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PRAIRIELAND YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

SASKATOON, Saskatchewan – For Andrea Lowenberger of Wynyard, Saskatchewan this weekend was eventful; Lowenberger won first place at the Prairieland Youth Leadership Conference. Her message to fellow participants – “try and never give up”. Last year Lowenberger placed fourth at the conference receiving a \$750 scholarship, this year she received a \$3,000 scholarship.

Lowenberger is part of the Treads and Tracks 4-H Club and is in her first year of Agriculture at St. Peters College in Muenster, SK – affiliated college with the University of Saskatchewan. She is working towards a degree in Agronomy. Prairieland’s annual Youth Leadership Conference is helping her to defray educational costs. Lowenberger was one of five young 4-H enthusiasts presented with a scholarship on Sunday. Mandy March of Big Beaver, SK won second place receiving a \$2,000 scholarship, Megan Rosso of Moose Jaw, SK won third receiving a \$1,500 scholarship, Kailyn Beaulac of Prince Albert, SK won fourth receiving a \$750 scholarship and Makayla Rettger of Aberdeen, SK won fifth receiving a \$750 scholarship. Junior first place winner was Paige Engel of Saskatoon, and second place winner was Breanne Boy of Saskatoon. The award recipients were introduced and recognized on Sunday night during the evening awards banquet at Prairieland Park.

The focus of this year’s conference was goal setting and decision making. Saturday’s program included an in-depth, interactive presentation by Robin Mueller, PhD candidate from the University of Saskatchewan. The presentation included the importance of goal setting, how to develop individual and group goals and the decision making process. After the presentation senior participants, aged 13 to 21 were divided into groups and given the task of creating a Youth Leadership Conference using the tools from Robin’s presentation. Saturday concluded with senior participants developing a detailed personal portfolio including their values, vision and goals. Junior participants, aged 9 to 12 were welcomed on Sunday and mixed in with the senior participants. Senior participants helped the juniors develop their own personal portfolios concentrating on three future goals.

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