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SAASE is pleased to welcome Mortlach as the newest Agricultural Society to join SAASE. Over the past few months the Mortlach Ag. Society organizing team have been working very hard at meeting the requirements to become an Agricultural Society.

To reflect what the new Agricultural Society is all about the name of the society is the Mortlach Community Development and Agricultural Society. The president is Ron Locke and the secretary is Marcia Wiman. The major event that the Mortlach Ag. Society will be taking on is the Mortlach Saskatoon Berry Festival. The following is an article that has been submitted by the Saskatoon Berry Festival Committee:

The first annual Mortlach Saskatoon Berry Festival will be ripe for picking Saturday July 5, 2008 in Mortlach. Prairie Berries of Keeler, just 15

minutes north of Mortlach, (on its way to being the largest Saskatoon berry orchard in the world) will be supplying all of the fresh berries and pies for the festival - it is one of the gold sponsors.

Everything will be purple (ie candy floss, balloons) and contain some aspect of Saskatoons if at all humanly possible; iced tea, ice cream, cider, sausages, pancake sauce, elephant ears slathered in the berry sauce, and cakes, muffins.... even Saskatoon berry ale! Berry education in the village orchard and some plants for sale will be available.

Other agricultural features are Sask Fruit, SPIN Farming and horsemanship events by the new Mortlach Riding Arena Association.

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President's Message: Donna Sagin

Well it is the real busy time of the year as all of our volunteers are busy getting ready for the fair season, as well as everyone hopefully finishing up seeding. I hope everyone had a good winter, and like me everyone looking forward to a super summer and a great fair season.

I would like to send out a thank you to all the Ag. Societies that supported this year's SAASE convention in Yorkton. The convention was a tremendous success and attendance was the best that it has been in years. Also thanks goes out to Don Kunkel from the Yorkton Gallagher Centre, Shaun Morin, Manager of the Yorkton Exhibition and the countless volunteers from the Yorkton Exhibition that made this year's convention such a great success. A thankyou also goes out to Agriculture Minister Bob Bjornerud, as well as Yorkton MLA Greg Ottenbreit for joining us at our awards banquet. We are thrilled that they made the time in their busy schedules to join us and help honour our award recipients. The SAASE awards banquet this year was one of the largest we have had, with many awards being handed out. Congratulations to all the Ag. Societies and Exhibitions celebrating anniversaries, our Volunteers of the Year, as well as new Honourary Life Members. SAASE would also like to welcome our newest board member. Lisa Haynes is from Biggar and is President of the Biggar Agricultural Society. Lisa brings with her great enthusiasm, as well as some great ideas. Welcome to the board. Plans are already under way for next year's convention which will be hosted by the Swift Current Exhibition and take place from March 13 - 14, 2009. Mark it in your schedule now and plan to attend.

Applications for the Clark and Anne Lewis Scholarship have been sent out. Make sure that your Ag. Society nominates an individual for the award. Clark and Anne Lewis were not only great friends of SAASE, but also great contributors to their community, youth and Saskatchewan. It is very special that they thought so much of SAASE as to bequest money to SAASE, which has allowed us to expand the scholarship program. Let's make sure that we honour them by having your Ag. Society nominate an outstanding young person.

The SAASE board has been very busy as far as developing this years workplan. We are planning to build on many of the successes that we have had, as well as working on the government proposal for infrastructure funding. Negotiations have already begun on the next Lotteries agreement, with the current agreement expiring in March of 2009.

Congratulations to the Town of Mortlach. In a matter of a couple months they put together all the requirements to become SAASE's newest Ag. Society. On top of many other community agricultural events Mortlach will be hosting their first Saskatoon Berry Festival which will take place on July 5th. If you have no plans make sure that you get out to take a look at our newest Ag. Society and the Saskatoon Festival. Our Ag. Societies have always been a reflection of rural Saskatchewan, and as rural Saskatchewan continues to grow so will the opportunities for rural communities and community development.

The Venture Project program continues to be an excellent way for Ag. Societies to access funding to help with a new event or new community development project. I would encourage everyone to access this valuable program. Well that's it for now - have a great summer!!

Donna

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SAASE Convention 2008 a Big Success

The SAASE Convention and Annual meeting was held at the Yorkton Gallagher Centre from March 14 - 15. The convention was a tremendous success with registration and attendance up considerably from past years.

The convention had a great start on Friday night. Hannah Service from the Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions did a presentation on the Consumer Protection Program and the various signage that is available from CAFE. Most of the delegates arrived and registered on Friday night, and after the presentation by Hannah were treated to a great host evening by the Yorkton Exhibition. Local entertainer Samara Yung put on a great show, followed up by Dick Warkenton from DJ and Friends Family Entertainment. The food and hospitality from the board and volunteers of the Yorkton Exhibition was exceptional, and everyone had a great time.

Saturday turned into a very full day, and started off early with the Security at your event panel presentation done by Dave Young of the Prince Albert Exhibition. Dave put together a great group including Don McRobb from Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming, Sgt. Jason Stonechild from the Prince Albert City Police, and Sgt. Joe McGeough from the Tisdale RCMP who each went through security issues that we all need to address to put on an event. The presentation was very well received, with some great questions and discussion taking place.

Monique Pulvermacher from the Carleton Trail Ag. Society then did a presentation on Engaging Youth into your organization. She talked



Saskatchewan Agriculture Minister Bob Bjonnerud presents Neil Keefe of the Weyburn Agricultural Society the 100 Year Anniversary Award.

about the Bruno Cherry Park, and how the Ag. Society has got a number of different community youth groups involved in the construction. It is an excellent model for other Ag. Societies trying to get youth involved in not only Ag. Societies, but also the community.

The SAASE Awards Luncheon then took place. We were fortunate enough to have the Mayor of Yorkton - Chris Wyatt, the MLA for Yorkton - Greg Ottenbreit, as well as the Saskatchewan Minister of Agriculture - Bob Bjonnerud in attendance. Bob handed out the Awards during the luncheon. The following Anniversary Awards were presented:

- Shaunavon/Admiral - 25 Years
- Weyburn - 100 Years
- Saltcoats - 120 Years
- Grenfell - 125 Years
- Yorkton - 125 Years
- Prince Albert - 125 Years

The Volunteers of the Year were

announced and included Wade and Melanie Warner from Alameda, Michael McAvoy from Perdue, and Annette Horne from Shaunavon/Admiral. Finally the Honourary Life Memberships were awarded to Helen Sapsfor of Perdue, Joan Bibby of Prince Albert and Les Camm of Elstow.

Dave White from Synergy Solutions kicked off the afternoon sessions by discussing the infrastructure proposal that Synergy Solutions put together for SAASE that was to be presented to the Saskatchewan provincial government. Neil Keefe from Weyburn then talked about the successes and challenges that the Weyburn Ag. Society faced in fundraising to build a new grandstand. Donna Sagin - SAASE president then made an exciting announcement regarding some changes that are being made to the Clark and Anne Lewis Scholarship. You can read all about those changes on page 6. Glen Duck

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Swift Current Exhibition - Enviro-Forum 2008

The first Enviro Forum took place in Swift Current - hosted by the Swift Current Exhibition from April 24-25. The project was supported by the SAASE Venture Project program. The Swift Current Exhibition got numerous partners involved and put together a great program showcasing environmental issues. The 2 day workshop included many tradeshow booths, as well as environmental speakers. There was tremendous support from the schools, as over 1,500 school children went through the displays over the two days. Below is an article that appeared in the Swift Current paper:

Enviro Forum Shares Positive Message

JENNA WANNER

Learning about an expanded list of ways to help the environment was a focus of the 2008 Enviro Forum in Swift Current last week

The Southwest Naturalist and the Enviro Forum Committee were co-hosts of a two day environmental trade show which showcased a variety of enviro-friendly ideas.

“There are a lot of different businesses and agencies that are into environmental issues like recycling and reusing. It is just really informing people to think twice before you dump things into the landfills and find another use for the things that are around you in your everyday life,” explained Joan Meyer, board member for the Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council.

Many schools took time to attend the event. Meyer explains this young target

audience is our future and they need to be educated about the environment.

“Sometimes it’s really difficult to get people to change their way of living. It’s a behavior thing that you have got to make. If we can get to the younger people before bad habits all start, they will make the changes plus they will get us and their parents and grandparents and say ‘hey we are the ones that are coming up in this world and we are going to have to live with the effects of you not recycling.’”

Meyer added that it is everyday little things you can do to help out the environment. “Take your stuff to the recycling depo. Swift Current has an excellent recycling station where you can take your paper, your cardboard, glass, and tin.”

“Take your old electronics in. Your empty paint containers. Start using the recycle bags when you go shopping.

You can reduce all the plastics and that by using the bags.”

One individual was recognized for her hard work at the Enviro Forum. Else Marie DePauw is the 2007 individual recipient for her dedication and impact she has had in the community. DePauw was grateful to win the award but credits the entire committee for making this happen.

“I really think it was the committee, if it hadn’t been for Dan Knutson it wouldn’t have gone very far. If it hadn’t been for the city approving the money for this it wouldn’t have gone anywhere. I really feel it wasn’t just an individual award but it was a committee award. I’m very happy to be a part of it.”

DePauw has served for eight years on the Swift Current’s Environmental Advisory Board and played an integral part in developing the city’s green programs.



This first festival is Saskatoon berry-jam packed! Besides a variety of musical entertainment from 8 am (pancake breakfast) to midnight (rock band), there is a parade at 11am, children's games and a musical hour of fun for children; arts, crafts & misc exhibitors; haywagon rides.

The first Mortlach Coteau Film Festival is showing top entries of two categories (high school and open) all day so

people can vote for their favourites; Theme; 'Prairie Passion'. Each winner receives \$200. Deadline for entries is June 2, 2008. See website for details. A young and passionate fiddler from Lintlaw SK is coming to teach a few hours of beginner and intermediate fiddle workshops. The form to sign up is also available online.

The festival is hosted by the Mortlach Community Development Association

and Agricultural Society; SAASE's newest agricultural society. It is working to bring into focus – and union – the village and the rural/agricultural, together with the old – and the new. It's a 'coming out, coming back to life block party' for Mortlach - You don't want to miss this event!

See www.mortlach.ca for details.

Gold Sponsors of the festival are: SAASE, CTV, Toyota, Golden West Radio, Prairie Berries; Flatboy Trailers; Walper-Bossence Law Office Prof. Corp; Silver Sponsors; Palliser Library; Bronze Sponsors; Blair & Tracey Bickford; Trails's End Guest Ranch; Sask Film; District Line Productions Ltd; DNA Nurseries; Something Good Marketing; The Last Best West; Royal Bank.



The Saskatchewan Horticulture Association Hosts 2nd Annual "SEE SASKATCHEWAN" Bus Tour

The Saskatchewan Horticulture Association is planning a workshop and tour that will be happening in North Battleford. The following is an article by the Horticulture Society promoting the event. For more information the contacts are at the end of the article.

The Saskatchewan Horticulture Association has planned the 2nd Annual Bus Tour and are once again excited about all the possibilities. This year we are being hosted by the North Battleford and Spiritwood Societies and are looking forward to seeing the opposite end of the province, where they live and garden. We had such a wonderful kick-off last year in the eastern side of the province and I'm sure we will be totally impressed with this year's tour as well. This is such an important part of building community,

when we see how others live and work, and it's such a great opportunity to make new friends and to show off the areas where we live.

This year's tour will start July 15th to 17th and we will be staying at the new and impressive Lodge in North Battleford. A rough outline of the days is as follows:

Day 1 – We will be visiting the Spiritwood Society, after a full day, we will be hosted to a Strawberry Tea by Glen and Shannon Caffet and the Spiritwood Society.

Day 2 – We will be taking things a little easier and not straying as far. We will be spending time with the North Battleford hosts and will be rewarded with a guided tour of the Fort that evening. (In your

spare time, there is also the Casino)

Day 3 – We will be traveling again, this time to see the Crooked Trees, hopefully a Labyrinth, the Doukhobor caves near Blaine Lake and a tour through Honeywood at Parkside. We will be able to shop, visit and have lots of fun. We will make every effort again to keep the price affordable and if you were with us last year, you know the food was great and the cost of the trip was all inclusive. We are working very hard to do the same again.

For further information, you may contact the Bus Tour Committee:

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Glen Caffet: caffets.g@sasktel.net or 1-306-883-2639

Clark and Anne Lewis Legacy Lives on with Bequest to SAASE

Clark and Anne Lewis were always big supporters of rural Saskatchewan and SAASE. Two years ago when Clark passed away the SAASE board of directors felt that SAASE should honor Clark on an ongoing basis by naming a scholarship after him. Two outstanding young people have since received the scholarship.

This past winter Anne Lewis passed away. SAASE's Board of Director's were informed that Clark and Anne bequested money to SAASE. It was felt by the board of directors that the money be used to support the youth scholarship program. The money that was bequested is sufficient that the interest from it can be used to set up a second scholarship. SAASE is pleased to announce that the Clark and Anne Lewis Scholarship has been set up in honour of these two tremendous individuals. Each year SAASE will award two \$1,500 scholarships to two deserving young people nominated by SAASE members.



The following is a letter that SAASE received with the bequest:
This gift comes from the late Anne and Clark Lewis of Moosomin, SK. For the most of their working lives, Anne and Clark farmed in the Wawota District of southeastern Saskatchewan. They always did what they could to help their communities. They also loved spending time with children. Clark worked with kids in 4 H beef and grain clubs: Anne and Clark both loved to have young people (whether nieces, nephews or neighboring kids)

visit the farm.

Anne farmed with Clark from the time of their marriage in 1961 until 1999 when they retired and moved to a home in Moosomin. Clark and Anne farmed 7 quarters of land, producing beef cattle and grain. Anne always kept a large garden. They worked hard through good times and bad and always had time to help a neighbor or a friend. They are sadly missed by family and friends. Clark and Anne's commitment to Saskatchewan agriculture will live on through this generous bequest to the Saskatchewan

Association of Agricultural Societies and Exhibitions.

SAASE encourages all of our member Ag. Societies to nominate an outstanding individual for the scholarships. Each Ag. Society can still nominate only one deserving young person, but that person will be eligible for one of the two \$1,500 scholarships now being offered. Scholarship applications were sent out in May, and the deadline for the applications is June 13, 2008. The scholarship committee will choose the two deserving individuals and let them know shortly after.

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finished up the convention program by updating everyone on the work that is being done by the office. He also talked about the updated Manual for Agricultural Societies that was completed and is now available. The Annual Meeting then took place with the following being the new SAASE board of Directors:

- Donna Sagin - President
- Vern Featherstone - Past President
- Don Kunkel - Vice President
- Moe Neault - Member at Large
- Rob O'Connor - IPSCO Place
- Mike Pylypchuk - Ministry of Agriculture
- Brenda Patton - Agriculture

- Canada
- Lisa Haynes - Biggar
- Monique Pulvermacher - Bruno
- Lyal Fox - Lloydminster
- Teri Burowski - Glenavon
- an appointed educational institution board member.

Changes and revisions to the SAASE bylaws were also passed.

The Silent Auction was a great success, with tons of excellent items that were donated by SAASE members. A big thanks to everyone who donated and supported the auction, as well as supported the 50/50 draw. Once again the proceeds went to the Clark and

Anne Lewis Scholarship, with almost \$1,500 being raised between the Silent Auction and 50/50 draw.

The convention went off without a hitch and SAASE would like to thank everyone who attended, the Yorkton Exhibition board of directors and volunteers for all their help, as well as the financial support of all of the sponsors of the convention. Next year's SAASE Convention will be held in Swift Current and hosted by the Swift Current Exhibition. Dates for the 2009 convention are March 13 - 14. A big thanks again to everyone and see you at next year's convention.



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Coming Events

June 2008

1	Prince Albert Chuckwagon Races	Prince Albert
1-2	Lloydminster 4 H Expo	Lloydminster
1	Battlefords 4 H Regional Show and Sale	Battlefords
1-2	Prince Albert 4 H Finished Beef	Prince Albert
3-4	Kerrobert Regional 4 H Beef Show and Sale	Kerrobert
6	Battlefords Childrens Festival	Battlefords
6	Yorkton Exhibition Harness Racing	Yorkton
6-8	Biggar Town and Country Days	Biggar
7	Maple Creek 4 H Local Fair	Maple Creek
9-10	Spiritwood 4 H Regional Show and Sale	Spiritwood
10	Maple Creek 4 H Regional Fair	Maple Creek
13	Fairmede Ag. Society 116th Fair	Fairmede
13	Yorkton Exhibition Harness Racing	Yorkton
14	Alameda Summer Fair & 4 H Regional Show	Alameda
14	Whitewood 4 H Regional Show and Sale	Whitewood
14	Bengough Agricultural Fair	Bengough
16-18	Estevan Fair	Estevan
18-20	Western Canada Farm Progress Show	Regina IPSCO Place
20-22	Moose Jaw Exhibition Hometown Fair	Moose Jaw
20	Yorkton Exhibition Harness Racing	Yorkton
21-22	Arcola Fair	Arcola
26-29	Frontier Days Fair & Pro Rodeo	Swift Current
27	Yorkton Exhibition Harness Racing	Yorkton
28-29	Prince Albert Centennial Light Horse Show	Prince Albert
29	Weyburn Ranch Rodeo/4 H Light Horse Show	Weyburn

July 2008

1	Grenfell Quilt Show	Grenfell
2-5	Yorkton Exhibition Summer Fair	Yorkton
2-3	Yorkton Western Canada Goat Show	Yorkton
3-5	Estevan Rodeo	Estevan
4-5	Stoughton Daze	Stoughton
4	Yorkton Exhibition Harness Racing	Yorkton
5	Maple Creek Ranch Rodeo	Maple Creek
5	Saskatoon Berry Festival	Mortlach
6-7	Melfort 4 H Regional Show and Sale	Melfort
9-12	Lloydminster Colonial Days Fair	Lloydminster
11	Yorkton Exhibition Harness Racing	Yorkton
12	Ogema Agricultural Fair	Ogema
18-20	Melfort Agricultural Fair	Melfort
18-20	Prince Albert Sask Team Penning Finals	Prince Albert
18	Yorkton Exhibition Harness Racing	Yorkton
19	Creelman Annual Agricultural Fair	Creelman
19-20	St. Walburg Annual Fair Days	St. Walburg
24	Maryfield Agricultural Fair	Maryfield
25	Abernethy Agricultural Society Exhibition	Abernethy
25-27	Bruno Cherry Festival	Bruno
25	Yorkton Exhibition Harness Racing	Yorkton
26	Glenavon Annual Fair and Sports Day	Glenavon
26	Perdue Agricultural Society Summer Fair	Perdue
29-2	Prince Albert 125th Summer Fair	Prince Albert
29-3	Regina Buffalo Days Exhibition	Regina IPSCO Place

August 2008

1-3	Kelvington Fair and Race Meet	Kelvington
1-3	Regina Buffalo Days Exhibition	Regina IPSCO Place
1-2	Prince Albert 125th Summer Fair	Prince Albert
1	Yorkton Exhibition Harness Racing	Yorkton
2-3	Moose Jaw Mud Fling	Moose Jaw
2-3	Turtleford Agricultural Fair	Turtleford
2	Nokomis Agricultural Society Annual Fair	Nokomis
6	Golburn 67th Annual Fair	Golburn
8	Broadview Farmers Market & Garden Show	Broadview
8	Yorkton Exhibition Harness Racing	Yorkton
8-10	Radisson 87th Annual Agricultural Fair	Radisson
9-10	Invermay Agricultural Fair & Horticulture Show	Invermay
9	Saltcoats Annual Fair & Horticulture Show	Saltcoats
9-10	Shaunavon Horse Show	Shaunavon
9-10	Weyburn CCA Rodeo	Weyburn
11	Alameda Flower Show	Alameda
11	Battlefords Northwest Territorial Days Parade	Battlefords
12-15	Battlefords Northwest Territorial Days Fair	Battlefords
13	Shand Agricultural Fair	Porcupine Plains
14-17	Lloydminster Westridge GMC CPCA Finals	Lloydminster
14	Stoughton Fall Horticulture Show	Stoughton
15-17	Melville Provincial 4 H Light Horse Show	Melville
15	Yorkton Exhibition Harness Racing	Yorkton
16-17	Maple Creek Light Horse Show	Maple Creek
16	Moosomin Agricultural Fall Fair	Moosomin
16-17	Vanscoy Summer Fair	Vanscoy
22-23	Prince Albert 6th Annual Polka Fest	Prince Albert
22	Yorkton Exhibition Harness Racing	Yorkton
24	Maple Creek Rope and Stroke	Maple Creek
29-31	Prince Albert Chuckwagon Finals	Prince Albert
29	Yorkton Exhibition Harness Racing	Yorkton
30-31	Melfort Fair	Melfort
30-31	Melville SBRA Barrel Racing	Melville
30-31	Melville Fair	Melville

September 2008

5	Yorkton Exhibition Harness Racing	Yorkton
6	Maple Creek PBR - Showdown in Cowtown	Maple Creek
13-14	True Grit Team Roping and Barrel Racing	Carnduff
13	Maple Creek CHRI IB A Horse Show	Maple Creek
20	Melfort Giant Fall Flea Market	Melfort
20-21	Melville Parimutuel Horse Racing	Melville
27	Grenfell Fall Fair & Trade and Craft Sale	Grenfell
27	Lloydminster Rare and Exotic Fall Sale	Lloydminster
27-28	Melville Parimutuel Horse Racing	Melville

If you have any events you would like to add to our list, please contact the SAASE office at 306-565-2121 or email gduck.saase@sasktel.net.



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