



# SAASE News

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## SAASE to Celebrate 100th Anniversary by Partnering with CAFE in 2020

The Saskatchewan Association of Agricultural Societies and Exhibitions (SAASE) will be celebrating 100 years as Saskatchewan's Agricultural Societies umbrella organization in 2020. Saskatchewan's Agricultural Societies have been around since 1884, but it took until 1920 for the formation of a permanent organization to represent Saskatchewan's Agricultural Societies - the Saskatchewan Agricultural Societies Association.

To celebrate our 100th anniversary - SAASE will be partnering with the Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions in 2020. The CAFE 2020 convention will be held in Regina - November 11 - 13, and as part of our celebrations SAASE's convention will be held in conjunction with the CAFE convention.

With the SAASE convention and annual meeting normally being held in late February/early March - SAASE's annual General Meeting will still have to be held in that time frame because of when our fiscal year end takes place. Instead of the meeting taking place



The original logo of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Societies Association formed in 1920.



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## President's Message: Jocelyn Ritchie

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our new Board members - Lindsay Nobbs from Lancer and Lisa Pittman from Arcola were elected at this year's SAASE Annual General Meeting in Prince Albert. I would also like to welcome Tyler Lloyd who is the new representative from Tourism Saskatchewan and Trish Johnson from the Ministry of Agriculture - who will be replacing Ron Monette.. We are excited and look forward to working with our new board members. Also many thanks go out to our retiring Directors George Fowler, and Ron Monette. Thank you for your years of service you will be missed. Thank you to the returning Board members whose contributions have been invaluable.

Thank you to everyone who attended our convention in Prince Albert and the host committee for a job well done. I have received very positive feedback on the sessions that were presented. Our round table discussions were awesome thanks to all of you! Sharing ideas and gaining knowledge is always an integral part of who we are. I sincerely hope that everyone took something back home to share with your committees.

Our Agricultural Society's funding has been approved for another 5 years through the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport and SaskLotteries. SAASE would like to thank the Government of Saskatchewan and SaskLotteries for their continued support of our Agricultural Societies and the communities we represent.

We are very excited to partner with CAFÉ to host the provincial and national convention together in Regina Nov. 11-13, 2020. This is also SAASE's 100th anniversary so many plans are under way to create recognition in that respect as well. Details will follow as our committee gathers more information.

We have re-structured our Venture project applications. We now offer a 3 year commitment option. This we are hoping will help with new projects as they will have 3 years to build upon the new ventures. If anybody requires more information please contact Glen or any Board member.

The website has been restructured and will be a great tool for all Societies to use. The launch date for the new website has been set for July 2. It will have all kinds of new features and be very interactive with a forum and buy and sell features. All forms will be online and much easier to fill in and submit. Glen will be getting you out information on the new website - if anyone needs and assistance Aaron Hepting - who designed the new website, as well as Glen will be able to help you out.

Our Safety Days are well under way. Please insure that you book all displays and items you wish from SAASE and CASA well in advance. If you want to host a safety day in the fall or look at hosting one in 2020 give the office a call.

I am in hopes that every Society and Fair has a very successful year. Remember Glen and the SAASE Board are always available to answer questions and offer to lend a hand.

This fall SAASE, in partnership with Tourism Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture will be hosting a series of Regional Meetings across Saskatchewan. The meetings will be held in October in various locations across Saskatchewan. The programming will include information on the various programs and funding available through those programs with SAASE, the Ministry of Agriculture and Tourism Saskatchewan. Roundtable discussions similar to what we have included at our convention the last few years will also be held on various topics. We will also be looking for your feedback on what SAASE can do to help you out.

*Jocelyn Ritchie*

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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.



## Saskatchewan Agricultural Association Convention - 1925

at the convention, SAASE's AGM will be held during an afternoon at a location yet to be determined. When the decision on the location and the timing is made we will be sure to get that out to the membership well in advance of the meeting..

Over the next 18 months we will be highlighting the history of Saskatchewan's Agricultural Societies and the Saskatchewan Agricultural Societies Association. Excerpts from the book entitled - Historical Review - Saskatchewan Agricultural Societies Association and Agricultural Societies will be used. The book was published in 1980 and was researched and written by Herbert R. Clark,

The CAFE/SAASE convention will be an outstanding opportunity for our members to go and experience the national convention, and SAASE would like to assist as many of our Agricultural Societies as possible to attend. Over the next few months SAASE will be working to put together a registration rate for the CAFE convention for SAASE members, which should make it very attractive to attend.



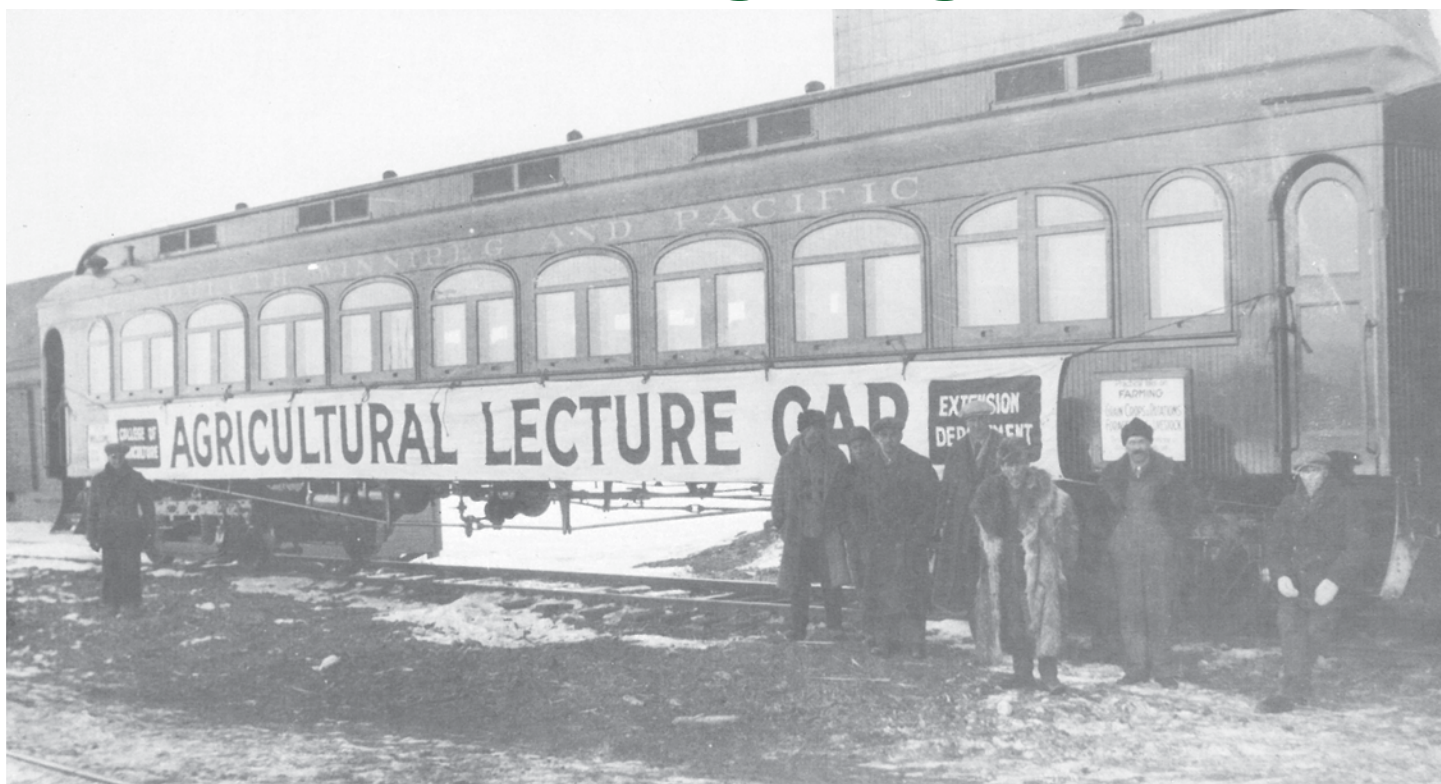
Saskatchewan Agricultural Societies Association display at Mexabition and Agribition in 1980

The SAASE Board of Directors will be working with the CAFE Regina convention committee to ensure that programming specific to what would normally take place at a SAASE convention will also take place at the CAFE/SAASE convention in Regina. We are very excited about the opportunity to partner with CAFE on the 2020 convention in Regina - stay tuned for more information.



# Historical Review - Saskatchewan Agricultural Societies' Association

## The Beginning



**Railway Lecture Car - Good Farming Train - 1919**

The following are excerpts from the Historical Review of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Societies' Association and Agricultural Societies by Herbert R. Clark - 1980. These excerpts highlight the beginning of Agricultural Societies in Saskatchewan, as well as the formation of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Societies Association - the Association formed as the umbrella body for Saskatchewan's Agricultural Societies.

Agricultural Societies were first organized in Saskatchewan prior to the turn of the century, a number are still active today including Moosomin, Whitewood, Broadview, Grenfell,

Moose Jaw, Maple Creek, Yorkton, The Battlefords, Regina, Prince Albert, Carnduff, Fairmeade, Rosthern and Saskatoon. The initial formation of these societies was along the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, but included a few in communities distant from the CPR line. These societies carried on with individual programs in which the primary activity centred around the annual exhibition. In addition, however, farmers' meetings, stallion shows, seed shows and farm courses, home and domestic courses, and child care clinics were included.

The early purposes of Agricultural Societies were similar in some respects

but also different in others from those today. Societies had a strong desire to bring to settlers first hand information on the most desirable agricultural practices for their locality. Special excursion trains brought hundreds of farmers and their wives to the Canada Agricultural Research Station at Indian Head, the first such station in Saskatchewan, to provide them with the most up-to-date knowledge on western agriculture. The program continued for three days - July 26-28, 1910. Farmers have always been willing to co-operate with the governments and the University in testing new grain varieties, grass and legume seeds, and the adoption of winter wheat



**Poultry Display - Railway Lecture Car - 1919**

production in Saskatchewan. The first such tests on an organized basis were held in 1909. In 1920 special plans were made to hold farm meetings on a provincial basis through Agricultural Societies. F. Hedley Auld, first director of Agricultural Extension, University of Saskatchewan, prepared the first annual report of Agricultural Societies and their program in 1910.

Some of the early fairs in Saskatchewan were held at Grenfell, Moose Jaw, Fort Qu'Appelle, Prince Albert, Battle River (The Battlefords), Yorkton and Whitewood in 1884. A statement from archival material reads as follows: "*The Agricultural Society fair was one of the earliest schemes devised for the improvement of agriculture in the Northwest Territories. It can not be denied that, in spite of the fact that many fair boards have lost sight of the old time*

*ideal and have prostituted the fair to basic ends by turning what was intended as a means of education to a means of only entertainment.*" - This statement was issued prior to the turn of the century.

An Agricultural Society was looked upon as the extension arm of the Department of Agriculture and the College of Agriculture of the University of Saskatchewan. All information on new cropping practices, tillage methods, livestock care and management, disease and insect control, crop varieties, and domestic arts was disseminated through Agricultural Societies. Field days, short courses, purebred livestock shows, demonstration plots and promotion of youth work involved Agricultural Societies, which also provided the initiative to form

Homemakers' Clubs, Horticultural Societies and Youth Groups in rural communities. Mr. F. Auld, in his first report as Director of Agricultural Extension said:

*"It is not easy to reach the more remote rural districts of the province, but they must not be neglected. We must go out and meet the new farmers and give them first hand advice. The greatest need for extension of agricultural knowledge exists in the newer districts and there the greatest measure of appreciation of the work of our lectures is shown."*

Prior to the supervision of Agricultural Societies in 1910 by the Agricultural Extension Department of the College of Agriculture, University of Saskatchewan the program supervision came under the Fairs and Institutes Branch of the Department of Agriculture in Regina.



The first annual convention of Agricultural Society delegates was held in Regina, January 31 to February 3, 1911 at the City Hall Auditorium.

The list of presidents and secretaries of Agricultural Societies in 1916-17 records not a single woman in any of these two positions. The first woman to hold one of these positions was Shirley Hill of Carnduff, who was president of that Society in 1925, Miss A. Kennedy of Indian Head was secretary for the Indian Head Agricultural society in 1925 and held the position for four years. In 1928, Mrs. Margaret Stewart was appointed secretary of the Kelvington Agricultural Society and in 1929, Mrs. John Law replaced Miss Kennedy as secretary of the Indian Head Agricultural Society.

The theme for the convention held January 14 - 16, 1919 was *"What is Needed - A Forward Movement in Agriculture."* It was at the 1919 Convention that firm steps were taken to form a province wide organization of Agricultural Societies. The following resolution was proposed:

*Resolved that "this Convention of Agricultural Societies of Saskatchewan assembled in annual convention in Saskatoon in session, appoint a committee of five members to take under survey the advisability of organizing the various Agricultural Societies in the province into an Association with appointment of duly qualified officers; and further to draw up a recital of a proposed constitution, and to admit these proposals to every Agricultural Society within six months from date.*

*And be it further agreed that these proposals be discussed at the next annual general*

*meeting of these societies and the findings in favour or otherwise be recorded in the counted votes; and that duly appointed and official delegates return to the next annual convention with authorized instructions as per above; and that Organization be proceeded with at the next annual convention on the basis of the majority instructions of delegates then assembled - Carried."*

The Convention suggested that among others to serve on the above committee the names of Messers Hugh McKellar of Moose Jaw, S.E. Greenway, appear. The official committee consisted of E. Waddington, Alameda; S.E. Greenway, Saskatoon; J.A. Hagerman, Unity; E.W.Garner, Estevan; R.M. Crowe, Windthorst and Dr... F.G. Sparling, Saskatoon.

The Annual Convention of Agricultural Societies held January 13 - 16, 1920 at the University of Saskatchewan has to be identified as one of the most significant in the history of the organization because of the formal adoption of a resolution for the formation of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Societies Association.

A detailed report from the committee responsible for the formation of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Societies Association was presented at the meeting. It was moved by E.W. Garner, Estevan and seconded by E.P. Hodgins, Woodrow *"that we proceed with organization and election of officers for the Saskatchewan Agricultural Societies Association. Carried"* In the election of officers the following positions were filled:

Honorary President - F.H Auld, Regina

President - E. Waddington, Alameda

Vice-President - L.M. More, Colgate

Secretary-Treasurer - E.W. Garner, Estevan

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J. Meiling, Carlton District

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G.B. Jamieson, Melfort

A constitution which was presented to member societies in the fall of 1919 and to delegates in attendance at the convention was adopted.

The objectives of the Association point out that the purpose will be to co-operate with the Department of Agriculture in furthering the interests of Societies. The Association will also take charge of the Annual convention, and in this and other ways should be in particular assistance in directing the activities of the Societies.



# SAASE Convention 2019

## March 1 - 2

### Prince Albert Exhibition Convention Centre



Wheretown  
& country meet

SAASE convention delegates braved the cold at this year's SAASE convention, which took place in Prince Albert on March 1 and 2. The convention was hosted by the Prince Albert Exhibition and took place in the Prince Albert Exhibition Convention Centre. As we have done over the past few years, the convention offered 2 preconvention workshops on Friday during the day. Wade Jensen led the Serve it Right Saskatchewan course and Keri Rolles - Emergency Services Officer from the Government of Saskatchewan led an emergency planning workshop. As the preconvention workshops concluded registration for the main convention opened up. Before supper that evening





Dale Tesarowski from the Ministry of Justice presented on how the legalization of cannabis will affect us and what challenges the government has had since legalization took place. Dale had spoken at last year's convention in Weyburn - before legalization had taken place, so this was the second part of last year's presentation. After supper the business session took place. Presentations from the Agricultural Societies that received Venture Project funding took place, and then the evening finished up with some great games that were brought in by Tag'Em Entertainment.



**SAASE Board Member - Wade Jensen - leads the Serve it Right Saskatchewan preconvention workshop**

Saturday opened with our keynote speech from Marla Calico - Marla is the CEO of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE). Marla delivered a great keynote as she talked about the importance of Fairs and how "Every Fair has a Story", as well as how our lives are full of "Ifs". Feedback from her speech was tremendous and we would like to thank Marla for making the long trip from Springfield Missouri to join us.

Aaron Hepting has been working on updating our website and making it more user friendly - Aaron did a presentation on the updated website, and took some suggestions from the delegates on what areas they would like to see improved. He has been working on making those changes and the new website will be up and running shortly.. SAASE's Executive Director - Glen Duck - then gave an update on what SAASE and the Board of Director's have been working on over the past year. He discussed SAASE's 100th anniversary and the opportunity to partner with CAFE on the







**Marla Calico - CEO of the International Fairs and Expositions gives this year's keynote address on Saturday morning**

2020 national convention in Regina. He also announced that SAASE's and our Agricultural Societies funding with the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport and SaskLotteries has been renewed for the next 5 years.

The SaskEnergy Volunteer Champion Awards Luncheon followed with our dedicated volunteers being recognized. This year we were joined by MLA for Saskatchewan Rivers - Nadine Wilson, Joe Hargrave - MLA for Prince Albert Carlton, as well as the Mayor of Prince Albert - Gregg Dionne.

After the SaskEnergy Volunteer Champion Awards the delegates broke into round table discussions. Roundtable topics included - the Saskatchewan Horse Federation, SAASE - what we do, SAASE website, Youth and Volunteers, New Programming Ideas, Judging, Rodeo, Sponsorship, Entertainment, What



worked last year and Animal Welfare. There were some great discussions held, and a lot of good feedback for SAASE and our Board of Directors.

The convention finished up with the Annual General Meeting. Two new Board members were elected - Lisa Pittman from Arcola, Lindsay Nobbs from Lancer - with Matt Roth from Rosthern being re-elected. The financial report was given, with



**Delegates enjoying a game of hockey from Tag'Em Entertainment**

SAASE reporting an \$8,801 surplus for the 2018 fiscal year. Once again the silent auction and 50/50 draws were held in support of the SAASE scholarship program - thank you to everyone who donated items, purchased items, as well as purchased 50/50 tickets. We look forward to seeing everyone at the SAASE/CAFE Convention in Regina - November 11 - 14, 2020. Watch for details on the 2020 convention.

# Volunteers Celebrated at SAASE Convention

The SAASE Convention and Annual Meeting was held in Prince Albert at the Prince Albert Exhibition Convention Centre, hosted by the Prince Albert Exhibition - March 1 - 2.. Each year, in conjunction with the convention, SAASE recognizes the volunteers that have contributed so much to our Agricultural Societies and their communities through the SaskEnergy Volunteer Champion Awards.

This year's awards banquet took place on Saturday March 2, and we were fortunate to have a number of dignitaries attend the luncheon. Nadine Wilson - MLA for Saskatchewan Rivers, Joe Hargrave - MLA for Prince Albert Carlton and Minister of Crown Investments Corporation and Minister responsible for SGI and Greg Dionne - Mayor of Prince Albert.

This year awards were presented to the Volunteer of the Year, SAASE Honorary Life Members, Agricultural Society Anniversary Awards and Achievement of the Year. The Anniversary Awards were presented to the Prince Albert Exhibition for 135 Years and the Rosthern Ag. Society for 120 Years of continuous service to their communities.

The Honorary Life Membership award is based on a member's lifetime contribution to the local Agricultural Society, to the

**The Rosthern Ag. Society accepts the 120 Year Anniversary Award**



From Left to Right - Jocelyn Ritchie (SAASE President), Nadine Wilson (MLA for Saskatchewan Rivers), Linda Wright (Honorary Life Member from the Vanscoy Agricultural Society) and Joe Hargrave (MLA for Prince Albert Carlton)





community in which they live, to the Province of Saskatchewan and, where applicable, to the national scene. This year SAASE would like to congratulate Linda Wright from the Vanscoy Agricultural Society. Linda has worked tirelessly to make her community a better place and is very deserving of receiving SAASE's Honorary Life Membership Award.

The Volunteer of the Year award is an award that may be presented annually. The volunteer of the Year is based on leadership qualities, innovative ideas and exceptional service to the Agricultural Society, as well as involvement or participation in agricultural society related industry and knowledge of



**Linda Cheney accepts the Volunteer of the Year Award - Linda Wright accepts the Volunteer of the Year Award on behalf of Linda Stevens**



**Members of the Swift Current Ag & Ex accept the SAASE/SaskEnergy Achievement of the Year Award**



**Nadine Wilson - MLA for Saskatchewan Rivers addresses SAASE delegates**





**Members of the Vanscoy Ag Society accept the SAASE/SaskEnergy Achievement of the Year Award**



**Members of the Prince Albert Exhibition accepts the 135 Year Anniversary Award**

and dedication to. The year's Volunteers of the Year were Linda Stevens and Linda Cheney from the Vanscoy Agricultural Society.

The Achievements of the Year went to the Swift Current Ag. & Ex for being named the Not for Profit Business of the Year in Swift current and the Vanscoy Agricultural Society for working with Deliisle on "Bringing Back the Fair".

Congratulations to all of our winners and thanks to those Agricultural Societies that submitted nominations. SAASE would like to thank SaskEnergy for their continued involvement with the Volunteer Champion Award Program and helping us to recognize the hard working volunteers that make our communities the great places that they are to live.

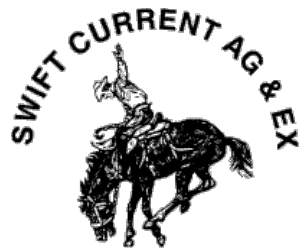


**Prince Albert Mayor - Greg Dionne brings greetings from the City of Prince Albert**





# Thanks to 2019 Convention Sponsors



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# Agricultural Society Funding Renewed

On January 30th - Saskatchewan Parks, Culture and Sport Minister - Gene Makowsky - announced that the funding through SaskLotteries has been renewed for an additional 5 years. SAASE and our member Agricultural Societies are part of the nonprofit organizations included in the funding agreement. On behalf of SAASE, our Board of Directors and all of our members, we would like to thank the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport and SaskLotteries for their continued commitment to Saskatchewan's communities through this funding. The funding will give SAASE and our member Agricultural Societies stability over the next 5 year and give us the opportunity to continue to make a difference in our communities and the province. Below is the news release.

## **Renewed Lottery Agreement Will Continue To Benefit Saskatchewan Communities**

A renewed lottery agreement guarantees eligible sport, culture and recreation organizations will continue to receive and benefit from Saskatchewan Lottery proceeds for the next five years.

This morning, the Government of Saskatchewan, Sask Sport, SaskCulture and the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association signed the agreement.

"Saskatchewan Lotteries is a successful fundraiser for community sport, culture and recreation," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Gene Makowsky



**Saskatchewan Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Gene Makowsky speaks at a media event regarding lottery funding at the Mackenzie Art Gallery on Jan. 30, 2019. BRANDON HARDER / Regina Leader-Post**

said. "The Saskatchewan Lotteries provides opportunities to more than 600,000 participants in many communities across our province. These far-reaching benefits would not be possible without our partners, Sask Sport, SaskCulture and the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association, and of course thousands of volunteers."

"We fully support the new lottery agreement, and look forward to another five years working with our partners to build active, healthy communities in Saskatchewan," Sask Sport Chair Leslie Blyth said. "Long-term planning is essential to non-profit organizations and their ability to deliver quality, sustainable

programs, services and events. This agreement will continue to positively impact our communities and provide more opportunities for all. Together, we all win!"

"The government's commitment to this new lottery agreement, and its support for the cultural life of Saskatchewan residents, is greatly appreciated," SaskCulture President James Rose said. "Lottery funding is instrumental to ensuring that cultural activity, ranging from galleries and





museums to cultural forums, festivals and more, fosters the growth of inclusive and engaged communities, individual well-being, and overall quality of life throughout the province.”

“We are grateful for the government’s support of the renewed lottery agreement,” Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association President Coralie Bueckert said. “It creates opportunities for the recreation community to maintain and enhance well-being for all people within this province. With lottery funding, we can continue to work collectively to build our sector’s capacity to deliver safe, quality and inclusive recreation environments, programs and services for the people of Saskatchewan.”

The lottery licence fee will remain at 3.75 per cent of annual sales, providing continued funding stability and allowing organizations to maintain quality programs and services to the residents of Saskatchewan. It will also allow continued investments in strategic priority areas, such as promoting healthy lifestyles and reducing barriers to participation.

For the 2017-18 fiscal year, \$54.2 million from the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund was granted to sport, culture and recreation organizations across Saskatchewan.



# Agriculture in the City 2019

Agriculture in the City took place in Saskatoon on April 13 at the Lawson Heights Mall. SAASE with our partners - Mosaic and SaskPower have taken part over the last number of years in this great event. Once again it was a huge success with thousands of families coming to the mall to learn all about where their food comes from. There were over 50 interactive stations located throughout the mall that everyone could enjoy. Below is a press release from the organizing committee on Ag in the City and all the great areas that families could enjoy and learn about agriculture.

Agriculture in the City is a free family event that helps urban audiences learn more about agriculture by identifying connections between farming and food. Ag in the City offers hands-on demonstrations with farm animals, crops, food preparation, science activities and agriculture careers, held at Lawson Heights Mall in Saskatoon.

For several years, this event has been organized by a coalition of agriculture, science and government groups. In 2019, Farm & Food Care Saskatchewan is taking the lead in managing this project, although we continue to work with the founding organizers.



Ag in the City consists of several different zones:

## Main Stage

The main stage will feature an agriculture trivia game show with Farm & Food Care's Clinton Monchuk and cooking demonstrations with celebrity chef Mark Loshack.

## Animal Agriculture Zone

Learn about the role that farmers play in providing our food through responsible animal agriculture at the highest level.

## Crop Zone

Learn about the production of the cereal, oilseed, pulse and specialty crops that provide us not only with food, but many other daily-use products that may surprise you!



### Food Zone

Want to know more about where your food comes from and pick up unique and interesting tips and tricks for its use and preparation? Welcome to the Food Zone, where it's all about making food fun, safe and nutritious!

### Kid's Zone

Agriculture gets 'up close and personal' in the Kid's Zone, with live chicks and piglets, hands-on educational activities, entertainment, face-painting and more!

### Science Zone

What does a lab coat have to do with a field of wheat? What does DNA look like, and how can I extract my own personal DNA sample? What makes Saskatoon an ag-biotech hub? These audience-interactive presentations will tell all of this, and more.





# Swift Current Discovers the Farm

The Swift Current Ag & Ex - Discover the Farm took place on April 25 - 26. Below is a press release about the event from the Swift Current Ag. & Ex.

SWIFT CURRENT, SK - The Swift Current Agricultural and Exhibition Association hosted the "Discover the Farm: A Farm Facts Experience" on April 25-26, 2019 at the Stockade Building, Kinetic Park, Swift Current, Saskatchewan. The two-day interactive program, now in its eighth year, is offered to school age children from Kindergarten to Grade 6. 23 teachers and over 300 students took in the event, learning about agriculture and safety through hands-on demonstrations provided with time to interact with the exotic and farm animals, poultry and birds. The participating schools included Success, Herbert, Shaunavon, Fairview, Cabri, Hodgeville, Eastend, & All Saints School.

A variety of topics included: Cattle Country, Pasture to Plate, Ag In the Classroom – The magic of a seed, Mosaic Potash, Sask Power, Fire Safety & Extinguishers, Exotic animals Cream to Butter SGI- Safety Squad, Grain to Bread, Tick Awareness-Lyme Disease, Speedy Creek Model Railway Club.

Thank you to the Presenters, Sherri Grant, Carol Masecar, Jorja Simpson, Glen & Jocelyn Duck, Nadine Thierman,

Dana Wiebe, Jamie Cobler, Glenda Allan, Speedy Creek Model Railway Club, Haden Harrison, Jenny Klassen, Jeremy Lavalley, Country Lane Kitchens, Darnelle Johnson.

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The Poultry and Exotic Animal Sale attracted over 1700 visitors on Saturday as various Southern

Saskatchewan and Alberta producers brought in exotic birds and animals, plus crafters offered their products as part of the trade show. This is a one of a kind event that takes place in Swift Current, and producers as well as consumers were highly pleased with the results. All acknowledged that this is a successful, worthy project. Thank-you to the Producers for the Poultry and Exotic Animal sale on Saturday.





# Vanscoy Host Pulse Workshop

MARCH 3 | DELISLE SENIOR  
CENTER | 2 -3:30 PM



## WINTER PULSE SOCIAL

Featuring a 4 course sampling of Split Pea Soup,  
Lentil Balls, Bean Chili, and Black Bean Brownies

Family Friendly | Silver Collection

Megan Schmidt, Certified Health Coach, will be the guest speaker and sample chef.

Vanscoy & District  
Agricultural  
Society





On Sunday, March 3rd the Vanscoy & District Agricultural Society hosted their first ever Winter Pulse Social. This event was a huge success with 50 individuals attending! We had a local Health Coach, Megan Schmidt, who was our guest speaker and sample chef. She prepared four samples and spoke about the health benefits of pulses along with the preparation of the samples.

Our four course sampling included a Split Pea Soup, Lentil Balls, Bean Chili, and Black Bean Brownies. Pulse Canada and Saskatchewan Pulse Growers donated recipe booklets for our participants to take home





along with the four recipes that they tested at our event. Brian Beznoska, a local farmer, and Allan Wagner, from Prairie Pulse Inc., grew/donated the lentils for our event. There was enough for a small sample bag of split red lentils for each participant to take home as well. We served coffee, tea, and juice at our event and had a children's corner that a couple our youth members set up with their very own toys and games! It was a family fun event that we hosted for 1.5 hours and was a great social for our community.

We applied for a Venture Project Grant that helped cover some of our expenses for the Senior Center rental along with our guest speaker. The assistance of their grant made our new venture possible and we greatly appreciated the extra support. Many community members complemented us on this new workshop idea and are hoping to see more.





# 8th Annual Saskatchewan Equine Expo

SASKATOON, Saskatchewan – Prairieland Park, with partners the Saskatchewan Horse Federation and the Western College of Veterinary Medicine want to thank everyone who came to the 8th Annual Saskatchewan Equine Expo.

The weekend showcased the diversity of the equine industry with demonstrations, competitions and information sessions. The very first Off Track Thoroughbred Challenge was a huge success attracting horses and riders from across the province who presented their retired racehorse in a new discipline. These outstanding horses and riders proved the versatility of the Thoroughbred breed and their own personal training abilities. Results of the OTTB Challenge can be found on our website at [www.saskatchewanequineexpo.com](http://www.saskatchewanequineexpo.com)

The very popular NAERIC Trainer Challenge saw three outstanding young horsemen demonstrate their own methods with three young horses. At the end of the good natured competition Amos Abrahamson from Maple Creek, Saskatchewan took home the trophy buckle and the title of Trainer Challenge Champion. Scott Todd and Jason Irwin were presented with custom made bits from Wilm Saddlery, and prizes from Back On Track.

The weekend was filled with information and entertainment for the horse enthusiast, and the trade show offered a wide variety of equine products as well as western clothing and décor.

This weekend saw just over 8000 attendees to the show, demonstrations and the trade show.





# Battlefords Ag Society Hosts Agrimex

This year our Agrimex Farm, Trade and Home Show took place on April 4,5 and 6. We had over 100 exhibitors with a wide variety of items. From innovations in farming, home improvement ideas, financial institutions and some thing for everyone.

Thanks to SAASE venture project we added a few new components to our show. On Friday we had a Succession Planning workshop free of charge. The participation was good and we hope to continue this in future shows. There was also a great family component added with bouncy houses, pony rides, a petting zoo and pictures with live bunnies for Easter. Everyone with smaller children was very pleased to have more for their families to do during the event.



There was a free pancake breakfast for everyone on Saturday morning. After breakfast our exhibitors were overrun with patrons and very happy. Although the weather did not cooperate on Saturday all in all it was a successful show. Thanks SAASE for the opportunity to make this a community event. (Submitted by the Battlefords Ag Society)



# 2019 Provincial Safety Day Program

Many in agriculture know someone whose life has been affected by a farm-related injury or death. The statistics are sobering. Even more tragic is that these incidents could have been prevented with a few simple safety precautions. With this in mind the Saskatchewan Association of Agricultural Societies and Exhibitions (SAASE) and the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture have partnered on a Provincial Safety Day Program over the past seven years. SAASE's expertise in providing provincial programming, as well as Saskatchewan's network of Agricultural Societies experience in working with youth and community groups and management of many of Saskatchewan's facilities, made SAASE and its members the natural choice to deliver the program.

The strength of any program of this scope is the quality of organizations delivering the program, as well as the partnerships that are developed both provincially and locally. In addition to the Ministry of Agriculture, SAASE has developed partnerships with national and international groups devoted to keeping our youth safe - the Progressive Agriculture Foundation and the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association. Saskatchewan's Agricultural Societies have some of the most devoted, committed, and community minded volunteers in Canada, and this partnership has allowed SAASE to train those volunteers across the province to deliver safety days. With the training, education and resources supplied by the Progressive Agriculture Foundation and CASA, SAASE has developed a provincial network of volunteers dedicated to teaching Saskatchewan's



youth about safety. The additional funding partnership that SAASE has developed with the Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) has allowed our volunteers to attend the Safety Day coordinators workshop at no cost to them.

From 2015 - 2018 – 70 safety days were hosted by Saskatchewan's Agricultural Societies, with over 20,000 students from 85 communities attending. Each year 550 volunteers donate over 6,000 hours of their time to teach our children about safety.

These safety days would not be possible without the support of our other provincial partners. The Community Initiatives Fund (CIF), SaskPower, Prairie South School Division and the Saskatchewan Safety Council have all joined SAASE provincially to help out as partners. These provincial partners are in addition to the many local partners who help our Agricultural Societies out with hosting the safety days. SAASE and all of our partners look forward to 2019

when 18 safety days will be hosted and over 5,000 of Saskatchewan's children will learn about safety. The schedule for 2019 is as follows.

## 2019 Safety Day Schedule

April 10-11 - Prince Albert  
 April 16 - Redvers/Maryfield  
 April 25-26 - Swift Current  
 May 7 - Nipawin  
 May 8 - Meadow Lake  
 May 8 - Unity  
 May 9 - Lloydminster  
 May 10 - North Battleford  
 May 26 - Leader  
 June 5 - Biggar  
 June 6 - Yorkton  
 June 12 - Weyburn  
 September 17 - Delisle/Vanscoy  
 October 1 - Hanley  
 October 2 - Humboldt  
 TBA - Moose Jaw

If you are interested in taking a look at hosting a safety day in the fall of 2019 or 2020 - get hold of Glen at the SAASE office - (306) 565-2121.



## Safety Day Coordinators Workshop to Take Place October 24 in Regina

The 2019 spring safety days have wrapped up, and once again have been a tremendous success. There are tentatively four more safety days that SAASE and our members will be involved in this fall. Delisle/Vanscoy on September 17th - Hanley on October 1 - Humboldt on October 2 and Moose Jaw which will be announced. Let the office know if you are interested in hosting a safety day this fall or in 2020 and we will make sure that we work towards making that happen.

Once again SAASE in partnership with the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association, the Progressive Agriculture Foundation and the Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) will be hosting a Safety Day Coordinators workshop in Regina on October 24. This is the 7th year in a row that a coordinators workshop has been hosted in Regina, and it will be held in the Canadian Western Agribition Lounge - in the Canada Centre at EVRAZ Place in Regina.

Through SAASE's partnership with the Community Initiatives Fund, expenses for those attending will be covered. The expenses include the cost of registration, 1 nights hotel, mileage, materials and lunch/coffee breaks on the 24th. The Provincial Safety Day program has been so successful because of the commitment of our volunteers across Saskatchewan, and funding from the Community Initiatives fund has allowed us to develop a network of qualified safety day coordinators throughout Saskatchewan.

The Safety Day Coordinators workshop is a great place to network with other safety day coordinators about their safety days, but it also will show you step by step what it takes to run a safety day. The one day workshop will also go through the resources that are available through the Progressive Agriculture Foundation and the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association. Safety Days are great ways to get new community volunteers and corporate partners involved with your Agricultural Society, while putting on a program that teaches our children about safety. Give Glen a call at the SAASE office if you are interested in hosting a safety day.



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# Redvers and Maryfield Partner on Safety Day

The Maryfield Agricultural Society partnered with the community of Redvers on hosting a safety day in Redvers on April 16. 153 students from the communities of Manor, Maryfield, Bellegard and Redvers attended took part in the safety day.

The students rotated through the following stations - hand washing, ATV safety, large equipment safety, fire safety with a smoke simulator, wildlife safety, oil well pumpjack safety, electrical safety, chemical safety, firearm safety, hearing loss, underground utilities, lawnmower safety, emergency preparedness, home alone and railway safety. Right before lunch a demonstration was done with the whole group on pto safety. Before the students left at the end of the day a demonstration on grain safety was done for the group.

Feedback from both the teachers and students was very positive, and plans are already underway for next year's safety day. This safety day is a great example of two communities working together on a great program.





## APAS - SAASE's Newest Member



The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan is Saskatchewan's general farm organization, based on rural municipal boundaries. APAS provides farmers and ranchers with a democratically-elected, grassroots, non-partisan, producer-run voice to government and society. APAS was formed out of a resolution during a Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities convention to represent the views of all Saskatchewan producers on key policy issues, and has been the united voice of agricultural producers in Saskatchewan since 2000. APAS represents Saskatchewan as a member of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and advocates on behalf of Saskatchewan producers to all levels of government.

### Our Mission

The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan provides a respected, unified voice that positively influences agricultural and rural communities.

### Our Vision

A respected, thriving agricultural sector.

### Our Values

In carrying out the work of the organization and in all its relationships, APAS will:

- Demonstrate respect, honesty, integrity, openness and a spirit of collaboration.
- Conduct itself in a professional, inclusive and trustworthy manner that is respectful of diversity.
- Be responsive and accountable to the needs of those it serves.
- Maintain a non-partisan political position.
- Reflect democratic principles and practices in all of its activities.

### Saskatchewan Farmers' Voice

Saskatchewan Farmers' Voice delivers stories about Saskatchewan producers, important agricultural issues, rural life, agronomy, business and APAS activities directly to every farm mailbox in Saskatchewan. It was launched in 2016 and is published three times a year, reaching more than 35,000 producers in Saskatchewan with each issue.



# SAASE Helps out at Food Farms

Over the last number of years, SAASE has worked with Saskatchewan Ag in the Classroom and the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture on an agricultural awareness program for grade 3s. Students learn about where their food comes from by growing the ingredients for familiar foods such as pizza, burgers, and fries. Grade 3 students plant seeds in the Spring and then return in the Fall when they are in Grade 4 to harvest their crops! Food Farms take place in a number of different communities throughout Saskatchewan. This year SAASE is helping by doing a station on potash - using the Mosaic Potash display.

SAASE has attended Food Farms in Rosthern, Yorkton and Moose Jaw. The Food Farms work very much like Safety Days, as the students rotate through various stations. As an example in Yorkton - 340 grade 3s over a two day period learned all about - soil fertility/potash, farm machinery, farm safety, wheat/canola, veggies, peas/corn/oats, GMOs and watershed.

In addition to rotating through the stations the students also planted their crops that will be harvested in the fall. In Yorkton, Dominoes Pizza treated the volunteers running the stations and all of the students to a pizza lunch. It is so important that our children have an understanding of where their food comes from - SAASE looks forward to working with all of our partners on this great program in the future.



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## Melfort's Grandstand gets a Facelift



**The Melfort Agricultural Society's Grandstand - Before and after volunteers repainted it on June 10th**

The Melfort Agricultural Society received some tremendous support from community volunteers and businesses in giving their grandstand a new look for this year's fair. The Melfort Ag Society received support through Prairie North Co-op's "Communities in Full Colour" program in the donation of paint/equipment/BBQ, and then the community rallied to paint the grandstand on June 10th. Below is an article by Angie Rolheiser that appeared June 4 in Northeast Now.

The Melfort grandstands at the exhibition grounds will be painted on Monday thanks to the 'Communities in Full Colour' program through the Prairie North Co-op (PNC). The Melfort Agriculture Society's application to the

program that awards free paint to a community project was accepted. Manager of the Prairie North Co-op Home Centre in Melfort, Les Shearer, said with the help of volunteers the painting will be started and finished in a day. “We have a couple of spray-paint applicators, and we do have people that can brush and roll and so I don’t think it will take a long time,” Shearer said. “Many hands make light work.”



As of right now, about a half dozen people have signed up to volunteer their hands for the painting project. Shearer told northeastNOW that they have a goal of getting about 12 volunteers out for the day. Those who volunteer their time will be provided with lunch and a barbecue supper. ‘Communities in Full Colour’ has made contributions to a few non-profit organizations and projects in the service area which includes Kelvington, St. Brieux, Naicam, Archerwill and Melfort. Around \$30,000 worth of paint has been donated since the inception of the program three years ago.

The program through the Prairie North Co-op is in partnership with Federated Co-op Limited and Sherwin Williams who will have representatives on site on Monday. “This pretty much uses our funds up for this year but we hope there are more groups that are needing paint for next year that will apply,” Shearer said. The application process is done online or by inquiring in store.

## SAASE to Partner with Tourism Saskatchewan - Ministry of Agriculture on Fall Regional Meetings

SAASE will be partnering with Tourism Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture on a series of regional meetings across Saskatchewan. The dates and locations are currently being finalized, but there will be a total of 5 meetings throughout the province. One in the Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, Southwest and one in central Saskatchewan.

Because SAASE is partnering with CAFE on the 2020 convention in Regina - November 11 - 13, 2020 and there will be no SAASE convention in March 2020 - these meetings will be an excellent way to still get information out to our members on all the different programs available through SAASE, Tourism Saskatchewan and the Ministry of Agriculture. In addition to program information, we will also be having roundtable discussions that individuals attending the meeting can get more information on topics that interest them, as well as getting an opportunity to network with other Agricultural Societies and communities. The meeting dates, times, locations and agenda for the meetings will be finalized and sent out to everyone in the next month or so. SAASE would like to thank the Ministry of Agriculture and Tourism Saskatchewan for helping us out and we look forward to seeing everyone in October



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# Roger Boucher Touring this Summer

The fair season is upon us! With so much needing to be done, have you decided on entertainment for the upcoming events? I (Roger Boucher) would like to help you do that! I am a magician and hypnotist, my shows are interactive, comedic, and always family friendly. If you are looking for a kids stage or something for the whole event, I am confident I have a show that will suit your event! I have performed at 1000 person grandstands to smaller intimate 50 person events.

No matter the size of your event I believe that entertainment you choose will help to keep people coming back year after year! As a result I have some ideas on how every event can have entertainment and I am excited to work with you to make each event a success! If you would like to add magic or hypnosis to your next events, contact me Roger at Boucher Entertainment - P:306-922-2505 - C:306-961-2430 [www.RogerBoucher.com](http://www.RogerBoucher.com)



# SAASE Coming Events

## June 2019

1	SBRA Barrel Racing Jackpot Series	Melville
1-2	Dash for Cash Team Roping	Carnduff
2	4 H Handel/Monarch	Biggar
4-6	4 H Regional Show and Sale	Spiritwood
4	4 H Beef Show and Sale	Meadow Lake
5	Safety Day	Biggar
6	Safety Day	Yorkton
7	4 H Achievement Day	Carnduff
7-10	Finished Beef Show	Prince Albert
8	127 Annual Fair	Fairmede
9	Church Service	Fairmede
8-9	Arab Horse Show	Moose Jaw
12	Safety Day	Weyburn
14-15	Thunder in the Parkland Truck Pull	Yorkton
14-16	Finished Beef Show/4 H Show	Prince Albert
14-16	Western Sport Horse Show	Melville
15-16	light Horse Show	Prince Albert
19-21	Canada's Farm Progress Show	Regina
21-22	Hanley Ag. Fair	Hanley
21-23	Tilley Horsemanship Clinic	Biggar
21-23	Hometown Fair	Moose Jaw
26-29	4 H Regional Show	Swift Current
26-29	Frontier Days	Swift Current
26-29	CCA Rodeo	Swift Current
29	Saskatoon Berry Festival	Mortlach
29-30	SBRA Barrel Racing Jackpot Series	Melville
29-1	Agricultural Days/Canada Day	Biggar
30	4 H Handel/Monarch	Biggar
30	4 H Light Horse Show	Weyburn
20-22	Canada's Farm Progress Show	Regina
22-24	Hometown Fair	Moose Jaw
22-24	Tilley Horsemanship Clinic	Biggar
28-1	Frontier Days	Swift Current
29-1	Fair Days & Canada Day Celebration	Biggar

## July 2019

1-6	Fair Days	Weyburn
1	Canada Day Tractor Pull	Carnduff
1	SBRA Barrel Racing Jackpot Series	Melville
3-8	Prairieland Junior Ag Showcase	Saskatoon
3-4	4 H Regional Show and Sale	Whitewood
3	4 H Regional Show and Sale	Yorkton
3-6	Summer Fair	Yorkton
4-7	Quarter Horse Show	Moose Jaw
5	Doc's Town Line Dance Party	Swift Current
7	Doc's Town Country Dance	Swift Current
10-13	Colonial Days Fair	Lloydminster
13-14	Cowboy Dressage	Moose Jaw
13	Annual Summer Fair	Ogema
14	Doc's Town Cowboy Poetry	Swift Current
14	4 H Horse Show	Nipawin
15-17	Annual Fair	Nipawin
17	SBRA Barrel Racing Jackpot Series	Melville
20	Creelman's Biggest Little Fair	Creelman
21	Doc's Town Antique Tractor	Swift Current
26-27	Fair and KCRA Rodeo	Rosthern
26	Annual Summer Fair	Maryfield
26	Annual Summer Fair	Abernethy

27-28	104th Annual Fair	
27-28	Goat Show	
28	4 H Handel/Monarch	
28	Ag Daze	
28	Doc's Town Country Music Jam	
30-3	Summer Fair	
31-4	Queen City Ex	

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Regina	

## August 2019

30-3	Summer Fair	
31-4	Queen City Ex	
2-4	Fair and Race Meet	
2-4	Cutting Horse Show	
6-11	Saskatoon Ex	
7	Annual Fair	
9-11	Annual Agricultural Fair	
9	Rodeo	
9	SBRA Barrel Racing Jackpot Series	
9	Doc's Town Line Dance Party	
10-11	Ag Society Fair	
10-11	Mini Horse Show	
11	Doc's Town Hymn Sing	
13	North West Territorial Days Parade	
14-18	Denham Ram Tough CPCA Finals	
14-16	North West Territorial Days Ex	
17	Horticultural and Homecraft Fair	
18	Doc's Town Day for Kids	
23-25	Polkafest	
23	SBRA Barrel Racing Jackpot Series	
24-25	True Grit	
24-25	Dressage Show	
25	4 H Handel/Monarch	
31-1	Appaloosa Horse Show	

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Moose Jaw	
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## September 2019

1	High School Rodeo	Rosthern
1	Doc's Town Country Music Jam	Swift Current
6	SBRA Barrel Racing Jackpot Series	Melville
7	Fall Fest	Vanscoy
14-15	Ranch Roping Show	Moose Jaw
17	Safety Day	Vanscoy
20	SBRA Barrel Racing Jackpot Series	Melville
21-22	Saru Riding Club	Moose Jaw
22	4 H Handel/Monarch	Biggar
27-29	Horse Federation Provincials	Moose Jaw
27-29	Ranchman's/Jr Stockmans Show	Swift Current
27-28	Craft 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)