



Bangor Heritage Days: Always a favorite

The residents of the tiny community of Bangor have long been known for their ability to throw a party.

Every year this community of about 50 swells in population several times to accommodate visitors to Bangor Heritage Days, this year July 19.

One of the highlights of this annual event is a parade of about 60 floats, including antique cars and machinery along the main street of the village about 15 kilometers east of Highway 9 near Waldron.



Take a look at Dubuc

Dubuc lies about 20 kilometres north of the Qu'Appelle Valley on Highways 9 and 22.

The village of 55 is named for Sir Joseph Dubuc, a Winnipeg-based traveling judge who was instrumental in bringing settlers to the area.

Dubuc was incorporated in 1905, almost two years after the first settlers arrived with the CPR.

Dubuc was the most thriving community on the CPR's Kirkella branch line for many years.

Today Dubuc boasts a hotel and a local farm family operates a ceramic studio about 12 kilometers southwest of the village. Another family has a seed cleaning business 8 km south of Dubuc. The village also has bus service to Regina.

In addition to a very active senior citizens' group, several other organizations including the Dubuc Recreation Association do much for the community. An ATV derby is usually hosted in April, along with many other events throughout the year.

A few hundred people line the parade route to cheer on friends and relatives who travel to Bangor for Heritage Days from area communities such as Melville, Yorkton, Esterhazy and Stockholm.

Other highlights of the day include displays in the old school building, threshing demonstrations, an all-faith church service and, of course, lots of food.

Anyone wanting to sample the community spirit of small-town Saskatchewan during summer needs only head to Bangor.

The community will also host a fall supper this year in October but the exact date wasn't set at press time. And as it has in recent years, Bangor residents will host a Remembrance Day ceremony at the village's cenotaph Nov. 11.

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