



# SAASE News

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## July 15 Deadline for 2015 Safety Days

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Saskatchewan Construction Association demonstrates to Yorkton students how to stay safe

Any Agricultural Society interested in hosting a Farm Safety Day for 2015 must let the SAASE office know by July 11. SAASE works with the Progressive Agriculture Foundation and has to make application to them by July 15 for the dates for 2015. Over the past 3 years SAASE's members have run almost 30 Safety Days. This is a great opportunity for your Ag. Society to make a difference in your community.

By working with our various partners SAASE is able to offer you everything that you would need to make the Safety Day a success. Within our partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture there is seed money to help you out with the day - the amount will be determined when we know how many Safety Days there will be in 2015. Through Progressive Agriculture you will have access to some great teaching resources, as well as take home bags for the kids and T-shirts. Progressive Agriculture will also be doing a

Safety Day coordinators workshop. The Coordinators workshop will take place Thursday, October 16 and Friday, October 17 in the Canadian Western Agribition Lounge in Regina. SAASE will be hosting and all Agricultural Societies interested in having a Farm Safety Day should have at least one person trained on how to be a coordinator. Through the partnerships SAASE has developed SAASE will subsidize the costs to get the coordinators to the workshop.

The Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA) has some tremendous hands on resources that can be booked for your safety day. If you are interested in hosting a Farm Safety Day for 2015 get hold of Glen at the SAASE office for more information. SAASE would like to thank the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture for their continued support of this important program, and look forward to working with all our partners in 2015.

## President's Message: Vern Bexson

Hi to everyone - this is my first official President's message for SAASE. I am really looking forward to my time as President and am very excited about what the SAASE Board of Directors is working on for the upcoming year. We have an excellent Board of Directors with a wide variety of experience and skills. Lisa Haynes from Biggar is the Past President, Jocelyn Ritchie from Battleford's is the Vice President, with Susan Kuzma from Saskatoon Prairieland Park being the Director at Large - this is your Executive. Our other directors include - Ken Taylor from Regina EVRAZ Place, Dave Young from Prince Albert, Neal Keefe from Weyburn, Wade Jensen from Swift Current, Christy Vodicka from Melfort, Ray Wiman from Mortlach, Jaqueline Watt from Tourism Saskatchewan, Ron Monette from the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture and Brenda Patton from Agriculture Canada.

Your Board of directors is working very hard on your behalf to develop new opportunities, programming and partnerships. We finished up our second year of partnership with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture on our provincial safety day program, and are well into our 3rd year of the agreement, with many safety days already having taken place. If you are interested in hosting a safety day for 2015 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.

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.

SAASE members have accessed money for small capital projects through the Community Investment Fund (CIF) - Community Vitality Program over the past number of years. Our members have been approved and accessed more than \$400,000 over the life of the program. The new program is the Spaces and Places program. This is a great program to access funding for small capital projects and to upgrade and repair existing facilities. There are 3 deadlines left. The next 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 will be announcing our 4 recipients in August.

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.



## Meadow Lake Hosts Safety Day

The Meadow Lake Ag Society and ADM successfully hosted the second Ag Safety Day in Meadow Lake on May 6. Approximately 160 Grade 4 students attended from surrounding schools.

We had 8 stations which were: Animal Safety (Brand Inspectors Pam Jones and John Adamson and “Molly” our model cow), Firearm Safety (Wayne Oleksuk & helper), Lawnmower Safety (Home Hardware Building Center), First Responders (ML Ambulance), Fire Safety (ML Fire Department), Tractor Safety (Meadow Power and Equipment), Chemical Safety (Dave Cubbon, Meadow Lake Co-Op), and ATV Safety (Renegade Recreation, Daniel Prete)... Thank You to the businesses/organizations who supplied equipment and personnel for the stations!!! The children enjoyed each and every station and said that they learned something they didn't know at every one.

Meadow Lake Livestock was a major sponsor of this event covering the cost

of renting the Arena which was great as our weather was not great that day!!! Meadow Lake Co-Op sponsored the mid morning snack and all the juice boxes for the event and Cavalier Agrow sponsored the wind up lunch for the volunteers which was greatly appreciated!!!

The event went smoothly and also a big Thank You to Curtis and Kelsey from ADM for all their hard work in coordinating the stations and bringing a lot of the props needed for the stations.

(Submitted by the Meadow Lake Agricultural Society)





# Safety Day in Spiritwood

The Spiritwood Agricultural Society in partnership with SAASE, ADM, the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture, Progressive Agriculture foundation and the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association hosted a safety day on May 1. The article below is the article that appeared in the Spiritwood Herald.

Schoolchildren from Spiritwood, Medstead and Leoville attended a day-long event at Spiritwood Arena May 1 as part of a Progressive Agriculture Safety Day. The event, organized by ADM Agri-Industries of Lloydminster was originally to be held at the Ag Society Barn north of town, but was moved due to extremely wet grounds.

Groups of kids moved to the eight stations where different aspects of safety were demonstrated and presented. While the Safety Day was organized by ADM, all presentations and demonstrations were carried out by local people. There were presentations on Animal Safety, Tractor Safety, Fire Safety, Firearm Safety, ATV Safety, Chemicals, Sun Safety, and an RCMP seatbelt demonstration. Hotdogs and juice were provided by the Spiritwood Credit Union and Spiritwood Coop. Other local contributors and volunteers were also involved in putting on the special day

The rollover demonstration appeared to be the most popular, as the children saw what happens to people in a vehicle when they either are or aren't wearing seatbelts. Everyone agreed that wearing seatbelts resulted in fewer injuries than those not wearing them.

The tractor demonstration was also popular, where kids got a chance to see what a bucket could do to a watermelon. The Progressive Agriculture Safety Day began in 2012, a program of the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association, who estimated that thirteen children die each year in Canada in farming activities, and therefore there was a need for safety programs. Many tragedies could be avoided through a combination of education and proactive health and safety planning.





# Weyburn Safety Day a Big Success

Weyburn Agricultural Society hosted a Progressive Agriculture Safety Day in the morning of April 30, 2014. The Safety Day was held in the Weyburn Curling Rink, with 164 students from Grade 3 (and some from Grade 2) from all the Weyburn schools participating. The 23 instructors came from several sources in the community: Sun Country Health Region, Weyburn Rotary Club and Weyburn Agricultural Society.

The safety stations covered Sun, Food, Animals, Chemicals, Hidden Hazards, Lawn Equipment, Roadway and First Aid. The students were very attentive and had fun while learning about the topics. They came from their schools by bus, arriving shortly after 9:00 AM, participated in the 15 minute stations, had a nourishment break halfway through, received take home bags, and mounted their buses for the schools before noon.

The teachers came with the students to help keep the groups of 20 to 26 organized, and were quite pleased with the way things went for the morning. The instructors were very enthusiastic, had very innovative ways to teach their subject and were also pleased with how the children behaved and how eager they were to learn.

The Society would like to thank all the supporters of the program for their help to stage this day, and SAASE and the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture for getting us involved. The community will become a safer place with more of our youth becoming safety conscious.





## Biggar Adds Cultural Component to Fair



The Biggar Rec Valley Board participated in a pilot project partnering with SaskCulture and SAASE. The project involved bringing the various multicultural groups in the Biggar area to work on a cultural event designed to bring better understanding of everyone's culture. The event that took place was focused around children and children's activities and was held with Biggar town and Country Days. Below is an article contributed by Biggar RecValley.

The 2014 Biggar RecValley Culture Celebrations were a huge hit. We had many activities going on to show case the different games and entertainment of the various culture's that make up our town. The whole town came together to enjoy the day and learn a little about what their neighbours do for fun. Below is a listing of the different activities held:

- Filipino food delicacy tasting
- Children's games from various cultures (Chinese skipping, British

- bull dog, marbles, hacky sak)
- Folk Music from local artists Neil Penny and friends
- Canadian Ball Hockey
- Filipino Children's games
- Western Games
- Ukrainian Dancers
- Native American singers and dancers
- Children's dance with various genres

of music

- English Rugby demonstration
- East Indian Cricket demonstration
- Czar Bomba Alternative music

Without the generous funding of Sask Culture this event could not have happened on this large of a scale, so thank you to Sask Culture and SAASE. It was a wonderful day spent enjoying the diversity of our community.





# Battleford's Children's Festival 2014

The 10th Battleford's Children's Festival took place on Friday June 6th on the Battleford's Agricultural Society grounds. The Festival drew almost 2,000 children, with children and schools attending from as far away as Meadow Lake and beyond. The Festival has tremendous support from local business. Dana Alexander - Children's Festival Chairperson - said "Battleford's Agricultural Society is fortunate enough to receive sponsorships for many events we host. Their generosity allows us to bring in quality performers and provide an action packed day for a one time admission price of \$5 per person." That is certainly what the Battleford's Agricultural Society has been able to do over the 10 children's festival - give the Battlefords and surrounding area a great festival at a reasonable price.

This year's festival featured a wide array of entertainers for the children attending. Leading up to the Festival there had been a great amount of rain, and with rain forecast for the day of, the decision was made to move the outdoor events inside. Everything went off without a hitch and the day was a great success, as children and parents alike spent a day learning and being entertained. There were numerous performers throughout the day, as well as displays by the local police, fire department and Emergency Response Team. The kids were also able to go through a petting zoo and have horse drawn wagon rides. SAASE was there with the AG EXperience agricultural awareness display, which was a hit all day as the kids played games and learned about agriculture. Chairperson Dana Alexander, General Manager Jocelyn Ritchie and the all the volunteers from the Battleford's Agricultural society who put in countless hours are to be congratulated on this great event. They are all looking forward to putting on the next Children's Festival in 2016.





## Western Canadian Championship Snow Drag Races

The Western Canadian Snow Championship Snow Drag Races were a Venture Project approved by SAASE - below is the article submitted by Prairieland Park on the project

In 2014, the Saskatchewan Snowmobile Racing Association and Prairieland Park team up to host the Western Canadian Championship Snow Drag Races in Saskatoon at Marquis Downs Racetrack. Mother Nature did not provide any support for this event as there was minimal snow fall in February and warm temperatures leaving a dirt track to deal with. Two weeks of snow hauling and manpower provided a perfect surface for this championship event.

The challenges did not end there, going into the March 1st and 2nd weekend the temperature and wind chill dipped to the minus 50's which was far too extreme to go ahead with this outdoor event so it was postponed to the following weekend (March 8 & 9).

Even with all the challenges it was a great event with sleds competing from Manitoba and Alberta as well as Saskatchewan. Fans from Saskatoon and area were treated to a great weekend of speed and excitement.

Photos courtesy of Rick Elvin.





# Prairieland Park Hosts Beef Expo

The Saskatchewan Beef Expo held at Prairieland Park on April 5 and 6, 2014 is an exciting new event established to promote youth in agriculture.

More than 100 participants from across the province participated in education and competition components specifically for youth involved in the beef industry. Kirk Stierwalt, world renowned cattle fitter, educator and judge, spent Saturday sharing his secrets to success with the participants and their families. Participants registered on Friday and were designated into two groups. On Saturday morning they were treated to breakfast, then went to their respective stations. Representatives from Merck, Masterfeeds and the Western College of Veterinary Medicine were on hand to offer their expertise on topics such as herd health, feed and animal care and proper use of implants. After a great lunch, co-sponsored by many of the breed associations the education continued and the day wrapped up with a team grooming competition.

Show ring competitions on Sunday allowed the participants to demonstrate some of their newly-learned skills as well as a warm up for their club or regional 4H show.

Committee members and the Agriculture department at Prairieland Park were more than pleased with the number of registrants and are already planning for the event in 2015 that will be held on March 28 & 29, 2015.





# 95th Annual Pride of the Prairies Bull Show & Sale

The Lloydminster Exhibition has been running the Pride of the Prairies Bull show and Sale for 95 years with great success, but this show is a perfect example of how you have to constantly be looking for ways to improve and change your show, as everything around us changes. With the changes that have been taking place in agriculture and the ways that cattle are shown and marketed, the Lloydminster Exhibition made the bold move of making major changes to an established show. Below is an article submitted by the Lloydminster Exhibition on this year's show.

The Pride of the Prairies Bull Sale has provided a valuable marketing opportunity to farmers and ranchers in Western Canada for many years. While this bull sale is steeped in tradition, the LAEA is moving forward with a new marketing opportunity for farmers and ranchers with the Purebred Bull Pen Show and Sale.

This change positively impacted the industry as a whole and enhanced the 95th Annual Pride of the Prairies Bull Sale here in Lloydminster. With the ever-changing face of agriculture, the Lloydminster Exhibition has literally “taken the bull by the horns” to lead the charge in this new concept of presentation and marketing,” remarked Dan Skeels, Sale Auctioneer. We are looking forward to continuing with this initiative for our 96th Annual Pride of the Prairies Bull Show & Sale – March 8 & 9, 2015





# Vermette Wood Products Joins SAASE

SAASE welcomes Vermette Wood Products from Spruce Home as our newest Service Members. "At Vermette Wood Products, we value all customers. Our sales team is dedicated to conducting business in a fair and ethical manner, providing top quality wood products, and maintaining competitive prices. Retailers who sell our products can be confident that they are selling merchandise that their customers can depend on."

Vermette Wood Products handle a number of different products including fence posts, rails and also pine wood shavings. Below is a listing of the wood shavings Vermette Wood Products have available, as well as the prices. If you have any questions or require a quote ask for Sam or Jim at 1-800-667-0094 or email [samhvw@ Sasktel.net](mailto:samhvw@ Sasktel.net), [jimgvw@ Sasktel.net](mailto:jimgvw@ Sasktel.net).

## Fine Pine Wood Shavings Price List

145yd<sup>3</sup> Walking Floor Truck Load of Dry Pine Shavings

FOB Vermette Plant \$1750.00

Transportation Costs to Customer Location

\$170.00 per hour

## Medium Pine Wood Shavings Price List

145 yd<sup>3</sup> Walking Floor Truck Load of Dry Pine Shavings

FOB Vermette Plant \$1950.00

Transportation Costs to Customer Location

\$170.00 per hour

## Coarse Pine Wood Shavings Price List

145 yd<sup>3</sup> Walking Floor Truck Load of Dry Pine Shavings

FOB Vermette Plant \$1650.00

Transportation Costs to Customer Location

\$170.00 per hour





## SAASE Coming Events

### June 2014

26-29	Frontier Days - CCA Rodeo	Swift Current
26-29	Regional 4 H Show	Swift Current
28-29	Antique Ag Daze	Arcola
28	4 H Achievement Day	Arcola
28	4 H Beef Achievement Day	Saskatoon
28	Lomond 4 H 75th Anniversary	Weyburn
29	Regional 4 H Light Horse Show	Weyburn
30-2	Weyburn Annual Exhibition	Weyburn
30-1	Regional 4 H Beef Show	Weyburn
30	4 H Regional Judging	Weyburn

### July 2014

30-1	Regional 4 H Beef Show	Weyburn
30-2	Weyburn Annual Exhibition	Weyburn
1	Horse Pull-Tractor Pull-Steer Show	Carnduff
1	4 H Achievement Day	Perdue
2	4 H Fed Calf Sale	Weyburn
5	Saskatoon Berry Festival	Mortlach
5	Annual Summer Fair	Ogema
5	Stoughton Daze	Stoughton
6-8	4 H Show and Sale	Estevan
6-7	4 H Regional Show and Sale	Melfort
6	Doc's Town Heritage Village	Swift Current
8	4 H Regional Show	Whitewood
9-12	Colonial Days	Lloydminster
10-12	Sask. Quarter Horse Show	Moose Jaw
13	Doc's Town Heritage Village	Swift Current
14-16	Nipawin Exhibition	Nipawin
18-20	CCA/MRCA Rodeo	Weyburn
18-20	Melfort Agricultural Fair	Melfort
18-20	St. Walburg Annual Fair Days	St Walburg
19-20	Horse Clinic	Moose Jaw
19	Ag Society Biggest Little Fair	Creelman
20	Doc's Town Heritage Village	Swift Current
24	Ag Society Fair	Maryfield
24-27	Youth Equestrian Games	Moose Jaw
25-27	Town & Country Fair	Rosthern
25	Ag Society Exhibition	Aberbethy
26-27	99th Annual fair	Connaught
26	Annual Summer Fair & Sports Day	Glenavon
27	Agricultural Fair	Perdue
27	Doc's Town Heritage Village	Swift Current
29-2	Annual Summer Fair	Prince Albert
30-3	Queen City Ex	Regina

### August 2014

1-3	Fair and Race Meet	Kelvington
1-3	Sask Cutting	Moose Jaw
2	Annual Exhibition and Fair	Nokomis
3	Doc's Town Heritage Village	Swift Current
5-10	Saskatoon Ex	Saskatoon
8-10	Radisson 93rd Annual Fair	Radisson

9-10	Ag Society Fair & Horticultural Show	Invermay
9-10	Horse Show	Shaunavon
9	Horticultural & Annual Fair	Moosomin
9	Summer Cattle Show	Turtleford
10	Doc's Town Heritage Village	Swift Current
11	Northwest Territorial Days Parade	North Battleford
12-15	Northwest Territorial Days	North Battleford
13	Shand Fair	Shand
13-17	Westridge GMC CPCA Finals	Lloydminster
14	Fall Horticultural Show/Junior Exhibits	Stoughton
15-17	Ranch Horse Versatility	Moose Jaw
16-17	Fair and Races	Canora
16-17	Vanscoy Agricultural Summer Fair	Vanscoy
17	Doc's Town Heritage Village	Swift Current
22-25	Sheepdog Classic	Shaunavon
22-24	Polkafest	Prince Albert
22-23	Sask 4 H Provincial Judging	Lloydminster
23-24	True Grit Team Roping & Ranch Rodeo	Carnduff
23-24	4 H Equestrian Camp	Melfort
24	Doc's Town Heritage Village	Swift Current
29-1	Barrel Extravaganza	Estevan
29-30	High School Rodeo	Arcola
30-31	Doc's Town Heritage Village	Swift Current

### September 2014

5-7	Barrel Racing, Futurity & Derby	Melville
5-7	Rodeo	Estevan
6	Light Horse Show	Estevan
13-14	Melville Fair	Melville
20	Giant Flea Market	Melfort
26-28	Ranchman's Ridin' & Recitin' Young Ranchmans Livestock Show	Swift Current
27	Rare & Exotic Fall Sale	Lloydminster

### October 2014

3-4	Unity Trade Show & Fall Fair	Unity
4	PBR Bull Riding	Lloydminster
9	Fall Fair	Broadview
10-12	Chokecherry Festival	Lancer
10-12	Sask Appaloosa Horse Show	Moose Jaw
15-19	Sask Reining Horse Show	Moose Jaw
16-17	Safety Day Coordinators Workshop	Regina
21	Harvest Feastival	Lloydminster
24-25	Whistlestop Craft Show	Moose Jaw
25-26	Pumpkin Festival	Radisson
26	Trade & Fall Fair	Denzil
30	Stock Dog Trial	Lloydminster
30-1	36th Annual Stockade Roundup	Lloydminster
31-2	Band City Kennel Club Dog Show	Moose Jaw

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)

