

# SAASE News

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## Canadian Extreme Bulls and Bikes a Big Success in Year 2



The Lloydminster Exhibition has just finished up the second year of the 3 year Canadian Extreme Bulls and Bikes program - below is an article submitted by the Lloydminster Exhibition on this year's event.

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

the Friday night.

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

We had a very successful year two. 26-2 year old bulls were bucked in the afternoon with a decent crowd. We were able to have CFCW come

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## President's Message: Jocelyn Ritchie

Hey all - hope everyone has had an excellent fair season. The weather was kind of all over the map, but the fall has certainly been very nice so far. The Saskatchewan Fair industry got some very sad news with SAASE Board Member and SAASE Honourary Life Member - Neal Keefe passing away. Neal was a very important member of the SAASE Board, as well as such a great volunteer for the Weyburn Agricultural Society that he will really be missed.

It has once again been a very busy and exciting summer for SAASE. Our Agricultural Education displays have made many stops around the province and we have been working with our corporate partners at some new events as well. SAASE worked with Evraz Place in Regina on bringing back agriculture education to their fair - it was a great start this year and we look forward to working with the Queen. City Ex in 2019. If you are interested in having the Agricultural Education modules at your event, give Glen a call at the office.

A huge thanks goes out to all of our Agricultural Societies who hosted Safety Days this year. It is because of you that our Safety day program has become one of the biggest and best in Canada. Working with youth has always been a priority of our Agricultural Societies and this great program is just another way that our Agricultural Societies continue to show leadership within our communities. Thanks to all of our partners on the program for continuing to show their support - the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture, SaskPower, Progressive Agriculture, Community Initiatives Fund (CIF), Farm Credit Canada and the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association. SAASE hosted a safety day coordinators workshop in Regina - with over 30 people attending. Our safety day program and coordinators training workshop have become the largest in Canada. If you want information about hosting a safety day give Glen a call at the office.

The Venture Project program provides seed money for new events, as well as enhancing existing events. There are a number of projects highlighted in the September/December newsletter. The SAASE Board of Directors has updated the Venture Project Program and there was a mail out from the office, which include the updated application, which also was distributed at this year's convention in Weyburn. Two applications were approved at the December 1st deadline - meaning there is still funding available for the program. I would encourage you to get your project in as soon as possible, as the applications will be looked at on a first come first served basis.

Our convention will be taking place in Prince Albert March 1 - 2, with the board of Directors working with the host committee on this year's program. Marla Calico - President and CEO of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions will be joining us this year. Marla will be delivering our keynote address. The SaskEnergy Volunteer Champion Awards will again be taking place at the luncheon on Saturday the 1st. Our volunteers are what make our Ag Societies the great organizations they are - nominate that special volunteer for the SaskEnergy volunteer Champion Awards. I look forward to seeing everyone in Prince Albert.

The SAASE Clark and Anne Lewis/Dalgliesh Family Scholarship program continues to help out young people throughout Saskatchewan. Our 4 outstanding scholarship recipients have been announced and their stories are included in the newsletter. Congratulations to all of the participants and winners at this year's 4 H Provincial Judging competition, which was held in Swift Current.

Have a very Merry and safe holiday season - we will see you in Prince Albert at this year's SAASE convention.

*Jocelyn Ritchie - President*

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

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



on board and be a major media sponsor which gave our event even better exposure.

We added in a ladies division which saw 3 ladies compete. The women had to flank their own bulls and this component is becoming more popular at other bull



bucking events. We intend to add a youth division to next year's event to add even more contestants and diversity.

We had our PBR event later in the evening starting at 6pm. We had a great evening of outstanding performance that left the crowd on the edge of their seats. We had a long go of 25 riders and then a short go of the top 10. It made for a great evening. We were cut short and had to evacuate the grandstand with about 2 bulls to go because of lightning but we were able to crown a champion. Even though we had inclement weather move in towards the end we still kept a majority of our crowd.





# Prairieland Park Partners with the World Trade Center Saskatoon



For Immediate Release – In an agreement executed by John Williams, President of CANWEST CLC, and WORLD TRADE CENTER Saskatoon and Mark Regier, CEO of Saskatoon Prairieland Park Corporation the main trade and conference facility at Prairieland Park will be rebranded to include the WORLD TRADE CENTER Saskatoon logo.

“This is extremely exciting for us,” remarked Mark Regier, CEO of Prairieland Park, “the opportunities available to us through the WTC network seem almost limitless and put us, and Saskatoon, on a global stage!”. The WORLD TRADE CENTER Saskatoon is a member of the World Trade Center Association with over 325 members in almost 100 countries worldwide.

WORLD TRADE CENTER Saskatoon is also part of the Members Advisory Council for Conferences & Exhibitions, Agriculture and the Trade Promotion Services. This is an opportunity to gain recognition with a strong global presence in an industry important to Saskatchewan. “Saskatchewan needs both foreign and direct investment to develop our agricultural industry for processing;

both in primary and secondary production,” John Williams said in regards to economic development and the role the WORLD TRADE CENTER Saskatoon can play.

Many WORLD TRADE CENTERS combine a business space with conference space, and in an effort to maximize the use of the current tradeshow and conference space in our market, John Williams sought out a strategic alliance with Prairieland Park, “we think this serves both parties very well,” said John Williams President of CANWEST CLC Corporation, “with an incredible level of customer service and over 240,000 square feet of convention and trade show space [at Prairieland Park], we believe this facility can handle any event that we bring forward”.

The name and brand Prairieland Park will continue to exist. The Trade and Convention facility will be known as the WORLD TRADE CENTER Saskatoon at Prairieland Park and Prairieland Park will continue to operate Sports On Tap, Marquis Downs, Prairieland Park AG Center, the outdoor venues (Kickin’ Horse Saloon and the Grandstand) and our

three Live Horse Racing Wagering Centers throughout the province.

Recent renovations to the main entrance and lobby were done in anticipation of this announcement, in an effort to bring the outside facade up to what one would expect from a facility branded as a WORLD TRADE CENTER. Nearly 20 million dollars has been self-invested into the property by the Prairieland Park Board of Directors over the last 10 years. Humble beginnings: Prairieland Park started as an Ag Society, solely responsible for running the Fair,

and has grown into a leader in the convention industry while keeping that non-profit, community-minded focus.

The partnership is very exciting and will bring great things for WTC Saskatoon, Prairieland Park and the city in general.

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# SAASE Board Loses a Friend

It is with great sadness that SAASE is announcing the passing of Neal Keefe. Neal had been a Board Member with SAASE since 2012, but had been a volunteer with the Weyburn Agricultural Society since the early 1970's - holding basically every position on the board - including president, as well as helping out on most committees. Neal was dedicated to the Weyburn Agricultural Society, as well as the community of Weyburn. He loved the fair business and Agricultural Societies and he brought that dedication and passion to the SAASE Board.

Neal was a huge supporter of our provincial safety day program, and many times said that he thought it was one of the best programs SAASE had ever become involved with. He was incredibly dedicated to not only SAASE's role in the program, but was the organizer locally here in Weyburn for the safety day. He was very passionate about teaching children about safety and loved the safety day.

This past year at the SAASE convention in Weyburn – SAASE recognized both Neal and Rae with Honorary Life Memberships. The application came from the Weyburn Agricultural

Society and recognized Neal and Rae for not only the tireless work they did with the Weyburn Ag Society, but also all the volunteering they had done for so many community groups and their involvement with SAASE and the Fair industry. Neal had also been recognized nationally by the Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions in 2015 as a Fair Champion in CAFE's Awards



A celebration of Neal's life was held at the Legion in Weyburn on July 19th. The building was full, as it was quite apparent all the people and community groups that Neal had touched over the years. Representatives from a number of those groups spoke about the dedication and passion that Neal had for not only their group, but also for his community. Many stories were told - there was laughter and tears as everyone looked back fondly on Neal. Neal will be missed by so many people and groups and will really be missed by SAASE. He was a very valuable Board Member and a great supporter of SAASE. We are so lucky that Neal worked with SAASE and our Board over the years - thank you Neal for everything that you did.



# Swift Current Hosts 4 H Provincial Judging Competition



**Photo left to right: Doug Sroka, Kyle Kirzinger, Shane, Hanel, Ariana Verbonac, Brett Rumpel, Wyatt Dyck, Zack Hill, Wyatt Miller**

The Provincial 4-H Judging competition was held August 18-19 in Swift Current. There were six teams representing each Regional Judging competition across the province: Saskatoon, Lloydminster, Prince Albert, Weyburn, Whitewood and Swift Current. In total 44 members participated in this event. The members had 10 classes to judge, including miniature donkeys, laying hens, Fjord horses, beef cow/calf pairs, beef bred heifers, Range-management, rally dogs, and Mystery of multiple species breed identification and welding.

After the members arrived on



Friday night, they wrote their judging exam. Once they were finished the exam, they had some time to socialize and play Minute to Win It games. On Saturday the competitors started the day with their judging classes, followed by their oral reasons in the afternoon.

The awards banquet was held at the Stockade Building at Kinetic Park. Two of the 4-H Saskatchewan Board of Directors were present at the banquet – Alvin Pawlitza and Stan Figley. Alvin welcomed everyone to the event, updated the members and leaders about the board updates and thanked the committee for hosting.

The committee would like to thank SAASE, Swift Current Ag and Ex, FCC and Pattison Agriculture, as well as the 4-H Saskatchewan Program Partners. Without the support from the sponsors, this event would not be possible. Also, a big thank you to the volunteer committee, who planned this outstanding event.

Congratulations to the Competition winners:

Doug Sroka, Maidstone Cully 4-H Multiple Club

Kyle Kirzinger, Viscount 4-H Beef Club

Shane Hanel, Wymark Drylanders 4-H Club

Ariana Verbonac, Crown Hill 4-H Beef Club

Brett Rumpel, Longlaketon Multiple 4-H Club

Wyatt Dyck, Wymark Drylanders 4-H Club

Zach Hill, Alida and Area 4-H Beef Club

Wyatt Millar, Catherwood Beef & Sheep 4-H Club

Good luck to all of the members headed off to the Canadian National 4-H & Youth Judging Competition.

Doug Sroka, Maidstone Cully 4-H Multiple Club

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Wyatt Millar, Catherwood Beef & Sheep 4-H Club

Anya Kuziw, Durness 4-H Multi Club





# SAASE Convention 2019 - March 1 - 2



Where town & country meet

This year's SAASE Convention and Annual General Meeting will be taking place in Prince Albert on March 1 - 2, 2019 - hosted by the staff and volunteers of the Prince Albert Exhibition and taking place on the Prince Albert Exhibition Grounds.

The format for the convention will be much the same as we have had the last couple of years. From the feedback that we have received - convention delegates really appreciate the Friday preconvention workshops. There are 2 to choose from. The Serve it Right Saskatchewan Liquor Serving course and an Emergency Planning workshop.

If your Agricultural Society serves alcohol during any events you need to send someone to the SIRS workshop. Serve it Right Saskatchewan is the official provincial responsible service of alcohol program. It provides consistent training for the sale and service of alcohol, helping permit holders to ensure that alcohol-related activities are conducted with integrity and in a socially responsible manner.

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- Identify what intoxication means and looks like.
- Handle situations involving minors.
- Use an effective approach to discontinue or refuse to sell or serve alcohol
- Understand your legal responsibilities and liabilities.

Upon successfully completing the workshop each participant will receive a certificate for your records.

The course is normally \$50 per person, but as part of this year's convention there will be no charge to participants who have registered for the convention. Registration for the workshop is free, but it is limited to the first 20 people who return the registration form. The Serve it Right workshop registration form will be included in the convention packages and must be returned to the SAASE office in order to register for the course. Lunch will also be provided.

The second workshop that will take place on March 1st will be an Emergency Planning workshop. We all run events, and it is critical that we know what to do if something

goes wrong on our grounds. Keri Rolles - Emergency Services Officer from the Public Safety Division of the Provincial Government will be running the workshop. You will get all kinds of information on how to put together an Emergency Plan based on what resources you have within your community.

Marla Calico - President and CEO



**MARLA CALICO**  
International Association of  
Fairs and Expos

of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions - will be joining us for this year's convention. Marla is no stranger to SAASE, as she has attended other SAASE

## Workshops/Roundtables to Highlight Convention

conventions. She always has a very upbeat and positive message, and will be delivering this year's keynote speech on the Saturday morning, as well as helping us out with our round table discussions.

This year's host hotel is the Prince Albert Super 8 - their address is 4444 2nd Ave West, Prince Albert, SK, S6V 5R7. Room rates are \$125 + taxes. The rooms must be booked by January 30th. The room block is under SAASE Convention and you can call for reservations at - (306) 953-0088.

The SAASE/SaskEnergy Awards luncheon will be held on Saturday March 2 at noon - nomination forms will be sent out with the convention packages in December.

On Saturday afternoon roundtable discussions will be held - giving delegates an opportunity to network and find out what other Agricultural Societies are doing on various topics. Aaron Hepting will be doing a presentation on the new SAASE website on the Saturday morning, and we will be having a round table on the website in the afternoon, so that delegates can give some feedback and reaction on the direction we have taken with the website. SAASE is also in the process of working with



**Tim Carson of AAAS leads delegates through a board governance workshop**

the Ontario and Alberta Provincial Associations on a judging program. We will have more information at the convention and be able to pass it on there. If you have an idea for a table topic get hold of Glen at the office.

Once again you are encouraged to bring a silent auction item, and your check book to purchase items. Money that is raised through our silent auction goes to our scholarship program. The convention will wrap up with

the SAASE Annual Meeting. If you have any interest in running for the SAASE Board of Directors - give Glen at the office for more information. Plan now to attend this year's SAASE convention - March 1 - 2, 2019 in Prince Albert. See you at the convention.





## Friday, March 1, 2019

All sessions at the Prince Albert Exhibition Convention Centre

9:00 am	Serve it Right Saskatchewan Servers Workshop
9:00 am	Emergency Planning Workshop
12 noon	Lunch
12:30 pm	Serve it Right Saskatchewan Servers Workshop - continued
12:30 pm	Emergency Planning Workshop - continued
4:00 pm	Convention Registration - Prince Albert Convention Centre
	Receive Silent Auction Items
5:00 pm	Cannabis and Your Event
6:00 pm	Supper - Silent Auction Opens
7:30 pm	SAASE Business Session/Venture Project Presentations
8:30 pm	Prince Albert Exhibition Host Evening
(Shuttle Service Available between the Super 8 and Prince Albert Exhibition Grounds beginning at 3:30)	

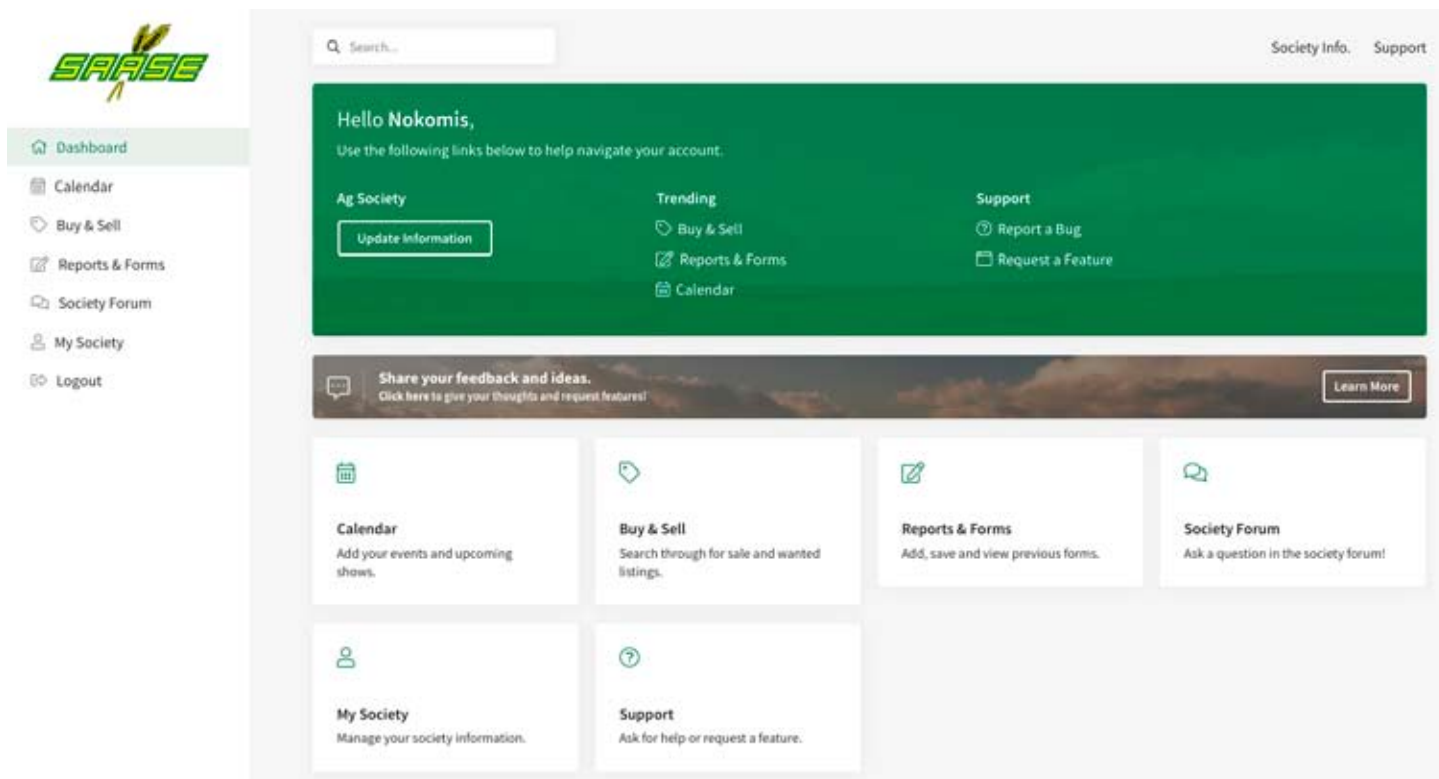
## Saturday, March 2, 2019

Prince Albert Exhibition Convention Centre - Prince Albert

8:00 am	Breakfast - Convention Centre
	Silent Auction Opens
9:00 am	Keynote address - Marla Calico
10:30 am	Refreshment Break
10:45 am	SAASE's Updated Website Review
12:00 - 1:30 pm	SaskEnergy Volunteer Champion Awards
	- Lunch
	- Introductions
	- Announcements
	- Awards
1:30 pm	Roundtable discussions
	- Judging
	- Food at Your Fair
	- Insurance
	- Youth/volunteers
	- Sponsorship
	- Animal Welfare
	- SAASE and what we do
	- What worked last year
	- SAASE Website
	- New ideas
	- Entertainment at the Fair
	- Rodeo
3:30 pm	Refreshment Break
4:00 pm	Silent Auction end
	SAASE Annual Meeting
4:30 pm	Silent Auction pickup

Safe Trip Home

# Updated SAASE Website to be Unveiled at the 2019 SAASE Convention



At last year's SAASE convention in Weyburn a set of round table discussions were held in the afternoon. One of the tables was SAASE and what we do – we were looking for feedback on SAASE's existing programming, as well as feedback on what we could do in the future to help our members out. A suggestion came forward that it would really help everyone out if there was a way that Agricultural Societies could talk to each other online. For example – if an Agricultural Society had a question regarding insurance for a horse show – they could post a question online to see how other Agricultural Societies have handled it. Responses to that question would be posted, which everyone would have access to.

SAASE has had some issues with our existing website - as far as submitting forms and applications - so it was felt that an upgrade of the existing website

was needed. With that a number of platforms could be added that would not only improve and fix the forms and application area, but also introduce some new features.

In addition to a communication platform, there are many other features that we have incorporated into the website that our members will be able to use. Each Agricultural Society will have access to their own individual account - from that account there will be a number of features they will have access to.

A few of the new features that have been built in are:

- Creating your own buy, sell and wanted listings for all other associations to see.
- Chat, create topics and ask questions for others to respond to.
- Save, review and edit yearly forms with your society information already

pre-filled.

- Add events to your own society calendar and share them across the SAASE website.

At the SAASE convention this year a session will be held on the changes and updates made to the website - we are looking for your feedback before we go live with it. We want to make sure that the website is easy to use and that it will meet everyone's needs. The session will be held on the Friday night after supper - that will give everyone the opportunity to think about it over night - we will have a round table on the website on the Saturday afternoon of the convention, so that everyone will be able to discuss the proposed changes as well as giving us additional ideas before we go live with the website. We look forward to seeing everyone at this year's convention in Prince Albert.





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who share their time, energy and spirit across  
Saskatchewan.**

***SaskEnergy*** 

Champion of Volunteers

# SaskEnergy Volunteer Champion Awards

The SaskEnergy Volunteers Champion Awards will be taking place at 12 noon on Saturday March 2nd in Prince Albert at the SAASE Convention and Annual Meeting. SaskEnergy have been the presenting partner on our awards for a number of years, and SAASE would like to thank them for their continued involvement and the support of all the great volunteers that we have across the province.

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

## **HONOURARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP:**

This honourary award is based on a member's lifetime contribution to the local Ag. Society, to the community in which they live, to the Province of Saskatchewan and, where applicable, to the national scene.

## **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR:**

Presented to an individual volunteer or a volunteer couple, associated with a member society, who has/have made a significant contribution to the society.

- High priority will be given to leadership qualities, innovative ideas, and exceptional service to the society.
- Involvement or participation in agricultural society related activity.
- Knowledge of and dedication to the agricultural society industry.

## **ACHIEVEMENT OF THE YEAR:**

An award presented to the agricultural society organization who is deemed to have achieved the most significant achievement during the year. Achievement is defined as a special accomplishment such as :

- the introduction of a notable new idea or concept;
- a major facilities or grounds development;
- dealing with extreme adversity;
- involvement with industry partners;
- demonstrated community support for the organization

## **AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY ANNIVERSARY YEAR AWARD**

- Awarded to an agricultural society celebrating a significant anniversary year milestone. Agricultural societies wishing to be recog-



**Neal and Rae Keefe accept the SAASE Honorary Life Membership Award at the 2018 SAASE Annual Convention in Weyburn**

nized will fill out the form in the Awards package being sent out and send it to the SAASE office. A certificate will be presented to that agricultural society at the annual convention.

SAASE President Jocelyn Ritchie says that, "SAASE would like to thank SaskEnergy for their continued support of our Agricultural Societies through the Volunteer Champion Awards, as it reaffirms SaskEnergy's commitment to not only SAASE, but also

to the communities and our volunteers that our Agricultural Societies represent. The support for this program and our convention helps SAASE make sure that we are able put on a first class awards ceremony. Our volunteers are our lifeblood and this program ensures that we are able to recognize their contributions to our Agricultural Societies and the communities they represent." Make sure you get your nominations in for this year's SaskEnergy Volunteer Champion Awards.

**SaskEnergy**  
Champion of Volunteers



# Swift Current Ag. & Ex. Wins Not-For Profit Business of the Year Award

Our Agricultural Societies are so important to our communities and often we go about what we do and never get recognized for the role we play. There are those time though when we are recognized for the contributions that we do make to making our communities better places to live. The Swift Current Ag. & Ex. was recognized as Swift Current's Not-for-profit Business of the year. Below is the press release. Congratulations to Tracey Stevenson, all the staff and the hundreds of volunteers that dedicate their time to the Swift Current Ag & Ex. and their community.



The Swift Current & District Chamber of Commerce hosted their 20th Spirit of Swift Current Business Excellence Awards (SCBEX) on October 26. Aiming to highlight local business, the awards saw 10 awards handed out to businesses and individuals that were nominated by the general public.

The event was hosted in the Living Sky Casino. The Swift Current Ag & Ex claimed the Not-For-Profit Business of the Year. Nominees for this award were The Canadian Mental Health Association – Swift Current Branch and Sask Abilities, Swift current Branch.

It was a great evening at the SCBEX Awards. We are feeling very honoured and humbled to win the Non-Profit Business of the year award! Congratulations to the Sask Abilities and Swift Current Mental Health on your nomination we are blessed to be able to be apart of their organizations and we value their contributions. We would like to thank everyone who volunteers and contributes to the Swift Current Ag & Ex we can't do it without you!





# Nipawin Adds Family/Parade Day Celebrations to Fair



**The Nipawin Hawks on their bike-float. Photo by Jessica R. Durling**

This is the Venture Project Report submitted by the Nipawin Exhibition.

Family/Parade Day Celebrations July 15, 2018

Historically the Nipawin Exhibition Parade was held on the first day of our exhibition as kick off to our three-day event. The Nipawin and District Chamber of Commerce was the supporting partner that provided the manpower to coordinate and marshal the parade along with finding volunteers to judge the entries and they even provided the prizes.

In 2017, the Exhibition Association approached the Chamber of Commerce and the Nipawin Business Improvement District to see if they were interested in partnering in hosting

a Canada 150 celebration in conjunction with the fair. The three parties agreed to host a Canada 150/Family Day celebration on the Sunday before the fair.

The day consisted of entertainment, food booths, and a vintage car show; face painting, games for the kids and fireworks. In addition, it was decided to move the Exhibition Parade to the Sunday and be part of the celebration. The day was provided to attendees at no cost other than the food they bought. The Chamber, the BID and the Town of Nipawin provided the funds and

manpower to coordinate the day. The Nipawin Exhibition Association provided financial sponsorship for the day, but did not provide any other resources as our resources were consumed with the delivery of the fair. The day was a complete success and there were many requests to repeat the day in 2018.

After decades of the Nipawin & District Chamber of Commerce being the Parade Marshalls for the Exhibition, they decided that their involvement in the Parade did not support the



**Maureena Schriener leads off the parade with her horse. Photo by Jessica R. Durling**





**The Nipawin Legion's float in the parade. Photo by Jessica R. Durling**

best interests of the Local Businesses and therefore would not look after the Parade. They also did not feel that playing a role in the Family Day celebrations was within their mandate.

In the time between the 2017 and 2018 exhibitions. The Nipawin Business Improvement District ceased to operate and thus these resources were no longer there to support the 2018 Family Day either. The Town agreed

to support the day by providing funding for entertainment and offered the services of their Public Works department in whatever capacity they would help, but were not prepared to coordinate the event.

At this point, the Exhibition Association was not sure what to do. We knew that we did not have surplus resources to host such a day, but we knew that the long-standing tradition of the parade had to continue. We knew that Family Day celebration was well received by the community the year before. It brought people to town and it also provided an opportunity for families that could not afford to attend the fair to be able to spend the day as a family enjoying the parade and other family friendly activities.

The Exhibition Association made the decision to assume the responsibility of coordinating, funding and delivering the Family Day celebration and the parade. Although a very stressful undertaking in addition to our annual fair, we were able to provide another event for our community. Mother Nature was not as kind to us this year as she was in 2017, but the response from the community was positive and they hope we continue with Family Day as a kick off to our fair.

Taking on this event added extra expenses for the Exhibition Association so we are very grateful for the Financial Assistance from the Venture Project Grant from SAASE.



**A parade float rider waves to the crowd. Photo by Jessica R. Durling**



# Vanscoy and Delisle Team up for Fall Fair

SAASE has made changes to the Venture Project Program - by making it possible to help out with a new program for 3 years. This allows a program or event to evolve - giving the new event an even better opportunity to succeed on an ongoing basis. The Vanscoy Agricultural Society is one of our Agricultural Societies applying for funding under the 3 year program. They are partnering up with a neighboring community - Delisle - on a Fall Fair. The first year was a tremendous success, and the Vanscoy Agricultural Society have applied for funding for the second year of their project. Below is the report from the first year of their new partnership with Delisle.

Year 1 of our Venture Project was a huge success. Our participation with the Delisle Harvest Festival was a fantastic opportunity for our Agricultural Society to help bring back our Fair. We were able to contribute to our local community by participating in a parade, hosting childrens entertainment (balloon twister and parachute games/songs), community bingo, and a cake celebration for our 35th anniversary. All of these engaged the community and brought community members through the doors to view the exhibits as well. Fall Fest was happy to have us add to their program and provide another opportunity to engage our community with the local festivities.

Our exhibit numbers were up this year and it was a wonderful showcase for the exhibitor's to demonstrate their knowledge, skill, and talent. Rural living was promoted through exhibits and through meaningful conversations





about what our organization does (unfortunately the Nutrient Trailer was unavailable for us but we have a wonderful display secured for our 2019 Fall Fair).

We were successful in drawing in more youth and allowing them the opportunity to compete and shine in their own specific exhibit categories. Our community directly benefited from this engaging opportunity because many proud children went home with some special earned prize money that day. It was not just about the prize money though. We created a sense of community, taught children the importance of participation, trying new things, and gave purpose to participation in our Fair as well. Teaching these skills along the way is a small act that can last a lifetime. We are already working with Delisle on the Fall Fair for 2019 and would like to thank SAASE for supporting this year's event





# SAASE Loses an Honorary Life Member

The Nipawin Exhibition, community of Nipawin, SAASE and Saskatchewan's fair industry lost an amazing volunteer, when George Belchamber passed away on October 21. George had always been a big supporter of SAASE and Saskatchewan's Fair industry. George was very active with Western Canada Fairs - being their President in 2008. He also regularly attended SAASE's Annual Convention and was named an Honorary Life Member in 2014. In addition to Western Canada Fairs and SAASE - George spent a great deal of time volunteering for the Nipawin Exhibition. George will be missed greatly - below is the writeup SAASE Honorary Life Membership writeup.

George has been involved with the Nipawin Exhibition since 1990. He was Vice-President in 1996 and then served with exception of 2 years as President from 1996 through 2012. During George's time as president he was instrumental in the construction of a new wash rack that is used by both beef and horse exhibitors. He was also the project lead when the roof was replaced and the washrooms were upgraded in the main pavilion. In 2012, George and his wife Wendy gave up the use of their garage and driveway for over a month while this area provided the space, and equipment, required to construct new bleachers for the grandstand. George also created the plans that were used to build the bleachers. After a period of absence, George's efforts also saw the return of the beer gardens to our Exhibition.



**SAASE Award Recipients 2014**

George would be found on the exhibition grounds everyday from two weeks prior to the show to a week after. He wanted to make sure that no detail got overlooked and that our community got to attend a top quality show. George has been granted Life Time Memberships to the Twin Lakes Trailblazers Snowmobile Club and the Nipawin Exhibition Association.

George has been and continues to be very involved in many organizations in our community. George is a founding member of the Twin Lakes Trailblazers Snowmobile Club. He was the Club's first president in 1979 and has been an active member of the club ever since. George was an alderman for the Town of Nipawin for 6 years and served on numerous committees not only with the Town, but on regional committees as well. George is currently involved with the Saskatchewan Snowmobile Association, and was a Director in 1987. He was very involved with Western Canada fairs and was President in 2008.

During his time with the Nipawin Exhibition Association, George felt it was important to know every aspect of the show and kept his finger on the pulse of each part. He accepted the responsibility of looking after everything from advertising to trenching water lines. In addition to the hours and hours George would put in during the months prior to our 3 day show making sure that everything was prepared,



# Agricultural Education Across Saskatchewan

Once again it has been a very busy year, as far as the SAASE Agricultural Education displays travelling across Saskatchewan. Our Agricultural Societies work very hard at educating our youth about agriculture and SAASE continues to try to help our members out with resources. Agricultural education of our youth is critical to agriculture down the road, and our Agricultural Societies are playing a very big role by hosting many of the largest agricultural education events around Saskatchewan.

SAASE has travelled across Saskatchewan with our agricultural education displays to numerous shows and events. This past year our agricultural displays have been to Prince Albert, Swift Current's Discover the Farm, as well as the



North Battleford's Childrens Festival. We also attended Pizza Farms - hosted by the Ministry of Agriculture and Ag in the Classroom - in both Yorkton and Moose Jaw. A new event that SAASE attended was the Riverhurst Bean Festival. SAASE worked with Regina Evraz Place on helping to reintroduce agricultural education to the Queen City Ex. "The Farm" had a number of agricultural displays, as well as having an agricultural entertainment stage and pedal tractor pull for the kids. Evraz Place is looking to build on the area for the 2019 Queen City Ex. In addition to having our displays at the Lloydminster



and North Battleford Fairs - SAASE had a very busy fall. SAASE had the Mosaic Potash display at Harvest Showdown in Yorkton. Over 800 students learned all about potash and the importance of it to agriculture. SAASE also had our agricultural displays at Agribition this year with over 9,400 students going through their Ag Ed area.

SAASE continues to look at building new partnerships to develop new resources that can be made available to our Agricultural Societies. Give Glen a call at the office if you are interested in taking a look at using the agricultural resources for your event.





# Agricultural Education at Agribition



Over the last number of years SAASE has been a part of the Agricultural Education area at Agribition. This year was no different as the Mosaic potash display, SaskPower electrical safety display and Chicken Farmers of Saskatchewan display were all incorporated into the area. A big change this year was a shift in location. The new agricultural education area was moved to the Agribition Building. The program was also expanded this year as over 9,400 students and teachers came through the area

In addition to the SAASE displays there were a number of other





organizations and producer groups with interactive displays. The following groups participated - Ag in the Classroom, Saskatchewan Stock Growers with a beef information display, Regina and District Bee Club, Saskmilk, Saskatchewan Chicken Marketing Board, Saskatchewan Egg Producers, Saskatchewan Horse Federation, Nature Conservancy, Saskatchewan Sheep Development Board, Saskatchewan SPCA, Turkey Farmers of Canada and finally the Western College of Veterinary Medicine. Western college brought in Agnes the life-size calving simulator - students were able to see how veterinarians diagnose and assist live animal birthing. There were demonstrations throughout the day.

The Indigenous Pavillion was also in the Agribition Building. The Pavillion featured a number of informative, artistic and interactive displays including: drummers and champion dancers, story telling, craft making, language stations and more. Agribition was once again very successful, and all the staff and volunteers helping out with Agribition put on an outstanding show. Below is a copy of a press release sent out December 4

**Strong attendance,  
new programs and  
international trade deals  
mark Agribition 2018**



Regina, Saskatchewan - Canadian Western Agribition (CWA) is posting strong attendance figures for the 2018 show with a total number of visitors reaching 126,972.

Highlights include more than 9,400 students and teachers taking part in CWA's Education Program, more than 24,000 people attending Agribition Pro Rodeo and Full Contact Jousting, and a sell-out crowd of 1,100 for the Party

on the Dirt cabaret. “In a year that’s been tough on some farmers and producers, we’re grateful that so many people continue to spend their time at Agribition,” says CWA CEO Chris Lane. “We added new programming this year that is resonating with people and bringing new visitors to the show that haven’t been before. That’s a big win for Agribition but also for the industry.”

CWA started the show on a positive note with a \$500,000 funding commitment from the Ministry of Agriculture to continue work in developing international trade.

“Once again, Agribition delivered on its mission to be the premier

marketplace for Canadian agricultural products,” says CWA President Bruce Holmquist. “Not only did we see well over a thousand international guests and buyers, but many of them made purchases from places like Argentina, Mexico, the United Kingdom and Australia, which are all target markets for our trade program and exhibitors.”

Revamped programming at the show included a focus on cannabis opportunities for Indigenous communities, mental health skill development, an entrepreneurship workshop and a panel discussion on trade with former Premiers Brad Wall and Frank McKenna.

CWA also announced a partnership with the provincial and federal governments for the creation of a new mentorship program aimed at young people in Saskatchewan agriculture, with applications opening on December 14.

#### Attendance Statistics

- Overall attendance - 126,972
- International visitors - 1,126 from 75 different countries.
- Registered education program - 9,482 students
- Trade show exhibits - 468
- Free admission/tickets for Armed Forces and First Responders - 633
- Ticketed events (Pro Rodeo, Jousting, Cabaret): - 25,523





# SAASE Announces 2018 Scholarship Recipients

SAASE has announced the recipients of this year's Clark and Anne Lewis/Dalglish Family Memorial Scholarships. A big thank you to all of the Agricultural Societies for nominating so many outstanding youth for the scholarships. Every year the decision by the scholarship committee is made so difficult by the quality of the applicants. Thanks goes out to West Coast Amusements for their continued support of this program. Congratulations to all four of our recipients.

## **Morgan Bray - nominated by the Abernethy Agricultural Society**



Morgan Bray is one of the four recipients of a SAASE scholarship for 2018. Morgan is attending the University of Regina and is in the Faculty of Education - majoring in General Science and minoring in Physical Education. Morgan feels agricultural education is very important for our young people, and when he becomes a teacher one of his goals is to educate on the importance of agriculture to Saskatchewan.

Morgan was nominated by the Abernethy Agricultural Society and it is easy to see why. He has been volunteering at the Abernethy Fair for a number of years. He and his dad have volunteered to set up and take down at the fair for the past 6 years. He also created the Fair book cover for 2015/2016, as well as the Fair posters. Morgan's role in the fair expanded in 2017 as the Abernethy Fair celebrated it's 110th anniversary coinciding with Canada's 150th anniversary. He was responsible for setting up and looking after a table for the Abernethy Museum. He also looked after designing the inside cover of the fair book and creating a banner to cover the spirit of Abernethy.

In addition to the Abernethy Agricultural

Society, Morgan has also been involved in many other community organizations. He was involved with the Role Model Poster Project at the Balcarres Community School. He also acted as a Physical Education Teachers assistant at the Balcarres School, as well as being a volunteer linesman/scorekeeper for junior girls and senior boys volleyball. He volunteered on the Abernethy Rink Board as an ice maker, helping out with the maintenance and as a skating buddy for the youth in the community. He also volunteered at the Abernethy Co-op.

As far as extra-curricular activities he played 13 years of minor hockey - participated in junior and senior basketball - took part in 12 years of minor soccer, and played junior and senior badminton. His special interests and activities include art - sketching/logo design etc - coin collecting - sports - local history.

With everything that Morgan has done it is hard to believe he found time to hold down jobs, but he has worked with a number of organizations. Over the last 3 years he has been the Guide/Caretaker/Event Organizer at the Abernethy Nature - Heritage Museum. He has also been a Hockey Canada on-Ice Official for minor hockey in the area. He has done yard maintenance , as well as working at the Balcarres School Canteen. SAASE is very pleased to announce Morgan Bray as one of this year's scholarship recipients.





**Madison Griemann - nominated by the Fairmede Agricultural Society**

Madison Griemann is one of this year's four SAASE scholarship recipients. Madison is attending Saskatchewan Polytechnic in Regina. She is enrolled in the Innovative Manufacturing Program, and upon graduation will apprentice as a machinist. Ultimately she would like to work manufacturing and repairing agricultural machinery.

Madison has been an active 4 H member with the Moosomin 4 H Multi Club over the last number of years. Within her club she has been vice president, president twice and co-president twice. At the District 4 H level she has been both the secretary and the president.

Madison was very busy with extra-curricular activities at McNaughton High School in Moosomin. She was on the Student Representative Council for seven years holding

both the secretary and co-president roles. She has played on numerous school sports teams including basketball, volleyball and badminton. Madison was also involved in the drama club. She was also selected to take the anti-bullying course "Beyond the Hurt". She also helped out with organizing school dances, working at sports games and helping coach a girls basketball team.

Madison has a real passion for learning about the different industries in Saskatchewan - in particular agriculture and the oil sectors, as well as the technologies used. She is very social and spends what spare time she has with friends playing slow pitch, skating - pretty much any activity that gets her out socializing with others. Her other passion is that she loves to work. She has always kept busy working a variety of jobs. When she was younger she would babysit and coach Canskate. She cleaned an apartment building and looked after the yardwork there in the summer as well. For two and a half years she worked at the Moosomin Rona and after her hours working at Rona she would wash trucks for a local electrical company. This past summer she worked at Westwood Ranch and Garden Center. It is both a greenhouse and small zoo - Madison loves animals so the job was perfect, as she spent most of her time working with them. Congratulations to Madison on being the recipient of SAASE's Clark and Anne Lewsi/Dlagleish Family scholarships.



**Madison Petracek - nominated by the Whitewood Agricultural**

**Society**

Madison is one of this year's SAASE scholarship recipients. She is attending Saskatchewan Polytechnic - working towards her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. After she has completed her program her plan is to become a pediatric nurse. Once becoming a nurse she would like to further her education in sonography - at some point using her sonography skills to live and work on a farm - specializing in cattle ultrasounds.

Madison has been very involved with the Whitewood 4 H Club over the past 8 years. She has been secretary, vice-president, as well as president. As a 4 H club they took on many different activities within the community. The club catered many different events, as well as collecting items for the food bank. She also helps mentor the younger members of the 4 H Club so they can become more knowledgeable about the cattle and agricultural industry.

In addition to keeping a very high grade average, Madison was involved in many extra-curricular activities at the Whitewood School. She played volleyball, Badminton, Curling and was involved in track and field. She has also participated in dance, softball and piano.

Outside of school Madison has volunteered at the Broadview Centennial Lodge Nursing Home. She helped out taking residents for walks, doing exercises with them, as well as playing games. She also helped out with meals. Madison and a friend of hers helped out the Shelwin House Women's shelter in Yorkton by collecting clothes, blankets, sheets and other household items and then

delivering them to the shelter.

Madison also found time in her busy schedule to work at the Whitewood Borderland Grocery Store as a cashier, stocking shelves and delivering groceries. SAASE congratulates Madison Petracek on being the recipient of one of the Clark and Anne Lewis/Dlagleish Family Scholarships.

**Caitlyn Ireland - nominated by the Unity Agricultural Society**

Caitlyn is one of this year's SAASE scholarship recipients. Caitlyn is currently enrolled at the University of Saskatchewan in Agriculture and will be working through the Agronomy Program. Her future plans are to work in agriculture working with crops, as

well as educating on the importance of agriculture.

Caitlyn was very active participating in many extra-curricular activities at Unity composite High School. She was a member of both the volleyball, basketball, curling and Track and Field teams - when not playing she was busy volunteering as a ref, umpire and score keeper for various sports, as well as being an assistant coach with the junior girls volleyball and basketball teams. She was a leader in High School being on the SLC - Student Leadership Council - organizing many school events.

Outside of school Caitlyn spent her time horseback riding - being part of the 4 H Light Horse Club, running, wakeboarding and spending time with her dad helping out on the farm. Caitlyn was also able to find time to work after school at the local Drug Store in the Pharmacy as a clerk.

With everything that Caitlyn was busy doing with school, extra-curricular activities and work, she found time to work with other community organizations. she helped out at Parkview Place - volunteering and helping out with the residents. she also volunteered at the annual Terry Fox Run and cross country meet. Congratulations Caitlyn on being one of SAASE's Scholarship recipients.







# How to prevent an outbreak of **ENTERIC PATHOGENS** on your grounds & at your event



Pathogen cases and outbreaks have been linked to fairs, open farms and petting zoos worldwide. An infective dose of some pathogens only takes 10 cells and survive for months outside of the animal host. Prepare your event or activity the best you can to ensure the health of your visitors by understanding the risks and taking preventative measures.



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# What are pathogens? and what is the public risk?

Pathogens are microorganisms that cause disease in humans. They are traditionally carried by animals and shed in their feces, but the pathogens do not cause illness to these animals.

Pathogens will only make people ill if they have entered the digestive tract, which usually occurs after an individual eats or touches their face. In most cases, the individual has not washed their hands after touching a contaminated surface. Children, pregnant women and the elderly are most at risk.

Those who become infected **may** experience:

- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Stomach cramps
- Sometimes kidney failure or even death

Agricultural fairs and petting zoos are the ideal place for the general public to engage with animals and learn more about agriculture. In Canada, 89% of fairs either encourage or allow the public to access the livestock area. However, inherent in that opportunity is the risk for the public to become ill due to enteric pathogens. These risk are increased by:

- Almost **1/3 of animal zones (livestock barns, arenas and petting zoos) have children and/or food areas directly adjacent** to animal areas
- Only **up to 25% of animal zones being sanitized** regularly
- A small study found **zoonotic pathogens were present in 5 out of 6 (83%) of animal operations tested** in Canada.
- It is estimated that **14% of illnesses** from zoonotic pathogens **arise through direct contact with animals**

Therefore, it is essential that these places take the necessary precautions to prevent illness, for the sake of everyone involved.

## Define **Enteric**:

/ɛn'tɛrɪk/ *adjective*

Relating to or occurring in the intestines.

## Define **Zoonosis**:

/zəʊə'nəʊsɪs/ *noun*

A disease which can be transmitted to humans from animals.

## Define **Pathogens**:

/ˈpəθədʒ(ə)ns/ *noun*

A bacterium, virus or other microorganism that can cause disease.

## Why you should care

1. No one wants anyone to become ill as a result of their negligence. Taking the necessary precautions will ensure that you've done everything you can to protect your visitors.
2. If you don't take preventative measures, you could become entangled in years of litigation.
3. Each year, E. Coli O157 cases represents \$26.7 million lost, without including long-term costs and emotional damages.
4. Bad news travels fast, especially in the world of social media. If someone gets infected on your grounds, it will damage your reputation, which will be reflected in lower attendance rates, less sponsorship and less support from your community.



# Here are some steps you can take to help prevent contamination and risk.



## **CLEAN.**

First and foremost, it is important to clean and disinfect buildings/equipment on a regular basis, including animal water and feed containers, transport crates, containers, trailers and vehicles. Animal zone surfaces should be cleaned daily (walkways, fences, faucets, etc). When cleaning, it is recommended to use diluted bleach (1:16 water) or follow the instruction for ammonium compounds. To kill as many pathogens as possible, the cleaning agent should be left on the surface for ten minutes. Record any sanitization procedures, including what was done, when it was done, and who did it as proof in case a concern of negligence is brought forward.

Keep animals and animal area clean. Manure, urine and unsanitary bedding should be removed as soon as possible. Consider fan direction, dust particles and other potential risks when cleaning animal zones.

## **SIGN & SERVE.**

One of the best preventative measures is to have adequate signage and services available to the public. Analyze the grounds to place hand washing and hand sanitizing stations in key locations that will receive and be able to handle visitor traffic. Make sure to record your plan. If possible, provide a space where visitors can store personal belongings before entering animal zones. Include signage as to the need for preventative

measures such as hand washing and instructions on proper hand washing techniques, as well as the importance of cleaning contaminated surfaces such as shoes, strollers and clothing. Signage to prevent high-risk contact behaviour is also important.

## **EVALUATE.**

Evaluate your grounds to see if other measures can be taken to decrease the risk, such as:

- ▶ Creating transition zones to promote hygiene and decrease chances of contamination in food and children areas.
- ▶ Creating one-way flow traffic to help control the spread of pathogens.
- ▶ Designating areas that are inaccessible to the public for animal and waste movement.
- ▶ Test and treat water as needed.

## **EDUCATE.**

As an ideal source to educate the public on agriculture, it is also an ideal platform to educate the public on farm hygiene. Increasing awareness on the subject prevents risk by up to 18%. CAFE has prepared a video available on YouTube in French and English that can be shared with visitors before or during their visit to your grounds.

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## **How to wash your hands properly**

1. Soap and thoroughly massaging hands, creating a lather
2. Scrub for at least 20 seconds
3. Rinse with water (warm or cold)
4. Dry hands with paper towel or hand dryer, NOT on your clothes





# What is the situation in Canada? your event is more at risk than you think.

Canadian grounds that host animal zones are engaging in risky behaviours, such as:

- Food allowed in up to 71% of animal zones across Canada
- Only 19-25% of animal zones following regular surface sanitizing
- Less than 1/3 of animal zones providing hand washing facilities
- Irregular/infrequent removal of animal feces
- Lack of hand washing and hand sanitizing stations
- Lack of signage in regards to the risks and corrective actions

Visitors are engaging in risky behaviours as well:

- 0-77% compliance in terms of hand washing and hand sanitizing behaviour, although visitors are 4.8x likelier to wash their hands when a staff person is present.
- Hand-to-face contact in animal zones
- Letting animals lick their hands
- Eating or drinking in animal zones
- Children putting objects in their mouths, biting their nails, sucking thumbs, etc.
- Do not adequately clean contaminated surfaces such as strollers, clothes, shoes



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Animals are more susceptible to shed pathogens when they are under a higher level of stress. Research shows animals shed more pathogens in the summer and fall months because animals are being transported, confined, and are being handled more by humans at fairs and expositions, which leads to higher stress levels.

Comingling also increases the likelihood of transmission between animals.

However, many of these risk factors can be mitigated with the a few simple actions available on page 3.

## For more information, including templates, research and other resources:

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# SAASE Receives Funding to Support Provincial Safety Day Program

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

## CIF Approves over \$2.4 Million in Funding Supporting 151 Projects

The Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) is delighted that communities across Saskatchewan will benefit from \$2,498,293 supporting 151

grants for projects that contribute to the wellbeing of children and youth, families, and communities through its Community Grant Program's October 1 deadline. These projects provide opportunities for children and youth to gain the knowledge, skills, and supports to develop positive mental health, self-esteem, and healthy lifestyle behaviours, and ensure families have access to support and resources to create healthy and caring environments. Projects also provide training and resources for non profit staff, Board members, and volunteers to improve program delivery, governance and leadership, and support individuals to become involved as active citizens, volunteers, and community leaders.

Since its first grants in 1996/1997, CIF has distributed more than \$154 million to over 400 communities throughout the province. To learn more about the valuable programs that CIF funds, refer to CIF's Feature Stories at [www.cifsask.org](http://www.cifsask.org).

"The CIF plays an important role in our provincial growth by continuing to develop leadership capacity and make innovative investments in community-based projects," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Gene Makowsky said. "These funds help build sustainable, inclusive communities and support the well-being of individuals and families."

"The programs and initiatives funded by CIF have a profound impact on the quality of life of communities across Saskatchewan," shared Tracey Mann, Executive Director of the Community Initiatives Fund. "We are continually amazed by the dedication and creativity of community leaders and organizations that work so tirelessly to enrich our province "The CIF is a Special Purpose Fund created through and governed by a volunteer board.

A complete list of the grant recipients and their projects, as well as information about the Community Initiatives Fund can be found at [www.cifsask.org](http://www.cifsask.org)



Saskatchewan communities will benefit from 151 grants totaling over \$2.4M from CIF's October 1st deadline.

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# Safety Days Wrap up for 2018



This year's Provincial Safety day Program has just wrapped up. SAASE or our members were part of 18 safety days in 16 communities in 2018. Safety days were held in Assiniboia, Belle Plaine, Biggar, Eston, Humboldt, Lloydminster, Meadow Lake, Mortlach, Nipawin, North Battleford, Outlook, Prince Albert, Swift Current, Unity, Weyburn and Yorkton. Over 5,000 school

children were educated about safety by over 500 volunteers donating over 5,000 hours of their time.

SAASE has continued to develop partnerships as we move along on the safety day program. In addition to the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture, SaskPower, the Progressive Agriculture Foundation, Canadian Agricultural

Safety Association and Community Initiatives Fund, SAASE has also been able to add some new partners and communities to the group. We are working with the Prairie South School Division, Safe Communities Humboldt, the towns of Eston and Outlook, as well as the Belle Plaine Hutterite Colony.

Our Agricultural Societies have had







outstanding support from the schools in their communities, as well as their surrounding communities as thousands of children attend our safety days. Topics for the stations that the children rotate through have been varied, as each safety day chooses which topics are most important for their areas.

Topics for the interactive stations have included ATV safety, firearm safety, animal safety - small and large, bicycle safety, internet, electrical, PTO, lawn mower, tractor, distracted/impaired





driving, grain safety, first aid, chemical, pipeline, water safety, railway safety and fire safety.

Saskatchewan's Provincial Safety Day Program is recognized as one of the best in North America, with the safety day program now the largest in Canada. The tremendous success of the program is due to the work our Agricultural societies are doing in their communities to

organize them, as well as the support of the many volunteers, schools and businesses that are involved. Thanks to everyone for making a difference by working to keep our youth safe.





# Safety Day Coordinators Workshop



SAASE, in partnership with the Progressive Agriculture foundation and the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA), hosted a Safety Day Coordinators workshop on November 1st in Regina. 30 safety day coordinators from across Saskatchewan took part in the one day training. The Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) helped out with the training by picking up the expenses for the volunteer participants. The workshop gives all the tools that are needed to host a safety day. Participants went over all of the resources available, as well as being able to network with other safety day coordinators on what you should look for in running a safety day. This safety coordinators training was the largest that SAASE has hosted to date and has become the largest in Canada. The day was a tremendous success, with the coordinators leaving the workshop with some great new ideas. Through funding from the Community Initiatives Fund, SAASE with our partners have been able to develop a network of qualified safety day volunteer coordinators across Saskatchewan. This ensures that the provincial safety day program will continue to teach our children about safety as we go forward. If you are interested in hosting a safety day in the future - make sure that you give Glen a call at the SAASE office. Depending upon how many safety days have been approved for 2019 there still may be an opportunity to host a safety day next year.



# Team T & J Join SAASE



TEAM T&J are the latest group to join SAASE. They have 2 high energy children's shows delivering a great message. They will be video showcasing at this year's SAASE Convention in Prince Albert. Take a look at their website - [www.teamtandj.com](http://www.teamtandj.com) to see the upbeat and positive shows that they can put on for your fair. The following was taken from their website.

Winner of the 2018 IAFE Agriculture Award - No Harm on the Farm - is an innovative, engaging interactive show, with a take home message that could literally save the lives of children. Tailored specifically for the Fair Industry, comes an unprecedented show dedicated to kids and Farm Safety. Hazards, machines, animal, chemical and fire safety.

STICK2GETHER - TEAM T&J's experiential super-powered concert for kids and families, like nothing else in its class. Full of music and magic - This show is an engrossing physical experience for any audience. It's an uplifting journey of self-exploration, creativity and participation that encourages kids to see and feel what it means to come together and STICK2GETHER!

We make it our responsibility to future proof the fair industry for the next generation of fair goers.

Need an emcee, national anthems, hospital visits, school visits? We are your TEAM player. Let's connect if you're looking for new engaging ways to get young families involved and inspired.

Featured at: The CNE (ON), Red River Exhibition (MB), Westerner Days (AB) performing 250+ shows per year. “



# Tag'Em Entertainment Joins SAASE

Tag'EM Entertainment is SAASE's newest Associate Member. They can supply all kinds of services to make your event a lot of fun and a great success. They will be at this year's SAASE convention in Prince Albert - make sure you stop by and take a look at all they have to offer. Their Mission to provide clients with the highest level of service. They pledge to establish lasting relationships by exceeding expectations and gaining trust through exceptional performance. Below is information from the Tag'EM Entertainment website - [www.tagementertainment.ca](http://www.tagementertainment.ca)



Hosting a fun event doesn't have to mean stress for you. When booking an event with Tag Em Entertainment you sit back and enjoy your time as much as your guests. Our team members set up, maintain game play and keep things interesting! We offer many different services that won't disappoint. We offer some amazing inflatables such as Human Foosball, Mobile Zipline, 22ft Dual slide and Many More! Safe and exciting for all ages, we guarantee people will be exclaiming about your event for weeks to come. Tag Em Entertainment specializes in birthday parties, fairs or festivals and corporate team building sessions. Our unique mobile system can transform your backyard, office or playground into a fun-filled adventure!

Our clients count on our dependability, our drive, and our integrity. We take great pride in our company's accomplishments and continue to build on them every day. For more information take a look at the Tag'EM Entertainment website or give the CFO (Chief Fun Officer) Ty Worthington a call at - (204).515.7525.



## SAASE Coming Events

### January 2018

14-17 Crop Production Show

Saskatoon

### February 2018

1-3 Wellnes Expo

7-10 Cirque du Soleil Crystal

13-14 Agri-Visions

14-17 Saskatchewan Equine Expo

24 Poker Cutter Rally for Cancer

Saskatoon

Regina

Lloydminster

Saskatoon

Lloydminster

### March 2018

1-2 SAASE Annual Convention

2-3 Progress Steer and Heifer Show

3-4 Pride of the Prairies

8-10 Spring Home and Leisure Show

9 Evening Out - Farmers & Friends

15-16 What Women Want Trade Show

29-31 Leisure Show Showcase

29-31 Gardenscape

Prince Albert

Lloydminster

Lloydminster

Swift Current

North Battleford

Regina

Lloydminster

Saskatoon



## SAASE Convention 2019

March 1 - 2

Prince Albert



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

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