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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



SAASE recognizes the outstanding contribution of it's 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.

2018

Linda Wright, Vanscoy

2017

Mike and Doreen Babecy, Kelvington Neal and Rae Keefe, Weyburn

2016

Lawrence Bodnar, Prince Albert John Eberle, Battlefords Annette Horne, Shaunavon Peter Bygrove, Lloydminster

2015

Linda Grimard, Prince Albert Gloria Peterson, Elstow Norman & Muriel Geck, Kelvington

2014

Joyce Walter, Moose Jaw Ernie Wilson, Moose Jaw

2013

Marion Nordell, Turtleford Rollie Nordell, Turtleford Robert Sproule, Melfort Edna McCall, Abernethy Diane Hrechuk, Elstow George Belchamber, Nipawin Gloria Perkins, Nipawin

2012

Cecil Douglas Smith, Swift Current Roger Mayert, Prince Albert

2011

Norman Flaten, Weyburn Ron Metheral, Weyburn

2010

Bernard Kemick, Swift Current Lillian May Goldsmith, Maryfield Ruth Szmutko, Moosomin Isabelle Polvi, Moosomin

2009

Elizabeth McMahon, Perdue Ireen Greer, Battlefords Olive Haughian, Unity Doreen Leslie, Unity Freda McCallum, Unity

2008

Archie Shaver, Bengough Millie Gibson, Perdue Doug Dunlop, Battlefords Freda Longman, Maryfield

2007

Helen Sapsford, Perdue Joan Bibby, Prince Albert Les Camm, Elstow

2005

Judy Reimer, SAASE Isabel Barnsley, Abernethy

2004

Ruth Allan, Creelman Vera Wyshynski, Elstow

2003

Florence Cathcart, Perdue

2002

Vernon Featherstone, Perdue Rose and Bill Kalynka, Elstow

2001

Willie Carnegie, Creelman

2000

Carmen Bibby, Prince Albert Taras (Terry) Korol, Canora

1999

Mary Davis, Creelman Doreen Hewitt, Perdue James MacLean, Arcola Earle Mansell, Nokomis Albert Mennie, Kelvington Beatrice Rugg, Elstow

1998

Edith Andison, Perdue Chester Ray, Creelman Irene Turpie, Moosomin

1997

Mari Garnier, Redvers

Mabel Handyside, Connaught Clark Lewis, Fairmede Vic Sommerfield, Saskatoon

1996

Fred Dawes, Abernethy Gordon Johnston, Creelman Barry C. Rugg, Elstow Allan F. Smith, Swift Current

1995

Mildred Clements, Fairmede

1994

Fred Rooke, Saltcoats Albert Smith, Central Butte Jean Taylor, Perdue

1993

Kenneth Douglas, Melfort Stewart Elliott, Prince Albert Annie Griffith, Fairmede Joan Elaine Lee, Invermay

1992

Delcie Isobel Beeler, Nokomis Paul Berger, Central Butte Donald Griffin, Alameda Mildred Owens, Connaught

1991

Norm Edwards, Melfort Samuel Kirkham, Saltcoats Donald John Mott, Creelman Rocky Rochelle, Saskatoon

1990

Elliott Andrew Andison, Perdue Grover Heavin, Melfort Daryl Keith Hooper, Golburn

1989

Chester S. Miller, Battlefords Clifford Swenson, Prince Albert

1988

Donald Lyster, Abernethy Alfred E. Whitely, Grendfell



About the only constant that we all seem to be work- Societies host roughly 20 safety days, with 6,000 students at-SAASE and our Agricultural Societies.

During our round table discussions last year at the convention the past, and if you haven't hosted a Safety Day, it is a great opsome suggestions came forward that it would be great if our Agricultural Societies could communicate with one another through SAASE. We have made extensive changes to our website, which were unveiled at the convention in Prince Albert place every fall. This workshop has allowed us to develop a tions and have discussions on a message board on our website. There will be some growing pains, as we work through and get used to using the updated website. This will be a work in help make the program what it is. Thanks to the Saskatchewan progress and we will make changes as we move along.

SAASE will be 100 years old as an association in 2020 - with that came a tremendous opportunity to partner with the Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions on their 2020 national convention which is to be held in Regina November 11 - 13. In place of our convention, which usually takes place the end of February - we will be working with Tourism Saskatchewan on a series of Regional Meetings in March. This will give our members the opportunity to network, get some great road again in 2020 helping out where we can. In addition to the information on programs as well as get all the information that many Ag Ed programs SAASE attended, we were also at this we would normally present at our annual convention.

Funding is always one of our biggest challenges, but there was some great news that just came out regarding our ongoing funding. The Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport have announced The Clark and Anne Lewis/Dalgleish Family Memorial scholarthat our funding through SaskLotteries has been renewed for the next 5 years. This is excellent news, as this allows for our base funding to continue, and gives our Agricultural Societies some stability in knowing that there will be funding for the next Goudy - nominated by the Stoughton Ag. Society and Andie 5 years. SAASE will continue to work with our partners to try and secure additional program funding that can be accessed A to all the Agricultural Societies that nominated so many great big thanks to the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport, as well as SaskLotteries for their continued commitment to our Agricultural Societies and the communities that they represent.

The SAASE Board of Directors made some significant changes in the Venture Project Program by allowing for funding up to 3 years for projects. There was tremendous uptake on the 13th - "Saskatchewan Day". We would like to thank SaskEnprogram with numerous projects being approved in 2019 and the momentum has continued into 2020, with 7 projects already being approved early in the year. The SAASE Board will As we look forward to the future I would like to thank the continue to work on adjusting the Venture Project Program as SAASE Board of Directors for their support and guidance. we move forward.

The Provincial Safety Day Program is a great program that only gets better every year. Since it was started some 8 years ago, Saskatchewan's Provincial Safety Day program has grown to be the largest in Canada. Every year our member Agricultural helping make Saskatchewan the great place it is to live.

ing with every year is change. Once again this year has tending. The importance of the program is recognized by our been a year of change, challenges and opportunities for our volunteers, as over 550 volunteers province wide - donate over 6,000 hours to teach our children on how to be safe. Thank you to all the Agricultural Societies that have hosted Safety Days in portunity to make a huge impact in your community. Thanks to the Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) for their continued support of our Safety Day Coordinators Workshop that takes this year, that will allow our Agricultural Societies to post ques- network of qualified Safety Day Coordinators across the province. In addition to the local partnerships that have been developed - a big thanks goes out to our provincial partners who Ministry of Agriculture, SaskPower, the Progressive Agriculture Foundation, Canadian Agricultural Safety Association, and the Prairie South School Division.

> Agricultural Education has always been a priority for SAASE and our members, and this past year was no exception. Between the Provincial Safety Day Program and Ag Ed program SAASE was on the road in 2019 working with 25 different communities across Saskatchewan. We look forward to being out on the year's Agribition, with over 9500 students going through the Ag Ed area. SAASE continues to look for new partnerships that can be used to assist our members with new resources.

> ship program announced four outstanding recipients this year. Rayna Yasieniuk - nominated by the Battlefords Ag. Society, Reilly Mackay - nominated by the Nokomis Ag. Society, Jackson Hidlebaugh - nominated by the Nipawin Exhibition Thanks young people this past year.

> The SaskEnergy Volunteer Champion Awards recognize the volunteers who have made our Agricultural Societies and their communities great. In 2020 our SaskEnergy Awards will take place at the joint SAASE/CAFE convention on November ergy for their continued commitment to the awards.

> I would like to thank our many provincial partners and stake holders that work with SAASE throughout the year on all our different programs. Finally I would like to thank all of our Agricultural Societies for the work that they do in their communities and in the province - you are truly making a difference and



# Programs 2019

## **Scholarship Winners**



Rayna Yasieniuk - nominated by the North Battleford Agricultural Society

Rayna is attending the University of Saskatchewan into the Early Years/Elementary Years program with the goal of becoming a Kindergarten teacher in rural Saskatchewan.

Rayna was very active at the Hafford School participating in many different extra-curricular activities. She was on the school basketball, volleyball and track and field teams. In addition to the sports teams she was also on the yearbook committee and was a volunteer teacher's aid in the Kindergarten classroom. She also helped out as a junior basketball coach and volunteered in the canteen. From 2012 -2018 she participated in the Hafford School and Hafford Legion Remembrance Day Program - winning awards for her essays and poetry.

Rayna has been heavily involved with 4 H over the last 12 years - at all levels - Club, District, Regional, Provincial, National and International.

Provincially she has competed in public speaking - placing third this past year. She has been accepted to the Prairieland Youth Leadership conference for many years, as well as attending the provincial Annual Meeting. Nationally Rayna was one of 10 members representing Saskatchewan at the Canadian 4 H Citizenship Congress in Ottawa in 2019. In 2018 she was the lone Saskatchewan 4 H member to be chosen to attend the U.S. National 4 H conference in Washington.

In addition to 4 H Rayna has been very involved in the Saskatchewan High School Rodeo Association - competing in numerous events - she has qualified for the Nationals Final Rodeo in pole bending and reining cowhorse. She is also a member of the Kakeyow Cowboy Rodeo Association and won the youth division in mounted shooting at the Canadian Cowboy Mounted Shooting Finals. Rayna is also a member of the Cheremka Ukrainian Dance Club. In whatever other spare time she has - she enjoys reading, scrapbooking, baking, cooking and snuggling with her cat.

Rayna has a number of different jobs that she works at. She gives riding lesson - cleans the local church - has an internet business selling various items, as well as working at their ranch.

Their ranch is located in the Redberry Biosphere Reserve, which has had a huge impact on Rayna. Her family has hosted delegates from China, Japan, Nigeria and Germany. Rayna has spent countless hours with these delegates showing them around her family's ranch. Her family's ranch was featured in a film documentary about Canada's biospheres in 2016. Because of her involvement in environmental organizations she was awarded a trip to a UNESCO conference in Winnipeg in 2017. Her families ranching ethic is to be perfectly sustainable - to raise healthy, stress free beef, while increasing the quality of the soil, reducing emissions, protecting native prairie grass land and allowing the smallest of species which exist in their watershed and aquatic areas to thrive. SAASE congratulates Rayna on being one of this year's scholarship recipients.



## Reilly Mackay - nominated by the Nokomis Agricultural Society

Reilly is attending the University of Saskatchewan working on her Bachelor of Science degree - ultimately she wants to obtain her Doctor of Pharmacy Degree and work in rural Saskatchewan.

Reilly attended Lanigan Central High School and in addition to maintaining a very high average - she was very involved in extra curricular activities. She was on the School Leadership council for 6 years and represented her school each year at the Provincial Leadership Conference. Reilly also mentored junior School Leadership Council members to help grow their leadership skills. She was a Breakfast for Learning Volunteer - providing a community-centred nutrition program to ensure all the students at her school started the day with a healthy breakfast. Reilly was also on the School Representative Council for 4 years. She was also on the Senior Girls Basketball Team.

In addition to being very involved at her school Reilly worked very hard in her community. Reilly has a passion for horses and gave riding lessons to some youth in the community in the hope that they would share her passion. She volunteered at

the Lanigan Youth centre - known as the Hub - with an after school care program for young at-risk children from Lanigan - ensuring the youth were well cared for and felt safe. For 2 years she organized the "Coats for Kids" project - collecting used winter cloths from the surrounding community and distributing them to children in need. She also organized the Halloween "Fill the Trunk" event, which was a food drive for the Lanigan Food bank, and finally she organized "Operation Christmas Child" - donations were dropped off at the school - they were then boxed up and delivered to the church.

In addition to riding lessons, Reilly has been a member of the Last Mountain Riding club for 14 years - volunteering as the Club Treasurer for 3. She has been the Junior Provincial Gymkhana Champion with the Saskatchewan Riding Club Association (SRCA) 3 times. She has also competed numerous times at the Nokomis and Kelvington Fairs. Originally from a 4500 head sheep ranch in New Zealand she has a keen interest in ranching and animals. She has volunteered at the Guenther Ranch, as well as for a local veterinarian.

In addition to all of her school activities and volunteer work in the community Reilly found time to work part time during school at TP Contacting in Lanigan and full time there in the summer, as well as working part time during school at the Doghouse spin Studio. Congratulations to Reilly on being one of this year's SAASE Scholarship recipients.

## Jackson Goudy - nominated by the Stoughton Agricultural Society

Jackson is attending the University of Saskatchewan and is enrolled in the College of Agriculture Department of Bioscience. Upon completion of his degree he hopes to be accepted in the College of Veterinary Medicine - specializing in Embryology.



Jackson has been very involved throughout high school at Stoughton Central School. He has been involved as a participant in basketball, soccer, volleyball, track and field, cross country running, badminton and drama. He also volunteered as an assistant coach with the junior boys basketball team, as well as helping out refereeing both junior boys and girls basketball. While maintaining a very high average he also volunteered his time on several fund raising activities and took the lead role on the grad planning committee.

In addition to being heavily involved in school activities Jackson has also volunteered throughout the community. He not only played with the Stoughton Soccer Club, but he also volunteered his time to prepare the field and help referee and coach the younger teams. He has also helped out by serving at fall suppers. Jackson has been very involved in 4 H over the past 12 years attending shows across Saskatchewan and Alberta. He has also volunteered with various programs that the local 4 H have done for their community.

In addition to all the activities and volunteer work - Jackson has worked on the family farm, Goudy's Prairie Acres, for the past 5 years. He has helped out with calving, processing calves, seeding, haying and harvest. He has also worked at Ashworth Farm and Ranch at Oungre, SK when they have needed help preparing for cattle shows and sales. SAASE would like to congratulate Jackson on being one of this year's scholarship recipients.

#### Andie Hidlebaugh - nominated by the Nipawin Exhibition

Andie is attending the University of Saskatchewan and registered in Bachelor of Arts and Science, with her long range goal of graduating with a degree in medicine and specializing in non-invasive cardiology.

Andie was very active at L.P. Miller Comprehensive School in Nipawin. In addition to being on the Honour Roll throughout High School - Andie has been involved in many extra-curricular activities. Throughout High School she played basketball, badminton and volleyball - in addition to playing she also officiated many of the sports that took place at school.

Andie has always been involved with many community groups and continues to support those groups. She has volunteered and worked with the Nipawin Pike festival, the Premier's Walleye Cup, the Vanity Cup, the 2018 Tony Cote Saskatchewan First Nations Winter Games, the Nipawin Jr. A. Hawks, the Nipawin Wesellie Dancers and the 2018 World Girls Hockey weekend.

In addition to all of the community groups and events, Andie spends a great deal of time volunteering for the Nipawin Exhibition. She has been a junior member since the program was introduced 3 years ago. Over the past number of years she has volunteered for the fair in a number of areas. She has helped out with administrative duties in the office, set up and tear down for the exhibit area, working in the Nevada booth, helping with the set up of the Grandstand and generally anywhere a volunteer is needed.

Andie has also been part of the local female hockey team, the Nipawin Giants Baseball team, the U21 TeamSask Women's Baseball Team, the Nipawin Veselli Dancers Club, Spirit soft ball, the Nipawin Girl Guides, the Nipawin Lions Swim Club and she plays the Clarinet as well. She is also certified as a hockey official and helps out as a baseball and soft ball umpire. In addition to everything that Andie has done - she also has a DJ business that she operates. Congratulations to Andie on being one of the recipients of the Clark and Ann Lewis SAASE scholarship.



## **Agricultural Education Across Saskatchewan**



It has been a very busy year, as far as the SAASE Agricultural Education displays travelling across Saskatchewan. Our Agricultural Societies work very hard at educating our youth about a griculture and SAASEcontinues to try to help our members out with resources. Agricultural education of our youth is critical to agriculture down the road, and our Agricultural Societies are playing a very big role by hosting many of the largest agricultural education events around Saskatchewan. In addition to working with our Agricultural Societies, SAASE also works with many other partners on Agricultural education. Each year SAASE helps out with the Family Ag Pavillion at Canadian Western Agribition where thousands of school children and families learn about agriculture.





SAASE works with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture and Ag in the Classroom on the Pizza Farm Program where students experience the full cycle of farming. Students learn about where their food comes by growing the ingredients for familiar foods such as pizza, burgers, and fries. Grade 3 students plant seeds in the Spring and then return in the Fall when they are in Grade 4 to harvest their crops. Food Farms take place in a number of different communities throughout Saskatchewan. SAASE has also helped out at Ag in the City - which takes place every spring in Saskatoon and the over the past couple of years the Riverhurst Bean Festival.

This past year SAASE helped out and supplied resources to Discover the Farm in Swift Current, the 2 day Ag Awareness program in Prince Albert. SAASE was at the Mortlach Saskatoon Berry Festival, Territorial Days in Battlefords, as





well as Colonial Days in Lloydminster. Queen City Ex - "The Farm" - took place in Regina for the second year, which SAASE was once again part of. We finished up in the fall by working with Harvest Showdown in Yorkon on their Ag Ed program. SAASE continues to work on developing new partnerships and looking for opportunities to develop new resources. Give Glen a call at the SAASE office if your Agricultural Saociety is interested in using the SAASE agricultural education resources for your event.









## **Agricultural Society Funding Renewed**

On January 30th -Saskatchewan Parks, Culture and Sport Minister - Gene Makowski - announced that the funding through SaskLotteries has been renewed for an additional 5 years. SAASE and our member Agricultural Societies are part of the nonprofit organizations included in the funding agreement On behalf of SAASE, our Board of Directors and all of our members, we would like to thank the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport and SaskLotteries for their continued commitment to Saskatchewan's



Saskatchewan Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Gene Makowsky speaks at a media event regarding lottery funding at the Mackenzie Art Gallery on Jan. 30, 2019. BRANDON HARDER / Regina Leader-Post

communities through this funding. The funding will give SAASE and our member Agricultural Societies stability over the next 5 year and give us the opportunity to continue to make a difference in our communities and the province. Below is the news release.

#### Renewed Lottery Agreement Will Continue To Benefit Saskatchewan Communities

A renewed lottery agreement guarantees eligible sport, culture and recreation organizations will continue to receive and benefit from Saskatchewan Lottery proceeds for the next five years.

This morning, the Government of Saskatchewan, Sask Sport, SaskCulture and the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association signed the agreement.

"Saskatchewan Lotteries is a successful fundraiser for community sport, culture and recreation," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Gene Makowsky said. "The Saskatchewan Lotteries provides opportunities to more than 600,000

participants in many communities across our province. These farreaching benefits would not be possible without our partners, Sask Sport, SaskCulture and the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association, and of course thousands of volunteers."

"We fully support the new lottery agreement, and look forward to another five years working with our partners to build active, healthy communities in Saskatchewan," Sask Sport Chair Leslie Blyth said.



"Long-term planning is essential to non-profit organizations and their ability to deliver quality, sustainable programs, services and events. This agreement will continue to positively impact our communities and provide more opportunities for all. Together, we all win!"

"The government's commitment to this new lottery agreement, and its support for the cultural life of Saskatchewan residents, is greatly appreciated," SaskCulture President James Rose said. "Lottery funding is instrumental to ensuring that cultural activity, ranging from galleries and museums to cultural forums, festivals and more, fosters the growth of inclusive and engaged communities, individual well-being, and overall quality of life throughout the province."

"We are grateful for the government's support of the renewed lottery agreement," Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association President Coralie Bueckert said. "It creates opportunities for the recreation community to maintain and enhance well-being for all people within this province. With lottery funding, we can continue to work collectively to build our sector's capacity to deliver safe, quality and inclusive recreation environments, programs and services for the people of Saskatchewan."

The lottery licence fee will remain at 3.75 per cent of annual sales, providing continued funding stability and allowing organizations to maintain quality programs and services to the residents of Saskatchewan. It will also allow continued investments in strategic priority areas, such as promoting healthy lifestyles and reducing barriers to participation.

For the 2017-18 fiscal year, \$54.2 million from the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund was granted to sport, culture and recreation organizations across Saskatchewan.



## 2019 Provincial Safety Day Program



The 2019 Safety Day Program was once again a big success. 15 Safety Days were hosted in 13 communities across Saskatchewan with over 4500 school children attending. The number of Safety Days hosted were down a bit, as 3 Safety Days were rescheduled into 2020. Safety day locations in 2019 were Delisle/Vanscoy, Redvers/Maryfield, Swift Current, Unity, Lloydminster, Humboldt, Meadow Lake, Nipawin, Prince Albert, Yorkton, Weyburn, North Battleford and Moose Jaw. Over 500 volunteers donated more than 5,000 hours of their time to help teach our children about safety. The students from local schools and schools from surrounding communities are bused out to the Agricultural Societies where they rotate through a number of safety stations. The topics of the safety stations the students rotate through are chosen based on what is important to the area where the Safety Day is being held.

Topics for the interactive stations that took place in 2019 included ATV safety, firearm safety, animal safety - small and large, bicycle safety, internet, electrical, PTO, lawn mower, tractor, distracted/impaired driving, grain safety, first aid, chemical,





pipeline, water safety, bear safety, railway safety and fire safety.

SAASE continues to work with great partners as we move along on the Safety Day program. Provincially we work with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture, SaskPower, the Progressive Agriculture Foundation, Canadian Agricultural Safety Association and Community Initiatives Fund.

Our Agricultural Societies have had outstanding support from the schools in their communities, as well as their surrounding communities as thousands of children attend our Safety Days.

Saskatchewan's Provincial Safety Day Program is recognized as one of the best in North America. The tremendous success of the program is due to the work our Agricultural societies are doing in their communities to organize them, as well as the support of the many volunteers, schools and businesses that are involved. Thanks to everyone for making a difference by working to keep our youth safe.





# SAASE Hosts the Safety Day Coordinators Workshop in Regina



SAASE, in partnership with the Progressive Agriculture foundation and the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA), hosted a Safety Day Coordinators workshop on October 24th in Regina. 23 safety day coordinators from across Saskatchewan took part in the one day training. The Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) helped out with the training by picking up the expenses for the volunteer participants. The workshop gives all the tools that are needed to host a safety day. Participants went over all of the resources available, as well as being able to network with other safety day coordinators on what you should look for in running a safety day. The day was a tremendous success, with the coordinators leaving the workshop with some great new ideas. Through funding from the Community Initiatives Fund, SAASE with our partners have been able to develop a network of qualified safety day volunteer coordinators across Saskatchewan. This ensures that the provincial safety day program will continue to teach our children about safety as we go forward. If you are interested in hosting a safety day in the future - make sure that you give Glen a call at the SAASE office. Depending upon how many safety days have been approved for 2020 there still may be an opportunity to host a safety day next year.













## SAASE Receives Funding to Support Provincial Safety Day Program

The Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) approved funding for SAASE's Provincial Safety Day program. This is the sixth year that SAASE has been approved. The funding will help out by continuing to fund our volunteer safety day coordinators workshop held each Fall in Regina, as well as assisting with resource materials for our safety days and staffing costs. The funding supporting the Provincial Safety Day Program allows SAASE and our Agricultural Societies to continue this important program, and also build a network of great volunteers across the province. Over the past number of years SAASE and our Agricultural Societies have accessed more than \$600,000 for programming and small capital projects through the CIF. Below is the press release announcing the CIF's funding.

#### \$2.1 Million in CIF Funding will Support 137 Saskatchewan Programs

Communities will benefit from \$2,177,971 from the Community Initiatives Fund's (CIF) October 1st deadline. These 137 Community Grant Program grants will contribute to the wellbeing of youth, families and communities across Saskatchewan.

These programs are crucial, as they provide opportunities for children and youth to gain knowledge, skills and supports to develop positive mental health, self-esteem, and healthy lifestyle behaviours, and ensure families have access to supports and resources to create healthy and caring environments. Programs also provide imperative training and resources for non-profit staff Board members, and volunteers to improve program delivery, governance and leadership, and support individuals to become involved as active citizens, volunteers and community leaders.

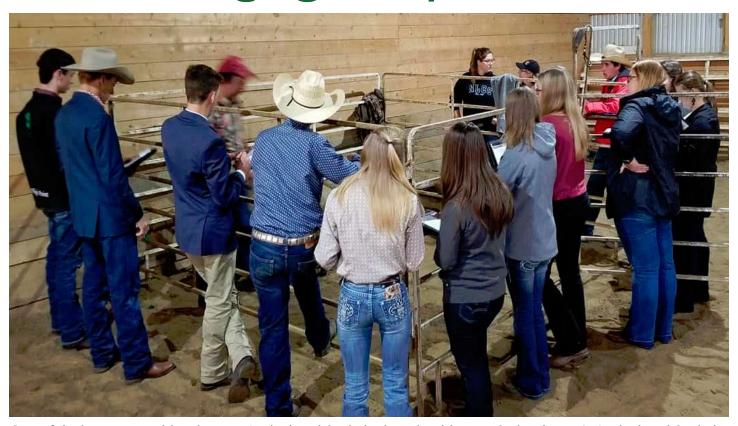
"CIF strengthens capacity of communities through effective investments in community-based initiatives," Parks, Culture and Sort Minister Gene Makowsky said. "Providing a future of vibrant, resilient, sustainable and proud Saskatchewan communities across our province."

"The supports and services that these programs provide are integral for the health and happiness of our province," expressed Tacey Mann, Executive Director of the Community Initiatives Fund. "CIF's priorities reflect the eight inter-connected domains of the Saskatchewan index of wellbeing, working towards improving the quality of life of all Saskatchewan residents."

The CIF is a Special Purpose Fund created through The Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation Act and managed by a government appointed board of community volunteers. A complete list of the grant recipients and their programs, as well as information about the Community Initiatives Fund can be found at www.cifsask.org.



# Moosomin Hosts 4H Provincial Judging Competition



One of the best partnerships that our Agricultural Societies have is with 4 H. Saskatchewan's Agricultural Societies have been working with Saskatchewan's 4 H for over 100 years and our Agricultural Societies continue to work with 4 H by hosting achievement days, as well as the 4 H Provincial Judging Program. Below is an article submitted by 4 H Saskatchewan on the Provincial 4 H Judging competition held in Moosomin.

Advancing from six regional competitions held between April and July, 38 4-H members from all corners of the province met in Moosomin, SK on August 23 and 24, 2019 for the Saskatchewan 4-H Provincial Judging competition, presented by title sponsor: Viterra. Despite over 2" of rain pouring down, it didn't dampen their spirits, and the weekend was a success. Participants learned a lot as they competed in seven different judging classes over the two days. Competitive judging is a great opportunity to develop critical thinking skills and to help train and educate future judges for the livestock industry!

The program began on Friday evening with a supper, orientation, and the first judging class: Cheddar Cheese sponsored by Saputo. On Saturday, the majority of the competition was held at Second Wind Stables where our participants judged yearling beef bulls, market lambs, performance quarter horses, native pasture grasses, grain, and a mystery class: cut flowers. Participants also completed a quiz testing their knowledge on all of the categories.

After the judging was complete, participants attended an awards banquet held at the Moosomin Legion Hall with a meal sponsored by Plains Midstream Canada. During the program, top judges in each category were recognized.

Cheddar Cheese - Jessica Davey

Grains - Justin Harcourt

Beef - Wyatt Dyck

Market Lamb - Wyatt Millar

Grass - Emily Letendre

Horse - Doug Sroka Cut Flowers - Leah Libke Quiz - Ellen Keys

Finally, the top place competitors were announced (aggregate scores). The top eight finalists will form Team 4-H Saskatchewan. They will move on to compete against other provincial 4-H and collegiate teams at Canadian National 4-H & Youth Judging Competition during Agribition in November.

Top Place Overall Competitors:

Kyle Kirzinger, Viscount 4-H Beef Club Faith Stevens, Catherwood Beef & Sheep 4-H Club Doug Sroka, Maidstone Gully Multiple 4-H Club Justin Harcourt, Tisdale 4-H Beef Club Leah Libke, Prime Cuts 4-H Beef Club Wyatt Dyck, Wymark Drylanders 4-H Club Calvin Murphy, Whitewood 4-H Beef Club Brock McGonigal, Rockglen Multiple 4-H Club

#### Alternates

- 9. Cadence Haaland, Hanley 4-H Beef Club
- 10. Kennedy Libke, Prime Cuts 4-H Beef Club
- 11. Shelby Robinson, Lomond 4-H Beef & Homecrafts Club
- 12. Erin Casey, Abbey-Lancer 4-H Beef Club

The top eight finalists will form Team 4-H Saskatchewan. They will move on to compete against other provincial 4-H and collegiate teams at Canadian National 4-H & Youth Judging Competition during Agribition in November.





There were many people who made the weekend a success:

Thank you to the Whitewood Hosting Committee June Mebs (Chairperson), Carolyn McCormack, Lenora Griemann, Darlene Fisk, Lori-lynn Brehaut, Jennalee Beutler, and the many volunteers who helped make the day a success. Thank you to all competitors for travelling to the event, and for our team chaperones: Louise Sroka, Charlene Fox, Christine Runn, André Mailloux, Carolyn McCormack and Kimberly Simpson.

Thank you to our judges and livestock providers Jared McTavish (Yearling Beef Bulls), Kayla Englot (Light Horse),

John Lewis (Market Lambs), Brad Lindahl (Grains), Etienne Soulodre (Native pasture), Melodi Hawkesford-Lee (Cheddar Cheese, Cut Flowers).

Thank you to our title sponsor Viterra and Cheddar Cheese class sponsor, Saputo. Thank you to all of our 4-H Saskatchewan provincial program partners, and local sponsors (Gold: Plains Midstream Canada; Silver: Zoetis Animal Health Canada, Ottenbreit Meats, and Borderland Co-op). We're fortunate to have generous supporters.

Lastly, thank you to SAASE (Saskatchewan Association of Agriculture Societies and Exhibitions) and the hosting committees in Swift Current, Saskatoon, Weyburn, Whitewood, Prince Albert and Lloydminster for partnering with 4-H to offer competitive judging events. Judging is a great way to develop critical thinking skill. All 4-H members are encouraged to attend regional judging in the spring/summer of 2020 for their chance to move on to provincials next year.



# Regina to Host CAFE/SAASE Convention November 11 - 13, 2020

It is SAASE's 100th Anniversary as a Provincial Association in 2020 and we are going to celebrate. SAASE will be partnering with the Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions on the 2020 CAFE convention being hosted in Regina. The convention will take place November 11 - 13, 2020. The host hotel is the Doubletree by Hilton - Hotel and Conference Centre in Regina. The hotel address is 1975 Broad St. - Regina, SK - S4P 1Y2. Telephone - 1 (306) 525-6767. Room rates are \$129 plus taxes per night. The rate is good for a 2 Queen Bed Room or a 1 King Bed Room. Book your rooms early by calling the Doubletree or going to the Convention link at http://bit.ly/CAFE-2020. If calling quote the booking code CAF.

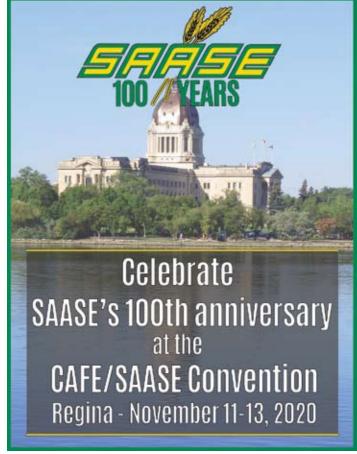
The convention committee from both CAFE and SAASE are already working very hard on putting together a great program. SAASE is working on putting together a funding package



SAASE's Glen Duck announces the 2020 Convention in Regina at the CAFE Convention in Halifax

to help offset the cost of the registration to the convention for SAASE's Agricultural Societies. The opportunity to attend the national convention right here in Saskatchewan, as well as SAASE partnering with CAFE, is a tremendous opportunity for our Agricultural Societies. With that in mind we want to have as many delegates from Saskatchewan attend the convention.

We will certainly have a much better update on the funding that will be available for the conference, as well as more details on the convention itself, at the Regional Meetings that will be taking place in March. The 2020 CAFE/SAASE convention is less than a year away and that will go by quickly. Make plans now to be part of celebration that will be taking place November 11 - 13, 2020 in Regina. See you there.



#### Volunteers Celebrated at SAASE Convention

The SAASE Convention and Annual Meeting was held in Prince Albert at the Prince Albert Exhibition Convention Centre, hosted by the Prince Albert Exhibition - March 1 - 2... Each year, in conjunction with the convention, SAASE recognizes the volunteers that have contributed so much to our Agricultural Societies and their communities through the SaskEnergy Volunteer Champion Awards.

This year's awards banquet took place on Saturday March 2, and we were fortunate to have a number of dignitaries attend the luncheon. Nadine Wilson - MLA for Saskatchewan Rivers, Joe Hargrave - MLA for Prince Albert Carlton and Minister of Crown Investments Corporation and Minister responsible for SGI and Greg Dionne - Mayor of Prince Albert.

This year awards were presented to the Volunteer of the Year, SAASE Honorary Life Members, Agricultural Society Anniversary Awards and Achievement of the Year. The Anniversary Awards were presented to the Prince Albert Exhibition for 135 Years and the Rosthern Ag. Society for 120 Years of continuous service to their communities.

The Honorary Life Membership award is based on a member's lifetime contribution to the

The Rosthern Ag. Society accepts the 120 Year Anniversary Award



From Left to Right - Jocleyn Ritchie (SAASE President), Nadine Wilson (MLA for Saskatchewan Rivers), Linda Wright (Honorary Life Member from the Vanscoy Agricultural Society and Joe Hargrave (MLA for Prince Albert Carlton)



local Agricultural Society, to the community in which they live, to the Province of Saskatchewan and, where applicable, to the national scene. This year SAASE would like to congratulate Linda Wright from the Vanscoy Agricultural Society. Linda has worked tirelessly to make her community a better place and is very deserving of receiving SAASE's Honorary Life Membership Award.

The Volunteer of the Year award is an award that may be presented annually. The volunteer of the Year is based on leadership qualities, innovative ideas and exceptional service to the Agricultural Society, as well as involvement or



Linda Cheney accepts the Volunteer of rht Year Award - Linda Wright accepts the Volunteer of the Year Award on behalf of Linda Stevens



Members of the Swift Current Ag & Ex accept the SAASE/SaskEnergy Achievement of the Year Award

Nadine Wilson - MLA for Saskatchewan Rivers addresses SAASE delegates



Members of the Vanscoy Ag Society accept the SAASE/SaskEnergy Achievement of the Year Award

participation in agricultural society related industry and knowledge of and dedication to. The year's Volunteers of the Year were Linda Stevens and Linda Cheney from the Vanscoy Agricultural Society.

The Achievements of the Year went to the Swift Current Ag. & Ex for being named the Not for Profit Business of the Year in Swift current and the Vanscoy Agricultural Society for working with Deliisle on "Bringing Back the Fair".

Congratulations to all of our winners and thanks to those Agricultural Societies that submitted nominations. SAASE would like to thank SaskEnergy for their continued involvement with the Volunteer Champion Award Program and helping us to recognize the hard working volunteers that make our communities the great places that they are to live.



Members of the Prince Albert Exhibition accepts the 135 Year Anniversary Award



Prince Albert Mayor - Greg Dionne brings greetings from the City of Prince Albert

# Venture Projects 2019 Changes Made to Venture Project Program for 2019

The Venture Project program has been one of the cornerstones of SAASE's provincial programming. One of the big challenges in starting a new event for Agricultural Societies is the risk of financial loss on that event. The Venture Project program was set up to help out the development of a new event or the enhancement of an existing event by supplying seed money to get the project going. There are countless events that have been helped out with the seed money that have been tremendously successful and continue to operate as stand alone events today.

There have been few changes to the program since it's inception almost 20 years ago and the SAASE Board of Directors felt it was time to make some changes to the program. An additional challenge that new events have – that the SAASE Board of Directors wanted to address – was that it is sometimes hard to evaluate an event after just one year. If events were funded for more than 1 year it would relieve additional pressure on the Agricultural Society going forward.

Projects under the new program may be eligible for funding of up to 3 years. Funding for the first year would be eligible for up to 50% of eligible expenses – 35% of eligible expenses for the second year – 15% of eligible expenses for the third year. The maximum amount of support would be \$10,000 per application. If applying for more than 1 year for the same project, SAASE would require an additional application each year, with a financial statement showing the results of the previous year. There will be one deadline for applications – December 1. Applications will be approved on merit and qualifications and funded within the limits of the funds available for Venture Projects. Applications received after the deadline will be evaluated on a first come first served basis and will be funded based on any funds remaining from the December 1st deadline.

#### 3 Year Project Requests:

For the initial application – the Agricultural Society will submit a 3 year budget with the projected income and expenses. In year 2 and 3 of the applications – after the event has taken place – the Agricultural Society will complete the year 2 and 3 applications, which include submitting the budget with actual numbers versus the budgeted numbers with an explanation on the variance, as well as including any changes that will be made in the project going forward to improve the event.

Upon completion of the project, a report must be submitted. This report will include an evaluation of how well the project achieved the stated objectives, any deviation from the original plan and should be accompanied by a financial statement of the project. Payment will be made within thirty days to the maximum approved in the application. SAASE will pay out a total of 75% of the approved amount, with the additional 25% being paid out once a presentation has been made at the SAASE Annual convention.

These were pretty major changes to the program, but SAASE has seen some great uptake, as we have a number of 2 and 3 year projects that have been approved. If you have any questions or ideas for a new project - talk to Glen at the SAASE office.



## Vanscoy and Delisle Partner on Fair

The Vanscoy & District Agricultural Society just celebrated their 36th annual Fair on September 7th. This was our Year 2 in the Venture Project and our continuing theme was, "Bring Back the Fair." We had an incredible turnout, great weather, fantastic entertainment, and an increase in exhibits/memberships.

One of our main goals this year with our Venture Project was to increase participation of youth and school exhibits. We are very proud to announce that we did it! We had 57 student memberships issued from the Delisle Elementary School and \$129 was awarded to these students! Working alongside their art teacher, Mrs. Langford, was a pleasure and it was such a great experience for the children in the community to come and view their exhibits on display.

Our second goal was to increase our committee members/volunteers. Recently, our Agricultural Society purchased a stand alone banner that we placed at the entrance of the Senior Center at our Exhibitor Hall alongside a table that had a recruitment page with it for individuals to take home. On this slip it had information about what we do, our events, and different roles that need support within our group. We listed our next event (Turkey Bingo) along with our AGM date and time. We were successful at recruiting one member this year during the event and a couple former volunteers came back to join us this year at the Fair. We are still eagerly searching for volunteers but are hopefully a few more will join before the end of the year.





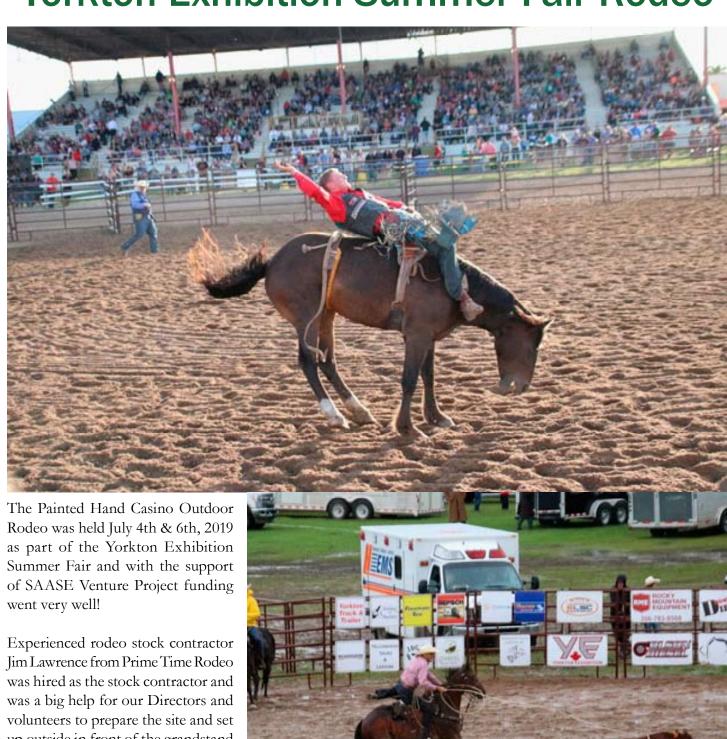


Our last goal was to continue to demonstrate that we are a viable and active group in our community that promotes rural living in our community. Our 2019 Fair was our best in years. It was a fun filled event that we worked with the Delisle & District Recreation Board to bring Fall Fest 2019 to our local community. The partnership is the best

of both worlds as we need each other to continue on. This year was similar to last, it was a three day lead up to our Fair that consisted of a Senior Supper, Community Registration/Meet the Teacher night, Exhibit drop offs/Family Dance evening, a parade (which we were part of), and a day filled with the Fair, a street market, children's entertainment (balloon twister, clown, games, and a petting zoo), family bingo and a cake that best described our partnership! The Fall Fest week ended with a community church service and a pancake breakfast on Sunday. Many new families came in to look at our exhibits and we all heard a vast amount of chatter surrounding, "Oh, I'm going to enter this next year..." Words like that are music to our ears as we are obviously making our presences known and bringing back the fair.



## Yorkton Exhibition Summer Fair Rodeo



up outside in front of the grandstand for two great shows.

The chutes, pens and arena were set up directly across from the grandstand and the announcer booth along with the timers and judges were located in the infield on the East side of the arena. The first performance was held Thursday, July 4th at 7:00 p.m. and filled the stands. We complemented the rodeo with some



kids events including mutton busting and wild pony races. We did have some issues with the dirt and arena sand, but after much discussion necessary steps will be taken in 2020 to have the best surface possible for competitors. We also had a beer garden to the North of the grandstand and multiple concessions which helped give our patrons a great outdoor experience! Both the athletes and the stock gave a great performance!

Unfortunately Mother Nature was not kind to us for the Saturday, July 6th performance as we saw a substantial

amount of rain throughout the rodeo performance. While the team roping competitors chose not to go ahead, the rodeo carried on and put on a great show regardless of the rain and mud! Even with the poor weather on Saturday, we received many favourable comments from spectators, competitors and sponsors alike.

We feel the outdoor rodeo is a great addition to our summer fair and are looking forward to 2020 as the Yorkton Exhibition Summer Fair & Outdoor Rodeo falls on July 1st and will be part of our exciting Canada Day celebrations! (Submitted by the Yorkton Exhibition)



Nipawin Brings Back 4H Horse Show

This year marked the first year of the Nipawin 4H Horse Show! The last time the 4H show took place was back in 1995. We had some members on our Light Horse Committee who had previously competed in the show, and they put in a lot of input as to how we could bring it back. Member numbers were also increasing in the local 4H clubs for horse projects, and the Committee thought it would be a good stepping stone for 4H members to experience the show atmosphere without the competitiveness of an open show environment.

First and foremost, we wanted to emphasize the 4H motto - "Learn to do by doing". We knew some of these kids would have never set foot inside a show pen before, so we purposely made it low-key to ease any intimidation. There were 3 show classes and 3 gymkhana classes offered, which allowed 4H members to try a little bit of everything. To introduce the 4Hers to new events, we had a reining



demonstration performed by our judge Henry Schellenberg, as well as a goat tying demonstration by local High School Rodeo competitors Sarah and Lauren Demmans. During the afternoon clubs were able to participate in the Nipawin Parade, and after that Henry Schellenberg led a horsemanship clinic for all the 4H members.

The classes had a points-based system, which allowed for some friendly competition among clubs. Whoever had the most points by the end of the day won a trophy, which is actually the resurrected trophy from previous 4H Shows. All competitors

also received prizes, thanks to our generous sponsors.



As the Light Horse Director, my goal was to have at least 2 clubs participate, so we would be able to have a competition. We ended up with 5 clubs being represented from North-East Saskatchewan, and 15 members participating. This was excellent to see, and we received a lot of positive feedback from members who want to come again next year!

Our goals for next year are to extend the invitation to clubs outside of the North-East area, as well as bring in more members from clubs who have competed already. We would love to be able to offer more prizes and opportunities for 4H members to showcase their skills.

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## Biggar Ag Days a Huge Success

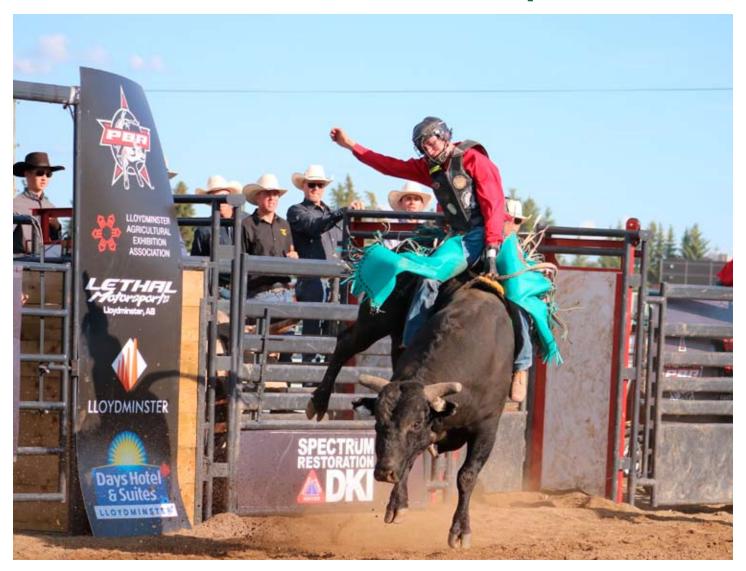


Biggar and District Agricultural Days was held in Biggar Recreation Valley June 29, 30 & July 1, 2019. The weekend activities started off with the SHF sanctioned horse show with record number of entries in the valley. Flora Shenlee provided a delicious Supper in the Valley which was well attended. The traditional Filipino cuisine along with western options was a hit! The kids cabaret was fun for kids of all ages, face painting, games, prizes, bouncy castle and soccer field made it a great night for everyone. Throughout the weekend we had a variety of Agricultural vendors attend and set up in the valley along with the tradeshow. The weekend was both educational and a celebration of our western culture, something to enjoy when the hard work of farming gives us a break.

The Renowned Red White Gold Slot Race and Jackpot was held on Sunday and did not disappoint. Part of the day was a Trick Riding demonstration and dummy roping competition. These activities were new to many people attending this year and equally enjoyed. We wound up the weekend with a Canada Day celebration to pay honour to the great country we live it. Great weekend overall!



## Bikes and Bulls Finishes Up 3rd Year



The Lloydminster Exhibition's Bikes and Bulls was the first 3 year Venture project that the SAASE board of Directors approved. The SAASE Board felt that moving the Venture Project program to allow a project to be approved for 3 years would give the Agricultural Society a better opportunity to make the project succeed Since then both Nipawin and Vanscoy have been approved for 3 year projects. SAASE budgets money every year for the Venture Project program and all of our Agricultural Societies are encouraged to apply if you have a new program or are wanting to enhance an existing program. Below is the report submitted by the Lloydminster Exhibition for their Bulls and Bikes event.

The Lloydminster Agricultural Exhibition Association (LAEA) was approached by 2 prominent local stock contractors in 2017 to discuss the Canadian bucking bull industry. They had indicated that there is a need for more events and activities that involve bucking bull development in Canada. Through our conversations a program was developed that will support and enhance the Canadian bucking bull industry and its continued development. The event is held during our Colonial Days Fair program on the Friday night.

The event filled the void that was created when we made a significant change in our fair programming, where we removed Chuckwagon racing from the schedule. We replaced 3 days of wagon racing with 2 days of Monster Truck and Tuff truck shows. Although this was successful, it did leave a void with our rural sector. The new event satisfied that rural sector and, being an extreme event, it proved to be a large draw for the urban sector and brought them to a Canadian bucking bull event.

We had a very successful year three. 52-2 year old bulls were bucked in the morning/afternoon with a decent crowd. We were able to have CFCW come on board again and be a major media sponsor which gave our event even better exposure. We were also able to offer a 'behind the chutes' experience for major sponsors and that was extremely successful – we will be continue this feature every year.



We continued with a ladies division which saw 6 ladies compete. The women had to flank their own bulls and this component is becoming more popular at other bull bucking events.

We had our PBR event later in the evening starting at 6pm. We had a great evening of outstanding performance that left the crowd on the edge of their seats. We had a long go of 25 riders and then a short go of the top 10. It made for a great evening. We had a packed house and grandstand for the evening performance and great weather to crown our champion.

We thank SAASE for the support of this new event over the past 3 years that has made our fair that much better.



### Nipawin Finishes up Year 2 of Venture Project



\$700.00 but the Nipawin Lions Club sponsored that for us.

We had a few kid's decorate their bikes and qualify to win cool prizes donated by Abrahams Grocery. There was not a lot of interest though so not sure we will try that again next year or add it to the festivities afterwards maybe?

We had budgeted \$1000.00 and our only cost was for paper supplies and wooden stakes to Handiworks for \$111.00. Everything else was donated including Thank You donuts bought by Demmans Janitorial for the RCMP (for sending so many officers to march on such a hot day), and Thomas Motors and Pines Power Sports for the use of their quads.

We had so much fun planning that we hope to make the parade even bigger and better next year.





## Queen City Ex - The Farm

The Queen City Ex in Regina has been working at bringing agriculture back to their fair. SAASE have been working with them - helping them out wherever we can as far as resources are concerned. Below is a summary of how the second year went.

2019 marked the second year that the Queen City Exhibition has brought Agriculture back to our summer fair. Last year The Farm utilized a space of roughly 10,000 square feet. This year The Farm expanded to use a space



of 43,615 square feet. Granted the entire area wasn't used for The Farm it was still a marked increase in terms of the overall footprint. This year the area focused on three main components: Friendly Farm Petting Zoo, Safety at the Farm



and an Entertainment Zone.

The Friendly Farm Petting Zoo was a massive success! It was by far one of our most bustling areas and our initial feedback has been extremely positive. People of all ages were able to pet, feed and ask all types of questions regarding how the animals are being raised and cared for (as well as many more). It was largely an urban population that took in The Farm so people that



aren't very aware, or familiar with, agriculture were able to learn more about farm animals. The staff of Ol' McDale's was extremely insightful and always able to answer questions.

Safety at the Farm was in integral part of the 2019 Queen City Ex. The Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA) brought an interactive table top display, SaskPower displayed an electrical safety demonstration (including over-head dangers) and Mosaic brought a wealth of information regarding potash, its utility and safety surrounding the mineral.

The Entertainment Zone included the Magic Bean Show, Kids Petal Tractor, Sunflower Saddle Ranch and Inflatable Corn Maze. This area was fantastic for kids to release some energy and be in a "farm-like" setting. The Magic Bean



show in particular was educational in nature and generally well attended.

Next year, we'd like to increase the exposure of Crops at the Farm. With more support from local and provincial agencies there is room to plan more programming in relation to crops that are grown locally, their value provincially, domestically and internationally in addition to increased awareness a n d understanding of the role that our local crops play in the economy.

## Vanscoy Host Pulse Workshop



## WINTER PULSE SOCIAL

Featuring a 4 course sampling of Split Pea Soup, Lentil Balls, Bean Chili, and Black Bean Brownies

### Family Friendly | Silver Collection

Megan Schmidt, Certified Health Coach, will be the guest speaker and sample chef.





On Sunday, March 3rd the Vanscoy & District Agricultural Society hosted their first ever Winter Pulse Social. This event was a huge success with 50 individuals attending! We had a local Health Coach, Megan Schmidt, who was our guest speaker and sample chef. She prepared four samples and spoke about the health benefits of pulses along with the preparation of the samples.

Our four course sampling included a Split Pea Soup, Lentil Balls, Bean Chili, and Black Bean Brownies. Pulse Canada and Saskatchewan Pulse Growers donated recipe booklets for our participants to take home along with the





four recipes that they tested at our event. Brian Beznoska, a local farmer, and Allan Wagner, from Prairie Pulse Inc., grew/ donated the lentils for our event. There was enough for a small sample bag of split red lentils for each participant to take home as well. We served coffee, tea, and juice at our event and had a children's corner that a couple our youth members set up with their very own toys and games! It was a family fun event that we hosted for 1.5 hours and was a great social for our community.

We applied for a Venture Project Grant that helped cover some of our expenses for the Senior Center rental along with our guest speaker. The assistance of their grant made our new venture possible and we greatly appreciated the extra support. Many community members complemented us on this new workshop idea and are hoping to see more.





## 8th Annual Saskatchewan Equine Expo

SASKATOON, Saskatchewan – Prairieland Park, with partners the Saskatchewan Horse Federation and the Western College of Veterinary Medicine want to thank everyone who came to the 8th Annual Saskatchewan Equine Expo.

The weekend showcased the diversity of the equine industry with demonstrations, competitions and information sessions. The very first Off Track Thoroughbred Challenge was a huge success attracting horses and riders from across the province who presented their retired racehorse in a new discipline. These outstanding horses and riders proved the versatility of the Thoroughbred breed and their own personal training abilities. Results of the OTTB Challenge can be found on our website at www. saskatchewanequineexpo.com

The very popular NAERIC Trainer Challenge saw three outstanding young horsemen demonstrate their own methods with three young horses. At the end of the good natured competition Amos Abrahamson from Maple Creek, Saskatchewan took home the trophy buckle and the title of Trainer Challenge Champion. Scott Todd and Jason Irwin were presented with custom made bits from Wilm Saddlery, and prizes from Back On Track.

The weekend was filled with information and entertainment for the horse enthusiast, and the trade show offered a wide variety of equine products as well as western clothing and décor.

This weekend saw just over 8000 attendees to the show, demonstrations and the trade show.



## Regina Brings the Rodeo to the Fair

2019 marked the inaugural year of the Queen City Exhibition Pile O' Bones Rodeo. The three day event was a major undertaking and overall it was also a major success. Each night the average attendance of the Rodeo was above 2,100. Considering that there were countless other places for guests to spend their time we consider this attendance to be above average for year one.

With the help of the C5 Rodeo Company Inc. and Canadian Western Agribition our REAL team was able to put together a pro rodeo that we could all



feel proud of. We are of the opinion that year one was our launching pad and that moving forward there is so much that we can adjust and refine in order to put on the best event possible!

By bringing in world class stock, athletes, announcers and organizers, the Pile O' Bones Rodeo ran seamlessly and captivated the audience with a powerful pyro display and opening ceremony that paid homage to the history of Regina



and why it was once referred to as Pile of Bones. This event was unique to Regina and this helped make it our own. The acknowledgement that Regina is situated on Treaty 4 land and an indigenous pow wow dancer helped to solidify the Pile O' Bones Rodeo as uniquely our own. With three full evenings of heart-pounding excitement this event did not disappoint. From the collective gasps of the crowd when a bareback horse would toss it's rider to the comedic relief brought on by the Announcer there was something for everyone to enjoy.

## **Battlefords Ag Society Hosts Agrimex**

This year our Agrimex Farm, Trade and Home Show took place on April 4,5 and 6. We had over 100 exhibitors with a wide variety of items. From innovations in farming, home improvement ideas, financial institutions and some thing for everyone.

Thanks to SAASE venture project we added a few new components to our show. On Friday we had a Succession Planning workshop free of charge. The participation was good and we hope to continue this in future shows. There was also a great family component added with bouncy houses, pony rides, a petting zoo and pictures



with live bunnies for Easter. Everyone with smaller children was very pleased to have more for their families to do during the event.

There was a free pancake breakfast for everyone on Saturday morning. After breakfast our exhibitors were overrun with patrons and very happy. Although the weather did not cooperate on Saturday all in all it was a successful show. Thanks SAASE for the opportunity to make this a community event. (Submitted by the Battlefords Ag Society)



# Year at a Glance - 2019

- Almost \$400,000 was disbursed in support of events, programs and the development of new events happening throughout the year in more than 60 communities.
- 2019 Annual Convention was hosted in Prince Albert and was a tremendous success
- The Clark and Anne Lewis Scholarships and West Coast Amusements Dalgliesh Family Scholarships were awarded to Rayna Yasieniuk from Battlefords, Reilly Mackay from Nokomis, Jackson Goudy from Stoughton and Andie Hidlebaugh from Nipawin.
- Venture Projects continue to provide the greatest opportunity to influence the direction of SAASE members. The fund assists in the development of events, programming and communities around Saskatchewan \$45,000 is allocated to the development of these great new events. There have been a number of 3 year projects that have been approved, with the changes that were made to the program in 2018.
- SAASE has in place a new 5 year agreement with SaskLotteries and the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport the agreement has been renewed beginning in 2019.
- SAASE in partnership with the Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions will be hosting the 2020 SAASE/CAFE convention in Regina November 11 13. SAASE will host a series of Regional Meetings throughout Saskatchewan to engage our members in March.
- The Apprentice Judge Program continues to be an excellent way for junior judges coming out of the 4 H program to gain experience in the show ring. A number of our members used the program in 2019 and we hope that other members get involved in 2020.
- The Food for Saskatchewan-Food for the World provincial agricultural education program has been on the road the display will be constantly evolving as new partners are introduced in the program. The display visited Agricultural Education events and fairs across Saskatchewan including Canadian Western Agribition, Ag in the City and the Ministry of Agriculture's Food Farms. The educational modules are available to our members, with SAASE continuing to look for new partnerships on the program. In 2019 SAASE was able to replace the truck used for the Safety Day program and Agricultural Education program through the generous support of our Provincial partners SaskPower and Mosaic.
- The Provincial Safety Day program is an excellent program to get the community and corporate partners involved with your Agricultural Society, while teaching our youth about safety. Each year over 500 volunteers donating 6,000 hours to teach 5,000 students about what they can do to stay safe. Thanks to all our provincial corporate partners for their support and we look forward to keeping our youth safe in 2020. The Provincial 4 H Judging competition was held in Moosomin in 2019, with the winners moving on to Canadian Western Agribition.
- The SAASE/SaskEnergy Volunteer Champion Awards were presented at the SAASE convention in Prince Albert. SAASE would like to thank SaskEnergy for their continued support of the program that recognizes contributions made by our volunteers.
- SAASE continued to strengthen relationships with other Provincial Associations, the Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions, the International Association of Fairs and Exhibitions, as well as other provincial, community and corporate partners.

## SAASE Financial Statements For the year ended - November 30, 2019



#### **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, 2019, 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, 2019 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.

#### 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 our 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 my 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 6, 2020

Chartered Professional Accountant

Robert D Syouther

## Saskatchewan Association of Agriculture Societies and Exhibitions Inc. Statement of Financial Position

As at November 30, 2019

	Operating Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2019	Operating Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2018
Acceta	T UTIU	runa	2013	Tunu	Tuna	2010
Assets						
Current Cash	91,554		91,554	58,820		58,820
Investments (Note 3)	14,160	503,599	517,759	88,896	500,029	588,925
Accounts receivable	24,600	303,333	24,600	5,000	500,029	5,000
GST receivable	7,886	_	7,886	3,441	_	3,441
Prepaid expense	1,767		1,767	5, <del>44</del> 1	-	3, <del>44</del> 1
1 Topala expense	1,707		1,707			
	139,967	503,599	643,566	156,157	500,029	656,186
Capital assets (Note 4)	76,139	-	76,139	39,501	_	39,501
	216,106	503,599	719,705	195,658	500,029	695,687
Liabilities						
Current						
Accounts payable	-	-	-	1,993	-	1,993
Deferred contributions (Note 5)	82,462	253,599	336,061	51,350	250,029	301,379
	82,462	253,599	336,061	53,343	250,029	303,372
Net Assets						
Appropriated surplus (Note 6)	_	250,000	250,000	_	250,000	250,000
Unappropriated surplus	133,644	-	133,644	142,315	200,000	142,315
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	133,644	250,000	383,644	142,315	250,000	392,315
	216,106	503,599	719,705	195,658	500,029	695,687

Approved on behalf of the Board	
Director	Director

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

For the year ended November 30, 2019

	Operating	Restricted	Total	Operating	Restricted	Total
	Fund	Fund	2019	Fund	Fund	2018
Revenue						
Membership	18,528	-	18,528	19,273	-	19,273
Interest income	9,052	-	9,052	3,014	-	3,014
Convention	9,342	-	9,342	15,818	-	15,818
2020 CAFE/SAASE Convention	14,616	-	14,616	-	-	
Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund	77,000	232,985	309,985	77,000	232,985	309,985
Provincial Ag display	73,109	-	73,109	64,271	-	64,27
Farm Safety program (Schedule)	45,700	-	45,700	55,500	-	55,500
Workshop	-	-	-	22,331	-	22,33
Other income	5,995	-	5,995	<u>-</u>		
	253,342	232,985	486,327	257,207	232,985	490,192
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Expenses						
Administration	3,367	-	3,367	3,670	-	3,670
Amortization	19,035	-	19,035	9,875	-	9,875
Operations	26,690	-	26,690	29,390	-	29,390
Professional services	67,965	-	67,965	64,845	-	64,84
Programs and communication	12,527	-	12,527	11,196	-	11,19
Convention	13,065	-	13,065	15,652	-	15,65
Marketing campaign	4,320	-	4,320	5,697	-	5,69
Scholarship	6,500	-	6,500	3,500	-	3,50
Saskatchewan Agricultural Society Program	-	247,174	247,174	-	227,695	227,69
Provincial Ag display	23,194	-	23,194	28,169	-	28,169
Workshop	13,176	-	13,176	20,711	-	20,71
Farm Safety program (Schedule)	57,985	-	57,985	60,991	-	60,99
	247,824	247,174	494,998	253,696	227,695	481,39 <sup>2</sup>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over						
expenses	5,518	(14,189)	(8,671)	3,511	5,290	8,801
Net assets, beginning of the year	142,315	250,000	392,315	133,514	250,000	383,514
Interfund transfers	(14,189)	14,189	-	5,290	(5,290)	
Net assets, end of the year	133,644	250,000	383,644	142,315	250,000	392,315

## Saskatchewan Association of Agriculture Societies and Exhibitions Inc. Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended November 30, 2019

	2019	2018
Cash provided by (used for) the following activities		
Operating activities		
Excess of revenues over expenses	(8,671)	8,801
Amortization	19,035	9,875
Gain on disposal of capital assets	5,995	-
Net change in non-cash working capital balances		
Accounts receivable	(19,600)	500
GST recoverable	(4,445)	(2,018)
Prepaid expenses	(1,767)	-
Accounts payable	(1,993)	-
Deferred contributions	34,682	21,523
	11,246	38,681
Investing activities		
Acquisition of capital assets	(66,678)	_
Proceeds on disposal of capital assets	17,000	-
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	(49,678)	-
Increase in cash resources	(38,432)	38,681
Cash resources, beginning of year	647,745	609,064
Cash resources, end of year	609,313	647,745
Cash consists of the following:		
Cash in bank	04.554	E0 000
Term deposits	91,554 517,759	58,820 588,925
Cash resources, end of year	609,313	647,745

## Saskatchewan Association of Agriculture Societies and Exhibitions Inc. Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended November 30, 2019

#### 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.

#### 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.

	Rate
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.

#### Income taxes

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

## Saskatchewan Association of Agriculture Societies and Exhibitions Inc. Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended November 30, 2019

#### 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 May 8, 2020 (2018 - December 2018 to April 2019), earning interest at 2.35% (2018 - 0.50% and 1.10%).

#### 4. Capital assets

	Cost	Accumulated amortization	2019 Net book value	2018 Net book value
Vehicles Project Display	66,678 75,778	13,336 52,981	53,342 22,797	11,004 28,497
	142,456	66,317	76,139	39,501

## Saskatchewan Association of Agriculture Societies and Exhibitions Inc. Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended November 30, 2019

#### Deferred contributions

	Saskatchewan Lotteries	Tourism Saskatchewan	Ag Society	Provincial Display Capital Grant	Activity Book	Total
Opening balance	215,985	-	20,294	51,350	13,750	301,379
Funding received in 2019	309,985	19,500	250,000	50,000		629,485
Revenue recognized in 2019	(309,985)	(13,177)	(246,430)	(25,211)	-	(594,803)
	215,985	6,323	23,864	76,139	13,750	336,061

#### 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. 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, 2019

#### 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.

#### 8. 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.

#### 9. 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, 2019

	2019	2018
Revenue	'	
Communities Initiative Fund	18,400	20,000
Communities Initiative Fund holdback	4,600	5,000
Canadian Agricultural Safety Association	700	10,500
Ministry of Agriculture	20,000	20,000
Other	2,000	<u>-</u>
	45,700	55,500
Expenses		
Society payouts & nutritional breaks	34,770	38,430
Resource materials	1,283	1,375
Safety Day co-ordinator	8,825	7,460
SAASE Safety Day expenses	7,871	7,220
Co-ordinator's workshop	5,236	6,506
	57,985	60,991
Deficiency of revenues over expenses	(12,285)	(5,491)



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