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North Battleford Children's Festival



The 11th Battlefords Children's Festival took place on June 10 - hosted by the Battlefords Agricultural Society. The day was a huge success with over 2,000 children attending. The day started at 9:30 with all kinds of events and entertainment taking place all over the Battlefords Ag Society's grounds. The Battlefords Children's Festival committee's goal was to provide a wide variety of entertainment to inspire children and allow them to have fun while learning. There were 3 stages located in different areas that had outstanding entertainment

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President's Message: Vern Bexson

Hi to everyone - I hope you have had a great spring and I know that all of you are getting ready for fair season. Your Board of directors is working very hard on your behalf to develop new opportunities, programming and partnerships. We are also busy working on the convention that will be taking place in February in North Battleford. The Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions will be hosting an Ecoli workshop at this year's convention. It has been a number of years since SAASE has hosted one - be sure to take it in. There will be more information to follow.

We finished up our fourth year of partnership with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture on our provincial safety day program, and are well into our 5th year of the program, with many safety days already having taken place. If you are interested in hosting a safety day for 2017 you must let Glen at the office know before July 15th. This has been a great program to engage our youth, partner with our schools and local businesses, as well as teach our youth about safety. Thanks to all our partners who have made this provincial program so successful.

The Venture Project program provides seed money for new events, as well as enhancing existing events. The program continues to fund numerous great projects around Saskatchewan. Ideas for new programs and events are endless - if you have an idea for a new event or any questions on the program give Glen at the office a call. Check out the articles in the newsletter on the Venture Projects that have taken place.

Agricultural education is an important part of what we as Agricultural Societies do - the Food for Saskatchewan - Food for the World Ag education display is on the road. We will be making a couple of announcements on new partners that will be working with us. The current display has made a number of stops and if you are interested in having it for your event, talk to Glen at the office.

SAASE members have accessed money for small capital projects through the Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) - Community Places and Spaces Program over the past number of years. Our members have been approved and accessed more than \$500,000 over the life of the program. This is a great program to access funding for small capital projects and to upgrade and repair existing facilities. There is one deadline left. The final deadline is October 1 - talk to Glen if you have any questions on a project or the program.

The SAASE Clark and Anne Lewis/Dalgliesh Family Scholarship program continues to help out young people throughout Saskatchewan. There are 4 scholarships available - two \$1,500 and two \$1,000 - these scholarships are available to high school graduates entering their first year of post secondary education. The Dalgliesh Family Scholarship is supported through West Coast Amusements - thanks to Bob and Wendy Hauser for their support of SAASE's scholarship program. We have had many applications submitted this year, and if it is like every year, the selection committee will have some tough decisions to make in awarding the scholarships. Thanks to all of the Agricultural Societies that have submitted applications.

We are entering fair season and I hope that the weather co-operates for everyone. I wish everyone all the best - talk to you in the fall.

Vern Bexson - President

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

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

for the children throughout the day. Entertainers included HOJA, Peter and Mary - the Bubbleman, Crazy Hooper, as well as Magician Steve Harmer. Sasktel had a great interactive display open to the children all day, with Saskatchewan Roughrider's Gainer the Gopher making an appearance.

SAASE was there with the Food for Saskatchewan-Food for the World interactive agricultural education display, which was very well attended. There was also a tent set up with craft activities, as well as games for the children. There was face painting, wagon rides and a petting zoo. The North Battleford Fire Department had their smoke tunnel there to educate the children on what to do in the case of a fire. The RCMP and local emergency response personnel were also there to educate the children on emergency procedures.

The Battleford's Agricultural Society have done a great job of getting corporate partners to help out with the festival, which has allowed them to keep the cost of admission to \$7. This makes it possible for school children to attend from 23 different communities, which include: Birch Hills, Ahtahkakoop First Nation, Battleford, Loon Lake, Paynton, Spiritwood, Wilkie, North Battleford, Cole Bay, Hafford, Marsden, Marshall, Cando, Waterhen Lake, Biggar, Canoe Lake, Cochin, Cut Knife, Neilburg, Luseland, Turtleford, Meadow Lake and Unity. The Battlefords Ag Society has also done an excellent job in getting volunteers to help out throughout the day. The day was a tremendous success with the children and teachers getting back on the buses happy and exhausted at 3:00 when it was over. Planning is already under way for the 12th Children's Festival, which will take place in 2018.

Children's Festival



October 1 is the Final Deadline for CIF Places and Spaces Program

October 1 will be the final deadline for the Community Initiatives Fund - Places and Spaces Program. Agricultural Societies have many of our community's facilities, which have many uses. Community groups, 4 H, as well as our Agricultural Societies make use of these facilities. The Community Places and Spaces Program provides grants for small capital projects that help improve the quality, sustainability, and long-term use of multi-purpose facilities that are utilized as community gathering places, sites for programs and events, and spaces for outdoor activities.

Over the years that the program has been available, SAASE members have had the opportunity to access over \$500,000 in matching funding to repair and upgrade their community facilities. If your Agricultural Society

has a project and has not received funding from Places and Spaces you are definitely encouraged to apply.

Projects that SAASE members have been approved for are varied. Agricultural Societies have had the following type of projects approved:

- upgrading washroom facilities.
- making buildings more accessible.
- repair/replace roofs.
- upgrade show rings.
- replaced flooring in the main hall.
- construction of small multipurpose shelters.
- repairing / upgrading concessions.
- repairing foundations of buildings
- Installing a wheelchair ramp.

The maximum amount of the grant is \$25,000 on a matching basis. An Agricultural Society is only eligible for one grant under the current program or the previous Community Vitality Program.

If you require more information you can go onto the CIF website at www.cifsask.org. All the program guidelines and applications can be found online. This is the last deadline - if you haven't taken advantage of this great program - this is your final opportunity.



ANNOUNCEMENT:

Community Places & Spaces Program

FINAL DEADLINE:
October 1, 2016

Please refer to the **guidelines** on our **website** before applying.



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Swift Current Discovers the Farm

The Swift Current Annual 'Discover the Farm: A Farm Facts Experience' was held for the fifth year on April 21, 22, 23, 2016 at the Stockade Building, Kinetic Park, Swift Current, Saskatchewan. The Discover the Farm (A farm facts experience) is a two day program being offered to school age children to learn about Saskatchewan's Agriculture and Safety.



Teachers and 509 students travelled to take in hands-on demonstrations from professional presenters. A variety of topics included agriculture and safety on the farm or ranch and the students

are encouraged to learn, observe, and interact. Educational materials are provided to teachers from many community and provincial organizations such as Agriculture in the Classroom, the Swift Current Ag & Ex, Saskatchewan Beef Association, SAASE, St John Ambulance and safety specialists. Educators are very encouraging about continuing this program, and have indicated the importance with a number of facts:

1. Agriculture plays a very important role in Saskatchewan's economy, our farm safety, communities and culture. This event gives students a chance to learn about food production, animal care and agriculture through short interactive presentations by knowledgeable leaders. Each of the 12 exhibitors provide introductions and functional understandings of basic agricultural and safety principles.
2. Informational displays are set up specifically for the Grades K- 6 classrooms from Swift Current and area schools. The teachers place students into interactive groups of 10 – 12 to take part in listening and participating in activities.
3. The students are also provided with time to visit exotic and farm animals, poultry and birds. Everyone was invited to intermingle with a variety exotic birds (chickens, chicks, roosters, peasants etc.) and animals (donkeys,



alpaca, reptiles, miniature cows etc.) as well as taking in a Garden expo and a Bird House Competition. 4. This project provides learning and working environment while connecting Swift Current and area rural producers. Along with the students who attended the sessions on the two day event of Discover the Farm: A Farm Facts Experience, over 900 visitors attended on the Saturday. Various Swift Current and surrounding areas (including some from Southern Alberta) producers' brought in their exotic birds and animals.



This is a one of a kind event that takes place in Swift Current.

5. Public interest has been strong as they are offered the opportunity to observe and learn about the growing agricultural community. The feedback received has been very positive. Exhibitors, and producers acknowledged that this is a successful, worthy project.

A huge thank you is extended to this year's participating organizations: JDee for the tractor and instructor on PTO safety, Tanya MacIssac, and large animal safety, STARS Ambulance, St. John Ambulance, Saskatchewan Ag in the Classroom, the Swift Current Ag & Ex Hatching program, Saskatchewan Beef Producers, the provincial organization SAASE provides displays from Chicken Farmers of Saskatchewan, SaskPower, Saskatchewan Agriculture and Mosaic Potash; and to the supporting sponsorships of the community and the International Progressive Ag Safety Program. - Submitted by: Swift Current Agricultural and Exhibition Association, Lenora Bells, Event Development Coordinator.



5th Annual Agriculture in the City a hit in Saskatoon



SAASE - with the Food for Saskatchewan-Food for the World agricultural education modules, once again participated in Ag in the City in Saskatoon. Once again Ag in the City was a tremendous success, as thousands of children and adults learned about agriculture. Below is a press release issued by Jan Cote - Organizing Committee chair for Ag in the City Saskatoon.

Fifth Annual Agriculture in the City Saskatchewan a hit in Saskatoon

Saskatoon and area residents had the opportunity to experience life on the farm without having to leave the city this past weekend at the fifth annual Agriculture in the City event at the Mall at Lawson Heights.

This free family event highlighted the role agriculture plays in everyone's daily lives. People of all ages learned about agriculture through hands-on activities and trade show displays in crop, animal, ag career, food, science and kid themed zones. Mainstage activities included cooking demonstrations by Mark "Shack"

Loshack, game shows and much more.

"We were very pleased with the traffic and genuine interest in this year's event," said Organizing Committee Chair Jan Cote. "This event has grown year-over-year and we believe that 2016 saw our greatest crowd even. Ag in the City is all about creating awareness about farming

and food production to an urban audience and people are starting to include us in their spring calendars. We are very grateful to our sponsors, exhibitors and visitors for supporting the continued growth of this event.

Plans are already underway for Agriculture in the City 2017, to be held at the Mall at Lawson Heights on Saturday, April 8.



Chuckwagon Races in Battlefords

The CPCA held their first chuckwagon races of the summer in North Battleford. Below is the article submitted by the Battlefords Ag Society. Photo credits go to Caroline McKenzie of Cvm Photography.

Canadian Professional Chuckwagon Association & Battlefords AG Society Kicked Off the Summer – COME FEEL THE THUNDER

North Battleford, SK – The Canadian Professional Chuckwagon Association and Battlefords AG Society once again kicked off the summer with the CPCA first of the season races. The event was held June 3, 4 and 5 at Exhibition Park and featured a pancake breakfast Saturday morning. With all proceeds donated to the Sask Childrens hospital.

2016 marks the 11h consecutive year the CPCA has raced in the Battlefords and the event once again made a huge impact on the community. “Our goal is to bring premier events to the community and entice out of town guests to come to the Battlefords to support our community” When the CPCA comes to town they have a huge following and both their members and fans invest in local businesses (Fuel, Grocery, Restaurants, Hardware stores and more.)

We held 12 heats a night with 36 wagons in total racing. The crowd over the 3 days was over 3,000. It was a very exciting weekend of races again this year! Overall event winner was Chris Molle from Dewberry, AB



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

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

Contact information and the address for the hotel as well as the website are - www.goldeaglelodge.com.

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

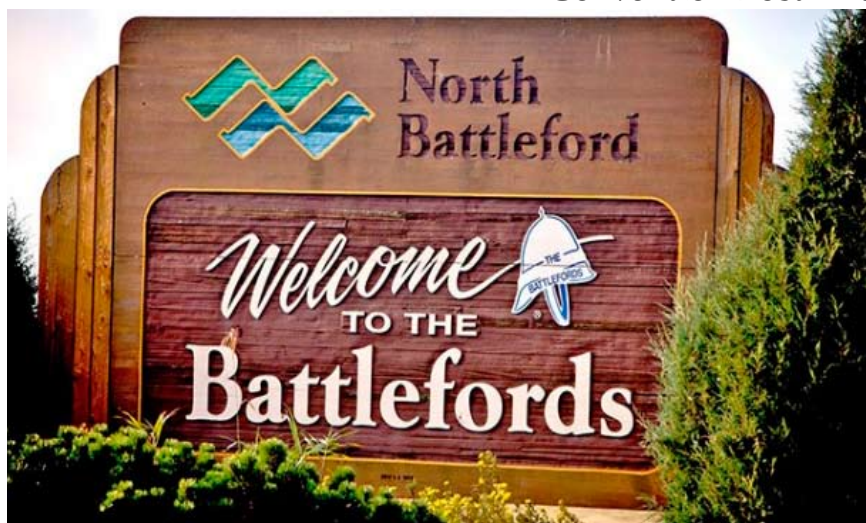
The SAASE Board of Directors are busy working on the program for this year's convention, but we already know that the Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions (CAFE) will be partnering with SAASE on hosting an Ecoli workshop on Friday February 24th during the day before our registration takes place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



Host Hotel - Gold Eagle Lodge - North Battleford



Convention host - Battlefords Agricultural Society



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

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

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At this ***FREE*** afternoon program, listen to captivating speakers who will share their stories, work through hands-on stations surrounding common hazards on the farm and end the day watching a demonstration of emergency response teams responding to a mock emergency scenario!

Farm Safety Day is for all youth under 21 years old! We recommend participants be ages 9 - 14 as Farm Safety Day contains some content and topics that may be too mature for some youth. Parents should be aware that members will get to meet speakers who have survived tragic accidents, will watch a mock ATV accident take place with real emergency responders attending an 'injured' person and discuss injuries and accidents that can happen on and around the farm. For more information and to register, visit 4-h.sk.ca/events?id=444

Be a Safety Ambassador! This is a GREAT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY for senior members and adults, ages 16 and up. Register for our Safety Ambassador Team by contacting manager@4-h.sk.ca! Safety Ambassadors (SA's) will lead groups of participants through the stations.

Thank you to our partners:

Ag in Motion, Saskatchewan Safety Council, S.A.A.S.E, Canadian Centre for Health and Safety in Agriculture (CCHSA), STARS, War Amps, CASA, Saskatchewan Construction Safety Association.

Weyburn Agricultural Society Safety Day

The Provincial Safety Day Program continues to grow every year, as more and more Agricultural Societies get involved in this great program. In addition to safety days keeping our children safe - safety days also give our Agricultural Societies an opportunity to connect with our communities, schools, local business and volunteers. This is a very important program and if your Agricultural Society is not running a safety day in 2016 - you are encouraged to look at running one for 2017. The deadline is July 15.

The Weyburn Agricultural Society ran a safety day on April 27 and got tremendous coverage from the local press. Below is an article that appeared in the Weyburn Review leading up to the safety day, with the picture and article to the right appearing after the safety day took place. Sabrina Kraft is credited with the photo.



Studying a home model during safety lesson

A group of grade 3 students gather around a floor model of a home while Jocelyn Duck of the Saskatchewan Association of Agricultural Societies and Exhibitions (SAASE) talks to them about some of the potential electrical hazards and ways to minimize those hazards. This was one of the booths during the Ag Safety Day hosted by the Weyburn Agricultural Society.

Ag Society to Stage Ag Safety Day on April 27

The Weyburn Agricultural society will be putting on their third annual Ag Safety Day for all grade 3 students in Weyburn on Wednesday, April 27, at the Weyburn Curling Rink. Organized by Neal Keefe of the Ag Society, this is part of the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day that is put on annually across Canada and the U.S. for over 20 years now.

Last year the program saw about 200 grade 3 students from every elementary school in Weyburn, plus a school from Lampman, take in the morning long series of safety demonstrations and seminars. A wide range of topics are covered in the safety day, including being safe around large and small mowers, being safe in the sun, safe handling of food or being safe around large and small animals, safety around oilfield equipment, knowing first aid, being safe around electricity and around tractors of every size.

Keefe said he needs around 25 volunteers in total, and currently he needs 20 to step forward and help put on the demonstrations or man a booth. He has had volunteers from the Sun Country Health Region, the Rotary Club, Cenovus Energy, the Ag Society and from TK Safety. "The important thing I hope for is they learn how to save a life or that of their families", said Keefe. "It breaks my heart to hear of accidents on farms where people are hurt or killed."

In this province, the program was taken on by the Saskatchewan Association of Agricultural Societies and Exhibitions (SAASE), of which the Weyburn Ag Society is a member, with special training provided for the coordinators who organize these days. Keefe noted in some areas the safety days are put on by other organizations, such as health regions.

"The idea is to train kids and their families about safety and raise the awareness of the hazards they can encounter." Hopefully they take the message home and pass it on to their parents."

Safety Days Wrap up for the Spring

12 safety days in 10 communities that SAASE and our members have been part of have wrapped up to the end of June. Safety days have taken place in Assiniboia, Swift Current, Lloydminster, Meadow Lake, Milestone, Prince Albert, Unity, Weyburn, Yorkton and Humboldt. To date over 3,500 children have gone through the safety days. In 2015 SAASE and its members were part of 19 safety days in 17 communities around Saskatchewan. Over 500 volunteers and presenters devoted over 5,000 hours to teach almost 6,000 children about safety - we expect to be around those numbers by the time we are done with our safety days in 2016.

SAASE has continued to develop more and more 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 to the group. We are now working with the Saskatchewan Safety Council, Prairie South School Division, Viterra, Enbridge, CN and Farm Credit Canada. We are also working with Ag in Motion and Saskatchewan 4 H on a safety day that will take place at Ag in Motion this year. The safety day will

take place on Thursday July 21 from noon - 4:30 at the Ag in Motion site in Langham. For more information or to register visit the 4 H Saskatchewan website at 4-h.sk.ca.

The activity book that we have been giving out to participants over the past 4 years is in the process of being redone. Safety pages on pipeline safety and railway safety have been added. The activity book should be ready for our safety days in the summer and through the fall. A big thanks to SaskPower, Viterra, Enbridge and CN for helping us out with the printing costs.

Our Agricultural Societies have had tremendous 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, and fire safety.

As we finish up our safety day schedule for 2016 - safety days will be held in the following communities throughout the summer and into the fall - Kelvington, Langham - Ag in Motion, Mortlach, Golburn, Moose Jaw, and Lake Lenore. If you are interested in hosting a safety day this fall - there may be an opportunity - talk to Glen at the SAASE office to find out if it can be done. If you are interested in hosting a safety day for 2107, in order for it to be a Progressive Ag Safety Day it must be applied for before July 15. Talk to Glen at the SAASE office if you are interested.

Once again SAASE, in conjunction with the Progressive Agriculture Foundation and the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association will be hosting a Safety Day Coordinators workshop in Regina in the fall - if you are hosting a safety day in 2017 you must send a representative to the workshop. The Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) will be supporting the workshop by picking up the hotel, food and workshop costs. Your volunteers will also have their mileage costs picked up for the workshop. This workshop is enabling us to develop a network of safety day coordinators across the province - ensuring that we all host the best safety days that we can for the youth of Saskatchewan.



Biggar Hosts Huge KCRA Rodeo and Cultural Days

The Biggar Recreation Valley Association was looking to put together a fun, family oriented weekend to expand their fair, as well as attract more people into their valley site. The opportunity arose to put on their first KCRA rodeo (Keyakow Cowboys Rodeo Association), and to work with new groups on bringing more people into the community. The KCRA has a First Nations focus, and is a family association promoting the appreciation of First Nations culture. They also booked various entertainers to perform throughout the weekend with music and dancing, as well as great food.

The result - despite torrential rains - was a tremendous success. The rodeo had over 500 entries a day, bringing



many rodeo participants and families from all over. The Biggar Rec Valley volunteers had done a lot of preparation and worked really hard to get the right mix of sand and soil in the arena to have premium conditions no matter what the weather, ensuring the rodeo could take place. As part of the rodeo the 2016 Rodeo Queen and Princess were crowned. 2015 Rodeo queen Carly Ellis crowned 2016 Rodeo Queen Anissa Silbernagel and Princess Ashley Heather.

In addition to the rodeo many other events took place on the Canada Day weekend throughout Biggar. There was beach, which turned into mud volleyball, there was beading, jigging, as well as great music and entertainers all weekend. The community, numerous partners including the town of Biggar really got behind the event. As is usually the case it could not have been done without the army of volunteers it takes to put an event of this size and make it the success it was.

Everyone who attended had a great time, with tremendous positive feedback through facebook, email and other social media responses. What a great way to celebrate Canada Day, and the Biggar Recreation Valley Association are already making plans for next year.

P.A. Exhibition Food Extravaganza

The Prince Albert Exhibition were looking for a new family event for the early summer and came up with the Prince Albert Festival. The event was a resounding success, and received funding from the SAASE Venture Project fund. The SAASE Venture Project program assists Agricultural Societies by supplying seed money to help out with starting a new event or enhancing an existing event. Below are 2 articles from the Prince Albert Herald - one before the event explaining how it came about and the other with the results.

The Prince Albert Exhibition Association kicks off its inaugural three-day Festival. The Prince Albert Exhibition is decked out with eight food vendors serving about 50 different dishes for the organization's inaugural Festival.

The event is the brainchild of Prince Albert Exhibition Association board member Linda Grimard. The seed of an idea was planted few years ago, when the Prince Albert and District Chamber of Commerce cancelled their annual Taste of Prince Albert event, which featured the dishes of

various local restaurants and caterers alongside live music.

The Chamber approached the Prince Albert Exhibition Association to take on the annual foods-centred event, but it wasn't a good fit at the time.

Now, Grimard notes, they've found a way. Seeking a new pre-Prince Albert Exhibition Summer Festival event for the early summer, they found themselves revisit the food and live music-centred Taste of Prince Albert idea.

Adding chuckwagon races, a bouncy castle and trade show to the mix, they found what they hope will be a winning formula for their inaugural Festival.

"It's a real family event," Grimard said, noting near the end of Friday's activities that most everything has turned out well thus far. That is, except for the chuckwagon races, which were cancelled for Friday. "If it was a light shower they could have probably dealt with it, but that was a downpour," she described.

The grandstand race track will be pumped dry by 4 p.m. on Saturday, at which time the races are set to begin. Races will also take place on Sunday starting at 1 p.m. The balance of activities will take place from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission to the Festival is free, however admission to the chuckwagon events is \$5, with those six years of age and younger free.

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Despite a few nervous moments early on, organizers say the inaugural FEASTival food extravaganza was a resounding success. Event coordinator Linda Grimard said they were pleased to see how much support the inaugural event received from the community. Plans are already in the works to hold the event again next year.

The first-time event was held over three days at the Prince Albert Exhibition Centre last weekend, and event coordinator Linda Grimard said the positive feedback means it will return



for another year.

“Yes, it’s a go for sure,” she said. “We actually had very good feedback from everybody and we’ll just make a few changes, maybe add a few things to the whole weekend there, and go with that.” Grimard said the end result was a good one, but the weekend started on a difficult note. Rainy conditions forced the cancellation of some events on Friday, which had organizers crossing their fingers for good weather the rest of the way. “Until it actually got started, yes it was a little nerve-racking,” Grimard chuckled.

However, sunny conditions prevailed for most of the weekend, with only a

few scattered showers here and there. Grimard said it was encouraging to see a strong turnout on Saturday, especially from young families.

“It ended up being a really good family event. Saturday morning the families were all coming in with the strollers and the kids behind them and stuff like that and then we had a great turnout at the grandstand to for anyone who wanted to see the horses run, so it was a packed house.”

A few changes will be made to next year’s event, although at this point Grimard said they haven’t decided what they will be. They would like to introduce more outdoor events for

next year, but all plans are still in the discussion stage. “We’re just talking it over now that it’s gone by,” she explained. “Until we have another meeting to organize it, there’s nothing final.”

Grimard didn’t have a final attendance count for FEASTival as a whole, although she did say more than 800 attended the chuckwagon races over the weekend. She added that it was encouraging to see so many residents take a chance on a new event.

“We’re really happy that Prince Albert came and helped make our first annual FEASTival a success.”



Saskatchewan Beef Expo 2016

Prairieland Park Ag Centre hosted 66 4H members and their parents for a weekend of education and competition at the 3rd Annual Saskatchewan Beef Expo, April 8th – 10th.

The focus of this year's event was individual and team judging. Industry experts instructed participants in three divisions – Junior, Intermediate and Senior, on how to properly assess a beef animal. The ability to evaluate animals for conformation and soundness as well as breed traits are important skills as these young people will someday be establishing herds of their own. Given the changes in the



Senior members participate in “Speak up for Beef” station



Judge Kelsey Dust speaks to junior participants before they begin the Team Judging Competition

industry in terms of genetics, breeds and new technology, it is apparent that education will be the cornerstone to ensure the stability of the beef industry in Saskatchewan.

Following the demonstrations, individuals were given the opportunity to judge a class of animals and were required to use a microphone to provide their reasons for placings to the audience. Judge Krista Dust gave an overall summary at the end of the day, providing further advice and praising the participants for their good work.

Also taking place throughout the day were concurrent sessions by industry experts in the fields of advocacy, animal care, safe handling of livestock, animal health and an outstanding presentation by the SunWest School Division on opportunities for distance learning.

On day 2 participants had the opportunity to participate in show ring competitions including Market Steer, Heifer and Showmanship classes.



Junior members prepare judging cards.



Participants gather for end of day wrap up from Judge Krista Erixon



HeiferClass

SAASE Coming Events

July 2016

29-2	Frontier Days Fair/Rodeo	Swift Current
1-3	KCRA Rodeo	Biggar
1-2	Culture Days	Biggar
1	Ag Society 100 Year Celebration	Bengough
1	Bull Riding	Bengough
1	Canada Day Horse and Tractor Pull	Carnduff
2	Saskatoon Berry Festival	Mortlach
3	Antique Ag Daze	Arcola
3	SK Barrel Racing Assoc.	Biggar
3	4 H Regional Light Horse Show	Weyburn
4-6	Ag Society's Annual Exhibition	Weyburn
6	4 H Regional Show	Yorkton
6-9	Summer Fair	Yorkton
6-10	Sask Quarter Horse Show	Moose Jaw
6	124th Annual Fair/4 H Show	Fairmede
6	SBRA Barrel Racing Jackpot Series	Melville
7	4 H Regional Show and Sale	Whitewood
8-9	Stoughton Daze	Stoughton
8	Doc's Town Heritage Village	Swift Current
9	Ag Society's Summer Fair	Ogema
10	Family Day and Church Service	Fairmede
10	Doc's Town Heritage Village	Swift Current
10-11	4 H Regional Show	Melfort
13-16	Colonial Days	Lloydminster
13	Deep South Barrel Racing	Bengough
13	Appreciation Night	Weyburn
15-17	Reining Clinic	Moose Jaw
16	Light Horse Show	Biggar
16	Ag Society "Biggest Little Fair"	Creelman
16	Dressage Horse Show	Moose Jaw
17	Doc's Town Heritage Village	Swift Current
18-20	Nipawin Exhibition	Nipawin
19-21	Ag in Motion	Langham
20	SBRA Barrel Racing Jackpot Series	Melville
22-24	Melfort Summer Fair	Melfort
22-23	Tractor Pulls	Yorkton
22-24	Town and Coutry Fair	Rosthern
22	Ag Society Fair and Exhibition	Abernethy
22	Jackpot Team Roping	Weyburn
23-24	Ag Society's 101st Annual Fair	Connaught
23-24	CCA/MRCA Rodeo	Weyburn
23	Annual Summer Fair and Sports Day	Glenavon
23	Ag Society Horse Show	Redvers
24	Doc's Town Cowboy Poetry	Swift Current
28-31	Cutting Competition	Moose Jaw
29-31	Ag Society Fair and Race Meet	Kelvington
30-31	Doc's Town Heritage Village	Swift Current

August 2016

2-6	Annual Fair	Prince Albert
3-7	Queen City Ex	Regina
5-7	Gypsy Horse Show	Moose Jaw

5	Doc's Town Line Dance Party	Swift Current
6	Golburn Fair	Golburn
6-7	Fair & Horticultural Show	Invermay
6-7	Horse Show	Shaunavon
6	Annual Fair	Nokomis
6	Summer Cattle Show	Turtleford
7-9	Annual Fair	Radisson
7	Doc's Town Coutry Music Jam	Swift Current
9-14	Saskatoon Exhibition	Saskatoon
10	Deep South Barrel Racing	Bengough
10	SBRA Barrel Jackpot Series	Melville
10	Shand Fair	Shand
11	Fall Agricultural Show	Stoughton
12-14	Reining Show	Moose Jaw
12-13	Provincial 4 H Judging	Weyburn
13	Horticultural & Homecraft Fair	Moosomin
14	Doc's Town Blacksmiths	Swift Current
15	Territorial Days Parade	North Battleford
16-19	Northwest Territorial Days	North Battleford
17-21	CPCA Finals and Cabaret	Lloydminster
19-20	100th Anniversary 4 H Rally	Weyburn
20-21	Summer Fair	Vanscoy
21	Doc's Town Down at the Farm	Swift Current
24	SBRA Jackpot Series	Melville
26-28	True Grit Rodeo	Carnduff
26-28	Polkafest	Prince Albert
26-27	Team Roping Jackpot	Weyburn
28	Doc's Town Church Service	Swift Current

September 2016

2-4	Painted Horse Show	Moose Jaw
3-5	High School Rodeo	Rosthern
4	Doc's Town Country Dance	Swift Current
9-11	SK Arabian Horse Show	Moose Jaw
10	Vintage Flat Track Racing	North Battleford
10	SBRA Jackpot Series	Melville
16-18	Canadian Ranch Roping Finals	Moose Jaw
17	Horse Clinic	Vanscoy
14	SBRA Barrel Racing Jackpot Series	Melville
23-25	Campbell Schooling Show	Moose Jaw
23-25	Young Ranchman's Livestock Show	Swift Current
24	Rare & Exotic Fall Sale	Lloydminster
24	SBRA Jackpot Series	Melville
24	Yorkton Fall Flea Market	Yorkton
30-1	Trade Show/Fall Fair	Unity

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