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# 2022 Annual Report

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# 2022 Membership

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Biggar Ag. Society  
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Carnduff Ag. Society  
Connaught Ag. Society  
Creelman Ag. Society  
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Estevan Exhibition  
Fairmede Ag. Society  
Francis Ag. Society  
Glenavon Ag. Society

Golburn Ag. Society  
Grenfell Ag. Society  
Invermay Ag. Society  
Kelvington Ag. Society  
Kerrobert Ag. Society  
Lancer Ag. Society  
LaRonge Ag. Society  
Lloydminster Exhibition  
Maidstone Ag. Society  
Maple Creek Ag. Society  
Maryfield Ag. Society  
Meadow Lake Ag. Society  
Melfort Ag. Society  
Melville Agri-Park  
Moose Jaw Exhibition  
Moosomin Ag. Society  
Mortlach Ag. Society  
Nipawin Ag. Society  
Nokomis Ag. Society

Ogema Ag. Society  
Perdue Ag. Society  
Prince Albert Exhibition  
Radisson Ag. Society  
Redvers Ag. Society  
Regina REAL  
Rosthern Ag. Society  
St. Walburg Ag. Society  
Saskatoon Prairieland Park  
Shand Ag. Society  
Shaunavon Ag. Society  
Spiritwood Ag. Society  
Stoughton Ag. Society  
Swift Current Exhibition  
Unity Ag. Society  
Vanscoy Ag. Society  
Weyburn Ag. Society  
Whitewood Ag. Society  
Yorkton Exhibition



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## **Our Vision:**

“We see communities coming together in positive interaction, experiencing a deep appreciation for our rural heritage, while embracing new cultures and expanding borders.”

## **Our Mission:**

“To dynamically encourage, leverage, contribute and communicate programs and services which address member challenges, leading to healthy, sustainable community foundations.”

## **Our Mantra:**

**SAASE, Making a Difference**

**In all that it is and all that it does,**

**SAASE makes a difference:**

**For its members and volunteers**

**For agriculture**

**For Saskatchewan communities**



# Member Services

- › PROVINCIAL MARKETING CAMPAIGN
- › AGRICULTURAL AWARENESS
- › PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
- › COORDINATING SERVICES TO MEMBERS
- › ADVOCATING ON BEHALF OF MEMBER'S INTERESTS
- › SASKATCHEWAN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES PROGRAM (SASP)
- › SAASE NEWSLETTER
- › FAIR JUDGE PROGRAM
- › APPRENTICE JUDGE PROGRAM
- › AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES MANUAL
- › SASKENERGY VOLUNTEER CHAMPION AWARDS
- › HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM
- › SAASE ANNUAL CONVENTION
- › AGRICULTURAL WORKSHOPS
- › FOOD FOR SASKATCHEWAN-FOOD FOR THE WORLD AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION PROGRAM
- › ACCESS TO PROFESSIONAL AND INDUSTRY EXPERTS
- › ASSOCIATE MEMBER PROGRAM
- › PROVINCIAL SAFETY DAY PROGRAM
- › CLARK AND ANNE LEWIS SCHOLARSHIPS
- › DALGLEISH FAMILY SCHOLARSHIPS - WEST COAST AMUSEMENTS
- › AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY



# Honorary Life Members

SAASE recognizes the outstanding contribution of its Honorary Life Members. This award acknowledges lifetime of dedicated service to the local society and the community, as well as a significant contribution provincially and nationally.

2022	Isabelle Polvi, Moosomin	Irene Turpie, Moosomin
Elaine Sperle, Unity		
Lee Bellows, Moose Jaw		
Irene Lacoursiere, Unity		
Margaret MacDonald, Kelvington		
2021	2009	1997
Mike Sidoryk, Lloydminster	Elizabeth McMahon, Perdue	Marj Garnier, Redvers
Myrtle Chambers, Maryfield	Irene Greer, Battlefords	Mabel Handyside, Connaught
	Olive Haughian, Unity	Clark Lewis, Fairmede
	Doreen Leslie, Unity	Vic Sommerfield, Saskatoon
	Freda McCallum, Unity	
	2008	1996
	Archie Shaver, Bengough	Fred Dawes, Abernethy
	Millie Gibson, Perdue	Gordon Johnston, Creelman
	Doug Dunlop, Battlefords	Barry C. Rugg, Elstow
	Freda Longman, Maryfield	Allan F. Smith, Swift Current
2018		
Linda Wright, Vanscoy		
2017	2007	1995
Mike and Doreen Babecy, Kelvington	Helen Sapsford, Perdue	Mildred Clements, Fairmede
Neal and Rae Keefe, Weyburn	Joan Bibby, Prince Albert	
	Les Camm, Elstow	
	2005	1994
	Judy Reimer, SAASE	Fred Rooke, Saltcoats
	Isabel Barnsley, Abernethy	Albert Smith, Central Butte
		Jean Taylor, Perdue
2016		
Lawrence Bodnar, Prince Albert		
John Eberle, Battlefords		
Annette Horne, Shaunavon		
Peter Bygrove, Lloydminster		
2015	2004	1993
Linda Grimard, Prince Albert	Ruth Allan, Creelman	Kenneth Douglas, Melfort
Gloria Peterson, Elstow	Vera Wyshynski, Elstow	Stewart Elliott, Prince Albert
Norman & Muriel Geck, Kelvington		Annie Griffith, Fairmede
		Joan Elaine Lee, Invermay
2014	2003	1992
Joyce Walter, Moose Jaw	Florence Cathcart, Perdue	Delcie Isobel Beeler, Nokomis
Ernie Wilson, Moose Jaw		Paul Berger, Central Butte
		Donald Griffin, Alameda
	2002	Mildred Owens, Connaught
	Vernon Featherstone, Perdue	
	Rose and Bill Kalyinka, Elstow	
2013		
Marion Nordell, Turtleford		
Rollie Nordell, Turtleford		
Robert Sproule, Melfort		
Edna McCall, Abernethy	2001	1991
Diane Hrechuk, Elstow	Willie Carnegie, Creelman	Norm Edwards, Melfort
George Belchamber, Nipawin		Samuel Kirkham, Saltcoats
Gloria Perkins, Nipawin		Donald John Mott, Creelman
		Rocky Rochelle, Saskatoon
	2000	
	Carmen Bibby, Prince Albert	
	Taras (Terry) Korol, Canora	
2012		
Cecil Douglas Smith, Swift Current		
Roger Mayert, Prince Albert		
	1999	1990
	Mary Davis, Creelman	Elliott Andrew Andison, Perdue
	Doreen Hewitt, Perdue	Grover Heavin, Melfort
	James MacLean, Arcola	Daryl Keith Hooper, Golburn
	Earle Mansell, Nokomis	
	Albert Mennie, Kelvington	
	Beatrice Rugg, Elstow	
2011		1989
Norman Flaten, Weyburn		Chester S. Miller, Battlefords
Ron Metheral, Weyburn		Clifford Swenson, Prince Albert
		1988
		Donald Lyster, Abernethy
		Alfred E. Whitely, Grendfell
2010	1998	
Bernard Kemick, Swift Current	Edith Andison, Perdue	
Lillian May Goldsmith, Maryfield	Chester Ray, Creelman	
Ruth Szmuto, Moosomin		



# Executive Director/Board Report

2022 has brought back a little more normalcy, as we begin to recover from the pandemic and welcome our communities back to our events. We are all in the fun business and 2022 felt a lot more fun than it has in a couple of years. The number of people attending our events in 2022 was generally very positive, with people getting out and back to our grounds. We are playing a big part in helping our province recover - both economically and socially. Our Agricultural Societies have always been gathering places for our communities and we saw that in 2022. As we continue to recover from the pandemic in 2023 - we will once again play a major role in our communities continuing to recover. There will be challenges as we all deal with financial issues, as well as staffing and volunteer challenges, but our Agricultural Societies always find a way to get through tough times and we all will do it once again as we move forward.

The SAASE Board of Directors have worked to help out our Agricultural Societies wherever they could throughout the pandemic. Membership fees were waived in 2021 and again the SAASE board looked to see what could be done in 2022. With many of our Agricultural Societies returning to hosting events there was a surge in Venture Project applications. On a one time basis the SAASE Board of Directors made the decision to increase the Venture Project budget from \$45,000 to \$90,000 - the thinking being that this was the year to try and help those Agricultural Societies running new events the best we could. The result was some great Venture Projects that took place, with the additional money really helping out. The challenge though is that the additional Venture Project funding coupled with the 5 year average payouts has put SAASE in a loss position for this year.

The SAASE Board of Directors worked very hard on putting together a new strategic plan for the next five years. We have a great road map and we will work with all of our partners, and develop new partners to be able to develop new programs and revenue streams to help our member Agricultural Societies out the best we can. Over the years we have developed excellent corporate partners, as well as working with various provincial government ministries. This past year we worked extensively with the other Provincial associations and CAFE on issues that affect all of us across Canada.

As we move forward into 2023 Saskatchewan's Agricultural Societies will play an enormous role in bringing our communities together and helping our communities and province through the recovery from Covid. We have always been the heart of our communities. Our Agricultural Societies are where our communities come together - we have been that for over 130 years - and we will continue to have a great influence on our communities and the province, and we will help the province recover. With that a message from our President - Wade Jensen

## President's Message

Another year. We fought hard to make it through the Pandemic. For the most part we saw great numbers with everyone coming out of hiding. But the competition for discretionary spending is getting even higher. In the coming months we will see people having less money to spend as the cost of living continues to rise. This presents a major problem if we are unwilling to adapt. However if we look at it as an opportunity to evaluate how we present our product it will make us stronger. Value will be our focus to provide our guests the experiences they are willing to spend on. With Value we must remember it is not always JUST the cost to our guest but the overall experience. Service in our communities will be one of our biggest strengths. Staffing is an ongoing concern both with paid team members and volunteers. We must make sure we are giving our communities the experience they desire and deserve. Our passion is entertaining our friends and neighbours which means more than ever it is our time to shine.

Last time I spoke of hope, today I speak about action. We need to act and adapt to the changing world. We persevered through these dark times with innovative new ways to present our product, new ways to raise money and we made new allies along the way. Costs have always been a concern but now more than ever we must be aware of what we spend and where. Balanced with knowing we need to provide a product our guests see value in. Then most of all we must provide that product with all the love and passion we have for entertaining our communities.

Our passion for our communities has and will get us through these tough times because that is who we are at our roots.



# Programs 2022

## Scholarship Winners

**Kate Wright - nominated by the Vanscoy Agricultural Society.**

Kate is attending the University of Saskatchewan and working towards her Bachelors Degree in Computer Science. Ultimately she would like to pursue a career in the tech industry as a programmer/developer combining her love of film, photography and design in the media as a side career.

Kate was very involved with the Delisle Composite School as a student. Since grade 7 she played on the junior and senior volleyball teams, as well as both singles and doubles on the junior and senior badminton teams. She was involved with the school handbell choir since grade 6 and part of the drama club for 2 years. For over the last 7 years she was part of the Prairie Spirit West Band Program in the beginner, junior and senior concert bands. Kate was a member of the student leadership council, as well as being the production coordinator for the school yearbook. Her



love of technology helped her to present innovative ways to keep her school connected during the pandemic. She has also volunteered for many other school events including the Remembrance Day Ceremony, Art Night fund raiser the High School open house and the Elementary School year end fun night.

In addition to all the extra curricular activities at school Kate has also been very involved in other community organizations. Since the age of 6 she has been involved in the Vanscoy Multiple 4H Club. She has taken on various positions within the club including - President, Vice-President and Club Reporter. She has volunteered at various 4H events in both Delisle and Vanscoy including fund raisers for the Community Calendar, Gymkhana and the Easter Petting Zoo. Kate also volunteered at other community events including the Turkey bingo, Legion bingo, Delisle Jingle Day, the Perennial Exchange, Summerfest Fair and other seasonal suppers and celebrations. Her love of music led her to become involved in many other community ensembles including the Saskatchewan Music Educators Association Provincial Honour Band, Saskatoon Youth Jazz Orchestra, U of S High School Select Wind and Jazz Orchestra and the Saskatoon Youth Orchestra.

Since grade 5 Kate has had a passion for blending various mediums of art and creative technology in video, photography and graphic design. She has created many video projects and has won video production awards including runner up in the International World of 7 Billion Student Video contest and 2nd place in the Take Me Outside Video contest. She also excels in photography - having her work displayed in various places in and around Saskatoon. Her talents have allowed her to assist community and family members with their me-

dia projects. She has also been able to turn her video, photography and design skills in to a business for the past 5 years. Congratulations to Kate on being one of the recipients of this year's SAASE scholarship.

### **Madeline Bray - nominated by theAbernethy Agricultural Society**

Madeline is attending the University of Regina in the Bachelor of Kinesiology Program - majoring in Human Kinetics. She plans on obtaining her Kinesiology degree and possibly continuing in the Physiotherapy program. Keeping fit, staying active and having good mental health have always been important to her - with her degree she hopes to help others in need.



Madeline has been very active throughout her school career. She has played with Balcarres Minor Hockey since the age of 3 - played soccer in the Qu'Appelle Valley Soccer Association, and with the North Valley High School

she has been involved with track and field, badminton, cross country running and volleyball. In her earlier years she danced with the Wheatland Dance Association out of Balcarres.

In addition to her school activities Madeline was very involved in volunteering at many local events. She has been heavily involved with the Abernethy Agricultural Fair - helping out with many tasks over the years. She has volunteered with display set up and tear down, the burger booth, children's activities, as well as working at the trade show promoting the Abernethy Nature-Heritage Museum. She has also been a volunteer at the Abernethy Community Play helping out wherever she could, and also has done the same for the Neudorf Dinner Theatre. Every year she participated in the Village clean up, as well as the rink bottle drives.

Over the past three years Madeline has found time to work at the Abernethy Nature-Heritage Museum in the summer. She has been the Museum guide and Activity Director. In addition to all the sports she has been involved with Madeline also enjoys the outdoors, camping, paddle boarding and spending time with her family and friends. Congratulations Madeline on being a recipient of one of this year's SAASE scholarships.

### **Erica Ward- nominated by the Broadview Agricultural Society**

Erica is attending the University of Saskatchewan in the college of Agriculture in the Crop Science Program. After obtaining her B.Sc in Agriculture Erica hopes to become a research Agronomist.

Erica was involved with many extra-curricular activities at school. She played on the school volleyball team since grade 5 and also volunteered to help officiate volleyball games. She was also very involved performing on the school drama team. She was awarded the Mary Ellen Burgess Award for Best Actress in 2019 and a Saskatchewan Drama Association Acting Certificate of Merit in 2022.

She has been very involved in numerous community organizations. She has been an active member of the Elca-



po Light Horse 4H Club for 8 years. Throughout those years she held various executive positions for the club including president, vice president, club reporter and secretary. She participated in speaking competitions at the club, district, regional and provincial level. She also participated in the 4H regional and provincial judging competitions. She also volunteered through 4H at the Mounted Shooting at Agribition. Her 4H club also hosted senior teas and ride demonstrations.

Erica works on the family grain and cattle farm. In the spring and summer she spends most of her time cutting and baling hay, tagging and doctoring cows and calves, fencing and hauling grain during harvest. She is using her income from that to help put her through university. In her spare time Erica enjoys horseback riding and is involved in the Ellis Valley Trail Riders Drill Team. She also enjoys sewing and quilting. Congratulations to Erica on being one of this year's SAASE scholarship recipients.



### **Ty Cooper Novak - nominated by the St. Walburg Agricultural Society**

Ty is attending the University of Saskatchewan - College of Agriculture. He will be pursuing a four year Bachelor of Science in Agronomy and ultimately would like to work in the agrochemical/fertilizer industry, with the goal of starting his own business.

Ty was very involved with extracurricular activities during school. He played volleyball since grade 7. He was a member of the school curling team for 4 years - he also played badminton and took part in track and field. Ty has also played minor hockey every year since he was 5 years old. He has also refereed for many years.

As well as being involved with numerous sports Ty was also involved with the St. Walburg 4H Club for 10 years. He has been involved with both the Beef and Light Horse. He developed his leadership skills through the positions that he has held with the 4H club - both President and Vice President. He mentored many younger members, as well as carried out many community service projects, as well as volunteering for many community events.

In addition to being very active at his school and in his community Ty kept himself busy with many different jobs. In 2021 and 2022 he worked at the Eagle Ridge Golf Course as a grounds keeper. He also worked with a local farmer picking, processing and selling at a local farmers market for 8 years. He worked at a local cattle operation and from 2014 - 2018 he was a referee and linesman for hockey. Congratulations Ty on being one of this year's SAASE scholarship recipients.



# ***Proud to be the Champion of Volunteers***

SaskEnergy is proud to sponsor the Saskatchewan Association of Agricultural Societies and Exhibitions and their dedicated volunteers.

The SaskEnergy logo is positioned at the bottom center of the page. It features the word "SaskEnergy" in a white, sans-serif font. The letter "y" is stylized with a white flame-like shape extending from its top right. The logo is set against a background that transitions from a light blue sky at the top to a green field at the bottom.

***SaskEnergy***

# Prairieland Park Host 2022 Provincial 4 H Judging Competition

## 2022 Provincial Judging Team & Alternates



The Saskatchewan Provincial 4-H judging competition was hosted this year at the Saskatoon Prairieland Park Ag Center on August 5 & 6. There were 36 competitors from five regions in the province.

The event started with judging the Water Quality class on Friday evening, swimming at the hotel rounded out the evening. Saturday was a busy day with competitors judging; Beef Heifers, Beef Steers, Alpaca, Dairy, Sheep, Peas, and an online class of Market Goats. The day finished up with a beef supper and awards at Prairieland Park Terrace.

Congratulations to the Saskatchewan Team that will be competing at Agribition along with the four alternates:

1. Faith Stevens Harris, SK
2. Heidi Fradette Lake Alma, SK
3. Hunter Reid Hafford, SK
4. Jorja Beck Milestone, SK

5. Kelsy Schmitz Chaplin, SK
6. Emily Sebastian Montmarte, SK
7. Aiva Beiber Wolseley, SK
8. Sarah Felskie Indian Head, SK
9. Sydney McCormack Grenfell, SK
10. Kristopher Morrison Saskatoon, SK
11. Hillary Lacelle Wymark, SK
12. Mason Thackeray Weyburn, SK

Congratulations to the Saskatchewan Team that will be competing at Agribition along with the four alternates:  
A special thanks to all of the volunteers, livestock suppliers and judges that took time from their busy schedules to help host this event.



# Weyburn 4 H Regional Judging



Held at SVI Show & Sale Arena – Weyburn Ag Society

July 4 – Submitted by Brittany Stepp, chair of Weyburn Regional Judging committee.

We had 45 competitors for 2022 competition ranging from cloverbud to senior. The highest amount of competitors in years. Members judged Market Steers, Bred Yearling Heifers, Market Lambs, Light Horses, Mystery class (First Aid kits sponsored by St. John Ambulance) and Yellow Chick Peas (sponsored by Viterra). Top 8 seniors will be heading to Saskatoon to compete at Saskatchewan Provincial Judging competition August 5/6, 2022 to earn a spot on the team that participates on Agribition. This year the top 8 competitors were: Aiva Bieber (Fillmore/Francis Beef), Jorja Beck (Milestone Beef), Josey Robinson (Lomond Beef), Heidi Fradette (Pangman/Ogema Beef), Payton Caldwell (Brokenshell Multiple), Mason Thackeray (Lomond Beef), Kaden Beck (Milestone Beef), and Brodyn Labatte (Radville Beef). This event could not have been possible without these sponsors: Saskatchewan 4-H, SAASE, Weyburn Credit Union, Ritchie Bros Auctions, and Affinity Credit Union.

There was also a high point winner per age division sponsored by SL Ag Ventures and Willow River Farms. Members received a Top Judge cup and \$50 gift card to Weyburn Cowtown. Winning Cloverbud Top Judge: Caleb Doud (Radville Beef), Junior Top Judge: Ayden Warren (Weyburn Beef), Intermediate Top Judge: Amy Fradette (Pangman/Ogema Beef) and Senior Top Judge: Aiva Bieber (Fillmore/Francis Beef).

# In Person Safety Days Return

Until this past year, the last in person Safety Day held in Saskatchewan was in the fall of 2019. Since then we have all gone through many changes, and have spent a great deal of time online. There have been virtual safety days over the last couple of years, but there is nothing like an in person safety day where students are able to touch and learn about safety through interactive displays

There continue to be many challenges but four very successful Safety Days did take place in the spring of 2022 and four took place in the fall. The spring Safety Days took place in Swift Current, Unity, Yorkton and Weyburn. The Fall Safety Day locations were Mortlach, Moose Jaw, Humboldt and Vanscoy/Delisle. Swift current had a hybrid Safety Day where they had in person students as well as online. They ended up with 950 students for their Safety Day. In total over 3500 students attended the 8 safety days, which is a tremendous number for the first year back. We are very excited about the program for 2023.

Going forward the Provincial Safety Day Program has tremendous support from our partners - the Progressive Agriculture Foundation, Canadian Ag Safety Association (CASA), Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture, SaskPower and the Community Initiatives Fund. In addition to our provincial program partners local support has been amazing. The local school divisions, local corporate partners, presenters and all the volunteers have come back to get the safety day program started again.

2023 looks like a great year for our Safety Days. We are returning to an inperson Safety Day Coordinators workshop at the SAASE convention this year. This





will give our new coordinators and volunteers and opportunity to network and learn from those who have already run Safety Days. Jana Davidson from the Progressive Agriculture Foundation will be doing the training, which will also give everyone an opportunity to interact directly with Jana. The Community Initiatives Fund have once again funded the Safety Day Coordinators workshop to offset the cost incurred by those attending.

2023 looks very exciting as 14 Safety Days have tentatively been scheduled. Locations include - Humboldt, Weyburn, Swift Current, Yorkton, Unity, Nipawin, Prince Albert, Outlook, Biggar, Moose Jaw, Battlefords, Lloydminster, Mortlach and Meadow Lake. We look forward to getting back to a full schedule of safety days. If your Agricultural Society is interest in hosting a safety day for the fall of 2023 or into 2024 give Glen a call at the SAASE office.

# CIF Approves SAASE Safety Day Funding

The Community Initiatives Fund has been a tremendous supporter of the Provincial Safety Day program. In addition to helping out with staffing, the CIF has supported our volunteers by helping out with the costs of the Safety Day Coordinators workshop. The inperson workshop did not happen in 2022, but it will take place at this year's convention in Moose Jaw. A big thanks to the CIF for their continued support of this great program and we look forward to working with them in the future. Below is the press release announcing this year's funding



## **\$1.8 Million in CIF Funding to Support 138 Projects across Saskatchewan**

From the Community Initiative Fund's (CIF) recent October 1st deadline, \$1,831,071 in funding will support 138 grants through its Community Grant Program. These grants will benefit an estimated 92,902 participants and contribute to the wellbeing of 55 communities across Saskatchewan. CIF's Community Grant Program provides funding to a variety of projects across Saskatchewan contributing to the wellbeing of communities. These projects provide opportunities for children and youth to gain the knowledge, skills, and supports to develop positive mental health, self-esteem, and healthy lifestyle behaviours, and ensure families have access to support and resources to create healthy and caring environments.

“The Community Initiatives Fund helps enhance our quality of life in Saskatchewan by connecting individuals, families and communities with vital programming across the province,” Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport Laura Ross said. “Our government works closely with the Community Initiatives Fund to support inclusive programming initiatives – and we look forward to continuing this important working relationship.” “We're proud to celebrate the work that's happening across Saskatchewan to support community wellbeing,” shared Tracey Mann, Executive Director of the Community Initiatives Fund. “The resilience of our communities throughout the Covid-19 Pandemic is inspiring, and a true reflection of the importance of community-based organizations in our province. CIF is honoured to support a wide variety of programs, organizations, and communities through the grants awarded.” CIF is a Special Purpose Fund created through The Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation Act and governed by a volunteer board.





# Prairieland Park Hosts 2022 Entertainment Expo



The Saskatoon Entertainment Expo brings film and TV entertainers, as well as pop culture and comic book creators, under one roof for a unique cultural experience in Saskatoon!

This year marked Prairieland's first year self-producing the popular Saskatoon Entertainment Expo. Following on the heels of the pandemic, we offered a three-day event versus the two-day event offered in the past. Our new Cosplay Red Carpet event on the Saturday night was very well attended with standing room only in the Expo Theatre. We also moved the show dates from fall to spring, which will continue for 2023, as well.

With over 10,000 people attending the show this year, we added a Friday night event called Pretty Funny: A Drag Show which was very well received.

We look forward to a full celebrity line up next year and an increased number of exhibitors. Dates for the 2023 show will be April 28, 29 & 30.





# Everything Equine on the Border

Lloydminster Agricultural Exhibition Association (LAEA) director Dallas Eaket started talking to area equine enthusiasts regarding a spring equine event. This group soon became a committee and the “Everything Equine on the Border” turned into an April equine showcase. The Midwest area where Lloydminster is located has seen a rise in participation in the equine industry over last few years. There is not another equine event that showcases horses and riders within 300 kms of Lloydminster that also incorporates an industry trade show.



We have heard from equine organizations in the Midwest that they drive 3+ hours to attend seminars/clinics. They had indicated that there is a need for more events and activities that involve English and Western disciplines. Through our committee’s conversations a 3-day program was developed that will support and enhance the Midwest equine industry and its continued development. The event was held April 8-10, 2022.

The event filled a void, bringing prominent equine clinicians, trainers, and participants together in one place to showcase both English and Western disciplines. Everything Equine satisfied our equine fans being an extreme event, it proved to be a large draw for the area riders, families, and industry leaders.

We had a very successful first year and our dedicated committee showcased 3 extraordinary clinicians; Alexander Grayton, Bronwyn and Jason Irwin provided training in show jumping, barrels, and young horse training. We were also able to offer a Trainer’s Challenge featuring Kade Mills, Travis Beaton and Rod Olsen who took 3-year-old colts from halter broke to riding in just three short days. This was well received by the public and extremely successful – we



will be implementing this again.

We added in a speaker's corner, which saw several region veterinarians providing insight on equine nutrition, reproduction, general health and problems for horses and owners. The Fashion Show which highlighted three area boutiques and local 4-H members, CPCA drivers and families acting as models was well received. We intend to continue this element of the Everything Equine as it saw many purchases of showcased outfits, providing the boutiques with great exposure.

We had our tradeshow during the event with outstanding vendors from across the Western provinces, the crowds were able to find both gifts and information. We had over 1200 guests pass through the gates and several stayed to enjoy the evening drill team performances. The committee is planning for great evenings in 2023 by expanding the entertainment to include trick riding, battle of the breeds and many more performances. We appreciate SAASE's support of this new equine event in the Midwest region!



# Lloydminster Running With the Bulls



The Lloydminster Agricultural Exhibition Association (LAEA) was looking for a new program/attraction to fill a void at our Lloyd Ex Fair. The event is held during our Lloyd Ex Fair program on Saturday July 16th afternoon.

This event filled a void that was created when we made a significant change in our fair programming, where we added in a 9-day chuckwagon event Chuckwagon racing to the schedule. With the addition of the North American Chuckwagon Championships that saw us get rid of the thrilling (dangerous) events like Monster Trucks and bull riding as the track can't be disturbed to the level that those events would. The new event satisfied the thrill seekers that love to see those events. Being an extreme event, it proved to be a large draw for the urban sector and will bring them to a rural event that will see cowboys, urban thrill seekers and cheering fans come together.

The project has started with a three-year outline. The end goal will be to see this event place Lloyd Ex Fair on the map for thrill seekers who want to put their bravery up against some bucking bulls. To achieve this significant goal, we needed to implement a stepping stone approach. We started with the first year running the event Saturday afternoon and saw 25 contestants face off against 3 rounds of 3 bucking bulls each round. The contestants were judged on best interaction with the bulls, bravest and longest to stay in the ring. The judges who were employees of our major sponsors as well as a rodeo judge were thrilled to be volunteering and had a blast! We perched them in a scissor lift and gave them score cards. Our local radio station 106.1 The Goat provided announcers as well as music and made it into a WWE Wrestling atmosphere.



We truly didn't know what to expect – we were thrilled when an hour before the event the grandstand started filling up! After talking to many of the guests it was apparent many had come to the fair just to see running of the bulls!

A winner was crowned in boxing match style where our main sponsor took them on stage and raised the arm of the winner! It was truly a thrilling afternoon! We appreciate SAASE's support of this new and upcoming fair event!



# Biggar Hosts First Roughin' Rally

The rain started to fall five days preceding our event at Biggar Recreation Valley. We were so thankful for the rain for the pastures and crops, but in the back of our minds we also knew we needed to get 100 rigs into and out of the valley on the weekend. The weather worked in our favour for the entire weekend, it was windy on Friday but died out for Saturday and Sunday giving us absolutely perfect conditions for all the different events we had going this year.

At one point one of the competitors had went around and counted 110 truck and trailers rigs, 75 spectator cars and too many horses to count. The roughstock riding, Codie Prevost concert, dummy roping, face painting, bouncy castle, beer gardens, team roping, barrel racing were a total success. The support from Biggar and surrounding community is second to none.

New York is Big but this is Biggar!!!



# Steer Riders hit the Biggar Rec Valley for thrills and leadership skills

Article that appeared in the May 19th, 2022 - The Independent - Biggar.

Life lessons, digging hard and learning how to persevere is the aim at this weekend's Ireland Steer Riding's Leaders of Leaders School at the Biggar Recreational Valley. Featuring United States Marine Corps Staff Sergeant Aaron Guyett, and one of the best bull riders to come out of Canada in a long time, Dakota Buttar from Eston.

The intent of this school is to introduce new kids to the sport of rodeo, and to give kids who are currently involved in rodeo an opportunity to further enhance their skills.

The main component of this school that is different than others is to introduce the kids to leadership skills that will help to make them champions in the arena and out of the arena.

"Throughout life we see young kids set out with very specific goals in life, only to be derailed by worldly influences," explained Chad Ireland, of the Ireland Steer Riding School. "By giving the young kids the tools of Leaders of Leaders and the lessons learnt from the sport of rodeo, we believe that this would create a solid foundation for the young children, so when the worldly influences come, they are better able to handle these situations."

This school is twofold. There is the riding portion, which will be instructed by Buttar, a skilled rider who shows true humility with confidence outside of the arena, and Guyett, founder of the Leaders of Leaders program. Unfortunately Guyett was unable to make it up to Canada but will still be doing his portion of the school virtually with the kids.

"We are hopeful that next year he will be able to make it in person," Ireland said. "Having the kids be around guys of Dakota and Aaron's quality will just enhance the experience for these young men and women. I truly couldn't speak higher of both those guys. I am truly blessed to know both of them."

During the weekend kids will be asked to do things that appear to be hard to accomplish. This is all being done so they can see what they can do when they get outside of their comfort zone and push through it. "For the kids they are already doing something that a lot of people see as being hard or crazy, by getting on a bucking animal," Ireland adds. "They should be commended for this, and they will be. As this is the first time for a lot of the people signed up, they will possibly have a lot of emotions that they have never experienced before. Fear, nervousness, anxiety,

The challenges on the back of a bucking animal translate to life, being challenged and getting out of a comfort zone.

The school starts Friday morning with the bucking animals shortly after lunch. The school continues on Saturday, Sunday will be a steer riding jackpot for the kids, with the winner taking home some cash and a buckle. Sunday's action starts at 1:00 pm and people are invited to come down and watch the action. People can also come down over the course of the weekend.

"I really want to mention that a huge thanks needs to be given to all the people offering help and to do things like this article. I also need to send a huge thanks to Monika Schultz and Clark McNulty, without both of them, this event wouldn't be anywhere near as good as we are hoping it is going to be," Ireland concluded.

**IRELAND STEER RIDING  
LEADER OF LEADERS SCHOOL**  
MAY 20-23, 2022    AGES 8 - 15    BIGGAR, SASK

**BEGINNER TO INTERMEDIATE STOCK**    FEE: \$350  
featuring instruction from:  
**AARON GUYETT**    **DAKOTA BUTTAR**  
US Marine Staff Sergeant    3-time Canadian Champion  
Leader of Leaders    Reigning PBR Canada  
Program Founder    Champion

\$75 Leader of Leaders Program    \$500 Added Jackpot  
Monday    Sunday  
Open to Public    Awards to be given  
Ages 8-15

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# Battlefords Hosts Grain Bin Rescue Course

Article submitted by the Battlefords Ag. Society

We are very happy to announce that Battlefords Agricultural Society held its first Grain Bin Rescue Course at the Agrivilla April 8-10. This was planned for 2021 but was postponed a few times due to Covid restrictions. The participants were all firefighters from the R.M. of North Battleford 437 Fire Department. The course was run by certified trainer Bill McCombs from Trans Care Rescue Ltd. based out of Langham, Sask. It was 3 full days of intense training and instructions.

With farms and grain operations expanding we felt that this course was very vital to our community. Many participants gained knowledge and were put through unique situations. If a person falls into a bin filled with grain there is great pressure from the weight of the product. The simulated grain bin course and many





exercises help to ensure if any accidents do occur on farms or in farmyards our participants will be certified to assist and will be aware of what needs to be done.

Great gratitude was expressed for Battlefords Agricultural Society hosting this course. Battlefords Agricultural Society feels confident that these volunteer firefighters have gained knowledge and skills that will be very vital to all of our community. We sincerely hope that they are never required.

Many thanks go out to SAASE for approving our Venture Project application to help- with funding enabling us to host this course.



# Perdue Ag. Society Hosts Calves n' Cans



On the August 13 – 14th weekend in Perdue, Sk. The Perdue Agriculture Society hosted their first Annual Calves n' Cans Event. This event was open to include anyone from our community and anyone who wanted to compete in barrel racing and breakaway roping. We welcomed over 160 competitors to our events over the weekend along with many spectators from near and far, who came to cheer on and watch the competitors.

This event took time to prepare and many hours of work to ensure our grounds were in top notch shape to host an event such as this. We had to move our, in and out gate, to the centre of the arena instead of being offset, which creates safer entrances and exits into our arena. We also installed a new roping chute for our event to make its use easy for our cattle wranglers all while looking forward to hosting many more roping events in the future.

We have also begun to add sand to our arena to make it more all-season. We found if we experienced heavy rains that we would have mud puddles in the middle of our arena, this created uncertainty in hosting events and worry that inclement weather could postpone or cancel an event. While doing this we also found we needed to level and work the grounds. We were very lucky that we had community businesses that were willing to lend a hand with machinery to help us get this job done in time for our event. We also had great support of our community and surrounding areas, many businesses jumped on board to support our event, and we partnered with a media group in Saskatoon to help get the word out about our event. Coupled with fantastic volunteers on our boards and of course family members solicited into helping, we pulled off a seamless event. Many competitors complimented our committee on how well ran, fun and



easy going our day was and especially marvelled at our unique buckles that were handed out for top prizes.

Our final event we offered that day was Goat Roping, and it was the most fun, most of us have had in a long time! We had 15 teams enter, and only one ended up victorious, as many may have misjudged how fast these little goats can run!

Our committee enjoyed this event immensely and while most went well, we definitely learned from this experience and made notes on how we can make it even better next year. All in all this was a fantastic event and we look forward to hosting again next year!

The Perdue Agriculture Society would like to thank SAASE for their support in the events we have hosted, and their continued support is part of the reason we host events such as these.



# Perdue Cattle Show 2022

## Agribition - CN Beef Supreme Qualifying Show

The Perdue Ag Society hosted the Perdue Cattle Show Agribition - CN Beef Supreme qualifying show on July 22nd and 23rd this summer. This 2 day event had 50 cattle exhibitors, that entered 160 enteries with 143 head of cattle present. We had a great turnout and really great weather. Our judge for the purebred show on Saturday July 24th was Rob Voice of Clavet, SK. Erixon Simmentals had Supreme Champion Bull and Wheeler stock farm had Supreme champion Female. We look forward to seeing Cattle Represented under our Banner at Agribition in the Supreme ring at the finale.

On Friday we Had a local Brittany Hirschfeld judge our Market steers, Prospect Steers and Jackpot Heifer show. Also on Friday commercial cattle show and Junior show was judged by Emily Froelich. We rented a tent again to accommodate exhibitors with lots of room for night tie outs around our horse arena.

In June we developed a new wash rack area for our exhibitors which was very well received. We used Morgan Ing as our Photographer of Prairie Rose Graphics She did an amazing job capturing our 2 day event.

Exhibitors came from Birchills and Moose Jaw and all over Saskatchewan so we had a great turn out. It was great to host our beef show as a CN Beef Supreme qualifying event as it is really helping to build a name for our Perdue Ag Society.

I can't thank our board members enough for making this show success and all the many volunteers who run our concession and do all the leg work, as it is awesome to have the barns full again with cattle and host a great event.

Also the Perdue Ag Society would like to send a special thanks to SAASE for supporting the Perdue Cattle Show in second year of this venture grant.

We look forward to working with you next year. Thank you.





# Kids Fall Festival 2022 – Perdue Ag Society



The Perdue Ag Society recognized that there was a need in our community to expose young children to Ag related activities. We wanted to create a fun and educational event where we could highlight some of the fun things that agriculture has to offer and the importance of fall festivities at a level of comprehension for small children. Our board gathered and brainstormed different fun activities that we could host and came up with the below:

Pin the Hat on the Scarecrow      Pumpkin in a Pantyhose Can Swing      Eyeball in a Hay Stack      Photo Stands/Set Ups  
Feed the Pig Bean Bag Toss      Air Bobbing for Apples      Pumpkin Decorating

We accompanied the above with a Face Painter and a small Haunted House to add some Halloween Fun, and had a Kids Halloween Dance for the last hour of our event. Each station had a small treat to hand out to the kids once completed, and their door-prize for attending was a “Popcorn On The Cob.” We also partnered with the local schools Grad Class and they offered a Hot Dog Sale as means for a fundraising opportunity. The rental of the hall was donated to us, and all the pumpkins used for the decorating were donated as well.

We advertised the event via social media, and created a Facebook Event for updates and to generate excitement as we prepared for the Kids Fall Festival. This was all linked up to our Perdue Ag Society Facebook Page. Attendance was moderate, and we chalked that up to hosting the event on a day that did not coincide directly with Halloween. In subsequent years, we would look at doing the event the same day as Halloween (as the trick or treaters will already be in town and out and about). We would plan to change up the stations with some other ideas we had so that we are not doing the same stations each year, and alternate them year-to-year depending on how they were attended. We would also make sure to assign a person with the specific task of taking photos. We are a small committee, so lots of volunteer hours were put in decorating and preparing! The feedback we received from members of the community were all well received and complimentary, and that kids had a lot of fun! We look forward to putting this on again next year, with differing and exciting ideas!



# Rosthern Ag Society Relocates Fair Grounds - Hosts New Events



The Rosthern Agricultural Society made the decision to move their fair grounds to a new location and upgrade their facilities to accommodate new equine events, including SBRA Barrel Racing Jackpots, as well as providing a safe place to practice with proper footing. There will be many benefits to the local area, as the new events will bring many people into the area. The partnership with Seager Wheeler National Historic Farm will also bring traffic to the farm

Partners on the project included the Seager Wheeler Historic Farm, Local Hardware and Grocery Store, local 4 H, town of Rosthern, R.M. of Rosthern, as well as a new community partners encompassing the entire valley area.

The process of creating our new arena space was delayed this spring due to late snow melt. The Ag Society began work on the May long. When drilling the holes and setting up the panels the arena was made to SBRA qualifying size of 150ft x 250ft. In early June the sand was ordered and they hosted their first Light Horse event June 25 and first SBRA barrel racing June 28th. They look forward to shows in 2023.



# Moose Jaw Exhibition Hosts Provincial Barrel Racing Finals



## Despite Less Riders Provincial Barrel Racing Galloped Like Clockwork - Story and Photos By Robert Thomas

It's an event that brought hundreds of riders and horses to the community. Over the last four days - August 14th to August 18th - the best barrel riders were in Moose Jaw taking part at the Saskatchewan Barrel Racing Association's provincial championship. "We had 308 barrel racing contestants at the Saskatchewan Barrel Racing Finals. They ranged in age from Pee Wees (seven and under), Youth (18 and under) and the Open 18 years of age and up," Nicole Hicks vice-president of the Saskatchewan Barrel Racing Association said. The largest horse show in the province has been held the past couple of years at the Moose Jaw Exhibition Association's Golden Mile Arena. As the first year that the COVID - 19 pandemic is over the event actually saw a drop in participants from last year.

"Our numbers were down a little bit from last year. With the COVID over, with us out of COVID there are a lot of events going on not just Saskatchewan barrel racing. There are rodeos, there are other events with people choosing





where they are going and the with the price of fuel it does not help things,” Hicks said. “The price of fuel might have had a bit of an effect. But with different rodeos and events going on and whatnot had an impact.”

Despite the reduced number of riders the event went well. “It was a good week and everybody had lots of fun. The ground was good. Our new groundskeeper Rod Smith was good, he did a fantastic job,” she said, adding “we seemed to fly through with our daily events so we are pretty pleased.” Hicks said she was happy to see the stands about half full on average throughout the event and she did see spectators she did not recognize from the barrel racing circuit. “Yeah I saw a few people I did not recognize from the barrel racing world in the stands. It was nice,” Hicks said.

With COVID restriction now gone Hicks said “it is definitely less stressful in putting the event on.” “We are not sitting here worrying about people wearing masks and being far enough apart from one another. It is just less stress to the event.” The number of horse trailers and campers filled the Moose Jaw Exhibition Grounds with numerous trips off the grounds by riders and their family on ice cream and other assorted runs to local restaurants and merchants.

“I would think that it is a pretty big impact to the City of Moose Jaw. There are 300 people who come here so between restaurants and hotels those types of venues get used a lot during the event over the week,”



# RCMP Musical Ride 2022 Saskatchewan Summer Tour



The RCMP Musical Ride finished up their 2022 tour of Saskatchewan in Moose Jaw on June 26th. They performed in a number of Saskatchewan communities - including SAASE's members - Yorkton, Melville, Perdue, Lloydminster and Moose Jaw - on this current tour. It really is great for our Agricultural Societies after the last couple of years to be getting back to what we do - hosting and producing events - and what we are - gathering places for our communities. It seems only right that the organization helping us out is the RCMP Musical Ride. The history of the Musical Ride and our Agricultural Societies are intertwined, as the musical ride began performing at our fairs, agricultural shows and horse shows in the early 1900's. Since then our Agricultural Societies have had a great partnership with the Musical Ride as our member societies continue to host many of the performances when the Musical Ride travels to Saskatchewan. As our communities once again get together - it is only fitting that the iconic RCMP Musical Ride, which has always brought Canadians together - plays a major role in bringing our communities in Saskatchewan together again.



# RCMP Musical Ride in Yorkton

The Yorkton Exhibition Association was honoured to be chosen as one of the host locations for the 2022 RCMP Musical Ride! We were the first Saskatchewan stop on their summer tour and were very pleased to host the RCMP members and riders as well as their drivers, crew and of course 29 beautiful and majestic horses!

Along with SAASE, we had many great partners support the event with the Legacy Co-op taking on the presenting sponsorship. Other partners included Lakeview Insurance, Days Inn, GX94, FoxFM, Custom Printers, City of Yorkton, Shawn Patenaude, Melville Veterinary Clinic, The Rock, Westland Insurance, Vitality Veterinary Services, MBC, CKDM, Home Inn & Suites, Holiday Inn Express, Painted Hand Casino, SIGA, Penguin Refrigeration, Maple Ag & Outdoor, Mazergroup, Crestvue Ambulance, Flaman Sales, Molsons, RH Electric and Triple A Directional Drilling.

Superintendent Kevin Fahey and Sgt. Jeremy Dawson first arrived on site Thursday, June 2nd for a quick inspection of the grounds and stables. The RCMP members and horses arrived soon after and were able to settle in quickly and make sure all of the horses were comfortable, fed and watered.

The City of Yorkton, Yorkton Business Improvement District and Yorkton Chamber of Commerce partnered with the Yorkton Exhibition in hosting a reception for the members, drivers and crew Thursday evening. It was a great social event that allowed our staff and Board of Directors to interact and get to know a little more about the members and the musical ride itself. A delicious steak supper and refreshments were served and enjoyed by all.

We were very fortunate to be able to offer three performances of the ride to our community. Friday and Saturday evening were held in conjunction with the CPCA Yorkton Classic and Saturday afternoon's performance was Musical Ride only. Invitations were given out to the Yorkton elementary schools for their students to attend. Teachers were also given the opportunity to connect with Ride co-ordinator Cpl. Kim Chamberland for a virtual tour of the stables along with a Q & A. Many classrooms took advantage of this opportunity and was a great learning experience for all!

We are very pleased to report that the RCMP Musical Ride performed to a full grandstand every show! Dave Farrell, a past president and Senator of the Yorkton Exhibition made the trek from his home in BC to announce the show for us. Dave is also a former member of the RCMP. Each performance had a guest of honour to accept the salute from Superintendent Fahey those being Tribal Chief Isabel O'Soup, long time Yorkton resident and volunteer Gerry Pepler and Yorkton Exhibition Past President and Senator Craig Burkell. We also started each show with a prayer by Elder Ross Cadotte who was accompanied by the Yorkton Tribal Council Drum Group and Precious Cadotte beautifully sang O'Canada in three languages - English, French and Sauteaux.

The Musical Ride trucked out to Melville for a performance on Sunday, June 5th and stabled in Yorkton until Tuesday, June 7th when they continued on to their next Saskatchewan stop. It was an absolute pleasure to host this event and the show certainly exceeded our expectations. We were so happy that the members and co-ordinators were so pleased with our facilities and hospitality. We are hopeful for the opportunity again in the future! Thank you very much to SAASE for the supporting the RCMP Musical Ride through your Venture Project Grant!



# Arcola Fair Returns for 2022



## **The Mel Grimes Family Memorial Junior Steer & Heifer Show**

After a 2-year hiatus, the Arcola Fair emerged from Covid-19 bigger and better than ever on June 25, 2022! The wind and rain would not deter our events nor our spirits – and we certainly had downpours, mist, and the ever-constant Saskatchewan wind! Despite the weather, we had a great day! The day began with cattle trailers rolling onto the fairgrounds in record numbers while the Arcola firefighters served up a delicious pancake breakfast! Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee, and juice were enjoyed by a large crowd. This year's breakfast was held in our Ag Pavilion, close to all the cattle action!

On the other side of town, parade entries began to line up and judging commenced. We were thrilled with 31 entries, along with 4 horses, and a dozen youth who decorated their bikes! Community members lined the parade route awaiting waves and of course, candy! Many were surprised with the turn out of antique tractors in the parade and a fair favourite...the 101-year-old Ol' Rumley. The parade ended at the fairgrounds, where many events awaited attendees! The Slo-Pitch Tournament had 5 teams of 10+ players who battled each other and the weather for all-day play and a cash prize of \$1,000.00! The winning team was from Arcola!

Close to the ball diamonds, the 94-year-old Exhibit Hall hosted the handmade exhibits. Our Exhibit Committee worked hard to clean the hall and hosted exhibit drop offs Thursday and Friday morning. The judging began at 1pm on Friday, with a full display of exhibits and their prizes beginning on fair day Saturday! We were pleased to have 39 competitors who vied for over 90 categories. The Arcola School grades 1, 2, 3, & 4 students also entered their artwork for judging. In the end, the prize winnings totalled \$324 for junior and senior competitors. Next year, our committee hopes to have many more competitors and be able to fill the Exhibit Hall with all kinds of handmade items!

Over in the 4-H Show Ring, The Arcola Fair Society was excited to host our first-ever, Mel Grimes Family Memorial Junior Steer & Heifer Show. With a generous donation of \$20,000.00 from Stacey Wempe (nee Grimes) honouring her father Mel, mother Margaret, and brother Clinton; the first ever Arcola cattle show was created. We were pleased to host 132 entries and awards over \$21,000.00 in prizes to the junior competitors. Those vying for the judge's favour travelled from as far away as Claresholm, Alberta; Lloydminster, Saskatchewan; and Virden, Manitoba to compete for the top prizes. Spectators were awed by the incredible showmanship and cattle that these junior competitors raised. Our judges had 4 difficult decisions and the top awards went to:

Grand Champion Heifer – Zane Short from Milestone, SK

Reserve Champion Heifer – Ava Loveridge from Melville, SK

Grand Champion Steer – Dawson Fladeland from Gladmar, SK

## Reserve Champion Steer – Kayden Michelson from Ituna, SK

While the rain poured down outside, across the street at the Prairie Place Hall, the Arcola Optimists Kid's Zone was rocking! The Inflatable Zone had a massive Jurassic Park mega inflatable along with a western theme bouncer, an 18' slide, and axe throwing! The carnival games excited the little ones who were thrilled to earn many mini prizes for the bean bag toss, the animal race, and The Nose – a giant green nose where kids stick their hands up the nose to be treated with a prize or tricked with slime (snot) eww! The little ones also took their turn on the stick horse rodeo equipment! Bucking broncos and wild bulls bounced up and down the hall and bust out of the mini chute! There wasn't anything cuter than those lil cowpokes!

All day in the Kid's Zone, The Adventure Wranglers delighted fairgoers with the chance to see and pet various species of turtles, snakes, and lizards! Their shows at 1pm and 3pm had large audiences who had the opportunity to learn about the animals, their habitat, and how to protect these species. Many brave souls held large snakes and pet very large lizards! The turtles were a hit among those not brave enough to hold the snakes! Also in the hall, a trade show delighted parents who shopped while their kids were entertained! With 14 vendors, the trade show was a huge hit! The antique tractor display showcased our rural agricultural heritage. We had 30+ tractors lined up for display and many questions were asked of their owners as to how they were restored. The 101-year-old Ol' Rumley putted up and down the street to delight fairgoers.

While the weather was lousy, the food booth cranked out delicious burgers, hot dogs, and pulled pork to fill hungry and cold tummies from 9:30am to 7:30pm! The food booth committee and busy volunteers served over 500 burgers, 200 hotdogs, and 275 pulled pork sandwiches! All customers were very happy! At 4pm the Qu'Appelle Valley Heavy Horse Pull Club was to put on a show; however, with rainy weather and a wet arena, the show was cancelled. It was a disappointing loss for the day, but no one can predict mother nature in Saskatchewan!

Under the big tent, many fairgoers kept dry and enjoyed a cold beverage at the Arcola Fair beer gardens. The beer gardens committee with Arcola Rodeo committee volunteers, served happy patrons. After the day's events, the beer gardens played host to local musical entertainment of Chris Byrne. Well-known in our rural area, Chris amused fans with his vocal and guitar talents and jokes. It was the perfect ending to a busy, fun-filled Arcola Fair. Our Arcola Fair Society Inc. board and committees would like to express our deepest appreciation for SAAASE's Venture Project Grant program. With financial backing, our board was able to step towards a rejuvenated Arcola Fair – a huge thank you!



# SAASE Financial Statements

## For the year ended - November 30, 2022



### Independent Auditors' Report

To the Members of Saskatchewan Association of Agriculture Societies and Exhibitions Inc.:

#### **Opinion**

I have audited the financial statements of Saskatchewan Association of Agriculture Societies and Exhibitions Inc. (the Entity), which comprise the statement of financial position as at November 30, 2022, and the statement of operations, statement of changes in net assets and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Entity as at November 30, 2022 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I am independent of the Entity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in Canada, and I have fulfilled my other responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

#### **Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 7 to the financial statements, a prior period adjustment has been recorded to correct previously stated account balances.

#### **Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.

#### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. I also:

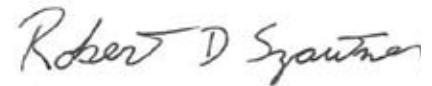
## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT *(continued)*

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements (whether due to fraud or error), design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for an opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going-concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements (including the disclosures), and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

Regina, Saskatchewan

February 2, 2023



Chartered Professional Accountant

**Saskatchewan Association of Agriculture Societies and Exhibitions Inc.**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
*As at November 30, 2022*

	<i>Operating Fund</i>	<i>Restricted Fund</i>	<i>Total 2022</i>	<i>Operating Fund</i>	<i>Restricted Fund</i>	<i>Total 2021 (restated)</i>
<b>Assets</b>						
Current						
Cash	14,872	-	14,872	26,027	-	26,027
Investments (Note 3)	91,613	501,464	593,077	135,696	489,898	625,594
Accounts receivable	24,772	-	24,772	25,000	-	25,000
GST receivable	17,342	-	17,342	13,365	-	13,365
Prepaid expense	3,045	-	3,045	2,941	-	2,941
	<b>151,644</b>	<b>501,464</b>	<b>653,108</b>	203,029	489,898	692,927
<b>Capital assets (Note 4)</b>	<b>38,983</b>	-	<b>38,983</b>	48,729	-	48,729
	<b>190,627</b>	<b>501,464</b>	<b>692,091</b>	251,758	489,898	741,656
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Current						
Accounts payable	9,600	35,479	45,079	-	23,913	23,913
Deferred contributions (Note 5)	54,181	215,985	270,166	61,932	215,985	277,917
	<b>63,781</b>	<b>251,464</b>	<b>315,245</b>	61,932	239,898	301,830
<b>Net Assets</b>						
Appropriated surplus (Note 6)	-	250,000	250,000	-	250,000	250,000
Unappropriated surplus	126,846	-	126,846	189,826	-	189,826
	<b>126,846</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>376,846</b>	189,826	250,000	439,826
	<b>190,627</b>	<b>501,464</b>	<b>692,091</b>	251,758	489,898	741,656

Approved on behalf of the Board

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Director

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Director

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# Saskatchewan Association of Agriculture Societies and Exhibitions Inc.

## Statement of Operations

*For the year ended November 30, 2022*

	<i>Operating Fund</i>	<i>Restricted Fund</i>	<i>Total 2022</i>	<i>Operating Fund</i>	<i>Restricted Fund</i>	<i>Total 2021 (restated)</i>
<b>Revenue</b>						
Membership	18,159	-	18,159	185	-	185
Interest income	7,483	-	7,483	3,383	-	3,383
2021 CAFE/SAASE Convention	4,746	-	4,746	37,974	-	37,974
Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund	77,000	233,000	310,000	77,000	233,000	310,000
Provincial Ag display	50,778	-	50,778	28,102	-	28,102
Farm Safety program ( <i>Schedule</i> )	39,073	-	39,073	10,763	-	10,763
Other grants	-	-	-	13,750	-	13,750
Other income	4,982	-	4,982	405	-	405
	<b>202,221</b>	<b>233,000</b>	<b>435,221</b>	171,562	233,000	404,562
<b>Expenses</b>						
Administration	2,400	-	2,400	1,736	-	1,736
Amortization	9,746	-	9,746	12,182	-	12,182
Operations	31,762	-	31,762	20,963	-	20,963
Professional services	74,928	-	74,928	72,835	-	72,835
Programs and communication	13,385	-	13,385	5,483	-	5,483
Convention	280	-	280	52,072	-	52,072
Marketing campaign	6,843	-	6,843	1,176	-	1,176
Scholarship	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	-	5,000
Saskatchewan Agricultural Society Program	-	291,520	291,520	-	223,492	223,492
Provincial Ag display	20,625	-	20,625	4,995	-	4,995
Workshop	-	-	-	-	-	-
Farm Safety program ( <i>Schedule</i> )	41,712	-	41,712	10,763	-	10,763
	<b>206,681</b>	<b>291,520</b>	<b>498,201</b>	187,205	223,492	410,697
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses</b>	<b>(4,460)</b>	<b>(58,520)</b>	<b>(62,980)</b>	(15,643)	9,508	(6,135)

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**Saskatchewan Association of Agriculture Societies and Exhibitions Inc.**  
**Statement of Changes in Net Assets**

*For the year ended November 30, 2022*

	<i>Operating Fund</i>	<i>Restricted Fund</i>	<i>Total 2022</i>	<i>Operating Fund</i>	<i>Restricted Fund</i>	<i>Total 2021 (restated)</i>
<b>Net assets, beginning of year as previously stated</b>	<b>189,826</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>439,826</b>	168,011	250,000	418,011
Prior period adjustment ( <i>Note 7</i> )	-	-	-	27,950	-	27,950
<b>Net assets, beginning of year as restated</b>	<b>189,826</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>439,826</b>	195,961	250,000	445,961
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses</b>	<b>(4,460)</b>	<b>(58,520)</b>	<b>(62,980)</b>	(15,643)	9,508	(6,135)
<b>Interfund transfers</b>	<b>(58,520)</b>	<b>58,520</b>	-	9,508	(9,508)	-
<b>Net assets, end of the year</b>	<b>126,846</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>376,846</b>	189,826	250,000	439,826

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# Saskatchewan Association of Agriculture Societies and Exhibitions Inc.

## Statement of Cash Flows

*For the year ended November 30, 2022*

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Cash provided by (used for) the following activities</b>		
<b>Operating activities</b>		
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	(62,980)	(6,135)
Amortization	9,746	12,182
Net change in non-cash working capital balances		
Accounts receivable	228	(25,000)
GST recoverable	(3,976)	(2,877)
Prepaid expenses	(104)	(2,941)
Accounts payable	21,166	6,414
Deferred contributions	(7,751)	(42,985)
	(43,671)	(61,342)
<b>Investing activities</b>		
Purchase of term deposits	(589,424)	(621,940)
Redemption of term deposits	621,940	611,039
	32,516	(10,901)
<b>Increase in cash resources</b>	<b>(11,155)</b>	<b>(72,243)</b>
<b>Cash resources, beginning of year</b>	<b>26,027</b>	<b>98,270</b>
<b>Cash resources, end of year</b>	<b>14,872</b>	<b>26,027</b>

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# Saskatchewan Association of Agriculture Societies and Exhibitions Inc.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended November 30, 2022

### 1. Incorporation and commencement of operations

Saskatchewan Association of Agriculture Societies and Exhibitions Inc. ("SAASE") was incorporated under the Non-Profit Corporations Act of Saskatchewan. SAASE operates to promote the agriculture industry in Saskatchewan and seeks to accomplish this by providing opportunities for education, by facilitating member alliances and by exercising leadership in the agricultural fair sector.

SAASE is incorporated as a not-for-profit organization under the *Income Tax Act* (the "Act") and as such is exempt from income taxes.

### 2. Significant accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations using the following significant accounting policies:

#### **Cash and cash equivalents**

SAASE's policy is to present bank balances and term deposits with a maturity period of three months or less from the date of acquisition under cash and cash equivalents.

#### **Capital assets**

Capital assets are recorded at cost. The cost for contributed capital assets is considered to be fair value at the date of contribution.

Amortization is provided using the declining balance method at rates intended to amortize the cost of assets over their estimated useful lives.

	<b>Rate</b>
Vehicles	20 %
Project Display	20 %

#### **Fund accounting**

Revenues and expenses related to program delivery and administrative activities are reported in the Operating Fund.

Revenues and expenses related to specific programs and for the purpose of providing funding to member organizations are reported in the Restricted Fund.

#### **Revenue recognition**

Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the appropriate fund in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the appropriate fund when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

#### **Contributed services**

Volunteers contribute several hours per year to assist SAASE in carrying out its activities. Because of the difficulty of determining their fair value, contributed services are not recognized in the financial statements.

#### **Measurement uncertainty**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period.

These estimates and assumptions are reviewed periodically and, as adjustments become necessary they are reported in excess of revenues and expenses in the periods in which they become known.

# Saskatchewan Association of Agriculture Societies and Exhibitions Inc.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

*For the year ended November 30, 2022*

### 2. Significant accounting policies *(continued)*

#### **Financial instruments**

SAASE recognizes its financial instruments when SAASE becomes party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument. All financial instruments are initially recorded at their fair value, including financial assets and liabilities originated and issued in a related party transaction with management.

At initial recognition, SAASE may irrevocably elect to subsequently measure any financial instrument at fair value. SAASE has not made such an election during the period. Cash, investments, accounts receivable, and accounts payable have been designated to be subsequently measured at their fair value. Fair value is approximated by the instruments' initial cost in a transaction between unrelated parties. Transactions to purchase or sell these items are recorded on the settlement date.

#### **Financial asset impairment:**

SAASE assesses impairment of all of its financial assets measured at cost or amortized cost. SAASE groups assets for impairment testing when there are numerous assets affected by the same factors. Management considers whether there has been a breach in contract, such as a default or delinquency in interest or principal payments in determining whether objective evidence of impairment exists. When there is an indication of impairment, SAASE determines whether it has resulted in a significant adverse change in the expected timing or amount of future cash flows during the period. If so, SAASE reduces the carrying amount of any impaired financial assets to the highest of: the present value of cash flows expected to be generated by holding the assets; the amount that could be realized by selling the assets; and the amount expected to be realized by exercising any rights to collateral held against those assets. Any impairment, which is not considered temporary, is included in current period excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses.

SAASE reverses impairment losses on financial assets when there is a decrease in impairment and the decrease can be objectively related to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognized. The amount of the reversal is recognized in the excess of excess (deficiency) in the period the reversal occurs.

### 3. Investments

Investments consist of term deposits that mature July 10, 2023 to November 2, 2023 (2021 – August 15, 2022), earning interest at rates ranging from 3.85% to 3.90% (2021 – 0.40% to 0.92%).

### 4. Capital assets

	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Accumulated amortization</b>	<b>2022 Net book value</b>	<b>2021 Net book value</b>
Vehicles	66,677	39,366	27,311	34,139
Project Display	75,778	64,106	11,672	14,590
	142,455	103,472	38,983	48,729

# Saskatchewan Association of Agriculture Societies and Exhibitions Inc.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

*For the year ended November 30, 2022*

### 5. Deferred contributions

	<i>Saskatchewan Lotteries</i>	<i>Provincial Display Capital Grant</i>	Farm Safety	Total
Opening balance	215,985	54,859	7,073	277,917
Funding received in 2022	310,000	50,000	36,000	396,000
Funding repayable to funder	-	-	(4,000)	(4,000)
Revenue recognized in 2022	(310,000)	(50,678)	(39,073)	(399,751)
	215,985	54,181	-	270,166

### 6. Appropriated surplus

The board of directors have internally restricted funds in the amount of \$250,000 to be used in maintaining programs into the future.

### 7. Prior period adjustment

During the year it was discovered that allocations for administration costs had not been made to the Provincial Display Project for the fiscal years 2019 to 2021. As a result of the correction, prior year opening net assets has increased \$27,950, prior year revenue has increased \$10,925 and prior year deferred contributions has decreased \$38,875.

### 8. Financial instruments

SAASE is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments. The following analysis provides a measure of SAASE's exposure and concentrations at November 30, 2022

#### *Interest Rate Risk*

Interest rate risk is the risk of potential financial loss caused by fluctuations in fair value of future cash flow of financial investments due to changes in market interest rates. SAASE is exposed to this risk through its interest bearing investments. SAASE manages this risk through investing in fixed rate securities of short to medium term maturity and plans to hold the securities to maturity.

#### *Liquidity risk*

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Association will not be able to meet its obligations as they become due. SAASE manages this risk by establishing budgets and by maintaining an adequate surplus to cover any short-term funding reductions or unanticipated operating expenses.

### 9. Economic dependence

SAASE currently receives significant revenue in grants from Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation. As a result, the Association is dependent upon the continuance of these grants to maintain operations at their current level.

### 10. Comparative figures

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with current year presentation.

**Saskatchewan Association of Agriculture Societies and Exhibitions Inc.**  
**Schedule of Safety Day Program Revenues and Expenses**

*For the year ended November 30, 2022*

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		
Communities Initiative Fund	<b>12,000</b>	-
Ministry of Agriculture	<b>20,000</b>	10,763
Prior year deferred grant funding	<b>7,073</b>	-
	<b>39,073</b>	10,763
<b>Expenses</b>		
Society payouts & nutritional breaks	<b>26,843</b>	3,020
Resource materials	<b>1,313</b>	5,000
Safety Day co-ordinator	<b>8,397</b>	2,350
SAASE Safety Day expenses	<b>5,159</b>	393
	<b>41,712</b>	10,763
<b>Deficiency of revenues over expenses</b>	<b>(2,639)</b>	-



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