



PARDS
THERAPEUTIC CENTRE

News From the
"Neigh"bourhood

July/August

Dates to Remember

August

August 7 - 10

Adult Therapeutic Day Camp

August 13 - 17

Camp Tamarack Horse Camp

August 20 - 24

Week 4 PARDS Youth Camp (full)

September

September 15

PARDS Grand Opening

September 17

Therapeutic Programs begin

September 19

Public Programs begin



PARDS is going **GREEN!**

Online registration for all programs is here!.

If you are wanting to register for Therapeutic programs or Public Riding Lessons, please follow the link below or contact the PARDS office for more information.

https://ots.sumacpages.com/sumac/sumac_start_new_session.php?package=courses2&userfolder=../ORG/pards

Stay In Touch



www.pards.ca



Upcoming Events

Save the Date



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Saturday, September 15th, 2018
Grand Opening Celebration

This is Our Story...

This is Our Song

Merv's Pitchfork Fondue Steak Supper

Dancin' in the Dirt Barn Dance with

Live Entertainment by Trevor Panczak & Band

Live Auction, Raffles

... And More!

Tickets

\$100 Dinner & Dance

\$50 Dance only

Available by calling

780-538-3211

**Tickets
available
online [here](#)**

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PARDS Welcomes Trevor Panczak and thanks him for coming to play at PARDS Grand Opening.

"Besides his commitment to his craft as a musician, songwriter and performer, Trevor continues to be committed to using his talent to give back to various charitable causes. Even when he was struggling to make a name for himself as an artist, he would donate some of the earnings from his CD sales to Ronald McDonald House and give countless hours of his time to perform at various community events."

<http://trevortown.com/>

Have you ever heard of a Pitch Fork Fondue? Well Merv's Pitch Fork Fondue is coming to PARDS Grand Opening all the way from Saskatchewan to give you a new dining experience! 12 oz rib eye steaks cooked in a way you have to see and taste to believe!

<http://mervspitchforkfondue.com/>



FUND Ride & Community Carnival

What an amazing time was had at PARDS 32nd Annual FUND Ride & Community Carnival. A fun filled day of trail rides for our FUND raising participants as well as all our little riders who joined us on our pony trails through the Community Carnival.

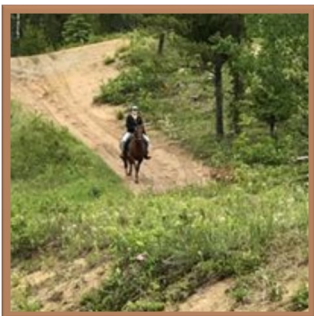
There was great food provided by the Grande Prairie Rotary BBQ Crew for breakfast before the riders hit the trails; as well as for volunteers and event attendees for lunch. The Community Carnival saw young and old alike showing their competitive spirit at the carnival games and the laughter could be heard from the newest addition to the carnival, "The Silly String Hobby Horse Corral", where everyone galloped an obstacle course riding whimsical hobby horses, thanks to Tina Gaylard who designed and created each one! Tokens were won and prizes were chosen.

After the riders returned, a great steak supper was provided by New Horizon Co-op and awards were given. PARDS would like to thank all the participants that collected pledges prior to the ride and the sponsors and donors who collectively raised almost \$40,000.00. These funds allow us to continue to make Therapeutic Riding accessible to everyone.

As well we would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make the event a fantastic success from planning with the committee, setup, pony ride, trail, (keeping our riders safe), carnival, keeping everyone fed, and teardown. Together we made it happen and we couldn't do it without you!



\$40,000



FUND Ride Sponsors & Donors

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MEDIA SPONSOR



CARNIVAL SPONSOR



PONY RIDES



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Nancy Ingram

ICECREAM



MEDIC



RIDER LUNCH



POPCORN & SNOWCONES

THE BOND FAMILY

SIGNAGE



BREAKFAST & LUNCH BBQ



Rotary Club of
Grande Prairie

DINNER SPONSOR



FUND Ride Sponsors & Donors

FUND RIDE DONORS

Alberta Wildfire	Dino's Portable Water	Boston Pizza Westend
Alberta Recreation	Elite Vac & Steam	Carolynne McBride
Crime Prevention	Evergreen Park	Jim Rawlek
Sticky's Candy	Rentco	Party City
The Pita Pit	London Drugs	Tina Gaylard
Reach 96.3 FM	Domino's Pizza	Jennifer Wolf
Stojan's Power Sports & Marine	Peavey Mart	Willy's Trucking
TeePee Creek Hauling	UFA North Farm Store	Expert Mobile
Street Performers Festival	Horse Trekking Adventures	Giant Tiger

FUND Ride Volunteers

TRAIL

Mort Timanson
Kevin Timanson
Daryl Sweatnam
Gordon Frentz
Adele Morrison
Marg Elliott
Peace Country Amateur
Radio Club

DINNER BBQ

Willy's Trucking BBQ Crew
Shirley McDonald
Dawn Miller
Anne Letourneau

REGISTRATION

Carolyn McBride
Lorri Predy
Lorne Scobie
Dave Perks
Nancy Ingram
Kathy McNally
Lenna Scammell
Lil Pigeau
Judi Harker

WAGON RIDES

Peace Draft Horse Club

PONY RIDE VOLUNTEERS

Carol Balcome	Deanne Kam	Ernie Pigeau	Louis Ducsharm
Gerri Ward	Ariana Shields-Gaetz	Justeen Schneider	Kassey Zatco
Sarah Kam	Debbie Garland	Rhonda Schneider	

CARNIVAL VOLUNTEERS

Lenna Scammell	Dave Perks	Ken Bienert	Rayna Morrison	Josia Selzer
Lil Pigeau	Leah Post	Linda Bienert	Samantha Gavin	Tracy Lauren
Kim Aitkinson	Erin Post	Michelle Sandvold	Sarah Camsell	Chris Moore
Judi Harker	Jada Martens	Rose Sandvold	Donna Hatton	Riley McLaughlin
Della Morrison	Susan Martens	Ed Sandvold	Sally Perkins	Josh Dyks
Lindsey McNeil	Lyndon Knotts	Esther Penner	Kevin Simons	Dave Westwell
Nancy Ingram	Bailey Bienert	Erin Costley	Anthony Driedger	
Kasandra Hudson	Zachary Bienert	Gloria Bigstone	John Driedger	
Todd Perks	Andrew Bienert	Gabriel Morrison	Katie Mayer	

Community Champions



Brandt Tractor has been a long time supporter of PARDS; always ready to help where they can. In the fall of 2016, Andrew & Craig of Brandt Tractor called to share their summer BBQ program had been a huge success and 2 of their locations had chosen PARDS as the benefitting charity. In the spring of 2017, when we were planning our very first "Shoot for PARDS Stars," a regular donor suggested we invite "The Brandt Boys" out because they love clay shooting, especially for a good cause. Branch Manager, Kevin Lavallee, was very interested and he decided on the spot to sign up a team as well as sponsor the event! The Brandt team attended PARDS Clay Shoot that July and had a great time. So much so, that this year they registered 2 teams and once again sponsored the event!

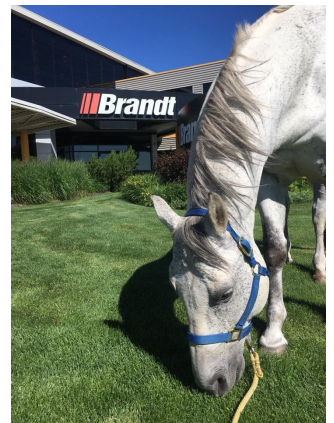
PARDS relationship with Brandt has continued to grow because they believe in PARDS programs and giving back and building a community where children thrive and people of all ages and abilities receive the supports they need. They are always there and willing to help when and if they can and their support reaches well beyond monetary donations. When we needed an excavator, ditch witch or bobcat they were right there to loan us the needed equipment and even deliver it! This year, when hands were needed to throw hay bales, the PARDS Staff were hoping to see 1 or 2 helpful Brandt volunteers but were very happy to see 5 of the Brandt staff; Andrew, Colin, Craig, Dave and Kevin walking across the acreage to help load. Then they returned to PARDS and unloaded it in what seemed to be record time. We all had a great time; Brandt staff always bring humour and smiles where ever they go! That day, they offered not only their labour and time, but also trucks and trailers if needed for future hay hauling.



Last December, Kevin reached out and asked us to create a slideshow about PARDS Horse Sponsorship. He showed the slideshow at the staff Christmas party and his staff overwhelmingly decided they wanted a horse for PARDS Programs. Brandt was extremely patient and involved during the entire process as it took PARDS lead instructor, Robyn several months to locate just the right PARDS horse to add to the herd. Horses are selected based on a number of factors including stature, training and temperament. PARDS herd is as diverse as our riders, a well rounded herd is critical to our ability to serve all of our riders safely and effectively. After a potential program horse is found, we then do an evaluation

and vet check, then after arriving at PARDS they go through a lengthy trial period in which they receive extensive training specific to our riders needs. This includes desensitizing them to lesson props, the mechanical lift, loud noises as well as many other things. In July, Brandt's horse passed his final tests with flying colours, allowing him to become a PARDS equine staff member! This was a very exciting day for Brandt the company, as well as their new horse, "Brandt". Kevin Lavallee arranged a full BBQ, Lou brought a horse trailer and trailered Brandt to Brandt's Clairmont location to meet all 70 Brandt employees, where the salesmen were chefs to an all-out BBQ with all the fixins! The Brandt team didn't stop there, they had raised an amazing \$1800 at their Christmas party which they used to spoil their handsome gelding with anything and everything he could need from a fly sheet to a winter blanket, to a beautiful leather bridle and new saddle.

The Brandt team is a big family, with huge community spirit and support many worthy causes in the area. They are a big part of the County Clean up every year, helping to clean up the powerline east of PARDS and Evergreen Park, Big Hearts for Big Kids and many more. In 2017, Brandt Tractor won the County of Grande Prairie's Landscape Recognition Award of Excellence and Brandt definitely enjoyed his time grazing the beautifully well kept lawn!



"Brandt-Powerful Value. Delivered." The Clairmont Branch certainly stands by their tagline. If you are looking for a Community Minded business with great Customer Service and a wide line of Construction, Forestry and Agricultural Equipment Products go visit the Brandt Boys.

~ Jenn Ash, Community Engagement Coordinator

Interesting Horse Facts



Meet Poco!

This stunning mustang is on a trial with us hoping to make it onto the team. This is what Poco thinks of his sunscreen !

Summer

As the temperatures rise in summer, there can be a number of changes for a horse. Horses typically drink at least 25 gallons of water a day and even more as temperatures rise. You can tell if a horse is dehydrated by pinching their skin. If it takes time for the skin to return from the pinch, they need water. A horse with pink skin can get a sunburn. Fly sheets and sunscreen, especially on sensitive noses can help. PARDS horses utilize fly sheets, fly masks and sunscreen. If you would like to donate any of these items, please contact the PARDS office. Our horses thank you! :)

Just Horsin' Around

