted of livestock exhibits. The purpose of this exhibition was to bring urban and rural people together which is still happening over 130 years later!

Medicine Hat Exhibition & Stampede is the largest agriculture society in South Eastern Alberta. Each year, it is estimated that our economic activity brings over \$14 million to our local economy.

We are open year-round and host an array of events, including trade shows, concerts, festivals, sporting events, horse shows, weddings and meetings.

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