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Venture Project Funding Ramps Up Rosthern Town and Country Fair

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The Rosthern Agricultural Society made some big changes to their Fair this past year and applied to SAASE for Venture Project funding to help out. Below is the article submitted by the Rosthern Agricultural Society.

For several years, the Rosthern Agricultural Society has been striving to improve, grow and breathe new life into the annual Town and Country Fair. Older than the town of Rosthern itself, the Ag Society has seen some hills and valleys in success over the last 117 years and the last 50+ years there has been some type of organized fair that has also seen some good years and some lean years. With the swell of the age of technology, we work hard to keep that warm, small town, country feel and put a special emphasis on the Town and Country Fair as we watch other country fairs around the province get downsized or eliminated altogether.

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President's Message: Vern Bexson

Hey all - hope you have had a great fair season. Every year we all face challenges and I know that this fair season has been no exception, but that's the great thing about our volunteers and people who work in the fair industry - we always find a way to make it work and get things done.

There continue to be many exciting things going on with SAASE, and it has been an extremely busy summer. The Food for Saskatchewan-Food for the World provincial agricultural education program and Provincial Safety day programs continue to evolve as they each grow with the development of new partnerships. The agricultural education modules made many stops throughout the summer and I would certainly encourage any Agricultural Society that wants a great educational display to talk to the office and get it scheduled.

A huge thanks goes out to all of our Agricultural Societies who hosted Safety Days this year. It is because of you that our Safety day program has become one of the biggest and best in Canada. Working with youth has always been a priority of our Agricultural Societies and this great program is just another way that our Agricultural Societies continue to show leadership within our communities. Thanks to all of our partners on the program for continuing to show their support - the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture, SaskPower, Progressive Agriculture, Community Initiatives Fund (CIF), and the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association. We were also fortunate enough to work with Farm Credit Canada, Viterra and Enbridge on a number of safety days. If you are not hosting a safety day and are interested there is a safety day coordinators workshop taking place on November 8th in Regina you should attend. Through our partnership with the CIF - all the expenses are paid for those wanting to attend. Give Glen a call at the office if you are interested.

The Venture Project program provides seed money for new events, as well as enhancing existing events. The program continues to fund numerous great projects around Saskatchewan. Ideas for new programs and events are endless. Take a look at the Venture Projects highlighted in this newsletter - there are lots of ideas there - both big and small.

The SAASE Clark and Anne Lewis/Dalgliesh Family Scholarship program continues to help out young people throughout Saskatchewan. Our four outstanding scholarship recipients have been announced and their stories are included in the newsletter.

Our convention will be taking place in North Battleford - February 24 - 25. The Friday of the convention CAFE will be hosting an Ecoli workshop during the day - you are encouraged to have someone from your Agricultural Society attend. The SaskEnergy Volunteer Champion Awards will once again be taking place at the luncheon on Saturday the 25th. Our volunteers are what make our Ag Societies that great organizations they are - nominate that special volunteer for the SaskEnergy volunteer Champion Awards. The remaining convention program will be announced in the next while. We are very excited about what the Battlefords Ag Society have planned for us. Make sure you mark those dates down. The convention is a great time to network and learn. Talk to you in December - have a great harvest and fall.

Vern Bexson - President

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Contributions to SAASE Newsletter are welcome and will be included as space allows.

The SAASE Office is located in the Canada Centre complex at EVRAZ Place (Regina Exhibition Park) grounds, next door to the Saskatchewan Livestock Association office on the 2nd floor. Visitors are always welcome—give Glen a call at 565-2121 and drop in.

In 2015, we decided that bringing back the Kakeyow Cowboys Rodeo Association (KCRA) rodeo in 2016 would add to the Town and Country Fair exponentially so we applied for the New Ventures grant through SAASE to make this possible. Bringing in the KCRA rodeo involves a very large list of expenses the Ag Society couldn't otherwise handle on our own...the New Ventures grant was the extra money that would start the domino effect of success. The benefits of this process was evident to us in the very first hour of the Town and Country Fair with a flood of gate activity that volunteers had trouble keeping up with and packed stands at the rodeo every single second something was happening at the arena. It was glaringly obvious we had made a good decision bringing back the rodeo!

There are 11 separate sets of bleachers that hold about 60 people each at the Rosthern fair grounds and it was standing room only for each and every event throughout the weekend. We had not seen attendance like this in years - the changes we had made were very successful. The changes doubled the gate numbers, which doubled the gate dollar total, which all in turn brought more people to the many food booths, displays, rides and other activities. It was the literal definition of domino effect, one thing directly affecting another and we can't thank SAASE enough for this opportunity to bring this bigger and better experience to the people of the world.

World? But it's just a small town Saskatchewan fair! How does it affect the world? Rosthern is home to a very high percentage of newcomers from around the world and a private sponsor of the new arrivals made a point to comment how excited the



families were to experience the rodeo for the first time. Bringing the KCRA rodeo to the Town and Country Fair acts as a cultural adventure for people who have never before experienced the unique rodeo culture. Rosthern, with its population of just over 1500, is home to about a dozen large families of newcomers and as a community, we strive to share our cultures with each other and foster an inclusive spirit in every event we put on. The New Ventures grant facilitates this amazing partnership.

We also heard from many participants of the KCRA rodeo that they were thrilled to have the fair happening alongside the rodeo so there was something to do in their downtime. It is a wonderful symbiotic relationship with the fair drawing people to the rodeo and the rodeo drawing people

to the fair. This type of mutually beneficial relationship is something we strive to promote in the Rosthern area and the New Ventures grant helps us continue this.

Thank you. Two small words that encompass such a huge accomplishment. We are so thankful for the working relationship our Ag Society has with SAASE and the dedication and passion they have to help us be bigger and better. It is a testament to the wonderful groups throughout this province and the plans we have for the future. The New Ventures grant is the key to growing, it is the extra hand we needed to achieve yet another step in keeping our group alive and thriving and it is yet another way that SAASE assists these amazing projects and events. Here is to even more success in the future!

Mortlach Saskatoon Berry Festival Biggest Ever

Mortlach Saskatoon Berry Festival Report - July 2, 2016

The village of Mortlach was ready for the 9th Annual Saskatoon Berry Festival sponsored by the Mortlach Community Development and Agricultural Society (MCDAS). The village maintenance man had the trees trimmed, grass cut and flowers blooming; the vendor booth spaces were organized; and the pies were delivered. Excitement was mounting early in the morning as the Playschool Moms cooked sausages and pancakes for breakfast, parade entries arrived, and 42 vendors displayed their wares. Yes, it was going to be a great day – sun shining and cars lined up to the highway waiting to pay the gate admission!! Some of the visitors came

from British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario, Europe, Iceland, and United States.

The parade down Rose Street featured Veterans Flag Party, children with their bikes, 2 First Nations people dressed in their dance costumes, horses, Moose Jaw Knights of Columbus, Red Hat Ladies, antique cars, a wood burning truck, and tractors.

After the parade, the number of people exploded – thousands and thousands of people were all hungry at the same time - the food vendors were very busy. There were many “ohs and ahs” as visitors stopped by the Show and Shine Cars. Music



filled the air – Sweet Saturday, Just ‘n’ Tyme, Johnny Two Fingers, and Trick Ryder Children were entertained at Vimy Park – pedal tractors, bouncy castles, face painting, and crafts. Saskatoon berry pies (from Prairie





Berries Saskatoon Farm, Keeler Saskatchewan) were bought whole and by the piece, and by 1:00 pm 400 pies were all gone... The Dunk Tank, rented from Caronport Fire Department, was a cooling off stop for some volunteers – Mortlach’s songwriter/singer Megan Nash and a RCMP Constable from Moose Jaw each took a dip into the cool water. The Mortlach Museum welcomed 350 visitors.

Word-of-mouth has always been our best form of advertising for our community “street festival”. This year we were fortunate to have CTV Home Town Tour visit our community, and Mortlach was the featured community on June 30th. Thank you to CTV Regina for this promotion. Mayor Dale Domeij’s comments for the day: “To pull off the festival, the community of 350 comes together to make it happen every year. It’s really a community event, and I can’t stress that enough.” 5000 people with purple teeth can’t be wrong!!



Weyburn Host Provincial 4 H Judging

Judging is a skill encouraged for all 4-H members regardless of their livestock background. Weyburn was the location for the Saskatchewan 4-H Provincial Judging hosted by Weyburn Ag Society on August 12-13, 2016.

A total of 28 competitors ages 16-21 were in attendance and they judged: Working Dogs, Bred Heifers, Yearling Bulls, Alpacas, Hay, Grain, Light Horses, along with a mystery class of Chip Bags. Official judges for Provincials were: Kyle Ashworth who judged Bulls and supplied Bulls & Heifers, Logan Martinson who judged Heifers, Laurie Levee Wolter who judged and supplied Light Horses, Glenda Shotter who judged and supplied alpacas, Lorne Klein who judged and supplied hay, and Russ Roome who judged Working Dogs. Others who helped make this event

successful to supply classes were: Melody McNaughton who brought her dogs, and Parrish & Heimbecker who supplied grain samples.

The top 5 competitors received prizes for 6 of the 8 classes judged and sponsors who supplied prizes were: Vandy Cattle, Ashworth Farm & Ranch, Affinity Credit Union, Farm Credit Canada, Young's Equipment, Weyburn Ag Society and Gordon Show Cattle awarded the Grand Aggregate. Other sponsors of this event were: SAASE, South Country Equipment, Weyburn Credit Union, Saskatchewan 4-H Council, and Ritchie Bros Auctioneers.

The top 8 competitors from this event move on to Canadian Western Agribition in November and will get to compete against members from

other provinces across Canada as well as teams from Universities and Colleges. Volunteers for this event were: Brittany Stepp (Chairperson of committee), Kelsey Dale, Charlene Wimmer, Bev Gordon and Samantha Chymy helped in the office.



Top 12 competitors (left to right) Glen Duck (representative from SAASE), Kaylee Duncan, Clayton Neudorf, Scott Sunderland, James Prium, Catherine Lang, Brittany Hunt, Megan Wasden, Lindsey Monea, Remi Mitchell, Shanna Klassen, Calina Evans, Alex Perras and Brennon Archdekin (representative from South Country Equipment)

SAASE Announces Scholarship Recipients for 2016

SAASE is announcing this year's scholarship recipients of the Clark and Anne Lewis scholarships and the Dalgleish Family Memorial Scholarships. A big thanks once again goes out to Bob and Wendy Hauser from West Coast Amusements for helping out with the funding.

This year the scholarship committee had a tough job, as there were many applications submitted, and as is usually the case, the applicants were truly outstanding young people. SAASE is very proud to announce this year's recipients.



Kayley Paskell - Nominated by the Shand Agricultural Society

Kayley will be attending the University of Regina and Saskatchewan Polytechnic in the fall to obtain a Bachelor's Degree of Science in Nursing - with her ultimate goal of becoming a doctor.

Kayley has been very involved volunteering within the community. She has been a volunteer at the Hudson Bay Health Care facility since 2012 -

helping out long term care residents. The volunteering includes playing games, having one on one time, as well as serving meals. She is grateful for being able to volunteer at the facility, because that has influenced her into wanting to get into the health care profession. She is also part of the Meals on Wheels program - delivering food to elderly members of the community over lunch time.

Kayley has been very involved with 4 H over the past 10 years. 4 H has helped shape her character, as well as teach her a strong work ethic. She attended the Prairieland Youth Leadership Conference, as well as being a member of the 2015 and 2016 North East Regional Judging teams. She was also a competitor on the 2015 Provincial Judging team.

As well as excelling at her studies Kayley has also found time for extra-curricular activities at school. Kayley has been a member of the basketball, volleyball, and softball teams. She has been the editor of the yearbook, on the Student Representative Council, Student Leadership Committee, Going Green, volunteering at the canteen, part of the Peer Support Group, in school Drama, part of We Schools and a member of Students Against Destructive Decisions. She has been working since 2011 as a year round baby sitter. In her spare time Kayley takes part in fastball pitching clinics, reading, listening to music, working on the farm and spending time with family and friends.

Evan Richter - Nominated by the Broadview Agricultural Society



Evan will be attending the Saskatchewan Polytechnic Saskatoon Campus this fall in the Fabricator Welding Program, with his ultimate goal of becoming a journeyman welder.

Evan was a very active student at the Broadview school. He was part of the Broadview Drama club over the past 5 years - performing at various dinner theatres for the community and at regional drama festivals. He was awarded Acting Certificates of Merit from the Saskatchewan Drama Association in 2014 and 2016. He was part of the Broadview Bandits football team and was captain his last 3 years - he was also part of the Bandits volleyball team - he was chosen to play for the Saskatchewan under 17 mens volleyball team that competed nationally. He also volunteered to help out running the junior volleyball tournament. He also competed in track and field. He has been part of the SRC for the past 3 years, and has taken part in We Day. He has also been part of the school band, and been

very active in playing baseball in both Kipling and Melville. He also was very active in 4 H. Evan has been on the school Honour Roll over the past 5 years. Evan also was part of hosting students from Whitehorse in a student exchange program.

Evan spends what free time he has, and his summers working on the family farm. He does everything on the farm from operating equipment to cleaning bins, but his real passion is working in the shop fixing equipment and working on welding and fabricating projects.



Joelle Garvey - Nominated by the Fairmede Agricultural Society

Joelle has been accepted into the U of S in Saskatoon in the Bachelor of Agriculture Program. Her goal is to be accepted into the Western College of Veterinary Medicine - become a veterinarian and eventually run her own animal clinic.

In addition to maintaining a high academic standing - Joelle was very busy with extra-curricular activities at McNaughton High in Moosomin, as she competed in track and field, badminton and was chosen to paint the mural on the walls in the stairwell of the high school.

Joelle is very busy volunteering within the community. She has been a member of the Moosomin Figure Skating Club, Moosomin 4 H Light Horse Club, Saskatoba Gymkhana Club, and has participated in the Fairmede Fair for many years. She has also been a volunteer for the Wapellas Rodeo, Wapella Minor Hockey and Figure skating clubs. Late spring and early summer she spends a lot of time at various cattle brandings in the area where she ropes, wrestles and vaccinates calves. She competes in various rodeos/ranch rodeos, as well as figure skating and playing shinny in the winter.

In addition to everything that she does, Joelle also finds time for work. She had a work experience term at Valleyflats Veterinary. She spends her summer and falls working on the family farm baling hay and straw and in the winter feeding cattle, fencing and hauling grain. She also likes to train horses when she gets a chance, and works as a groundskeeper at the Fairmede and RIGA Cemeteries.



Maria Luedtke - Nominated by the Arcola Fair and Stampede
Maria will be attending the University

of Regina this fall in the Kinesiology Program - her ultimate goal is to have a career in physical therapy or medicine.

Maria has always been at the top of her class as far as marks, but has been very involved in extra-curricular activities at Arcola School. She has been involved with Students Against Destructive Decisions for the past for years, as well as acting as President. She has been on the school SRC - also as President, and she has been involved in the Arcola School Mentorship program over the past 3 years.

Her other interests include being involved in High School Rodeo. She has taken part in both Saskatchewan and Manitoba Barrel Racing jackpots. She was involved with the 4 H beef club for 8 years.

In addition to her school activities and other interests Maria has also been very involved in her community. She has helped out volunteering in the canteen and cleaning up at the Optimist Theatre. She has also helped out at the local community suppers. Maria volunteers filling boxes at the local food bank in Carlyle, as well as teaching at Summer Bible School and volunteering at the church. Maria has also volunteered countless hours at the local veterinary clinic - helping out where she can.

With her very busy schedule Maria works everyday on the family farm feeding and raising animals, cleaning pens and doing anything else that needs to be done. She has experience raising cattle, horses, sheep, goats, pigs, rabbits and fowl, which she looks after with great care, ethics and integrity. In the evenings Maria works as a horse back riding instructor - giving lessons to youth all year round.

SAASE Partners with Ag in Motion and 4 H on Safety Day

SAASE partnered with a number of groups on a safety day that took place at this year's Ag in Motion in Langham on July 21. Groups that partnered on the day included 4 H Saskatchewan, Ag in Motion, Saskatchewan Safety Council, The Canadian Centre for Health and Safety in Agriculture, STARS, Canadian War Amps, the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association, Saskatchewan Construction Safety Association and Transcare/Langham Fire.

In addition to the various safety stations for the children we had two speakers delivering very strong messages on safety. Spencer Beach was a 3rd generation flooring installer and among the best in his field when he endured a horrific flash fire that left him permanently and severely scarred. After spending 14 months in the hospital and a year more of rehabilitation he has gone on to carve out a new path for his life. His message to the adults and children in attendance was very positive and powerful.

Our second speaker was Curtis Weber - at 17 Curtis Weber was doing his job when he was electrocuted by a 40,000 volt live power line. The incident cost him 2 limbs and left third and



fourth degree burns over 60 per cent of his body. He spent 6 years recovering and got away lucky. Curtis talked about his life changing experience and how he found exuberance, gratitude and purpose. His message, like Spencers was inspirational and powerful.

The children went through the various safety stations throughout the afternoon, with the day wrapping up with a mock emergency scenario. Over 200 adults and children gathered to witness a mock ATV accident emergency. Transcare and the Langham Fire Department were first onsite, with STARS being called in. The crowd witnessed what it is like when STARS responds to an emergency, as the STARS helicopter landed on the site. The emergency personnel went through what would happen at an actual emergency scene. Through the loud speakers the crowd was able to hear the communication between those on the ground and the STARS personnel as they flew in, landed and dealt with the mock accident.

The day was an amazing success, as children and adults alike were able to learn about safety, as well as learn first hand what happens when STARS responds to a call. All the groups look forward to partnering on another safety day at Ag in Motion 2017.



SAASE 2017 Convention in North Battleford February 24 - 25, 2017

The North Battleford Agricultural Society will be rolling out the red carpet for the SAASE annual convention on February 24th and 25th, 2017. The convention will take place on the Battlefords Ag Society grounds, with the host hotel being the Gold Eagle Lodge located just down the road.

Contact information and the address for the hotel as well as the website are - www.goldeaglelodge.com.
12004 Railway Ave. E
North Battleford, SK S9A 3W3
Tel: 306-446-8877
Fax: 306-445-4722

The rate for the hotel rooms are \$130 plus taxes for a double queen. Rooms must be booked by January 23, 2017.

The SAASE Board of Directors are busy working on the program for this year's convention, but we already know that the Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions (CAFE) will be partnering with SAASE on hosting an Ecoli workshop on Friday February 24th during the day before our registration takes place on the



Host Hotel - Gold Eagle Lodge - North Battleford



Convention host - Battlefords Agricultural Society



Friday night. We will be getting everyone information once we get the convention packages and final program put together.

We are very excited about the 2017 convention in North Battleford and know that Jocelyn Ritchie, the Battlefords Ag Society Board of Directors and volunteers will do a great job of hosting the 2017 convention. Make sure that you reserve February 24th and 25th of 2017 and plan on attending the SAASE annual convention.

SaskEnergy Volunteer Champion Awards

The SaskEnergy Volunteers Champion Awards will be taking place at 12 noon on Saturday February 25 in North Battleford at the SAASE Convention and Annual Meeting. SaskEnergy have been the presenting partner on our awards for a number of years, and SAASE would like to thank them for their continued involvement and the support of all the great volunteers that we have across the province.

The SaskEnergy Volunteer Champion Awards categories include Volunteer of the Year, Honorary Life Membership, SAASE Achievement of the Year and the Agricultural Society Anniversary Award. The applications for nominations are being sent out with the Director's Reports form in the next few weeks. The criteria for the various awards are as follows:

HONOURARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

Criteria for selection:
This honorary award is based on a member's lifetime contribution to the local society, to the community in which they live, to the Province of Saskatchewan and, where applicable, to the national scene.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR:

Criteria for selection:
Presented to an individual volunteer or a volunteer couple, associated with a member society, who has/have made a significant contribution to the society.
- High priority will be given to leadership qualities, innovative ideas, and exceptional service to the society.
- Involvement or participation in agricultural society related activity.
- Knowledge of and dedication to the agricultural society industry.

ACHIEVEMENT OF THE YEAR:

Criteria for selection:
An award presented to the agricultural society organization who is deemed to have achieved the most significant achievement during the year. Achievement is defined as a special accomplishment such as :
- the introduction of a notable new idea or concept;
- a major facilities or grounds development;
- dealing with extreme adversity;
- involvement with industry partners;
- demonstrated community support for the organization

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY ANNIVERSARY YEAR AWARD

- Awarded to an agricultural society celebrating a significant anniversary year milestone. Agricultural societies wishing to be recognized will fill out the form in the Awards package being sent out and send it to the SAASE office. A certificate will be presented to that agricultural society at the annual convention.

SAASE President Vern Bexson says that, "SAASE would like to thank SaskEnergy for their continued support of our Agricultural Societies through the Volunteer Champion Awards, as it reaffirms SaskEnergy's commitment to not only SAASE, but also to the communities and our volunteers that our Agricultural Societies represent. The support for this program and our convention helps SAASE make sure that we are able put on a first class awards ceremony. Our volunteers are our lifeblood and this program ensures that we are able to recognize their contributions to our Agricultural Societies and the communities they represent." Make sure you get your nominations in for this year's SaskEnergy Volunteer Champion Awards.



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Golburn Ag Society Hosts 1st Safety Day

The Golburn Agricultural Society hosted their first safety day on September 21. Their fairgrounds are located just south of Tisdale, but the decision was made to have the safety day at the Tisdale Curling Rink - making it very convenient, as the school is attached to the recreation complex. The day was split into 2 halves, with grades 5 and 6 having their safety day in the morning and the grades 1 and 2 in the afternoon. A grade 9 class observed in the morning. There were 8 safety stations that the children rotated through in the morning - they included - small animal safety - first aid roadway safety - electrical safety - grain safety - ATV safety - chemical safety - home alone.



150 students were included in the morning. The afternoon stations for the 125 grades 1 and 2s were the same, except the home alone station became the hand washing station.

The day ran very smoothly, with excellent feedback from the teachers and presenters. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make the day such a success. All the volunteers from the Golburn Agricultural Society and all the presenters who volunteered their time to teach the children of Tisdale about safety. SAASE's Agricultural Societies will be wrapping up the safety day schedule for 2016 with the final safety day being held in Mortlach on October 5. If you are interested in hosting a safety day for 2017 there is a coordinators workshop in Regina on November 8 - give Glen a call for more info.



Safety Day Coordinator Workshop to take Place in Regina - November 8

SAASE, in partnership with the Progressive Agriculture foundation and the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA), will once again be hosting a safety day coordinator workshop in Regina. The workshop will take place on November 8 in the Agribition Lounge in the Canada Centre on the EVRAZ Place grounds. For those who have attended in the past the format will be different this year. Instead of a 2 day training - the training will take place on just one day. Registration will begin at 8 am, with the day finishing up around 4 pm. The Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) will be covering the expenses for those attending. This will include mileage to get to Regina, registration costs, meals during the day of the workshop and one nights hotel. If you are hosting a safety day in 2017 - or thinking about hosting a safety day you will need someone to attend this workshop. The coordinators workshop gives you all the tools that you will need to put on a safety day. There are extensive resources available, as well as great support. If you are attending let Glen at the office know, as he will be booking hotel room for those that need one. If you have any questions give Glen a call - see you all there.



Lloydminster Hosts Saskatchewan Open Farm Day

Lloydminster hosted the first Saskatchewan Open Farm Day on August 7. Agricultural education is very important, and the Lloydminster Exhibition is to be congratulated on this project. The Saskatchewan Open Farm Day was supported by the SAASE Venture Project Program - below is the writeup that was contributed by the Lloydminster Exhibition.

The first annual Saskatchewan Open Farm Day was a huge success. The day started out with farm tours to various farms in the Lloydminster, SK area. The tours began at the Lloydminster Exhibition parking lot, leaving at 10:00am. The following was our tour schedule (timing is approximate):

10:00 am	Board Buses – Depart to T'n'C Alpaca Farm
10:40 am	Tour T'n'C Alpaca Farm – included a tour of the barn, pasture, and store
11:30 am	Board Buses – Depart to Greenwood Limousin and Angus
12:20 am	Tour Greenwood Limousin and Angus – included a tour of the pasture, corrals, and calving barn
1:00 pm	Board Buses – Depart to Lower Shannon Farms
1:15 pm	Tour Lower Shannon Farms – included a tour of the greenhouse, grow tunnels, and pastures (pigs and goats)
2:15 pm	Board Buses – Depart to Lloydminster Exhibition

With the help of Lakeland College we had two buses to take on the tours and both buses were full! We had 50 people join us as we toured Saskatchewan farms. The many children who were present enjoyed the tours and took away important information about where their food comes from and how it is produced. We wrapped up the day with a gourmet meal in a rural Saskatchewan setting. The secret rural location for the



meal was very exciting for the individuals who attended. The meal consisted of dishes made with ingredients from the local producers we visited on the tours. Our Red Seal Chef prepared the feast. There were a limited



number of tickets available (50) for purchase at a price of \$100. We hosted the meal as a long table dinner under a tent.

Our goal was to sell 50 tickets to the meal. We ended up selling 28 and giving two producers two complimentary tickets each. Our local MLA, Colleen Young, was invited to attend our gourmet meal which she accepted; as well as, SAASE President Vern Bexson and his wife Lori. The majority of the meal was sourced locally, with most ingredients coming from Lower Shannon Farms.

Overall, the day was a wonderful success and was enjoyed by both producers and attendees. The producers were very excited to share their products with consumers as well as share their production process. Those who attended the tour discovered new places to visit and purchase locally grown/produced items from. Everyone who attended the gourmet meal left with full bellies and memories of a unique and delicious evening.



Stoughton Ag Society Relocates Shows

The Stoughton Agricultural Society had a big challenge this year, as the Stoughton Town Hall - where they normally held their Summer show and Fall Horticultural Show and Tea had been torn down. As a result they were forced to move their summer fair show to the skating rink, and the Fall Horticultural Show and Tea to the Stoughton Drop-In Centre. In order to ensure that the community of Stoughton knew of the new locations the Stoughton Agricultural Society approached SAASE about helping them out with signage that they would be able to use to promote the new locations of their events.



The Stoughton Ag. Society came up with the idea of using sandwich boards. Because of the new locations they would need a new way to mount their displays, as well as being able to use them to promote the new locations - it would work out great because the sandwich boards would have a dual purpose. As is the case with all of our communities, the Stoughton Ag. Society was able to find a retired volunteer who was able to build the sandwich boards for them.



In addition to the signage the Ag. Society was also able to use them to display photos and posters for their school section and junior categories. Entries were up at both events, with many new entries. The RM is also helping out, as they are providing storage for the new menu boards, which will be a big help.



SAASE Coming Events

October 2016

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| 30-1 | Trade Show - Fall Fair | Unity |
| 1-2 | Craft Show | Moose Jaw |
| 2 | Trail Ride | Biggar |
| 4-6 | Ag EXperience for Students | Saskatoon |
| 5 | Mortlach Safety Day | Mortlach |
| 7-9 | Chokecherry Festival | Lancer |
| 7-9 | SK Appaloosa Horse Show | Moose Jaw |
| 7-8 | Flavours of Fall Drink Festival | Weyburn |
| 15 | Trade and Fall Fair | Denzil |
| 15 | SBRA Barrel Racing Jackpot | Melville |
| 19-23 | SK Reining Horse Show | Moose Jaw |
| 21-22 | Craft Show | Moose Jaw |
| 28-30 | District Dog Show | Moose Jaw |
| 28 | Pumpkinfest | Nokomis |
| 29 | SBRA Barrel Racing Jackpot | Melville |
| 29 | Halloween Haunted House/Dance | Prince Albert |

November 2016

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| 2-5 | Grain Millers Harvest Showdown | Yorkton |
| 2 | Harvest Feastival | Lloydminster |
| 4-5 | Rodeo | Yorkton |
| 6 | SBRA Barrel Racing Jackpot | Melville |
| 5-6 | Mistletoe Craft Show & Sale | Battlefords |
| 5-6 | Focus on Christmas | Prince Albert |
| 8 | Safety Day Coordinators Workshop | Regina |
| 12 | Vanscoy Turkey Bingo | Vanscoy |
| 20 | SBRA Barrel Racing Jackpot | Melville |
| 23-26 | Canadian Western Agribition | Regina |
| 26 | Christmas Bash | Lloydminster |

December 2016

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| 2-3 | Small Business Christmas | Prince Albert |
| 3 | Small Business Christmas | Saskatoon |
| 3 | Santa Parade | Yorkton |
| 9-10 | Small Business Christmas | Saskatoon |
| 26 | Boxing Day Bash | Prince Albert |
| 31 | New Years Eve Dance | Prince Albert |
| 31 | New Years Eve House Party | Saskatoon |

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



Golburn Agricultural Society Safety Day - Tisdale Curling Rink

