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Mortlach Saskatoon Berry Festival Community Event of the Year

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Lorna Zathlyn Saskatchewan Arts Board Vice-Chairperson presents Marcia Wiman the Tourism Saskatchewan's Community Event of the Year Trophy

The Saskatoon Berry Festival in Mortlach has been one of many success stories for the SAASE Venture Project Program. Since its inception the festival has shown great growth and is an excellent example of what a community can do when it rallies around a project. The Saskatoon Berry Festival was recognized as the Community Event of the Year by Tourism Saskatchewan on April 16th. Marcia Wiman, representing

the Saskatoon Berry Festival accepted the award on behalf of the many volunteers who work to make the festival the great event it is. Below is the write up done by the Mortlach Agricultural Society.

On April 16 the Mortlach Community Development and Agricultural Society (MCDAS) was awarded Saskatchewan Tourism's Community Event of the

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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 finished up our third year of partnership with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture on our provincial safety day program, and are well into our 4th year of the agreement, with many safety days already having taken place. If you are interested in hosting a safety day for 2016 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, with a big thanks to the Ministry of Agriculture for confirming they will be part of the program in 2016.

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. Congratulations to the Mortlach Ag Society for being awarded Tourism Saskatchewan's Community Event of the Year for the Saskatoon Berry Festival - the festival received Venture Project funding to get it off the ground a number of years ago.

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. It 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. The CIF have extended the program through 2016 - 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. The deadline has been extended to June 30th - make sure you go onto the SAASE web site to fill out the application online. 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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Year Award for 2014. The award, sponsored by the Saskatchewan Arts Board, was presented by Lorna Zathlyn their Vice-Chairperson to Ray and Marcia Wiman at the 26th Annual Saskatchewan Tourism Awards of Excellence Gala held at the Radisson Hotel in Saskatoon. The trophy will be on display at the Village Office in Mortlach.

Marcia and Ray (SAASE Board Member) Wiman were in Saskatoon to accept the award. What follows is the speech that Marcia gave when she accepted the Saskatchewan Tourism Award of Excellence for Community Event of the Year.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have worked diligently to plan, organize, and perform their shifts at the Saskatoon Berry Festivals. This award is for YOU... the Saskatoon Berry Festival has been a success because of your effort. Each year we have an opportunity to showcase our

village - that Mortlach is a welcoming community and a great place to live, visit and own a business. "Meet Me in Mortlach" for the 8th Annual Saskatoon Berry Festival to be held Saturday, June 27 – 3000 people with purple teeth can't be wrong.



Saskatoon Berry Festival



Swift Current “Discovers the Farm”



made available for a special price one day only amount of \$77.

Parents and grandparents helped children catch a glimpse of a bull, part of the G & J Livestock Company herd, and a glimpse at Alpacas. One child commented, “We got to see the chicks hatching, checked out the bunnies ... and a huge black bull, and planted a sunflower, and we are going to taste some honey.” A truly interactive Farm Show that reflects our Western culture and its traditions.

The Swift Current Ag & Ex once again hosted the Discover the Farm agricultural education program. Over the years it has grown and continued to get bigger and better. Agricultural education is an important part of what our Agricultural Societies do, and “Discover the Farm” continues to educate our youth about where their food comes from. Below is the press release sent out by the Swift Current Exhibition.

DISCOVER THE FARM: A FARM FACTS EXPERIENCE

On April 16th, 17th, 2015, the Swift Current Ag & Ex invited students and teachers to be part of the Discover the Farm: A Farm Facts Experience. This educational event was recognized by International Association of Fairs and Exhibitions (IAFE) in 2013 as an outstanding youth education program and awarded the IAFE Agricultural

Award sponsored by John Deere.

Five hundred school students converged onto Kinetic Exhibition Park, ambled into the Stockade building and took in the two hour program which included 12 exhibits: Safety aspects included: PTO, ATV, First Aid, Brain Injury, and animal guidelines; a visit with exotic birds and animals, and hands on interactive activities with Beekeeping, Beef Cattle of Saskatchewan and the SAASE sponsored Chicken Farmers of Saskatchewan, Mosaic Potash and SaskPower.

On Saturday, April 18th visitors and buyers were invited to purchase Exotic Birds and animals. Also available in the stockade was the Summer Dreamin’ Garden Expo and make-your- own Bird house competition. Platinum packages for 2015 Frontier Days ‘Ropin’ into the Future’ Frontier Days June 25th – 28th, 2015 were

Good to see the following SCHOOLS participating: Ashley Park School,





Wymark School, East End School, Success School, Frontier School, Waldeck School, Swift Current Child Care Center, Ecole Centennial School, Cabri School, Herbert School and Central School, and Stewart Valley School.

Thank-you to the ORGANIZATIONS that were part of the exhibits and providing information: Cypress Health Region, RCMP, Swift Current Ambulance, St. John Ambulance, SAASE, Saskatchewan Mustard, Gramma Zoo Exotics, Saskatchewan Livestock Association, Mosaic Potash, Chicken Farmers of Saskatchewan, SaskPower, G&L Livestock; the Ag & Ex Hatching Program; and Prairie Field Honey.

Thank-you to the following SPONSORS: Farm Credit Canada, EMF-Nutrition, Swift Current Ag & Ex, , JayDee AgTech, Dickson Agencies, Peavy Mart, Mercator Financial. CIF - Community Initiatives Fund and the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture. Thank-you to the Producers for the Poultry and Exotic Animal sale on Saturday. Thank-you to the volunteers – particularly the 4H Wymark Club and Grant Scheirlinck.



Prince Albert “Chillin with Agriculture”

The Prince Albert Exhibition and over 700 school kids were “Chillin with Agriculture” on April 21st and 22nd in Prince Albert. The 32 classes of children had an opportunity to learn about agriculture, where their food comes from and safety over the 2 days.

The Prince Albert Exhibition - their staff and volunteers run a full day program for 16 classes each day with 16 stations. They use 2 buildings - one of their barns, as well as their main hall for their stations. 8 of the classes start in the barn in the morning, while the other 8 are inside the main hall. Lunch is served for the whole group and then the classes that were in the



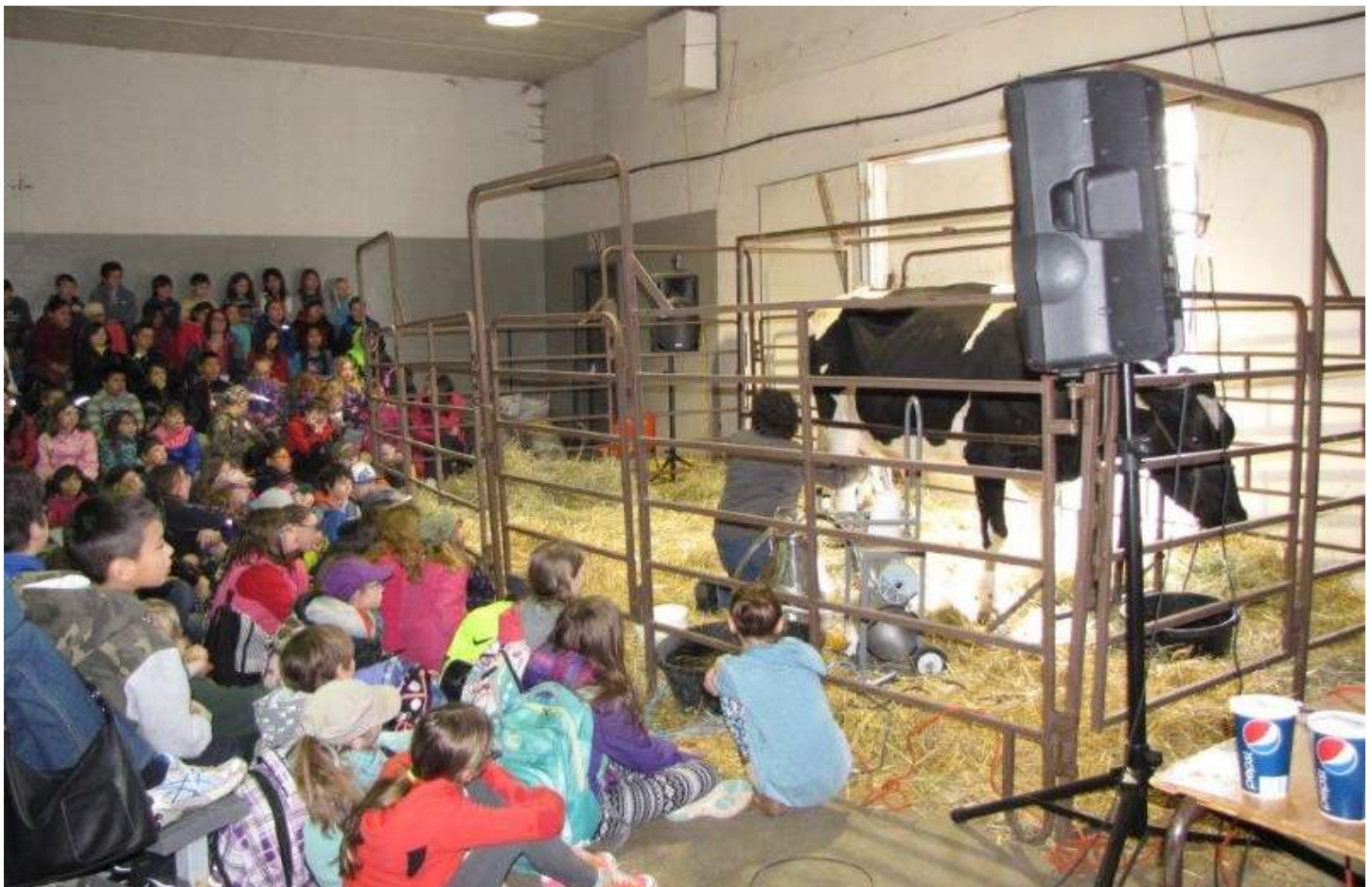
barn in the morning move into the main hall in the afternoon.

The stations that were located in the barn were - poultry, beef, tractor/pto safety, dairy, animal safety, sheep, swine and a light horse station.

Inside the main hall the stations include the Mosaic potash station, SaskPower electrical safety station, ATV safety, horticulture, composting, Ag in the Classroom grains and grasses, and Ag in the Classroom by products bingo.

Each of the stations were manned by volunteers or producer groups. SAASE helped out with the Food for Saskatchewan - Food for the World

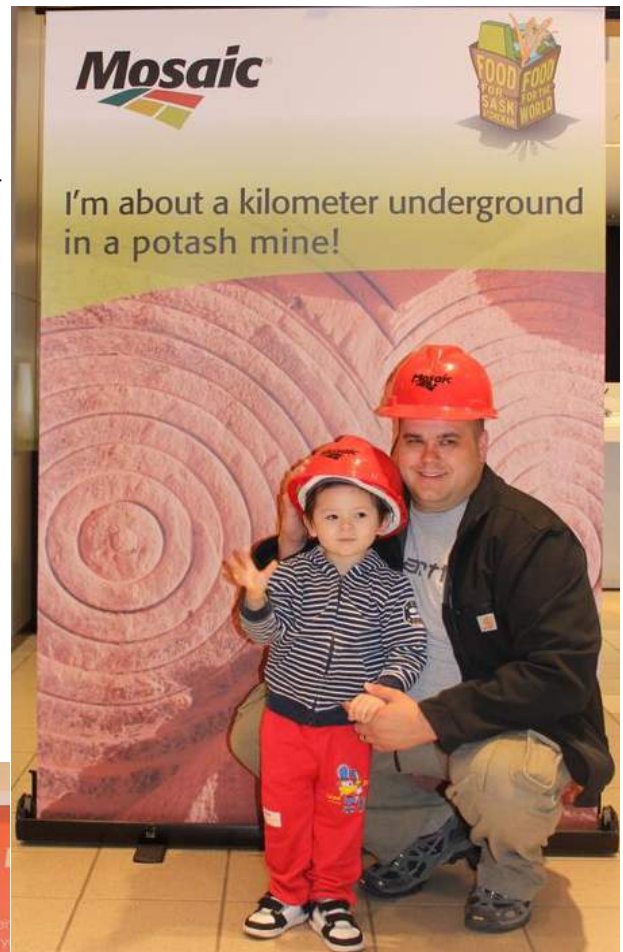
displays. The presentations for the children would last 10 - 12 minutes, with the groups moving on to the next station. Agricultural education has always been an important part of the Prince Albert Exhibition's programming, but when they expanded their program into the Chillin with Agriculture - SAASE helped out with seed money through the Venture Project program, which helped to ensure the success of their new program.



Ag in the City Hits Saskatoon

SAASE was once again part of the Ag in the City agricultural education program in Saskatoon on April 25. In the past SAASE's AG EXperience interactive display has been part of the 1 day event, but this year the Food for Saskatchewan-Food for the World display was there. The display includes the Mosaic Company Potash display, SaskPower electrical safety display and the Chicken Farmers of Saskatchewan display. There was a great deal of interest in all the displays, and with 10,000 people going through the mall that day it was very busy. Below is a press release issued by the Ag in the City committee.

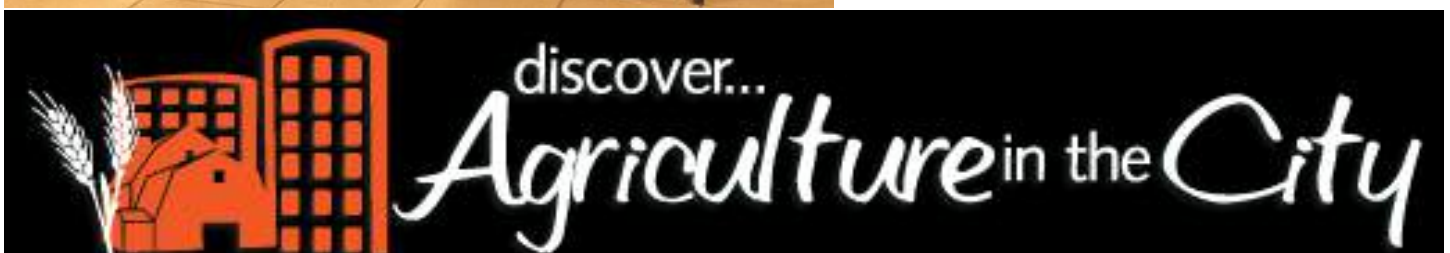
The fourth annual Agriculture in the City was held at the Mall at Lawson Heights, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, on Saturday April 25th, 2015. The goal of Ag in the City is to educate urban audiences about agriculture, identifying connections between farming and food for those who have no other direct contact with agriculture and food production. By understanding modern agricultural practices, consumers can make more informed decisions about healthy food options, recognize the value of Saskatchewan-made products and understand that the agriculture industry has tremendous impact on regional, national and global economies.



The one-day event featured a trade show, main stage cooking demonstrations, food sampling and hands-on demonstrations, activities and games at six activity zones set up in a growing area down the main aisle of the mall, which included:

- Animal Agriculture Zone
- Career Zone
- Crops Zone
- Food Zone
- Kids Zone
- Science Zone

The event was well attended, despite the challenges of an unexpected spring snowfall, and was deemed to be a success.



Battlefords Hosts CPCA Races

The Battlefords Ag Society hosted professional chuckwagon racing from May 29th - May 31st. The chuckwagon races are another example of an event supported by the SAASE Venture Project program. The program continues to supply seed money to help get projects and events off the ground, with many of those events becoming annual. Below is an article submitted by Jocelyn Ritchie from the Battlefords Ag Society.

The Battlefords Ag Society and BATC were pleased to kick off the Canadian Professional Chuckwagon Associations season. We had 14 heats a night with some of the older drivers and some brand new to the CPCA circuit. 45 wagons competed each night. The show ran for 3 days and the weather was perfect!! Crowds were great and thoroughly enjoyed 3 days of fast pace heart throbbing action. The winner of the Battlefords race was Kris Molle from Chauvin Alberta. His time was well ahead of the other drivers. The races bring many people to the community over the week and enhance tourism and recreation to the Battlefords and surrounding areas. Thanks to everyone who came out to support the Ag Society and CPCA...we will see you next year!!!

Jocelyn Ritchie, General Manager - Pictures courtesy of K. Pethick Photography



Ministry of Agriculture Renews Safety Day Funding for 2016 as 2015 Safety Days Kick Off

The Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture announced that funding will once again be made available for the SAASE Provincial Safety Day program for 2016. 2016 will be the 5th year that the Ministry of Agriculture has partnered with SAASE on the program. The funding supplies seed money, which ensures that SAASE members will be able to continue to teach our youth about safety. The program continues to grow, as 16 safety days will be hosted in 2015, with plans already being made for 2016.

SAASE and our members kicked off the provincial safety day program for 2015, with numerous safety days taking place throughout Saskatchewan, and many more to still take place. Safety days this spring have taken place in Swift Current, Prince Albert, Lloydminster, Unity, Spiritwood, Turtleford, Mortlach, Biggar, Yorkton, Meadow Lake, Melfort, and Weyburn. Over 4,000 children have taken part in the safety days this spring with an additional 4 safety days happening this fall - Vanscoy, Moose Jaw, Kelvington and Maryfield.

The program is built on volunteers and developing partnerships. For the 2014 safety days 479 volunteers helped organize and put on the



safety days across Saskatchewan, contributing 3350 volunteer hours. As we move forward more and more partnerships continue to be developed. Safety days are excellent ways to get local businesses and community organizations involved with your Agricultural Societies, as well as delivering an important program for

our children.

If you are interested in hosting a Progressive Agriculture Safety day for 2016 you need to let the SAASE office know by July 15th. If you have any questions give Glen a call. To assist you with your Safety Day, a Safety day Coordinators workshop will be held in the fall in Regina. Once the date has been set you will be contacted.



Huge Safety Day in Lloydminster

Farm Safety Day was held on May 12, 2015 at the Lloydminster Agricultural Exhibition Association Ltd., in partnership with ADM Agri-Industries. 707 grade 4 & 5 students from 7 Lloydminster middle schools participated in a one day program. There were 8 stations: Fire Safety, Animal Safety, Chemical Safety, Farm Equipment Safety, Firearm Safety, ATV Safety, Electric Safety and Grain Safety.

The students toured each station and had lunch and then received a goodie bag containing a t-shirt from the Progressive Agricultural Safety Foundation, farm safety books from the Saskatchewan Association of Agricultural Societies and Exhibitions, the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture and the Saskatchewan Community Initiatives Fund, magnets from ATCO and information handouts from Canadian Agricultural Safety Association. 24 enthusiastic volunteers helped to make this day a tremendous success.

Sam Hardstaff - Ag Manager Lloydminster Exhibition



Mortlach Hosts Safety Day

The Mortlach Agricultural society hosted a safety day on May 1. The safety day was a partnership between the Agricultural Society and the school, and had a great deal of support from many volunteers. The day went very well with the following being the report from the Agricultural Society.

Mortlach Community Development and Agricultural Society hosted a Safety Day in the school gymnasium on Friday, May 1. 105 Kindergarten to Grade 8 students from Mortlach, Caronport, and Chaplin learned about health and safety. They visited 9 stations; each fifteen minutes – bike safety led by Corporal Henderson from Moose Jaw Detachment, EMTs from Moose Jaw demonstrated first aid, Russ Becker talked about Firearm Safety, Dr. Carla Hicks used her iPad to tell stories about animal safety, Rod Appleby reviewed fire safety rules, Ray Wiman discussed grain tank safety, Don Toupin brought welding equipment, Glen Duck used interactive electrical tables to explain electrical safety, and the Mortlach First Responders presented sun safety.

Lunch was served by Mortlach School Community Council.



Melfort Ag Society Keeping Kids Safe

The Melfort agricultural society hosted a safety day on May 21st. Below is the story and pictures that appeared in the Melfort Journal by Kirby Hardwick,.

Ag Safety Day teaches farm safety tips

The Melfort Ag Society hosted their annual Ag Safety Day on May 21, in conjunction with Monsanto and the Saskatchewan Association of Agricultural Societies and Exhibitions (SAASE).

Kids in grades 2 and 3 had the opportunity to learn and expand their knowledge within a variety of farm related topics, while in an outdoor, interactive atmosphere.

Students were divided into groups, and then rotated through stations, which included ATV, PTO, tractor





and equipment, first aid, road, water, chemical, animal, emergency action, electrical, fire and water.

Regan Kunz of Cervus Equipment spoke about the message behind his presentation, which focused around tractor safety, but also led into equipment such as sprayers and combines.

“The two main points that I’m trying to get across to the kids is don’t assume that the operator knows where you are when you are outside the tractor. Tractors are getting bigger and bigger and machinery is getting bigger, and kids are still the same size,” he said.

Part of Kunz’s presentation featured participation from the kids, where one is placed in the driver’s seat, and another is placed in different spots around the exterior of the tractor. The child inside the cab was then asked if they are able to identify where the other is, which helps to illustrate to not assume that an operator can always see you.

Another part of the presentation was seatbelt safety, something that Kunz acknowledges is not always discussed, but is important when kids are riding

in the buddy seat, and can easily accidentally open the passenger door and fall out when a machine is in motion.

“There’s a lot of rural kids here too, so some of them may be going home after school and riding in a tractor. If they can bring one or two points home and tell their dad, or their mom, or whoever, then it could have the potential to have some real benefit,” Kunz said.

Victor Kernaleguen from Gateway Vet Services was the host of the animal safety station. Kernaleguen discussed a number of items within his presentation, covering topics related to farm animals, and domestic pets.

“I’m working to show the kids how to act around all sorts of animals and how to avoid getting in a bad situation. Also important for the kids is realizing that animals have a lot of power, and they often don’t realize how strong they are, so they can hurt someone without even thinking about it,” he said.

A common question received from students was how to know if an animal is safe to pet, and Kernaleguen

encouraged students to make sure an adult is present to answer questions before approaching and playing with animals.

ATV safety was covered by Thomas Motors with discussion revolving around proper helmet use, and safety precautions when in and around ATV’s.

RCMP were on hand to talk to attendees about home safety, and stranger danger, as well as giving them tips and pointers for how to deal with certain scenarios, and providing them with safety plans to work on at home with their parents.

Students in attendance also learned about PTO’s and the dangers of implements often seen around a farmyard or at home.

Other interactive stations involved making a mini first aid kit, and how to deal with potential electrical and chemical situations, and sun and water safety.

Kirby.hardwick@sunmedia.ca also on twitter @melfortjournal

SaskLotteries helping out with the Clean Team for 2015

SAASE has been working to find a new partner for the Clean Team program. It has taken a little longer than we had hoped in finding the right partner, but to help us through until we are able to put together a long term agreement, SaskLotteries have stepped up to help us out for 2015. In addition to SaskLotteries, SAASE will also be providing funds to ensure that the over 45 community groups involved with the Clean Team in 35 communities will continue to receive funding to not only keep our grounds clean, but also receive funding to help with their programming. On behalf of SAASE Board of Directors, our Clean Team communities and all the community groups involved in the Clean Team, SAASE would like to thank SaskLotteries for their continued commitment to Saskatchewan communities.



Farm Show a Big Success in 2015

Shirley Janeczko, Show Manager for Canada's Farm Progress Show presented by Viterra, today announced that the annual trade show was once again a highly successful event. The show attracted 41,897 attendees this year, slightly up from the 2014 show. "Our records show that both domestic and international attendance resulted in this increase. Although there has been little rain throughout our province this spring, our attendees arrived at our show to do business," Janeczko said.

With almost 2 million square feet of exhibit space, farm show hosted 720 exhibitors resulting in more than 1000 booth spaces. "We have built a reputation at our show as 'the only place to see it all'. Our attendance figures prove that we are succeeding in attracting high quality exhibitors and buyers."

The entertainment features at the show were all well received, Janeczko said. "The Seed Hawk North 40 was at capacity throughout the show. The Axe Women of Maine attracted record crowds. The Farm Progress Forum had standing room only. The Toys for Farm Boys area was new to the show this year and, with the overwhelming success of this area, we will be expanding this area in future years."

The International Business Centre is a key part of Canada's Farm Progress Show. Janeczko reported that it attracted 550 visitors from 49 countries. "That represents a quarter of the world being aware of and attending our show. Over the course of the next few weeks, we will be collecting our evaluations and finalizing the sales resulting from this area. New countries at our show this year were Estonia, Brazil, Philippines and Panama. We had a strong presence from Australia, China, Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, South Africa and United States of America." "We are excited about the 2016 show and the planning has already begun."



Elstow Agricultural Society Approved for Funding to Help Restore Community Hall

The Elstow Agricultural Society was approved for funding to help renovate the Elstow Community Hall. The application went in to the Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) through the Community Spaces and Places program. The Elstow Agricultural Society was approved for \$6,250 to do work on the foundation, doors, windows, as well as paint.

Like many communities the Elstow Community Hall and the Elstow Agricultural Society have played a very important role in Elstow for over 100 years, and the renovations will go a long way into ensuring the building will continued to be used in the future. Like other communities the Elstow Agricultural Society is facing many challenges, as the community gets smaller and there are fewer people to volunteer and keep the Agricultural Society going. Diane Hrechuk - the Secretary for the Elstow Agricultural Society, as well as a SAASE Honorary Life Member - has been volunteering in Elstow for over 50 years and has written an article on the history of the Elstow Agricultural Society and the community hall, as well as the challenges ahead. Below is the article submitted to the SAASE newsletter by Diane.

The Elstow Agricultural Society was formed in 1910 by businesses and farm pioneers. In the early year's Elstow was a thriving community and village due to the businesses in the towns and the farming in the surrounding areas. The Hall was used extensively, as it hosted the fair days, school plays, concerts, barbecues, shows, junior activities and much more.

The communities surrounding Elstow participated in most of the events that were held. As the years past the population



began to decline - some businesses and the school closed, which meant that people had to commute, and the use of the hall started to decline. As time went on the younger people moved to other places to find employment, as well as be closer to schools, which left few on the farm to carry on with the hall, as far as putting on different events.

The challenge now is that the people living in Elstow are working in other towns, and the children are being bused to schools in Allan, Clavet, Colonsay or Saskatoon - this has left them with very little time to volunteer and help out with the Agricultural Society or hall. The hall is currently being taken care of by about 5 active couples who have lived and farmed in the area for a long time, but are getting older. We need to get more members and people involved, but it is tough getting new members, as many of them have either no interest or time.

The hall does not pay taxes, but is in need of repairs, which the Community Initiatives Fund small capital grant will definitely help us out with. The challenge is on the operation of the hall, with

insurance and utilities continuing to go up. We have sold some of the land around the hall, but have retained enough land for parking around the hall for the events that are held there.

At present we take care of the hall and rent it out to events, and will continue to do so as long as we are capable of looking after it. With the Village having 80 people the biggest thing we face is how do we get more people involved.

In order for us to capture the history of Elstow and the people who have lived, farmed and continue to live there a history book has been produced. "Memories Forever" tells the story of Elstow and the area. The books are being sold for \$20 each and if you are interested in purchasing one you can get hold of the Elstow Agricultural Society.

With the renovations and updates that are being made to the Hall, we hope that it will be kept as a Heritage site. We also hope it continues to be used into the future, with all the memories lingering of the early days.

CIF Announces Program Extension

The Community Initiatives Fund made an announcement on June 24th regarding funding projects approved for Saskatchewan communities and groups. The Community Spaces and Places Program continues to help fund many of Saskatchewan's Agricultural societies in helping out with small capital projects. The Elstow Agricultural society was approved for \$6,250 to renovate their Hall. To date over the life of the program SAASE members have accessed over \$500,000 in matching funding to upgrade their facilities. The announcement of the extension of the Community Spaces and Places Program for another years gives you another year to access funding to upgrade your grounds. If you have something you are thinking about doing give Glen a call at the SAASE office.

SAASE members have also been able to access funding through the Community Grant Program and the Summer Grants Program. The CIF have supported SAASE's Provincial Safety Day program for 2015, and you are encouraged to take a look at the opportunities available through the CIF to help you out. Below is the press release from the CIF.

502 Projects Will Benefit From \$7,210,203 in Funding

Today, the Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) is announcing the approval of 502 grants totalling \$7,210,203 in

funding that will support a wide variety of projects across Saskatchewan. With CIF support, communities benefit from having access to local projects providing services that increase the quality of life and wellbeing of Saskatchewan residents.

Projects support opportunities that prepare youth for the future; celebrate community achievements; ensure communities have access to sport, culture, recreation, and other programming and services; and ultimately create a sense of belonging and pride in our communities.

Through its Community Grant Program, the CIF approved 214 grants totalling \$5,088,936 supporting projects that contribute to the wellbeing of children and youth, families and communities within Saskatchewan. Through the Community Grant Program Summer Grants, the CIF approved 204 grants totalling \$990,250 supporting summer programs and activities for children and youth. Additionally, 84 projects were approved through the Community Places and Spaces Program, totalling \$1,131,017 in grants.

Programs and initiatives such as these allow communities to flourish through enhancing the wellbeing and quality of life of the people making up their communities.

The CIF also announces today the

extension of the popular Community Places and Spaces Program. Targeted to end March 31, 2016 the program will now end March 31, 2017. This means 2 application deadlines remain: October 1, 2015 and October 1, 2016. The program supports small capital renovations that improve the quality, sustainability, and long-term use of multi-purpose community facilities such as halls, recreation facilities, and playgrounds.

"Our government is proud to support the Community Initiatives Fund," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Mark Docherty said. "Projects supported through the CIF enhance our enviable quality of life and make our province stronger."

"These projects truly bring people together which in turn builds stronger communities" says Tracey Mann, Executive Director of the Community Initiatives Fund. "The diversity of projects is a great demonstration of the creativity of community leaders in approaching local challenges and opportunities."

The CIF is a Special Purpose Fund created through The Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation Act and governed by a volunteer board appointed through the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport. 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.



Magnus Newland Arena Expansion in Swift Current

The Swift Current Ag & Ex, working with the City of Swift Current has expanded and made improvements to their outdoor arena for their equine and rodeo events. Below is a press release issued by the Swift Current Ag & Ex's Lenora Bells.

Magnus Newland Arena – Newly Expanded home for Equine and Rodeo Events

Swift Current Kinetic Exhibition Park welcomes a newly expanded arena – the Magnus Newland Arena. This venue has grown from 110' X 180' to 150' X 250' and the equipment added includes the required measurements for regional, national, and international rodeos, barrel racing, steer wrestling, roping – many Equine and Rodeo events. The name of the arena - Magnus Newland – commemorates and celebrates a true cowboy. Magnus, a well-known farmer and rancher, represents much of the Western way of life. Born in 1937, he grew up and lived most of his life south of Webb, SK. Magnus was raised as a true child of the prairies. He spent many hours studying the native prairie ecosystem, both on foot and of course on horseback. His achievements were many. Along with his experience as a farmer and as a livestock producer, he

also became a professional engineer.

Magnus enjoyed his time as a member of the Topline Trail Riders and was very popular with the group. He attended many rides over the years, appreciating the scenery, and the riding, but most of all the camaraderie! He enjoyed a good joke and had a bright mind that retained many stories. He was well-known for sharing those stories, and could cite numerous historical tales of the prairies and the people that have lived here.

Quite often Magnus was late for events, and unfortunately for him, that led to his final ride – the consequences to which ended up being fatal. He was late for a ride in the Great Sandhills organized by the Topline Trail Riders, and when he got there the group had already departed. He decided to go and check some cattle he had on a rented pasture near Gull Lake instead. The young filly he was riding jumped over a creek bed and Magnus and her parted ways. He managed to get the horse loaded and seek help, but the injuries he sustained were very serious. In 1999, after many surgeries and a lengthy hospital stay, he passed away from complications sustained in that fall.

The Topline Trail Riders, donated cash

and many volunteer hours to the Swift Current Ag and Ex Association. These cash donations and volunteer hours were used to improve the Southwest arena south of the barns. They asked that the arena be named the Magnus Newland Arena, in honour of a treasured friend and riding partner who is greatly missed. This request was granted, and the arena remains as a symbol of one who represents our Western heritage. A true legacy.

Magnus Newland arena is a reminder of not only this man of integrity, good character, and hospitality - but also a symbol of his many good friends, supporters and admirers who envisioned an arena prepared for future generations. It is felt that he would approve of the 'upgrades' as we are Ropin' into the Future with Frontier Days 2015. We tip our hats to all our farmers and ranchers!

For more information about booking the newly expanded Magnus Newland Arena and other Kinetic Exhibition Park facilities, contact the Office at 306-773-2944 or 306-778-1620. The chute is always open at: www.swiftcurrentex.com. See you at 2015 Frontier Days 'Ropin' Into the Future' June 25th-28th.



Celebrate Saskatchewan Food & Farming in your Community

With the bountiful amount of food our province produces, it's no surprise you'll find Saskatchewan wheat in breads made around the world, or our lentils in a curry dish made in India, or a chef in Europe using canola oil from the prairies. Quite simply, Saskatchewan food is popular all over the world because it's high quality and it's safe to eat. Our farmers and ranchers work hard every day to ensure the food they grow and raise is brought to the world's tables in the best ways possible.

Food production is the root of Saskatchewan's economy and accounts for over one-third of the province's total exports. We have more than 60 million acres of farmland—that's over 40 per cent of the total in Canada! As well, Saskatchewan is second-largest beef-producing province in the country, with 1.2 million beef cows—almost a third of the Canadian beef herd. Saskatchewan agriculture is the most diversified industry sector in Canada with \$13.9 billion in export sales in 2014.

October has been designated "Agriculture Month" in Saskatchewan, and it is a golden opportunity for communities to come together in a province-wide effort to celebrate the wide variety of foods we produce here and people who grow it with care.

It's also a chance to help consumers get to know more about the food they eat – where it comes from, how it is grown, and the people who produce it.

"Less than two per cent of the population of Canada now have direct links to the farm," says Adele Buettner, CEO of Farm & Food Care Saskatchewan (FFC SK). "There aren't as many opportunities for consumers to meet and talk with farmers or to get an understanding of how food is produced, even in Saskatchewan. This



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October, we're hoping communities across the province will get involved by hosting their own celebrations of food and farming in their region."

In effort to help showcase the bounty we grow and those who grow it, FFC SK is in the process of creating a new website, lovesaskfood.org with recipes, producer profiles, farm facts and a listing of upcoming food events in the province. In addition, to help communities plan farming and food-related activities, FFC SK has also developed "LoveSASKfood" kits which contain T-shirts, farm facts placemats for restaurants, balloons, kids' activities, tattoos, and copies of the Saskatchewan Real Dirt on Farming Digest. The 12-page booklet contains facts and photos about farming in our province and answers the top consumer questions related to food production, questions like: why do ranchers use hormones in beef production? What is being done to ensure Saskatchewan food is safe to eat?

The kits will also include several suggestions for communities that want to get involved by planning their own activities to celebrate farming and food. Here's a sample:

- Recruit two local restaurants to use farm fact placemats during the month of October
- Profile a local producer in your newspaper – invite students to get involved
- Work together to create a "We Love Sask Food / Grown With Care" float for your community harvest celebration

- Distribute the Saskatchewan Real Dirt on Farming Digest at your grocery store, school and library
- Arrange for a "Real Dirt on Farming" speaker presentation to your school, Chamber or community group
- Find out what foods are grown in your community and feature them at a community potluck supper
- Contact Agriculture in the Classroom to find out activities and resources available for your school
- Organize an online photo competition: who do you think is the "Farmer of the Day?"
- Students: interview your local grocery store about the foods they stock from Saskatchewan
- Display a world map in the town office showing where foods grown in your community are exported to

Big or small, all communities can take part in celebrating Ag Awareness month! There is one thing which connects us all, and it is the food we eat, so we encourage you to 'step up to the plate' and start planning! For those who would like to work with Farm & Food Care Saskatchewan or want to know more about our Love Sask Food community kits, please contact us at office@farmfoodcaresk.org or 306.477.FOOD (3663). Have fun planning!!



SAASE Coming Events

June 2015

24	Biggar Barrel Racing Series	Biggar
25-28	Frontier Days/CCA Rodeo	Swift Current
25-28	4 H Show & Sale/Pure Bred Show	Swift Current
28-1	Regional 4 H Shows	Weyburn
29-1	Ag Society Annual Convention	Weyburn
29	Glen Ewen 4 H Achievement Day	Carnduff

July 2015

1-4	Summer Fair	Yorkton
1	4 H Regional Show and Sale	Prince Albert
1	July 1st Celebrations	Battlefords
1	Canada Day Horse & Tractor Pull	Carnduff
1	4 H Beef Club Achievement Day	Fairmede
1	Ag Society's 123rd Fair	Fairmede
1	Bull Riding	Bengough
2	4 H Regional Show & Sale	Whitewood
4-6	Junior Ag Showcase Light Horse	Saskatoon
4-5	Dog Club Show	Moose Jaw
4	Ranch Rodeo	Maple Creek
4	Annual Summer Fair	Ogema
4	Stoughton Daze	Stoughton
5-6	4 H Beef Regional Show & Sale	Melfort
5	Antique Ag Daze	Arcola
5	Family Day & Church Service	Fairmede
5	Doc's Town Heritage Village	Swift Current
8-11	Colonial Days	Lloydminster
8	Volunteer Appreciation Night	Weyburn
8	Biggar Barrel Racing Series	Biggar
9-12	SQHA Quarter Horse Show	Moose Jaw
10	Doc's Town Heritage Village Dance	Swift Current
11-12	Homecoming Weekend	Carnduff
12	Doc's Town Heritage Village	Swift Current
13-15	Nipawin Exhibition	Nipawin
15-17	Cowtown Rodeo	Maple Creek
17-19	Agricultural Fair & Exhibition	Melfort
17-19	RCMP Musical Ride	Moose Jaw
17-19	Annual Fair	St. Walburg
18	Biggest Little Fair	Creelman
18-19	Dean Latimer Clinic	Moose Jaw
18-19	CCA/MRCA Rodel	Weyburn
19	Doc's Town Heritage Village	Swift Current
22	Deep South Barrel Series	Bengough
22	Biggar Barrel Racing Series	Biggar
22-25	Canadian Youth Charlois Convention	Yorkton
23	Agricultural Society Fair	Maryfield
24-26	Town & Country Fair	Rosthern
24-25	Horse Show	Redvers
24	Agricultural Society Exhibition	Abernethy
25-26	Ag Society's 100th Annual Fair	Connaught
25	Annual Summer Fair & Sportsday	Glenavon
26	Doc's Town Heritage Village	Swift Current
28-1	Annual Summer Fair	Prince Albert
29-2	Queen City Ex	Regina
30-2	Sask Cutting Horse Show	Moose Jaw
31-2	Fair and Race Meet	Kelvington

August 2015

1-2	Flea Market	Moosomin
1	Agricultural Society Fair	Nokomis
2	Doc's Town Village Hymn Sing	Swift Current
4-9	Exhibition	Saskatoon
5	Barrel Racing Series	Biggar
7-9	94th Annual Agricultural Fair	Radisson
7	Doc's Town Village Line Dance Party	Swift Current
8-9	Ag Society Fair & Horticultural Show	Invermay
8-9	Gypsy Vaner Horse Show	Moose Jaw

8-9	Horse Show	Shaunavon
8	Summer Cattle Show	Turtleford
9	Doc's Town Country Jam Session	Swift Current
10	Territorial Parade	Battlefords
11-14	Northwest Territorial Days	Battlefords
12-16	Westridge GMC CPCA Finals	Lloydminster
12	Barrel Racing Futurity & Derby	Melville
12	Agricultural Fair	Shand
14-15	Tractor Pulls	Yorkton
15-16	Horse Show	Moose Jaw
15-16	Agricultural Summer Fair	Vanscoy
15	Horticultural, Homecraft & Fair	Moosomin
16	Doc's Town Arts & Crafts Displays	Swift Current
18-20	Pastures Clinic	Moose Jaw
19	SK Barrel Racing Series	Biggar
21-23	Polkafest	Prince Albert
22-23	True Grit Team Roping/Ranch Rodeo	Carnduff
23	Doc's Town-A Day at School	Swift Current
26	Barrel Racing Futurity & Derby	Melville
28-30	SK Paint Horse Show	Moose Jaw
30	Doc's Town Church Service	Swift Current

September 2015

4-7	Cowboy Dressage	Moose Jaw
4-5	Pinnacle Motorsports Truck Pull	Weyburn
6	Doc's Town Harvest Dance	Swift Current
7	Barrel Racing Futurity & Derby	Melville
12-13	Fair	Melville
12-13	SK Arabian Horse Show	Moose Jaw
18-20	Canadian Ranch Roping Finals	Moose Jaw
19	Giant Flea Market	Melfort
22	Farm Safety Day	Vanscoy
25-27	Ridin & Recitin Livestock Show	Swift Current
25-26	Trade Show & Fall Fair	Unity
25	Agricultural Fall Fair	Broadview
26-27	SK Riding Horse Show	Moose Jaw
26	Rare & Exotic Fall Sale	Lloydminster
26	Fall Flea Market	Yorkton
26-27	SK Riding Horse Show	Moose Jaw
27	Barrel Racing Futurity & Derby	Melville

October 2015

3-4	Bull Riding Canadian Finals	Lloydminster
3	Flavours of Fall Festival	Weyburn
4	Barrel Racing Futurity & Derby	Melville
5-8	AG EXperience for Students	Saskatoon
9-11	SK Appaloosa Horse Show	Moose Jaw
17	Knitting Workshop	Vanscoy
18	Barrel Racing Futurity & Derby	Melville
20	Harvest Feastival	Lloydminster
22-25	SK Reining Horse Show	Moose Jaw
24-25	Whistlestop Craft Show	Moose Jaw
24-25	Pumpkinfest	Radisson
24	Trade & Fall Fair	Denzil
30	Pumpkinfest	Nokomis
31-1	Moose Jaw Dog Club	Moose Jaw

If you have any events you would like to add to our list,
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