

# Rainy Saturday puts a damper on Warkworth fall fair

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 Gate receipts were down but junior level entries were up. Ticket sales for the car draw were down but entries in the fireman's challenge were up

"We will just have to work harder next year," said Tracy Russell, a director with the Percy Agricultural Society (PAS).

The heavy rains on Saturday definitely affected the Warkworth Fair but Sunday dawned bright and

clear with plenty of sunshine to go around.

"The weather definitely impacted us in a negative way on Saturday but fortunately we ended up on a higher note on Sunday," said Russell.

Moving some of the planned outdoor activities inside made a positive difference to what could have been a disastrous weekend.

The Wild Wild West show was one of those events that survived the threat of cancellation thanks to an

indoor ring that was set up indoors next to the Red Barn.

This was the first year for the show and it drew a good crowd as young and old enjoyed the Bishop family which provided some good old-fashioned family fun with everything from trick roping, trick riding to Roman riding, whip cracking, sharp shooting to trick horses with cowboys and cowgirls, all of it keeping the audience entertained.

The barbeque on Saturday night saw about 200 people stop by compared to 300 last year.

"The numbers were obviously down because of the weather ... but even so, 200 was good," commented Russell.

The fly ball dogs and horse show and horse pull on Saturday had to be cancelled but the truck and tractor pull and beef show on Sunday gave fairgoers plenty to see.

The Homecraft Division is always a crowd pleaser



**Kerry Bandy of Burnley admires the entries in the Homecraft Division at the Warkworth Fair. The begonias entered by Phyllis Rodgers won first prize.**

but this year it was even better.

"Junior entries were up

this year. We had to bring in more tables to display all the entries and the payout

was more as a result," commented Russell.

The arena was filled with everything from flowers to home baking while the new Strutt Your Mutt show and the Otonabee Squares shared the arena floor.

"We even had a few of the fair board members square dancing and our MPP Rob Milligan joined in," said Russell with a grin.

"I'd like to say thanks to the volunteers, the Warkworth Community Service Club and the many others who pitched in to help make the 162nd fair a success in spite of the rain," she concluded.

## Graduations Graduations



Rick and Andrea Rayner are pleased to announce the recent graduations of their children. Their daughter **Alexandra** received her Bachelor of Education from Queen's University at convocation ceremonies on June 7th, 2012. The following day their son **Cameron** received his diploma in Radio Broadcasting during convocation ceremonies at Loyalist College. Very proud grandparents are Jim and Lynda Moorcraft of Port Hope and Harold and Marylou Rayner of Castleton. Congratulations from your family to two very deserving individuals and best wishes for the future.

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