

Provost Bloomin' Good

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given to each community to complete after the judges had been and gone (*The News* may run some of these later).

Taking in the Saturday night awards representing Provost Communities in Bloom were Elaine Brouwer, Doug and Theresa Page, Linda Peereboom and Agnes Whiting.

Other category winners included:

- Population: 1 - 250 Valhalla;
- population: 251 - 750 New Sarepta;
- population: 751 - 2,000 Spirit River;
- population: 5,001 - 20,000 Okotoks.

Doug Page told *The Provost News* in a telephone conversation on Monday that they "were quite ecstatic . . . it was great" when their group found out about the win. There are nine local members in the group but Page said that many other parts of the community were involved for the win.

• National Winners

On September 20, Lethbridge hosted the 14th edition of the Communities in Bloom national awards ceremony, honouring municipalities from Canada, the United States, England, Ireland, Scotland and Japan.

Award Winners

1 to 1,000 population Muskoka Lakes – Port Carling, Ontario; 1,001 to 3,000 Calmar, Alberta; 3,001 to 5,000 Antigonish, Nova Scotia; 5,001 to 8,000 Goderich, Ontario; 8,001

to 10,000 Dauphin, Manitoba; 10,001 to 13,000 Ingersoll, Ontario; 13,001 to 20,000 White Rock, British Columbia; 20,001 to 55,000 Saint-Bruno-de-Montarville, Québec; 55,001 to 155,000 Barrie, Ontario; over 300,001 Mississauga, Ontario; Canadian Forces 4 Wing Cold Lake, Alberta.

• International Challenge

Brampton, Ontario in the large category, Stratford, Ontario in the medium category, and Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia in the small category were the winners in the international challenge categories. In this category winners of Communities in Bloom compete with past win-

ners of Tidy Towns of Ireland, Britain in Bloom, America in Bloom and Japan in Bloom.

• Best Blooming Community and Criteria Awards

The Best Blooming Community in Canada is awarded to Stratford, Ontario for achieving the highest aggregate score in both the WinterLights Celebrations and the Communities in Bloom programs for 2008.

Communities in Bloom is a Canadian non-profit organization committed to fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility, and beautification through community involvement and the challenge of a national program.

Frisbee Fling

A break that included frisbee flinging (see arrow, right) was held for activities and just before lunch on Saturday at a youth conference in Provost



that began Friday evening. There were 97 youth registered at the Ministerial Association-sponsored event with a band and campfire enjoyed as well as



other activities. Other picture above a noon lunch getting underway. Other pictures in this paper. ©PROVOST NEWS PHOTO.

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