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2021 Membership

Abernethy Ag. Society
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Broadview Ag. Society
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Denzil Ag. Society
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Estevan Exhibition
Fairmede Ag. Society
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Grenfell Ag. Society
Invermay Ag. Society
Kelvington Ag. Society
Kerrobert Ag. Society
Lancer Ag. Society
LaRonge Ag. Society
Lloydminster Exhibition
Maidstone Ag. Society
Maple Creek Ag. Society
Maryfield Ag. Society
Meadow Lake Ag. Society
Melfort Ag. Society
Melville Agri-Park
Moose Jaw Exhibition
Moosomin Ag. Society
Mortlach Ag. Society
Nipawin Ag. Society
Nokomis Ag. Society
Ogema Ag. Society
Perdue Ag. Society
Prince Albert Exhibition
Radisson Ag. Society
Redvers Ag. Society
Regina EVRAZ Place
Rosthern Ag. Society
St. Walburg Ag. Society
Saskatoon Prairieland Park
Shand Ag. Society
Shaunavon Ag. Society
Spiritwood Ag. Society
Stoughton Ag. Society
Swift Current Exhibition
Unity Ag. Society
Vanscoy Ag. Society
Weyburn Ag. Society
Whitewood Ag. Society
Yorkton Exhibition

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Our Vision:

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

Our Mission:

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

Our Mantra:

SAASE, Making a Difference

In all that it is and all that it does,
SAASE makes a difference:
For its members and volunteers
For agriculture
For Saskatchewan communities

Member Services

- Provincial marketing campaign
- Agricultural awareness
- Providing educational opportunities
- coordinating services to members
- advocating on behalf of member's interests
- saskatchewan agricultural societies program (SASP)
- saase newsletter
- fair judge program
- apprentice judge program
- agricultural societies manual
- saskenergy volunteer champion awards
- honorary life membership program
- saase annual convention
- agricultural workshops
- Food for saskatchewan-food for the world Agricultural education program
- Access to Professional and industry experts
- Associate member program
- provincial safety day program
- Clark and Anne Lewis scholarships
- Dalgleish Family Scholarships - West Coast Amusements
- Agricultural Societies Economic impact study

Honorary Life Members

SAASE recognizes the outstanding contribution of 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.

2021
Mike Sidoryk, Lloydminster
Myrtle Chambers, Maryfield

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
Irene 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
Marj 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

Executive Director/Board Report

Once again this past year has been a challenge for all of us. The summer brought us a window that allowed some of us to be able to run some events, but as the fall approached once again we were back where we have been for the last couple of years. There were still opportunities to run some events, but it certainly was a challenge. As we enter a new year there is great hope and optimism that we will be able to be the gathering places for our communities to come together.

A number of virtual meetings took place throughout the year with our members to exchange ideas on what our Agricultural Societies were planning, insurance, funding programs available and basically where we were heading. The SAASE Board of Directors met virtually throughout the year as well. SAASE has also been working closely with the other provincial associations from across Canada, as well as the Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions (CAFE) on what other provinces have been doing, as well as what has been happening federally.

Our Agricultural Societies funding through the Saskatchewan Agricultural Societies Program has been secured. The Board of Directors passed a motion that our payouts to our Agricultural Societies for 2021 would be based on the previous 5 year average payouts, as we did in 2020 - membership fees for this year will be deducted from the checks that will be going out. The checks will go out once the Director's Report has been received.

As far as programming this year SAASE, like everyone else, has been very limited in what we can do. The scholarship program took place this year - congratulations to our four recipients - and will take place again in 2022. The Provincial Safety Day Program did not take place last year. We have been working with Progressive Agriculture and our communities that normally host Safety Days on supplying information and resources for them to hold a virtual Safety Day. On a positive note SAASE - in partnership with the Manitoba Provincial Association and CAFE held our annual convention with the national convention. The event was tremendously successful - check out the article within the annual report.

As we move forward into 2022 Saskatchewan's Agricultural Societies will play an enormous role in bringing our communities together. We have always been the heart of our communities. We are all facing the social and economic challenges of the global pandemic, but we as Agricultural Societies will continue to be positive influences in the communities that we serve. Our Agricultural Societies are where our communities come together - we have been that for over 130 years - we will also help the economy recover both economically and socially. We have a great influence on our communities and the province, and we will help the province recover. With that a message of hope from our President - Wade Jensen

Hope is an optimistic state of mind that is based on an expectation of positive outcomes with respect to events and circumstances in one's life or the world at large. As a verb, its definitions include: "expect with confidence" and "to cherish a desire with anticipation."

"Expect with confidence". I expect us to get through this pandemic together, I am confident Ag Societies and Exhibitions that have been the Backbone of the Saskatchewan social structure for nearly one hundred and forty years to be a key piece to bring fellowship and happiness back to our fellow man and woman.

Has this been easy on any of us, I would think NOT. However, we got off a few great events this summer and brought happiness to our communities and we were able to gather for our convention. Do we face additional challenges in the future? We all know the answer is YES. But one of the biggest reasons I am proud to be part of My Ag Society and try so hard is my belief in what we do to make the world and our home towns a better place.

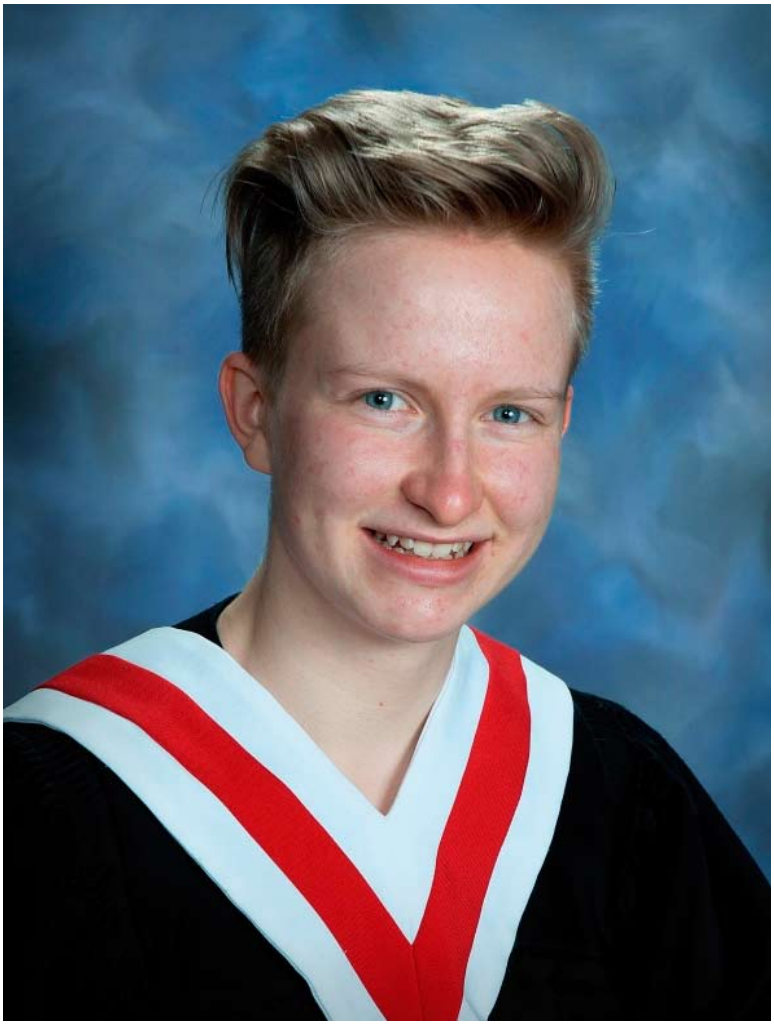
There are many differences in opinions on countless subjects right now These are all things we set aside to bring our communities together under our prairie skies. We will be needed more than ever to create places and events for our communities to rebuild after the dust settles.

I know we all want to "get back to normal" but I think we can agree there will be a new normal on the horizon. It becomes a matter of adaptation, which we will need to share ideas and best practices so that we may all survive and thrive in "the new normal".

I HOPE this message finds you all safe, and I am confident we will make the best of this bad situation. Because that's what we do make lemons into lemonade.

Programs 2021

Scholarship Winners



Rochelle Wright - nominated by the Vanscoy Agricultural Society.

Rochelle is attending the University of Saskatchewan in the Music Program - working towards a Bachelor of Music degree. She is also planning on completing a second degree in Kinesiology. Her long term goal is to work on local and provincial programming to improve and expand health services and educational opportunities to better incorporate music and sport. By engaging others in positive social environments and activities such as music and physical activity, she hopes to offer new coping mechanisms and help others reach their health goals.

Rochelle was very active throughout her time at Delisle Composite School. Her extra-curricular sports included cross-country running, track and field, badminton and soccer. She competed at the district and provincial levels with both the cross country team and track and field. Other extra curricular activities included school concerts, brass and jazz bands, handbell choir and drama/improv group. She performed at school assemblies, holiday events and community gatherings. In addition to participating, Rochelle also volunteered at the Delisle Elementary School Fun Night Fundraiser, her school's track and field and the Student Leadership Council.

Her special activities, interests and hobbies are many and include continuing with her music. She plays piano and trumpet - playing in various community concert groups and jazz bands in the Delisle, Vanscoy and Saskatoon area. She has also competed provincially and placed first in the Colin Gruent Memorial Intermediate Brass Class at Provincial Music Festival in 2018 and 2019. From 2013 - 2020 she was a member of the Vanscoy and Delisle Archery Clubs and competed in the Provincial Junior Olympic Competition in Prince Albert. She has participated in the Melita Summer Theatre Camp. Rochelle has competed in the Saskatchewan Marathon since 2017 - placing first in her age category each year she competed. Recently she has joined the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

In addition to all of her special interests and extra-curricular activities, Rochelle has spent a great deal of time volunteering for numerous community groups. She has volunteered with the Vanscoy and District Agricultural Society - just completing a three year term as President (2017-2020). During that time she assisted

in the planning and running of many community events including the Turkey Bingo, Perennial Exchange and Annual Community Fair. She is also a member of the Vanscoy Multiple 4H club where she has participated in public speaking competitions, judging competitions and youth leadership conferences. She has held various executive positions with the club and worked at many community fundraisers. With both the 4H Club and the Vanscoy Ag. Society she has helped set up, clean up and work community events including bingos, fall suppers, Christmas events - to name a few.

In addition to everything that Rochelle has done - she also found time to babysit over the years. SAASE would like to congratulate Rochelle on being one of this year's scholarship recipients.

Kolby Haynes - nominated by the Biggar Rec Valley Agricultural Society - Kerrobert Agricultural Society

Kolby is attending the University of Saskatchewan and enrolled in the College of Agriculture and Bioresources - working towards a Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness, with the goal of one day opening a business within agriculture.

Like many students the pandemic has made it very difficult for students to participate in many of the activities that normally would have. Kolby is no different. She has been very involved in many extra-curricular activities including playing for the Biggar Central School in the following sports - basketball, volleyball, football, badminton, track and field and cross country. In addition to competing she also volunteered at school sporting events helping our with scoring and refereeing. Kolby also used her involvement with 4 H as extra credit and academically was on the school honor roll for 7 years.

In addition to her extra-curricular activities, Kolby was very involved with her interests and hobbies outside of school. She has been very involved with the Monarch Multiple 4 H Club over the past 12 years.. In that time she has held numerous positions with the club including president, vice president and treasurer. She completed projects in beef, light horse, outdoor adventure and canine. She was the Club public speaking representative to the districts for 3 years. Kolby has been a speaking volunteer at the regionals, as well as competing at the Prairieland Park Junior Ag Showcase as a beef competitor, as well as judge.

She has also volunteered delivering Meals on Wheels on behalf of the Monarch Multiples 4 H Club and has worked bingos in Battleford. Kolby has also volunteered in Biggar's community parks - helping out with spring cleanup and maintenance. Kolby has volunteered for many years with the Biggar Agricultural Society on Country Fairs Days - helping out wherever she could.

Other special interests and hobbies include playing minor hockey in Battleford, Biggar and Elrose, as well as working as both a linesman and referee. She also played minor baseball for 13 years in Biggar and soccer for 3.

It is hard to believe that with everything that Kolby has done - that she had time to work. In addition to working 5 years as a hockey official she also mowed lawns for seniors in her community and worked swathing and baling hay for neighbours. She also was self employed - working 2 years purchasing feeder calves in the spring and selling them in the fall, and for 5 years raised a small herd of commercial and pure bred cattle.

Congratulations to Kolby on being one of this year's SAASE scholarship recipients.

Lynka Itogawa - nominated by the Stoughton Agricultural Society

Lynka is attending the University of Saskatchewan and is enrolled in Animal Science - working towards a Bachelor of Science in animal Science. Upon completion she will enter the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program - becoming a Veterinarian - working with large animals.

Lynka was very involved with extra-curricular activities throughout her career at Stoughton Central School. She played volleyball and basketball, as well as helping out with various school activities including tournaments and fundraisers. She has been very involved with music - having taken piano lessons over the past twelve years. She also plays the guitar and ukulele She has won trophies and scholarships each year at the Redvers Music Festival and began teaching piano lessons a couple of years ago.

In addition to music another of Lynka's passions are horses.. In addition to training them, she also competes in team rodeo events and barrel racing.

Lynka lives on a cattle ranch north of Stoughton and works with her dad helping out with the daily chores, as well as other operations of the ranch. Lynka is part of a first generation immigrant family and has kept her feet planted in both her native Japan and in her new home in Canada. She fluently maintains Japanese and English languages while juggling the differences in culture and traditions.

As well as working on the family ranch, she has worked as a ranch hand - she trains horses - teaches piano and recently worked at the Carlyle A & W. She has also helped out as a volunteer at the Stoughton Vet Clinic. Congratulations to Lynka on being one of this year's scholarship recipients.

Shaelyn Richter - nominated by the Broadview Agricultural Society

Shaelyn is attending the University of Saskatchewan - college of Agriculture and Bioresources - majoring in either Agronomy or Soil Science. Ultimately she wants to work successfully within the agricultural industry working along side her family or farming on her own using the latest in farming technology.

Shaelyn was involved with many extra-curricular activities at Broadview School. She was on the Student Leadership Council - she has also attended WE DAY as a representative for her school. Shaelyn has helped organize, as well as work the school's annual Tele Miracle fundraiser. She also helped out with the Buddy Bandit mentoring program at the Broadview School for younger students. Shaelyn is passionate about drama and has taken on both lead and supporting actor roles. She was also part of the school band - travelling on trips outside the province - including England. Shaelyn was also on the school Honour Roll over the past four years.

Shaelyn also competed in and volunteered in school athletics. She was very active in track and field - shotput, javelin and discus. She played for the school volleyball team and volunteered as linesmen and scorekeeper for volleyball, as well as scorekeeper and videographer for the Bandits football team.
As well as being very active at school - Shaelyn was very active out of school. She was part of the Esterhazy Storm 16U volleyball team - winning gold at provincials and attending the nationals. She was part of the Grenfell Dance Club for 10 years - dancing Tap, Ballet, Contemporary and Hip Hop - she attended many dance competitions, recitals and conventions.

Shaelyn's interests and hobbies include snowmobiling with her family, camping and boating, working on the family farm and spending time with friends.

In addition to her extra-curricular activities, Shaelyn was also very busy volunteering within her community. She has been volunteering with the Broadview Snowbusters Snowmobile Club for the past 6 years and has taken on the roll of Vice President. She has helped out marking the trail system, as well as fundraisers for the club. She volunteers every year at the Broadview Community Fall Supper, as well as at the community craft show. She also helped organize an "Adopt a Window" event in which murals were painted on the windows of the Care Home.

As far as jobs are concerned - Shaelyn worked on the family farm since she was 13 - rock picking, rolling fields, swathing, combining, as well as hauling grain. She has also worked at the Legacy Inn in Grenfell and the Sunset Beach convenience Store at Crooked Lake. Congratulations to Shaelyn on being one of this year's SAASE scholarship recipients.

Lloydminster Hosts Provincial 4 H 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 4 H Judging competition held in Lloydminster.

It was a fantastic weekend in Lloydminster at the Provincial 4-H Judging Competition held August 21 & 22, 2021. The event had 38 competitors representing five teams from across the province. For many, it was their first time as Provincial Judging competitors. There were seven classes judged throughout the day consisting of Grains, Beef Bulls, Beef Heifers, Light Horses, Goats, Chicken and Quilts.

Saturday started bright and early. After breakfast, the competitors were given a welcome and orientation by Mary Ann Carson, the Chairperson of the committee. The first set of animals to be judged were the bulls and heifers. After a short break, they moved on to judging quilts, horses and goats. Lunch consisted of burgers and salad then the competitors were lead in a few get to know you games by Kaydence Johnson, the 4-H Saskatchewan Summer Student.

On Saturday afternoon, the members rounded out their classes by judging chickens and wheat grain. The members were then given time to prepare for their oral reasons, beginning with the beef classes. Once oral reasons were completed, the competitors were given the opportunity to head to their hotels to check in and grab dinner on their own. They all returned to the Agricultural Grounds at 6 pm for the evening's social event, the CPCA Chuckwagon races.

Sunday morning started with the remainder of the oral reason classes for goats, grains and horses. Once these were complete, the competitors were given the opportunity to hear the placings and reasons given by the official judges. The member then completed their quiz.

Once all the marks had been tabulated and winners determined the Lunch Banquet was held to announce the winners.

Congratulations are in order for the following competitors:
Top Placing per Category:

- Beef Bulls – Dayne Whelan, Catherwood Beef & Sheep 4-H Club
- Beef Heifers – Kade Gavelin, Mankota 4-H Beef Club
- Light Horses – Faith Stevens, Catherwood Beef & Sheep 4-H Club
- Goats – Brynn Whelan, Catherwood Beef & Sheep 4-H Club
- Grains – Dayne Whelan, Catherwood Beef & Sheep 4-H Club
- Overall Oral – Brynn Whelan, Catherwood Beef & Sheep 4-H Club
- Overall Placings – Codee Kopelchuk, Good Spirit 4-H Club
- Overall Total – Faith Stevens, Catherwood Beef & Sheep 4-H Club

Overall Top 12 – Faith Stevens (Catherwood Beef & Sheep 4-H Club), Brynn Whelan (Catherwood Beef & Sheep 4-H Club), Heidi Fradette (Lomond 4-H Beef Club), Codee Kopelchuk (Good Spirit 4-H Club), Dayne Whelan (Catherwood Beef & Sheep 4-H Club), Kelsy Weber (Meadow Lake 4-H Beef Club), Shelby Robinson (Lomond 4-H Beef Club),

Makaila Peutert (Rockglen Multiple 4-H Club), Emily Sebastian (Candiac 4-H Beef Club), Kade Gavelin (Mankota 4-H Beef Club), Grace Christensen (Alameda 4-H Beef Club) & Kelsy Schmitz (Ernfold 4-H Beef Club).

Top 8 - moving on as 4-H Saskatchewan Agribition Team – Faith Stevens (Catherwood Beef & Sheep 4-H Club), Brynn Whelan (Catherwood Beef & Sheep 4-H Club), Codee Kopelchuk (Good Spirit 4-H Club), Dayne Whelan (Catherwood Beef & Sheep 4-H Club), Kelsy Weber (Meadow Lake 4-H Beef Club), Shelby Robinson (Lomond 4-H Beef Club), Makaila Peutert (Rockglen Multiple 4-H Club) & Emily Sebastian (Candiac 4-H Beef Club)

Thank you to our Class Judges, Lance Leachman, Brynn Campbell, Marisa Schubel, Marilyn Napper, Karolyn Kirby and Steven Thorsen; our oral reasons judges Jonathan Lock, Kayleen Lock, Leah Allen, Connie Graham & Marilyn Napper. Another Large thank you goes out to Chairperson Mary Ann Carson, for all the hard work you and your team put into this event, Eloise Collinge, Kirk Graham, Daryl Hanley, Jon Lock, Becky Newman, Louise Sroka, Alison Weaver and Shelly Ann Dodgson.

A special thank you to our title sponsor, Viterra for supporting 4-H Saskatchewan and this event. Thank you also to Steven Thorsen at the Lloydminster office for Supplying and Judging the Grains class for us. Thank you to SAASE for your partnership through the years on our Judging Committee and at our Judging events.

SAASE Partners with CAFE and MAAS on Annual Convention

SAASE in partnership with the Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions and the Manitoba Provincial Association partnered on a very successful convention in Regina in November. Below is article from CAFE about the convention.

The last two years have been difficult ones for everyone, but have also hit the fairs and exhibition community particularly hard. In an industry that relies on mostly annual live events with attendance numbers well above the gathering restrictions currently still in place in most provinces and territories, the pandemic has wreaked havoc on our ability to do what we do best: bring communities together.

Thankfully, despite the turmoil of the past two years, we were able to come together as a community once again for this year's Annual Convention: REUNITE. With our hybrid model, even those who could not attend in person were able to take part in our sessions through a robust online platform hosted by Vfairs which allowed us to make our members across the country part of the action – and even to bring in a far-flung speaker or two!

Chief Cadmus Delorme delivers the opening keynote address to convention delegates

The weather was a challenge on the Wednesday, as we got hit with a major blizzard, but despite getting rerouted and dealing with tough highway conditions the majority of our delegates were able to get to Regina, with the remainder arriving on Thursday morning. We were treated to an evening of showcasing and entertainment at the Revival Music Room, as those delegates in attendance had some great food, entertainment and networking.

After a heartfelt welcome from CAFE president Amanda Frigon and SAASE president Wade Jensen, REUNITE was kicked off with greetings from Regina's Mayor - Sandra Masters and Saskatchewan's Premier - Scott Moe. Chief Cadmus Delorme from the Cowessess First Nation followed with the convention's opening keynote address, with the theme of reuniting and coming together as a community, Chief Delorme spoke passionately on the importance of truth and reconciliation, reminding us all that we can only truly succeed when we all work together.

This year's convention was put on in partnership with the SAASE, Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions (CAFE), as well as the Manitoba Association of Agricultural Societies, and ran a bit longer than the usual Wednesday through to Saturday afternoon. With the longer programming, our attendees were treated to an extended number of concurrent workshops on topics ranging from risk management, to the power of storytelling and, perhaps most timely, the unexpected challenges of the long-haul pandemic environment. Each session was led by an expert in the

field and fostered interesting and important discussions in this period of profound and rapid change.

Perhaps one of the most heartwarming parts about being able to gather in person once more was having the chance to recognize the extraordinary achievements of several of our community members at this year's awards ceremony. The last two fair seasons have brought out the absolute best in the wonderful staff and volunteers that keep our fairs and exhibitions going even through the greatest of challenges. SAASE joined with CAFE's awards ceremony by also having the SaskEnergy Volunteer Champion Awards. This year's CAFE Roll of Honour award went to 35-year industry veteran and Executive Director of the Saskatchewan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions Glen Duck for his unending dedication to our community. Glen channelled our feelings on this incredible community we have built perfectly when he said, "I've just been really fortunate to work with a lot of good people, and…if you work with a lot of good people it just makes life a whole lot easier." A huge congratulations to Glen for his decades of hard work.

We took advantage of the opportunity to gather together by bringing in Anthony Vade, the North American Director of Event Design Collective, who shared his wide-ranging expertise in event design with our attendees, both in person and online. Vade summarized the goal of once again holding this national convention in person this year succinctly when he emphasized that, "successful events change the behaviours of the stakeholders associated with them. They come into the event thinking and feeling, saying and doing things one way, and through that event experienced, they're transformed…" The goal in putting on these events every year is to offer its members new tools, resources and information to improve even more on what they already do so well. Our hope is to foster transformative experiences, and can do this best when we are gathered in person.

SAASE, Regina Exhibition Association, Saskatoon Prairieland Park and the Lethbridge Exhibition hosted all the delegates to a fun night at Mosaic Stadium. The Saskatchewan Roughriders helped out by providing stadium tours - Regina Exhibition catered an awesome meal - Kerr's inflatables out of Yorkton had all kinds of games that could be played and Jason Plumb's two bands - Fog Dog and El Guitaro played throughout the evening.

Tour of Mosaic Stadium with the newest members of the Saskatchewan Roughriders lining up.

With the addition of an extra day to this year's convention, three further panels took place looking at the ins and outs of rodeos, judging and animal care. With the inclusion of the Animal Care panel it was announced that CAFE is currently working on a comprehensive guide to creating an animal care program which will be made available in 2022.

World Hoop Dancing champion - Terrence Littletent performing a hoop dance at the CAFE/SAASE Awards

As a further treat to those who were able to stick around for the Saturday programming (or who were available to watch it online), our final keynote consisted of The Rumpel Family of 4-H fame interviewing Senator Rob Black. The resulting conversation between these agricultural enthusiasts was as illuminating as it was entertaining, reminding us that there is a future beyond this pandemic and a whole new generation of leaders who will come of age once we are on the other side of this crisis. An optional behind the scenes tour of Canadian Western Agribition was held on the Sunday, with Chris Lane leading the tour for 25 delegates through Agribition as they were busy setting up for the show.

As the CAFE president Amanda Frigon so eloquently stated, "it was so nice to see you all this year and gather, to REUNITE." Thank you to all who attended this year's convention, either in person or online. We are already looking forward to next year!

Persevering in a Long Haul Pandemic: Together it Can Be Done

Marla Calico - CEO of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions - is no stranger to SAASE conventions. Marla has attended a number of SAASE conventions and has always been a great speaker - bringing her perspective on a variety of topics. We were fortunate enough to have Marla attend this year's convention and speak about the effect the pandemic has had on our industry and how we can all get through this together. Below is an article from Christina Franc of CAFE on the important message that Marla delivered.

The past two years have been incredibly difficult ones for the world as a whole and for our industry in particular. Our raison d'etre is to bring people together and not being able to do this due to a global pandemic has been an unexpected hardship few of us were truly prepared for.

While most events in 2020 were cancelled outright with the COVID-19 virus still largely an unknown, 2021 came with

its own challenges as some fairs and exhibitions waited with bated breath until the very last minute to find out if they could go ahead or not. As the hopeful opening days drew closer and closer, some organizations decided to cancel their events yet again rather than attempt to pull them together in less than two months (a herculean feat as we all know). Worse still, some events that decided to go ahead were handed shut down notices with their opening day only weeks away.

With all the uncertainty our industry has been facing, the REUNITE convention decided to invite Marla Calico of the International Association of Fairs & Exhibitions to speak at our recent convention on the topic of the pandemic and its effects on what we do. Her presentation, expertly balanced an acknowledgement of our struggles while simultaneously offering hope and positivity for our future.

Marla Calico - CEO International Association of Fairs and Expositions

One of the challenges inherent in operating during a pandemic is the additional safety measures that have to be adopted in order to keep our community safe. Whether this means mandated vaccinations for all participants, or a reorganization of our services to ensure social distancing, the past two years has involved a lot of necessary pivoting. Even when all the required and recommended measures have been taken, we have still faced issues whether it be guests or stakeholders not willing to participate due to fears of the virus or, on the other end, participants refusing to follow local health guidelines due to the polarization and politicization of society as a whole.

In Canada in particular, one of the major challenges has been that every province has taken a different approach towards pandemic safety measures. In some provinces, this has meant a lack of information leading to uncertainty in communities. In others, it has meant sudden changes to these measures forcing organizations to scramble to inform their participants of the new provincial regulations. Calico used the example of the Norfolk County Fair in particular, which was informed 35 days before opening that guests would be required to provide proof of vaccination in order to enter buildings on the grounds. As we well know, this short notice means not only an incredible amount of extra work for our staff and volunteers, but may also lead to backlash from certain members of our community, including key stakeholders.

This backlash can range from a reduction in the amount of volunteers signing up to angry guests questioning why such measures are necessary. Even though these measures may not be the choice of your organization, by being compelled to adopt them (for the safety of your community and your stakeholders), you have also been required to defend them to a scared and uncertain public. Not an easy task!

Through all this, however, our industry and its organizations have managed to adapt and change, as Calico said, at lightning speed. Even though we have been largely successful in this adaptation, she stressed that the situation is still volatile. To explain this, she referred to a Cold War concept known as VUCA – Volatility Uncertainty Complexity Ambiguity – something that occurs once every few years. As she noted, we are now experiencing this concept on steroids and have to continue to adapt accordingly.

This period of volatility has left many of us feeling depleted and hopeless with all the uncertainty leading to occasional difficulty focusing during a time when we need to be innovating constantly. However, there is a silver lining to this dark cloud of a pandemic. And this is that we are not alone, we are all experiencing this together and we can and should lean on each other for support and empathy.

The past two years have been a time of great change, and not all of it is bad. From ticketing to programming, we can and will pivot to ensure that we can keep bringing our community together no matter what this pandemic throws at us next.

As Calico stated, the only thing we can do is lean into change, we cannot run from it. Now is the time to try out new ideas and take bigger risks. Focus on your values and rally your team to your cause. We will get through this together for together it can be done!

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Volunteers Celebrated at the SaskEnergy Volunteer Champion Awards

This year the SAASE Annual Convention was in partnership with the Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions. 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. In addition to partnering on the convention with CAFE - the SaskEnergy Volunteer Champion Awards took place the same evening as the CAFE National Awards.

This awards banquet took place on Thursday November 17 at the Doubletree Hotel in Regina. This year's awards were presented to the Volunteer of the Year, SAASE Honorary Life Members and Achievement of the Year.

The Honorary Life Membership award is based on a member's lifetime contribution to the 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 Myrtle Chambers from the Maryfield Agricultural Society. Myrtle has worked tirelessly to make her community a better place and is very deserving of receiving SAASE's Honorary Life Membership Award. SAASE would also like to congratulate Mike Sidoryk who spent 40 years working at the Lloydminster Exhibition and contributed so much to fair industry in Saskatchewan, Alberta and across Canada.

The Volunteer of the Year award is an award that may be presented annually. The volunteer of the Year is based on

SAASE Vice President Christy Vodicka presents Lloydminster's Mike Sidoryk his SAASE Honorary Life Membership Award

Lloydminster Exhibition's General Manager Jackie Tomayer accepts the Achievement of the Year Award from SAASE Vice President Christy Vodicka for the North American Chuckwagon Championships

leadership qualities, innovative ideas and exceptional service to the Agricultural Society, as well as involvement or participation in agricultural society related industry and knowledge of and dedication to. The year's Volunteers of the Year were Ray and Michelle Foy from the Lloydminster Exhibition - recognized for their tireless volunteer work.

The Achievements of the Year is an award presented to the Agricultural Society organization who is deemed to have achieved the most significant achievement during the year. Achievement is 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.

This year SAASE recognized two Agricultural Societies for their major achievements - the Yorkton Exhibition for the Legacy Grandstand Project and the Lloydminster Exhibition for the North American Chuckwagon Championships 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.

In addition to the awards - SAASE unveiled a 100th Anniversary print created by Saskatchewan Artist and long time volunteer for the Regina Exhibition - Rollie Bourassa

SAASE Vice President Christy Vodicka presents Yorkton Exhibition's Manager Barb Woytas the Achievement of the Year for the Lagacy Grandstand Project

SAASE Executive Director Glen Duck unveils the SAASE 100th Anniversary Print - held by SAASE President Wade Jensen and introduces Rollie Bourassa - Saskatchewan artist and long time volunteer at the Regina Exhibition.

Lloydminster Chuckwagons a Big Success

The Lloydminster Exhibition hosted the North American Chuckwagon Championships from July 11 - 19. Below is an article on the event written by Lexi Freehill.

The event was held from July 11 to 19, and hosted 42 racers from both the Canadian Professional Chuckwagon Association as well as the World Professional Chuckwagon Association.

Planned and put on by the CPCA, the week-long show was designed to make up for the cancelled shows along the circuit. Due to COVID-19 restrictions and the financial impact of the pandemic, events in Prince Albert, Turtleford and Wainwright were cancelled, while the Meadow Lake show has been rescheduled for the end of the tour.

In May, Calgary Stampede Officials announced their decision to cancel the Rangeland Derby, one of the biggest events in the world of wagon racing. The announcement left many drivers and their families stunned, now left to make up income through smaller events in the circuit. Kim Carey, CPCA office manager and spouse of driver BJ Carey says the impact of the shrunken circuit has not gone unnoticed.

"Financially, it's been tough for everybody. It's been difficult when everybody still has the expenses of feeding their horses and all the horse care and everything that comes around with that, and none of them have been able to bring any kind of income in since 2019," she said.

In addition to the 9 days of racing, attendees were able to watch light horse and heavy horse shows. The Lloydminster Exhibition grounds also hosted night time entertainment, bringing in local artists like Renegade Station and Lloyd's own up and coming Jordyn Pollard.

The NACC will also feature what Carey calls 'mentor heats' in order to pay homage to the history of western heritage. Household names of the industry such as Brian Laboucane and Ray Mitsuing raced the old fashion way, with four outriders and poles in addition to the stove in the back.

Saskatchewan's public health restrictions were lifted on July 11, the same day the event started. Carey says that while drivers were relieved to be able to race again, fans were as equally excited to watch. And others were there for the mini donuts and lemonade.

"I think everyone's just happy to be able to see smiling faces without masks on and be able to go on with life as normal and enjoy this kind of event," said Carey.

Although the future of COVID is unclear, Carey said fans can expect to see this event again next year. "I just want to stress the importance of being able to have events like this and keep the western heritage alive," said Carey.

Biggar and District Agricultural Days

The Biggar & District Agricultural Days were held on June 25-27, 2021 - below is the story submitted by the Biggar and District Agricultural Society.

Our day started eventfully with our 40 x 20 beer tent blowing into the wind followed by someone backing over the main valley water line causing a temporary geyser in the valley, misplaced tractor keys was our number three so we were done for the weekends bad luck! Everything after this point was fun and smooth sailing. June 25th we held time onlies for competitors to check out our arena with their horses. A kids cabaret was planned but due to the flood we moved the activities to the infield. June 26th the Red White and Gold Slot Race started at 9:00 with 111 racers competing for money and prizes. After the slot race we held a Western Fortunes and CBHI barrel racing jackpot with over 200 entries in the peewee, youth and open categories. Then we moved to the Team Roping. The Ropin Rally is a new event for the valley and wow it did not disappoint. There were fast times and smiling faces from our

ropers. It was great to watch and be a part of the action. June 27th started at 9:00 with the Canadian Finals Breakaway Qualifier event, this is also new to the valley this year. We had over 80 entries for the open breakaway and CFB qualifier sidepot. We are proud to say that some of the competitors from our event will be competing at the Canadian Finals Breakaway. We also hosted peewee and youth divisions in the breakaway. From the breakaway we moved to hosting one more team roping jackpot which was once again very enjoyable to host and watch. It was great to see spectators at our event this year, socially distanced of course but so grateful for an opportunity to get outdoors and enjoy an event. Biggar Bites Food Truck was on site all weekend and the food was delicious. Overall The Red, White and Gold and the first annual Ropin' Rally was a huge success.

A Great Weekend for the Yorkton Exhibition's Chariot and Chuckwagon Races

The Yorkton Exhibition opened up it's new grandstand with a bang, as they hosted the Eastern Professional Chariot and Chuckwagon Races - July 16-19. The chariots ran in the afternoon , with the chuckwagons running in the evening. All 3 days the brand new grandstand was packed with people. There were long lines at the food trucks - parked at the back end of the grandstand, as the people of Yorkton came out to support the event. Below is an article by Ryan Young from GX94 that appeared July 20th.

Yesterday (Sunday) saw the chariots and chuckwagon races, hosted by the Yorkton Exhibition Association, wrap up. It was a big weekend for Casey Peterson. Peterson took the overall chariot title, with a combined time of 183.68 seconds over three runs. Peterson also won the overall chuckwagon title, with a combined time of 183.32 seconds over the three-day event.

General Manager Barb Woytas was thrilled for how the weekend unfolded. "It was a great weekend. We have to thank all of the guests that attended our event this weekend, we couldn't have asked for a better turnout." Woytas said. "Again we want to thank all of our sponsors who stepped up to support this event…and our Grandstand sponsors."

The Yorkton Exhibition Association announced some upcoming events, including the Parking Lot Bingo tomorrow night (Tue), and the Thunder in the Parkland Truck and Tractor Pull on August 27th and 28th. Woytas also announced the Eastern Professional Chariot and Chuckwagon Association series finals will be in Yorkton September 3-5.

Grandstand Shows it's Importance

The Grandstand at the Yorkton Exhibition was in need of replacing. The grandstand is not only a central piece for the Exhibition's programming, but also a central gathering place for the community of Yorkton. With that the Yorkton exhibition in partnership with the City of Yorkton took on the huge task of putting the funding in place to replace the grandstand. Below is an editorial published on line by SaskToday on July 21.

Any time the city invests in a project there will be those who are against the spending. That of course is to be expected. Rarely do you find unanimous support for anything. So there were the naysayers when it came time to plan the replacement of the Yorkton Exhibition Grandstand. There were those who felt the city could do without such a structure. And, there were those who felt if the grandstand was to be replaced, the taxpayers of the city did not need to pay part of the cost – leaving it up to others to raise the dollars.

The Yorkton Exhibition Association were up to the task of taking the lead in raising money. For the YEA it was a rather logical step since the grandstand is an integral element of so much that they do. Every summer event over the decades the YEA has hosted has generally incorporated aspects held in front of the grandstand.

The YEA has long focused on a simple goal in what it does, holding events which bring friends and families together, and often that means gathering on the grandstand seats to watch everything from music concerts, to tractor pulls, monster truck shows, fireworks and more.

Without the grandstand the YEA would have been without a key draw, so they took on the challenge of fundraising with gusto. To the credit of Yorkton Council, they came on side early with $300,000 a foundational amount that gave the project a fighting chance to succeed. From there the community stepped up; Legacy Co-op leading the way as the naming sponsor. Other businesses and organizations followed; Richardson Oilseeds, LDC and the Yorkton Tribal Council most recently.

The totalled raised nears the cost of Phase I of the grandstand at a cost of about $730,000, with a Phase II planned to put the finishing touches on things.

For those wondering about the need for the facility, the packed stands for the Eastern Professional Chariot & Chuckwagon Association racing action sponsored locally by the YEA over the weekend are an example of why the grandstand is needed.

When the Yorkton Hyundai Thunder in the Parkland Truck & Tractor Pulls presented by Yorkton Home Hardware are held the August 21st weekend the seats are likely to be full again too. Of course the grandstand is not exclusively for the YEA. It is very much a community facility. Over the years the Painted Hand Casino has hosted rough stock rodeos, a day dedicated to the Saskatchewan Roughriders, and centenary fireworks are among events held at the facility.

Now that there is a shiny new grandstand it is to be hoped the community uses it well with a variety of events and shows that will bring our community together for decades to come – after all it was an investment made by our community today for tomorrow.

Horse Shoe Pits to Community Garden

The SAASE Venture Project program continues to be a great way for our Agricultural Societies to access funding to help out with the seed cost for new programs or events. The Battleford Agricultural Society was supported through the program for development of a community garden. Below is the report on the project submitted by Battlefords Ag. Society.

As our horse shoe pits were not used on the Battlefords Ag Society grounds anymore we were trying to think of a way to utilize that area and help out our Community. We started by cleaning the area out. There were the pits themselves with cement pads, metal benches and undefined anchors deep in the grounds. Deep routed weeds and grass to dig out that to so much work, disking, harrowing and just plain manpower.

We hauled away many loads of debris and then we had to start hauling in dirt to help fill and level what was taken away. Loads and loads of dirt were hauled in. Our estimation was a bit low. Then it was time to start hauling in the top soil. Again loads, loads and more loads. We were very fortunate that some of the equipment needed was donated.

It took many volunteers hours to get the plot ready. It was decided to start small as we had no idea if any produce would actually grow. Our starter plot is 120 x 140 ft.

As we have a great amount of Wildlife in the

area that likes a good snack we erected a 6 foot high fence around the area. We will need to modify it to accommodate a gate in the future. Some of our Board brought seeds and the planting began. We decided to plant just a portion of the plot. And we are greatly surprised at how well everything grew. Squash, beets, corn, onions and potatoes started to appear.

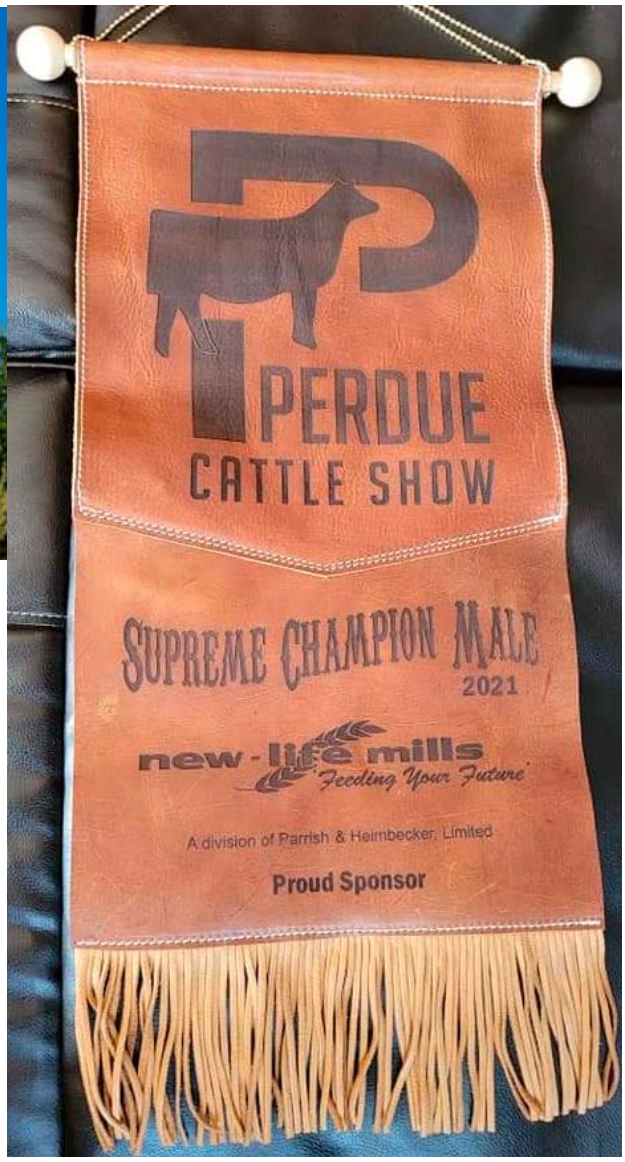
Everyone took turns coming out and weeding and watering. We are very fortunate that we had access to water nearby.

Some of the harvest has been done and with great results we have lots of produce of all kinds.

In the Spring we will offer plots to our members and are hoping to attract new members to the Ag Society. Our thoughts are to rent out plots the size of 10 x 40 ft. If this catches on we have plenty more space to offer to our community in the future. Now that we know how to get it ready, all the obstacles and best process we are ready for the challenge.

Thanks to SAASE for approving our Venture project!

Perdue Ag. Society Hosts Agribition Qualifier Cattle Show



The Perdue Agricultural Society was planning the regular Perdue Cattle Show, but the opportunity arose that they may be able to work with Agribition on their Beef Supreme Program by hosting a qualifier show. The Perdue Ag. Society applied and were awarded with the show from Agribition. This was a huge undertaking for a smaller Ag. Society and would certainly require the support of all their volunteers and community. In addition there would be additional financial commitments that would be required. Perdue applied to the SAASE Venture Project Program, which supplied them some seed money to help them out with their additional expenses. Below is the report submitted by the Perdue Ag Society on the project.

Perdue Cattle Show

The Perdue Agricultural Society had a new twist on our cattle show this summer. In June the Cattle Committee wrote a letter to Agribition in regards to applying to have the Perdue cattle show become a CWA supreme beef qualifier. The deadline for this application was June 23rd, 2021. We got notified July 5th - then it was all hands on deck to step up to host a CWA qualifier type show.

There were a number of changes and additions that we had to make in order to host the show the way that we wanted. We looked for higher end judges and made the beef show a 2 day event to accommodate all the classes. We also moved to online entries and are now using Assist Expo to handle our entry forms.

In order to accommodate the additional cattle at the show we had to make some changes to our facilities. We upgraded our barn by replacing wooden tie rails to steel continuous fencing from Norheim Ranching. We rented a tent from Handyman Rentals - 40ft x 100ft to accommodate the extra cattle. Free standing panels were gathered up to make a night tie out area for our cattle using our existing horse arena.

In addition to all of our volunteers - we had the men from the correctional center come help set up and cut what

grass we had around the grounds and do the general set up.

Our cattle show had entries of 86 purebreds and 48 commercial cattle. We had 75 exhibitors in attendance plus families. Each day there were around 200 people on the grounds between exhibitors, spectators and volunteers.

We are honored that our Agricultural Society will be represented at the Supreme Show at the 50th Canadian Western Agribition. We hope we can host a qualifying show next year. As for feed back we have people volunteering to host a pancake breakfast and an exhibitor steak supper next year. There was lots of positive feedback as exhibitors were so happy to be back to normal and showing cattle again. With the drought and Covid this year it was great to have an in person distraction where cattle producers could just enjoy friendly competition. Even our judges we had said they would like to come back but bring cattle. All in all everyone had a great time.

Fantastic Year for Weyburn Fair due to Community Support

The Weyburn Agricultural Society hosted the Annual Fair -July 15 - 18. The Fair was a tremendous success with there being great support from the community. Below is an article written by Sabrina Kraft for the Weyburn Review on July 21. Pictures were taken from the Weyburn Ag. Societies Facebook page.

It was a fantastic year for the Weyburn Fair, despite a short set-up time, and short notice that the midway was coming. TJ Metheral, co-entertainment director and past president of the Weyburn Agricultural Society, said "we had great attendance, great volunteers, the community supported us with sponsorship, and the community really supported us."

There was a total of 8,800 visitors to the Weyburn Fair over the four-day event this year. The two days that had the highest amount of attendance were both Thursday, the opening day, and Sunday, with the Soo Line Cruisers Car Show and Rumble in the Ring demo derby. "It was very surprising that Thursday was such a busy day for us, and the Midway was very busy that first night," said Metheral.

"I think that everyone appreciated what was at the Fair this year, for what we could get in short notice." There were 13 midway rides at the Weyburn Fair, including two new ones, the Orbiter and Dizzy Dragon. The Friday entertainment featured the Deep South ladies Barrel Racing Jackpot, Saturday featured an expanded DQ Kids Rodeo and a Summer Sizzler trade show, and Sunday featured the Car Show and the Rumble in the Ring demo derby.

In addition to the Midway, fair games, food vendors and other attractions at the Weyburn Fair, there were two baseball games that were also featured at Tom Laing Park. The Iron Pigs played on Friday night, and the U18 beavers hosted a doubleheader on Saturday.

"It was hard to get a few food vendors, because so many were already booked up...but I know that the ones that came were very successful - everyone loved them," said Metheral.

"Everything went really smooth. It was a lot of fun, and the community itself really enjoyed the Fair. I am really proud that we could put it on."

During City Council on Monday night, Coun. Laura Morrissette mentioned a special thank you to the Weyburn Agricultural Society for all their hard work in hosting the Weyburn Fair. She also noted appreciation to all the volunteers from other community groups who did their part to help out at the gates, and with ensuring a positive community event for everyone to enjoy.

Saskatoon Prairieland Partners with Moosomin First Nations

Prairieland is proud to announce a partnership in principle to assist in the new horse racetrack in Saskatchewan, Moosomin Downs, planned for Corman Park. The Moosomin First Nation Economic Development Corporation and the FSIN will be getting an in-kind donation of track related assets from Marquis Downs. Prairieland will be donating every possible asset – from the Jockey jerseys, to the starting gate, track water truck, track conditioner, weigh scale, the paddock, and even the dirt of the track (special soil) will be donated, completely in kind, to support this venture. Prairieland is also proudly offering consultation services of former racetrack management to get things operational. This is an in-kind donation totaling hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"We are happy to see the sport getting a new lease on life and we want to do everything we can to help it succeed into the future" said Prairieland CEO, Mark Regier.

(Treaty 6 Territory, Saskatoon SK) – Many First Nations and non-First Nations people in the horse racing industry have been impacted by the closing of Marquis Downs in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Moosomin First Nation Economic Development Corporation is happy to announce the launch of Moosomin Downs.

Moosomin Downs will be the answer to a renewed and diversified equine sporting industry. Prairieland Park assets will be donated in kind to this First Nations endeavor, passing the torch of generations of horse racing from Marquis Downs to a new generation. They will host thoroughbred and standardbred racing, chariot and chuckwagon racing, 4-H and rodeo events, equine therapy, industry training with youth and equine professionals and the original extreme sport of Indian Relay.

"Over the last 25 years, our First Nation had a dream of developing our Treaty Land Entitlement lands in the RM of Corman Park. We will now be breaking ground and participating in the economy by utilizing the lands our Treaty

promise ensured us" says Moosomin Chief Brad Swiftwolfe. "We're going to be inclusive and will be reaching out to all stakeholders and interests when our implementation plan is more substantive."

"It has been months since first discussions and with anticipation, we have been eagerly waiting to announce together that the RM of Corman Park can look forward to Moosomin First Nation's development" says Corman Park Reeve Judy Harwood. "In the spirit of reconciliation, we support our Treaty partners and neighbors."

"The FSIN Chiefs-in-Assembly voted unanimously in favor of supporting Moosomin First Nation to be the host of an all-inclusive equine sporting development that will provide the foundation for revitalization of a part of our identity as First Nations people that was on the brink of being lost" says FSIN Chief Bobby Cameron. "We honour the cultural and spiritual impact of our sacred relationship with the horse spirit, and we are proud to see its' sacred teachings once again throughout our Treaty lands."

The Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations represents 74 First Nations in Saskatchewan. The Federation is committed to honouring the spirit and intent of the Treaties, as well as the promotion, protection and implementation of the Treaty promises that were made more than a century ago.

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Prairieland Confirms Partnership Talks with Professional Soccer League

Prairieland Park is excited to be a part of the discussion/negotiation with the Canadian Premier Soccer League (CPL) and Living Sky Sports and Entertainment to bring Saskatchewan's first, and only, professional soccer league to Saskatoon.

At the same time the Board of Directors of Prairieland Park has come to the difficult decision to permanently cancel Thoroughbred racing at Marquis Downs after a 50-year relationship with the sport. The decision to end Thoroughbred Horse racing has not come lightly, however, the opportunity presented by CPL and Living Sky Sports will help lead Prairieland into the future, and the board felt it was the time to transition the track space at Marquis Downs to accommodate this new venture.

The Board recognizes the financial pressures felt by industry members in the wake of the announcement to end Thoroughbred Horse Racing at Marquis Downs, and will offer financial compensation in a one time payment to horse owners. For each horse that ran in three or more races in 2019, Prairieland will pay $1,000 to the horse owner.

Prairieland is proud of its agriculture heritage and will continue to support the agriculture industry through annual events like the Western Canadian Crop Production Show, Saskatchewan Equine Expo, Beef Expo, Gardenscape, and our youth programs such as; Garden EXperience, Ag EXperience, Youth Leadership Conference and the annual steer sale. Those Prairieland produced events, along with the community events hosted in the dedicated Ag Center on the property will remain a cornerstone of our ongoing commitment to agriculture in the province.

Additionally, Prairieland continues its negotiations with First Nations Groups to create and operate a First Nations Equine School and Indian Relay Racing Event at the Park.

Prairieland Park Hosts Glow Saskatoon

Saskatoon Prairieland Park played host to an amazing display of over 1 million lights from November 26 - December 28. The display was called Glow Saskatoon. What is Glow? Glow is a family-friendly indoor holiday light festival, market and food fair with live entertainment. It's the perfect way to celebrate the holidays with the ones you love. Walk through our twinkling light gardens, take photos in illuminated frames and say hello to Santa Claus. It's all waiting for you at Glow Saskatoon! The Vendor Market showcases the best local artisans and boutique businesses, alongside delicious food and drink options. It's all the magic and wonder of an outdoor festival, hosted inside the cozy and spacious World Trade Centre at Prairieland Park. The theme for this year was"glow around the world". It featured landmarks from China, Holland, Mexico. France and England.

We're really excited to bring it back to Saskatoon, and I think that it's a great opportunity for a holiday tradition for people as well," said Susan Kuzma, manager of special events at Prairieland Park. "This is a fantastic Christmas display of lights. … We open the doors to all of Saskatoon and area to come and spend a wonderful afternoon or evening here at Glow, and just to take in all of the spectacular lights that we have to offer." "It is very family-friendly. There are lots of opportunities for little ones to come. There are play areas, there are lots of actual activities for kids to do, but it also is a really nice couple's opportunity as well."

Thousands of people attended Glow right - making it a great success, with Prairieland Park looking forward to hosting Glow in 2022.

Abernethy Ag Society Goes Online for Summer Activities

The Abernethy Ag. Society made the decision to cancel the in person fair for 2021, but had three very successful online events in the fairs place. Below is an article on those events submitted by the Abernethy Agricultural Society.

A late Winter decision to cancel our in-person Fair for one more pandemic year gave us ample time to plan THREE very successful Facebook/Website events for the summer of 2021.

First: a week of Years Past Photos telling our 114 year history. The earliest photo dated back to 1922 and a fairbook to 1923. Cattle confirmation has changed in 100 years! Suits and ties, dresses and stylish hats were the order of the day for many decades. And those of us who have been around for quite a few decades also enjoyed seeing photos of our much younger selves!

Second: A profit of $2693 in our online Silent Auction. Local citizens and businesses donated 43 items that ranged from local watercolours to handcrafted quilts, wallets, and jewellery; sports chairs, barn-board framed prairie scenes; bingo nights at the rink, a photography sitting, and rounds of golf. Friends and neighbours bid up each other on valued items such as sour cream & raisin pies, a quarter of beef, 50 spring bulbs from a heritage garden, and 3 hours of a local electrician's time. All proceeds go to Agricultural scholarships for local post-secondary students.

Third: 300 entries of online photos for our Second Annual Online Fair Exhibits. Exhibitors from across Canada, and England and New Zealand shared whatever images their hearts desired (except no people). Our Fair Secretary curated the photos into categories and our Social Media Coordinator posted: Artwork & Projects, Baking & Cooking, Flowers & Succulents, Fruit & Vegetables, Nature & Scenery, Creatures, and Handiwork.

The pandemic-pivot helped us look at our Fair activities in new ways. We will never again do a Fair the same way as we did pre-pandemic.

Lots of creativity, loyal community volunteers, Abernethy alumni across Canada, and new friends from around the globe enabled us to come together and have lots of fun. Here's hoping we can see everyone in person next year at our annual Fair — Friday, July 22, 2022! Mark your calendar!

99 years ago! Waaaay back to Abernethy Fair 1922. Bert Barnsley with his first prize calf. Look at those classy duds.Photo permission - Bert's daughter

Title: Hedge Hog - Now an Endangered Species - Name: Eve Dunn Town/City: Saxmundham, England

Moose Jaw Hosts 2021 Saskatchewan Barrel Racing Finals

The Moose Jaw Exhibition was host to the Saskatchewan Barrel Racing Finals from August 16th - 19th. It is the second time that Moose Jaw has hosted the event. The event was a huge success, with over 500 riders competing. In addition to a great event for the Moose Jaw Exhibition - the event is a big tourism event for the City of Moose Jaw. The Moose Jaw Exhibition looks forward to welcoming the SBRA finals in 2022. Below is an article that appeared in Moose Jaw Today on August 12th by Robert Thomas.

Barrel Racers set to Invade City

The largest horse show in the province and the highly popular rodeo spectator sport to take over Moose Jaw Exhibition Grounds

If you see people wearing cowboy boots inundating Moose Jaw's restaurants and stores next week there is a good chance they came from the Moose Jaw Exhibition Grounds. As next Monday to Thursday, the exhibition will host the largest horse show in the province — the Saskatchewan Barrel Racing Association finals.

The hugely popular rodeo sport will see horses moved in on Sunday with the actual competitions kicking into gear on Monday.

"This will be the biggest horse show in the province," George Fowler general manager of the Moose Jaw Exhibition Company told MJ Independent.

The show was previously held in 2019 in Moose Jaw after moving from their traditional home in Saskatoon. There was no competition in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

'The event is a competitive competition with horse and rider vying to be the best in the province, so there is the potential to draw larger crowds to the free event", Fowler said.

Although hosting the event is a major event for the exhibition it is also a big event for the community as a whole. Over 500 riders will be competing. "I think it is a very good event; it is a lot of work for the staff but we are capable of doing it and it is good for the community." Fowler said he could not estimate how many competitors as well as horse fanciers will venture out to local stores and restaurants but in 2019 the Exhibition Company had businesses call and comment on the increased numbers of customers at their establishments. "It will be good for the community and they'll be out shopping and eating."

To be held in the Golden Mile Arena, the event will see about half of the 500 camp out at the fair grounds and the other half head for local hotels. The competition will feature competitors from throughout the province, having qualified at other events to compete in Moose Jaw.

The fair grounds serve as a place where competitors take time to socialize with others in the barrel racing and horse community. "The riding is important with the socializing just as important. They all know each other. They all want to win so it is highly competitive but they are also friends," Fowler said.

The event will be held indoors at the Golden Mile Arena located on the Moose Jaw Exhibition Grounds - 250 Thatcher Drive East. The start times for the competition is Monday August 16th at noon, Tuesday, August 17 and Wednesday, August 18th at 8 a.m. and Thursday, August 19th at 9 a.m.

The event is FREE to attend and spectators are welcome to stop in or stay all day. There will be concessions in the building.

Canada's Farm Show a Hit with Viewers

The Regina Exhibition Association Limited (REAL) and the Canada's Farm Show (CFS) Advisory Board were excited to share the return of Canada's Farm Show in 2021, in a virtual platform. The pandemic had forced the cancellation of our show in 2020 and we were committed to bringing the Ag community together in the safest way possible -virtually. In 2021 we had plans to enhance the show and announced a Launch Pad experience for innovations and keynotes That blueprint became the 2021 Virtual experience.

The industry was ready to embrace this new, virtual platform. CFS received over 68,000 views during the 2 day show and engaged viewers from around the globe reaching over 50 countries including India, Ethiopia, USA, Columbia, Uganda, and Eritrea with Canada having the most views. The Presidents Panel led the way as the most viewed segment, that session and many others will be available to stream
starting today. CFS is your show, your way, your time!

"We were extremely excited to welcome everyone to our CFS virtual platform," said Tim Reid, president and CEO of REAL. "We are overwhelmed by the response and how many viewers we were able to reach. The response from the International community was incredible and speaks to Saskatchewan's importance as a global leader in agriculture. The response we have seen has validated the investment made to connect virtually and solidify the Launch Pad at Canada's Farm Show moving forward. We can't wait to welcome visitors back to Regina for 2022!"

The two-day virtual event was live over June 16th and 17th and will now be available for streaming from Canadasfarmshow.com. Panel discussion topics will vary from Manufacturers Discussion, Mental Health, Exporting Panel, Western Canadian Technologies for Export and more.

As part of the show, we showcased the 24 Hour Startup AgTech powered by Conexus. This live event saw competitors pitch their Ag Tech concepts to a distinguished group of judges. On June 17th, SEED Investing was awarded the top prize!

Canada's Farm show is known for its innovation and this year was no exception, we had five Innovation Winners:
- CLAAS/6800 Lexion APS SYNFLOW Threshing System – New Equipment Innovation
- South Country Equipment/Crop Intelligence – New Technology Innovation
- Francisco Zacharias/Full-Floor Hopper Bin Aeration System – New Equipment Innovation
- Vincent Pawluski/RcFarmArm – New Technology Innovation
- Darren Grose/Retracting Transfer Auger for Air Seeder – New Equipment Technology

It is this new, cutting edge technology that is the heart of CFS and we want to celebrate these winners, and all that work to improve our sector.

Our show's success is due to many but we would like to recognize our title sponsor, Viterra. Their commitment to our show is long standing and we are grateful for their support. Please check out our extensive list of sponsors and exhibitors who support our show and ensure we are bringing value to the AG community.

Live streaming and information about the show can be found at canadasfarmshow.com. We can't wait to host you in person again at Canada's Farm Show 2022

Different Look for Safety Day Program Coordinators Workshop and Training

Safety Days in Saskatchewan and around North America certainly looked different in 2021, with all of the Safety Days in Saskatchewan that were to take place either cancelled or rescheduled into 2022 due to the pandemic. Progressive Agriculture have been very flexible as far as this year's Safety Days are concerned as far as working with coordinators to reschedule those days, but also to develop a host of online materials and resources that could be used for Virtual Safety Days.

SAASE in partnership with Progressive Agriculture and the Canadian Agriculture Safety Association normally host a coordinators training workshop in the fall in Regina. For 2021 and into 2022 - all coordinator trainings were online and in a new format! New coordinators worked through a self-paced training course and all coordinators could participate in an online webinar. This allowed more flexibility and gave everyone an opportunity to receive training on your own time! The trainings took place with special emphasis on putting on a virtual Safety Day, as well as the resources available. There is a great deal of uncertainty going forward into 2022, but hopefully we will be able to get back to in person Safety Days some time in 2022.

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2021 Queen City Ex. Sets New Attendance Record

News Release - 2021 Queen City Ex Sets New Attendance Record

The Regina Exhibition Association Limited (REAL) is pleased to announce the 2021 Queen City Ex (QCX) presented by SaskTel set a new overall attendance record. A total of 274,624 people took in this year's eight-day fair. The new record beat the previous attendance mark set in 2019 by just over 40,000.

"When you consider the months of social distancing and public health orders, being able to set a new attendance record is incredible," said Tim Reid, President and CEO of REAL. "Our team put together an incredible line-up of Canadian entertainment, fair rides, food, shows and games for everyone to enjoy."

For the first time since the 1970s, this year's QCX was eight days instead of five. The QCX featured Canadian entertainment every night on Original 16 Stage including everyone from Regina born JoJo Mason to the Trews. World famous Twiggy the Waterskiing Squirrel delighted hundreds of onlookers at every show. The fair wrapped up with an incredible performance from the Regina Symphony Orchestra and an awe-inspiring fireworks display. There were over 37 midway rides, 50 plus midway games, and 30 plus amazing food vendors for everyone to enjoy.

"I want to thank our sponsors, partners and staff for their hard work and dedication in putting on QCX under very tight timelines. When you consider we also hosted three Saskatchewan Roughrider games in August as well, I'm not sure another facility in the country could have done what we did."

As a result of the first annual Corn Dog Eating Challenge, we raised enough money for 3,000 meals for families in need in Regina. In addition, over 3,000 pounds of food was donated on the final day of the QCX as a result of the SaskMilk Flip for Hunger Pancake Breakfast.

Queen City Ex statistics:
- 19,522 hours worked by dedicated REAL staff.
- 156,842 mini donuts eaten.
- 15,040 candy apples consumed.
- 688,078 oz of lemonade drank.
- 13,655 corn dogs down the hatch.
- 10,786 lbs of poutine devoured.
- 126,549 oz of Saskatchewan brewed Original 16 beverages enjoyed.

The 2022 Queen City Ex is returning to it's normal time of year kicking off after the August long-weekend from August 3 – 7. The fair will be headlined by rapper, actor, entrepreneur and music icon, Ice Cube. He will hit the QCX mainstage on Friday, August 5.

Prairieland's Virtual Ag-Experience Program for Students a Success

At a time when so few Canadians have direct ties to a family farm, Prairieland continues to connect our communities with agriculture

VIRTUAL AG-EXPERIENCE FOR GR. 4 STUDENTS

Prairieland Park

In a province as vast and diverse as Saskatchewan, it's of significant importance to educate as many people as possible on the value of agriculture. Saskatoon Prairieland Park Corporation understands this and, for many years now, has held the Ag-Experience for Grade 4 Students to "teach them while they're young." The program aims for participants to gain an understanding of why agriculture is necessary and the many ways agriculture is a part of their everyday life.

The Covid-19 pandemic prevented the in-person program from running in the fall of 2020, where normally some 700 fourth grade students from Saskatoon and surrounding area would have taken part in a unique hands-on day of learning at the Prairieland Ag Center. Interestingly, the pandemic has renewed interest in where our food comes from, so it was a top priority for Prairieland's Agriculture Department to creatively continue to provide this information.

A new "virtual" Ag-Experience website was launch in October to include video presentations and resources from a variety of industry organizations. Topics covered on the website include sheep, canola, beef, chicken, plants, water and many more. As of February 2021, 86 registrations for over 1,800 students from 32 communities across Saskatchewan have been received. These numbers far surpassed the organizers expectations and has had the added bonus of reaching students from all areas of the province for the first time ever.

Teachers and at-home students can register at the following link on the Prairieland Park website. https://prairielandpark.com/agexperience/

DISCOVER WHERE YOUR FOOD COMES FROM

AG-EXperience

FOR GRADE FOUR STUDENTS

Battlefords Ag. Society Hosts Wild Rose Shows

The pandemic has created many challenges for all of our Agricultural Societies across Saskatchewan, with each Ag. Society doing what is best for them. With West Coast Amusements midway not coming to Saskatchewan this year (Battlefords usual midway) - Battlefords Ag Society made the decision to work with Wild Rose Shows. They ran from August 19 - 21, and had tremendous support from the community. Below is an article by Martin Martinson from Battlefords Now that was published August 19.

Battlefords Ag. Society kicks off summer celebration with rides, games and fair food

The Battlefords Agricultural Society kicked off the opening of their summer Midway celebration Thursday in North Battleford.

The Ag. Society's summer festivities feature a Midway of rides, games, and fair food provided by Wild Rose Shows, which will run Aug. 19-21 in the community.

And while many of the usual festivities remain from the traditional fair celebration, this year will not include any entertainment or shows, making admission to the midway free (with ticket purchase required for ride use). However, despite the minimized setup, general manager, Jocelyn Ritchie said while things may be a bit smaller than previous years, it hasn't dampened the excitement surrounding the event whatsoever through opening day.

"Everyone's started to come in and it looks awesome," she said. "I've [seen] lots of kids enjoying the rides and lots of families just enjoying being out and able to do something."

Reflecting that excitement was a tremendous turnout for presale tickets. Prior to opening their gates Thursday afternoon, the Ag. Society had already sold 5,000 presale ride bracelets.
"The presales have been unbelievable," Ritchie remarked. "I had to keep calling [the ride supplier] Wild Rose asking for more tickets, so that's been awesome to see our community's support on that as well."

After last year's event was cancelled due to the pandemic, Ritchie said it's been something special to see the steadfast community support return as strong as ever this year. Ritchie added the dedication of unwavering sponsors, and the many people making their way through the gates to enjoy the festivities have been great to see.

"It's absolutely amazing; not just all our patrons who are coming out, but also all of our sponsors who have stood by our side," Ritchie said. "We were closed for about 16 months, so this is just amazing. We're happy to bring what we could, and we're hoping to be back to full-scale next year."

In addition to the rides and local food vendors, there is also a vaccine clinic on-site for those interested this year. The midway will be open from noon to 11 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and noon to midnight Saturday.

Rodeo Returns to Queen City Ex

2021 marked the second annual Queen City Exhibition Pile O' Bones Rodeo. The two-day event was a major undertaking and overall it was a success. The average attendance of the Rodeo was over 3,500 and considering that, there were countless other places for guests to spend their time we consider this attendance to be a success.

Working with C5 Rodeo and Canadian Western Agribition was an easy decision given the reputation of both organizations. The cowboy culture is instilled deeply in both organizations and by aligning our event with these two organizations, we knew this would inspire and allow for innovation and growth of the sport of rodeo. Contributing to the sport of rodeo is part of our passion and is extremely important to us at Regina Exhibition Association Limited and we are in the

heart of a province that relies on all things Ag.

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 two 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. We look forward to QCX Pile O'Bones Rodeo 2022.

Battleford's Ag. Society Back in the Saddle

Keeley-Shae Somers, left, with her sister Cassidy, both from Battleford, pictured at the show Saturday. (Angela Brown/battlefordsNOW staff) - By Angela Brown

The Battlefords Ag Society held it's Light Horse Show this year, after being cancelled last year. Competitors were excited to be back competing - below is a story on the show by Angela Brown from BattlefordsNow.

BACK IN THE SADDLE - Battlefords Agricultural Society Light Horse Show participants glad to be competing again.

Saturday was a great day for equestrian enthusiasts as the Battlefords Agricultural Society was able to hold its popular Light Horse Show once again. The event was cancelled last year due to the province's COVID-19 regulations. "It was a weird year last year not being able to do anything," Rhonda Erickson, president of the Battlefords Agricultural Society and a volunteer on the Light Horse Committee, said.

"We just wanted to try to provide some normalcy for our community," she added of being able to offer the show this year. The event included a number of draws and prize winnings as an added incentive to participants. Among those taking part were Keeley-Shae Somers, 23, with her sister Cassidy, 18, both from Battleford. "I'm really happy that we are able to have these [events] again because we missed out last year," Keeley-Shae said. "I'm just excited to be back, and be able to ride with friends and stuff."

The sisters continue to practice their riding skills near home. They have also been involved with the area 4-H club since they were children.

Madison Flath competing in the Flag Race for her age group. (Angela Brown/battlefordsNOW staff)

By midday Saturday, Keeley-Shae already picked up two first-place winnings, while her sister Cassidy garnered two first-place and one second-place spots. Keeley-Shae said the challenging part in competing is often to calm her horse for more slower-paced events requiring precision after it gets excited while competing in more fast-paced activities. "It takes a lot of patience and a lot of time to put into the work at home," she said of how she prepares her horse for competitions.

Some of the activities during the day included flag racing, a figure-eight skills competition, what is known as musical tires, and barrel racing. Participants ranged in age from four to their mid-50s with competitions divided into five different age groups.

Madison Flath, from Hafford, was taking part in the events with her horse Nitro. She was all smiles after garnering second place in the flag race for her age group.

The 20-year-old said she is thrilled to be able to be back competing again this year, with COVID-19 restrictions lifted.

Flath has been riding since she was seven years old. She first became interested in equestrian sports through her friends and from her involvement with the local 4-H club.

"It's fun to get out and compete," she said. "You train your horses to work out for this."

SAASE Financial Statements
For the year ended - November 30, 2020

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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, 2021, 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, 2021 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 2, 2022

Chartered Professional Accountant

Saskatchewan Association of Agriculture Societies and Exhibitions Inc.

Statement of Financial Position

As at November 30, 2021

	Operating Fund	***Restricted Fund***	***Total 2021***	*Operating Fund*	*Restricted Fund*	*Total 2020*
Assets						
Current						
Cash	**26,027**	**-**	**26,027**	98,269	-	98,269
Investments *(Note 3)*	**135,696**	**489,898**	**625,594**	110,413	504,281	614,694
Accounts receivable	**25,000**	**-**	**25,000**	-	-	-
GST receivable	**13,366**	**-**	**13,366**	10,489	-	10,489
Prepaid expense	**2,941**	**-**	**2,941**	-	-	-
	203,030	**489,898**	**692,928**	219,171	504,281	723,452
Capital assets *(Note 4)*	**48,729**	**-**	**48,729**	48,729	-	60,911
	251,759	**489,898**	**741,657**	280,082	504,281	784,363
Liabilities						
Current						
Accounts payable	**-**	**23,913**	**23,913**	-	17,500	17,500
Deferred contributions *(Note 5)*	**100,808**	**215,985**	**316,793**	112,071	236,781	348,852
	100,808	**239,898**	**340,706**	112,071	254,281	366,352
Net Assets						
Appropriated surplus *(Note 6)*	**-**	**250,000**	**250,000**	-	250,000	250,000
Unappropriated surplus	**150,951**	**-**	**150,951**	168,011	-	168,011
	150,951	**250,000**	**400,951**	168,011	250,000	418,011
	251,759	**489,898**	**741,657**	280,082	504,281	784,363

Approved on behalf of the Board

Director **Director**

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Saskatchewan Association of Agriculture Societies and Exhibitions Inc.

Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets

For the year ended November 30, 2021

	Operating Fund	***Restricted Fund***	***Total 2021***	*Operating Fund*	*Restricted Fund*	*Total 2020*
Revenue						
Membership	**185**	**-**	**185**	17,413	-	17,413
Interest income	**3,383**	**-**	**3,383**	6,937	-	6,937
2021 CAFE/SAASE Convention	**37,974**	**-**	**37,974**	-	-	-
Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund	**77,000**	**233,000**	**310,000**	77,000	233,000	310,000
Provincial Ag display	**17,177**	**-**	**17,177**	40,227	-	40,227
Farm Safety program *(Schedule)*	**10,763**	**-**	**10,763**	2,164	-	2,164
Other grants	**13,750**	**-**	**13,750**	-	-	-
Workshop	**-**	**-**	**-**	210	-	210
Other income	**405**	**-**	**405**	-	-	-
	160,637	**233,000**	**393,637**	143,951	233,000	376,951
Expenses						
Administration	**1,736**	**-**	**1,736**	2,268	-	2,268
Amortization	**12,182**	**-**	**12,182**	15,228	-	15,228
Operations	**20,963**	**-**	**20,963**	18,682	-	18,682
Professional services	**72,835**	**-**	**72,835**	70,009	-	70,009
Programs and communication	**5,483**	**-**	**5,483**	6,764	-	6,764
Convention	**52,072**	**-**	**52,072**	830	-	830
Marketing campaign	**1,176**	**-**	**1,176**	935	-	935
Scholarship	**5,000**	**-**	**5,000**	6,000	-	6,000
Saskatchewan Agricultural Society Program	**-**	**223,492**	**223,492**	-	214,141	214,141
Provincial Ag display	**4,995**	**-**	**4,995**	3,984	-	3,984
Workshop	**-**	**-**	**-**	1,579	-	1,579
Farm Safety program *(Schedule)*	**10,763**	**-**	**10,763**	2,164	-	2,164
	187,205	**223,492**	**410,697**	128,443	214,141	342,584
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	**(26,568)**	**9,508**	**(17,060)**	15,508	18,859	34,367
Net assets, beginning of the year	**168,011**	**250,000**	**418,011**	133,644	250,000	383,644
Interfund transfers	**9,508**	**(9,508)**	**-**	18,859	(18,859)	-
Net assets, end of the year	**150,951**	**250,000**	**400,951**	168,011	250,000	418,011

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Saskatchewan Association of Agriculture Societies and Exhibitions Inc.

Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended November 30, 2021

	2021	*2020*
Cash provided by (used for) the following activities		
Operating activities		
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	**(17,060)**	34,367
Amortization	**12,182**	15,228
Net change in non-cash working capital balances		
Accounts receivable	**(25,000)**	24,600
GST recoverable	**(2,877)**	(2,603)
Prepaid expenses	**(2,941)**	1,767
Accounts payable	**6,413**	17,500
Deferred contributions	**(18,309)**	12,791
	(61,342)	103,650
Increase in cash resources	**(61,342)**	103,650
Cash resources, beginning of year	**712,963**	609,313
Cash resources, end of year	**651,621**	712,963
Cash consists of the following:		
Cash in bank	**26,027**	98,269
Term deposits	**625,594**	614,694
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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.

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 August 15, 2022 (2020 – January 26, 2021 to May 13, 2021), earning interest at rates ranging from 0.40% to 0.92% (2020 – 0.45% to 1.60%).

4. Capital assets

	Cost	***Accumulated amortization***	***2021 Net book value***	*2020 Net book value*
Vehicles	**66,677**	**32,538**	**34,139**	42,673
Project Display	**75,778**	**61,188**	**14,590**	18,238
	142,455	**93,726**	**48,729**	60,911

5. Deferred contributions

	Saskatchewan Lotteries	*Convention*	*Ag Society*	*Provincial Display Capital Grant*	Activity Book	Farm Safety	Total
Opening balance	**215,985**	**12,323**	**7,046**	**85,912**	**13,750**	**13,836**	**348,852**
Funding received in 2021	**310,000**	**-**	**-**	**25,000**	**-**	**20,000**	**355,000**
Revenue recognized in 2021	**(310,000)**	**(12,323)**	**(7,046)**	**(17,177)**	**(13,750)**	**(10,763)**	**(371,059)**
Grant returned to funder	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**(16,000)**	**(16,000)**
	215,985	**-**	**-**	**93,735**	**-**	**7,073**	**316,793**

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, 2021

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. Impact of COVID-19

In March 2021, there was a global outbreak of COVID-19, which has had a significant impact on organizations through the restrictions put in place by the Canadian, provincial and municipal governments regarding travel, business operations and isolation/quarantine orders. At this time, it is unknown the extent of the impact the COVID-19 outbreak may have on the Organization as this will depend on future developments that are highly uncertain and that cannot be predicted with confidence. These uncertainties arise from the inability to predict the ultimate geographic spread of the disease, and the duration of the outbreak, including the duration of travel restrictions, business closures or disruptions, and quarantine/isolation measures that are currently, or may be put, in place by Canada and other countries to fight the virus.

10. Comparative figures

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

Saskatchewan Association of Agriculture Societies and Exhibitions Inc.
Schedule of Safety Day Program Revenues and Expenses
For the year ended November 30, 2021

	2021	*2020*
Revenue		
Communities Initiative Fund	**-**	2,164
Ministry of Agriculture	**10,763**	-
	10,763	2,164
Expenses		
Society payouts & nutritional breaks	**3,020**	-
Resource materials	**5,000**	-
Safety Day co-ordinator	**2,350**	1,050
SAASE Safety Day expenses	**393**	1,114
	10,763	2,164
Deficiency of revenues over expenses	**-**	**-**

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