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THOSE WERE THE DAYS

Celebrates 50 years

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UPCOMING EVENTS



WDM Moose Jaw

Through September 29	<i>One Canada: Diefenbaker's Vision</i> travelling exhibit produced by the Diefenbaker Canada Centre
Through August 23	Summer Heritage Club
July 27 – 28	Brickspo
August 5	Saskatchewan Day
August 10	Blow Off Some Steam
September 8	Grandparents Day
September 29	Seniors' Week Tea

WDM North Battleford

July 15 – 19	Heritage Farm and Village Kids' Camp – <i>Pre-registration required</i>
August 17 – 18	50th Those Were The Days

WDM Saskatoon

Through July 28	<i>Poles in the Canadian Mosaic: 150 Years of History</i> travelling exhibit from the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland and Polonia Canadian Institute for Historical Studies
Through October 20	<i>Saskatchewan Doukhobor Living Book Project</i> WDM exhibit in partnership with Spirit Wrestler Productions and the University of Saskatchewan
July 19 – August 25	Summer Programming (Friday – Sunday afternoons)
July 22 – 26	Hands-On Heritage Camp – <i>Pre-registration required</i>
July 29 – August 2	Hands-On Heritage Camp – <i>Pre-registration required</i>
August 12 – 16	Hands-On Heritage Camp – <i>Pre-registration required</i>
August 18	Edwardian Indoor Garden Party

WDM Yorkton

Through August 10	<i>Our Collective Threads</i> – WDM travelling exhibit
July 21	Discovery Box Family Programming
August 3 – 4	64th Threshermen's Show & Seniors' Festival
August 13 – 15	Blast From The Past Summer Camp – <i>Pre-registration required</i>
August 18	Discovery Box Family Programming
September 8	Grandparents Day

Events and dates listed here are subject to change.

For details visit wdm.ca.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



Summer is Here!

Summer is a great season to get out and make some special family memories. Over the next two months, there are events, programs and activities at all our WDM locations for everyone to enjoy.

On display at the WDM Moose Jaw until September 29 is *One Canada: Diefenbaker's Vision* travelling exhibit. Produced by the Diefenbaker Canada Centre, this exhibit explores Prime Minister John Diefenbaker's goal to create an equitable country that derives strength from diversity.

At the WDM Saskatoon, the *Saskatchewan Doukhobor Living Book Project* is on display from June 29 - October 20. This exhibit is a collaboration between Spirit Wrestler Productions, the University of Saskatchewan and the WDM to explore the history and evolution of the Doukhobor community in Saskatchewan.

At the WDM Yorkton, the 64th annual *Threshermen's Show and Seniors' Festival* is happening on August 3 - 4. *Those Were The Days* is celebrating its 50th anniversary at the WDM North Battleford on August 17 - 18. You can once again hop aboard Saskatchewan's only operating steam locomotive and ride the K+S Potash Canada Short Line 101 at the WDM Moose Jaw. Be sure to check our website for the train schedule and other upcoming events.

Coming for a visit to any one of our WDM locations is a great way to reconnect with family and friends as you share Saskatchewan's history with those around you. We hope a visit to one of the WDM locations will be a part of your family's summer memories this year.

Have a safe and happy summer everyone!

Sincerely,

Joan Kanigan, CEO

IN THE GALLERIES

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Through September 29

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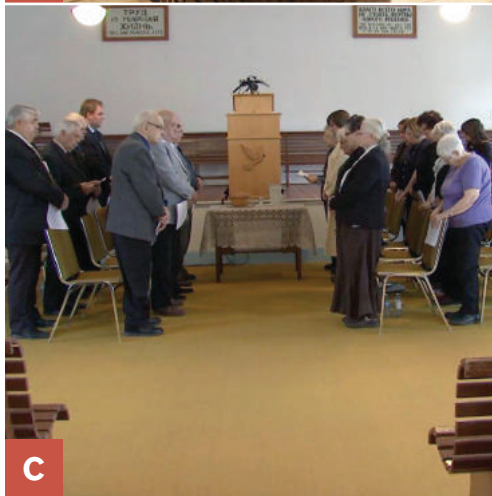
Outdoor Village open through October 13



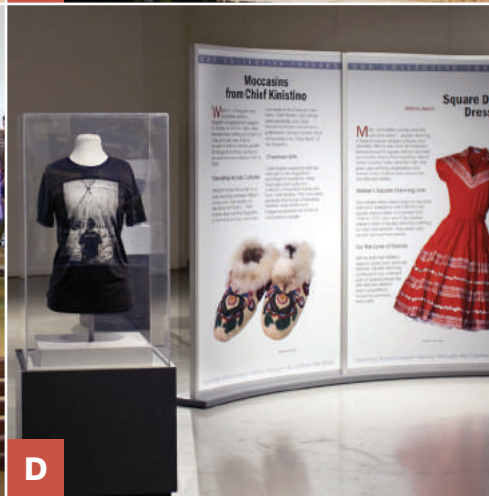
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Through October 20

D WDM Yorkton — *Our Collective Threads* WDM Travelling Exhibit

Through August 10

FEATURE

50th Anniversary Those Were The Days

August 17 - 18

WDM North Battleford



Summer wouldn't be the same without a stroll down memory lane at Those Were The Days, the WDM North Battleford's annual summer event. It's all about family fun as we celebrate this event's 50th anniversary. Children of all ages will enjoy a visit to the petting zoo, having their face painted and jumping in the jungle gyms. Enjoy old-fashioned fun in the three-legged races and the scavenger hunt. Roll up your sleeves to hammer some nails or race against the clock to twist a nut onto a bolt in the Heritage Competitions.

Everyone will enjoy the daily Parade of Power as vintage farm machines huff and puff, bounce and sputter their way around the Village. Savour the sweet smell of threshed oats in the field as the threshers go about their work. Ride in a vintage vehicle like a 1925 McLaughlin, a 1929 Buick or a 1928 Fire Truck. Or enjoy the leisurely pace of a horse-drawn wagon ride.

Dr. Von Houligan's Carnival of Calamities, featuring magic, juggling and acrobatics, is sure to entertain from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm daily. Visit with our fantastic volunteers as they bring the Museum to life and share Saskatchewan stories that connect you to our wonderful province.

Those Were The Days takes place from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm daily. We hope you'll join us for a weekend of family fun!

WDM MOOSE JAW



EXPLORING AT THE WDM MOOSE JAW

Summer Heritage Club

JULY & AUGUST

Children ages 7 - 10 years are invited to join the Club where they can learn and explore as part of our three-day mini-camps. Campers will take part in workshops, crafts, games and hands-on demonstrations around the Museum.

July 16 – 18: Trains

July 22 – 24: Aviation

August 13 – 15: Fun and Games

Check out our website for full details.

Saskatchewan Day

AUGUST 5, 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Celebrate our wonderful province at the WDM Moose Jaw! In addition to special Saskatchewan-inspired activities and crafts throughout the afternoon, we will also be showing a selection of short films from the National Film Board about the land that's hard to spell but easy to draw.

WDM MOOSE JAW

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JULY - AUGUST HOURS

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Daily



WDM NORTH BATTLEFORD



1158 LOCOMOTIVE – NEWLY RESTORED AND PAINTED
PHOTO: RUTH BITNER

Return of the 1158 Locomotive

In past issues of *Sparks*, we've told you about a major restoration project undertaken by the WDM to restore the 1158 Locomotive on display at the WDM North Battleford. Restoration work began in 2017 and continued through 2018 with the removal of rust, old paint and other restoration work. The Locomotive was repainted and restored to represent a typical Canadian Northern Railway train from the 1910s.

The 1158 Locomotive was built in 1913 by Montreal Locomotive Works for the Canadian Northern Railway. It was used to transport passengers for many years before being replaced by newer, more modern designs. After being pulled off passenger service it was used to pull freight until 1960 when it was retired. The WDM acquired the 1158 from Canadian National that same year.

The 1158 Locomotive stands at the WDM North Battleford Heritage Farm and Village as a larger than life reminder of the past. We hope you will take some time this summer to tour the Village and visit the 1158! Thanks to all who supported this restoration project.

WDM NORTH BATTLEFORD

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JULY - AUGUST HOURS

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Daily

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Hands-On Heritage Summer Camps

JULY & AUGUST

There are a few spots left in our summer camps for children ages 7 - 10. These week-long camps give children the opportunity to learn about Saskatchewan history through games, crafts and demonstrations. Camps are half day or full day. Call the WDM Saskatoon for available camp times and to register.

Summer Programming

JULY 19 – AUGUST 25

The WDM Saskatoon offers more reasons than ever to visit over the summer months, featuring special afternoon programs in Boomtown, Fridays through Sundays. From demonstrations of heritage skills and crafts to costumed interpreters, each day will have something to offer.

Edwardian Indoor Garden Party

AUGUST 18, 11:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Love Downton Abbey or Anne of Green Gables? Then join us for an Edwardian Garden Party held in the Museum. Fun for the whole family, you will experience parts of daily life for a family in the Edwardian Period (1901-1910). Register as a group and spend the afternoon attending a luncheon, learn to make daisy chains, build a wooden mechanical toy and take a family portrait in the Boomtown Photo Studio. Members will receive special pricing and an opportunity for early bird registration. Visit wdm.ca for details.

WDM SASKATOON

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JULY – AUGUST HOURS

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Daily



Discovery Box Programming

JULY 21 & AUGUST 18, 2:00 – 5:00 PM

Explore Saskatchewan history through one of our hands-on Discovery Boxes. Visitors get a chance to engage with artifacts, photos and replicas that tell Saskatchewan stories and history. Appropriate for all ages.

Blast From The Past Camp

AUGUST 13 – 15, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Children travel back in time at this fun summer camp where they can immerse themselves in settler life. Campers ages 8 – 12 learn about early 20th century prairie life through settler skills, games, crafts, cooking and more. On the third day, campers host a family picnic sharing what they've learned. The deadline to register is August 6.

Grandparents Day

SEPTEMBER 8, 2:00 – 5:00 PM

Celebrate your grandparents and your heritage with the WDM! Families are invited to reminisce, play and learn through crafts, an artifact guessing game and sharing stories with our family reminiscence books. In the books, families can share their memories and record them. It's a great way to compare your childhood - whether you be a grandparent or a grandchild - to the life of Saskatchewan's early settlers. Refreshments will also be served.

WDM YORKTON

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JULY – AUGUST HOURS

Until August 11
9:00 am – 5:00 pm Daily

After August 11
9:00 am – 5:00 pm Monday – Friday
12:00 – 5:00 pm Weekends

FEATURE



Threshermen's Show and Seniors' Festival

August 3 – 4
WDM Yorkton

A collaboration between the Yorkton Threshermen's Club, the East Central Seniors and the Western Development Museum, this summer's signature event at the WDM Yorkton is now in its 64th year and sure to be a fun-filled family weekend.

There is so much to see and do with heritage skills demonstrations, antique cars, an antique tractor show and competition, and the hobby and handicraft sale. Children will love the ice cream and rope-making demonstrations, horse-drawn wagon rides and the children's Pedal Tractor Pull. A variety of entertainers will be performing throughout the Festival. While visiting, don't miss your chance to enter the raffle to win a model antique tractor.

This year's special exhibits include *90 Years of Oliver*, marking the 90th anniversary of the formation of the Oliver Farm Equipment Company and *Moon Walk to Farmer's Field*, marking 50 years since the moon landing - an event which paved the way for a number of advancements in technology that have made a significant impact in the agricultural industry.

The Museum galleries are open from 9:00 am - 6:00 pm each day. Events begin at 12:00 pm on Saturday. Sunday starts with a pancake breakfast at 9:00 am with events getting underway at 11:00 am. We hope you'll join us!

FEATURE

Brickspo

July 27-28
WDM Moose Jaw

From 9:00 am - 5:00 pm daily, the WDM Moose Jaw will be full of amazing LEGO® creations by the talented adult builders of SLUG, the Saskatchewan LEGO® Users Group, and others from across western Canada. There will be come and go information and building sessions, a LEGO® yard sale and other vendors (cash only), and a concession onsite from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm.



FEATURE

Blow Off Some Steam

August 10, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm
WDM Moose Jaw

The WDM Moose Jaw has a special day planned to recognize the importance of steam power in our transportation history - from trains and tractors to cars and machinery. The K+S Potash Canada Short Line 101 locomotive will be running (weather permitting). Inside the Museum, take part in a special steam-themed family scavenger hunt. Bring your own lunch and join us for a picnic in the park.



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