

SAASE News

The Newsletter of Saskatchewan Association of Agricultural Societies and Exhibitions

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SAASE Convention a Big Hit in Moose Jaw

The SAASE 2015 Convention and Annual Meeting were held in Moose Jaw February 27 - 28. The convention was held at the Golden Nugget Centre and was hosted by the Moose Jaw Exhibition. The convention got off to a great start on the Friday night, as Saskatchewan's Agriculture Minister Lyle Stewart addressed convention delegates, and then was able to join us for supper. SAASE would like to thank Minister Stewart for taking time out of his busy schedule to spend some time with us.

Tim Burley from Pointstreak 50-50 did a presentation on their electronic 50/50 system. Their system is used at events all across North America, and there certainly is an opportunity for some of our events in Saskatchewan to take advantage of this technology. We had our 50/50 sellers use the system over the course of the weekend and it

worked great, with no hitches.

Presentations were done on the Venture Projects that took place over the course of the year, with everyone taking home some great ideas. The evening finished off with the Moose Jaw Exhibition hosting a casino night. Fun was had by all, and SAASE would like to thank the Moose Jaw Exhibition, their board and all their volunteers for putting on a great night.

Saturday opened with Tim Carson - the CEO of the Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies - AAAS - giving our keynote address. The theme of the convention was Together Everyone Achieves More, and Tim certainly made us all think with his presentation. Tim talked about board of directors and volunteers all working effectively together to make



President's Message: Vern Bexson

Well we have just finished up our convention, and I have been relected as your president once again this year. I would like to thank the SAASE Board of Directors for placing their confidence in me. Over the past year SAASE has continued to grow and evolve as an organization. We continue to work on new corporate partnerships, strengthening relationships with the other Provincial Associations, working with government, as well as developing new programs for our members.

The convention in Moose Jaw was excellent, as all of us enjoyed the hospitality of the Moose Jaw Exhibition. A big thanks goes out to the Moose Jaw Manager - George Fowler, Moose Jaw's President - Judy Wilson and all the volunteers in Moose Jaw for all their hard work. The Friday night host casino night was a lot of fun and made for an excellent evening of networking and fellowship. We had some excellent speakers throughout and I would like to thank Agriculture Minister Lyle Stewart for spending time with us on Friday night. Tim Carson from the Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies gave a great keynote address, as well as Joe Novak from the Ministry of Agriculture.

The Venture Project Program continues to be an excellent way for our members to access seed money for expanding existing events or starting new ones. Tyler Lloyd from Tourism Saskatchewan did a presentation at the convention on things we need to look for when filling out a grant application, as well as the Event Hosting program for Tourism Saskatchewan. The program gives our members the opportunity to apply for various event funding and compliments our Venture Project Program. Thanks to Tyler for coming to our convention and SAASE looks forward to our continuing partnership with Tourism Saskatchewan in the future.

The Community Vitality Program has also proven to be an excellent program offered through the CIF for our members. SAASE's Agricultural Societies have accessed almost \$500,000 for improving their facilities since the program began. Take a look at the Community Spaces and Places program - there are not many programs that we can apply to that will allow us to access funding for small capital projects and repairs - this is one of them. There are only 2 deadlines left, with April 1 being the next one and October 1 being the final one.

The partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture on the Farm Safety Days is very exciting and continues to grow. 14 Safety Days were held in 2014, and there is a possibility that up to 18 may be held in 2015. Keeping our kids safe around the farm is a huge priority, and if your Agricultural Society has not hosted a Farm Safety Day, I would encourage you to take a look at it. Thanks to the Ministry of Agriculture for their continued support and to our partners from Progressive Agriculture, Canadian Agricultural Safety Association, Community Initiatives Fund and SaskPower for all their help.

The Food for Saskatchewan - Food for the World provincial agricultural display program will continue to grow and expand over the next number of years as we get new partners involved. Thanks to the Ministry of Agriculture, Mosaic, SaskPower and The Chicken Farmers of Saskatchewan for their support and we look forward to getting other producer groups and companies involved in this exciting program. Let Glen know if you want the display at your event and he will do his best to schedule it.

Our new website is certainly going to give us more flexibility as we move forward, with us now having the ability to fill out all of our forms online. Aaron Hepting did a great job on the website and the website should be much easier for everyone to use.

As I begin my second term as your President, I would like to take time to thank the SAASE Board of Directors for all their work and vision in continuing to take SAASE forward. The province continues to grow and this growth will continue to present new opportunities for our Agricultural Societies and SAASE. Thanks to our Executive Director Glen for all his work and support. Finally thanks to all of our Agricultural Societies for making a difference in your communities and in the province. SAASE will continue to work on your behalf to help out wherever it can as far as support, funding and programming. Have a great spring and summer fair season.

Vern Bexson - President

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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.



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our Agricultural Societies and communities more effective. Tim has extensive experience in working with boards, board governance and strategic planning, which all came through in his presentation. Discussion was lively, and as a follow up the group decided that a board governance and bylaw workshop would probably be a good idea at our next convention in Nipawin. We would look at offering the workshop Friday during the day and then following the same format for the convention, with registration for the convention taking place Friday night. Those who are interested in the board governance workshop would simply come to the convention a little earlier.

Joe Novak from the Ministry of Agriculture led a discussion on the Livestock Traceability Program, and specifically the Premises ID program and the impact that it will have on our Agricultural Societies that have livestock on their grounds. The Premises ID program is voluntary in Saskatchewan - SAASE will work with the Ministry of Agriculture on the program and keep our Agricultural Societies updated as we move along.

Delegates were then treated to a tour of the newly renovated Saskatchewan Burrowing Owl Centre. The Moose Jaw Exhibition is in the process of moving the existing centre to the new location on the grounds, which will not only give the owls much more room, but will allow the Exhibition to expand the programming of



SAASE President Vern Bexson emcees the SAASE Convention

the centre. The relocation of the Saskatchewan Burrowing Owl Centre was one of the projects recognized at the SaskEnergy Volunteer Champion awards as Achievement of the Year. When the delegates returned from the tour we started the SaskEnergy Volunteer Champion Awards. We were joined by LeAnne Gamble from the SaskEnergy Moose Jaw office, as well as Moose Jaw Mayor - Deb Higgins and Moose Jaw Wakamow MLA Greg Lawrence. The Awards ceremony went very well, with an article later on in the newsletter on the Awards luncheon and all of our winners.

After lunch, Tyler Lloyd from Tourism Saskatchewan gave us some tips on how to fill out grant applications, as well as the various opportunities through the Tourism Event Hosting program. If you are looking at expanding your event or adding a new event you are encouraged to visit the Tourism Saskatchewan website for more information and to apply to the Event Hosting program.

SAASE's Executive Director - Glen Duck - talked about the various program opportunities through SAASE, as well as going through the new website. Aaron Hepting - who designed the new site - walked through the various

features of the new site, as well as talking about a website template he has developed for those Agricultural Societies that do not have a website or are looking to upgrade their current site. If you have any questions or are interested in upgrading or developing a new website give the SAASE office a call.

The SAASE Annual Meeting then took place. This year's SAASE Board of Directors are - President - Vern Bexson, Vice President - Jocelyn Ritchie, Past President - Lisa Haynes, Director at Large - Susan Kuzma, Ron Monette - Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture, Brenda Patton - Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Owen Einsiedler - Tourism Saskatchewan, Neal Keefe, Wade Jensen, Ray Wiman, Ken Taylor, Christy Vodicka and new Board member from Moose Jaw - George Fowler. A big thanks to Dave Young and Jackie Watt for all their past input and support on the SAASE board. The 2016 convention will take place in Nipawin, with the 2017 convention taking place in North Battleford.

Once again the 50/50s and Silent Auction was held in support of the SAASE scholarship program. Thanks to all those who bought 50/50 tickets, brought silent auction items and purchased some of the great items that were up for sale. SAASE was able to raise over \$2,500 in support of the Clark and Anne Lewis/Dalgeish Family Scholarship. Thank you to all those who attended this year's convention and we look forward to seeing you next year at the convention in Nipawin - hosted by the Nipawin Exhibition.

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SaskEnergy Volunteer Champion Awards

The SaskEnergy Volunteer Champion Awards took place on Saturday February 28th in Moose Jaw at the SAASE Convention and Annual Meeting. This is the 5th year that SaskEnergy have partnered on the awards and SAASE would like to thank SaskEnergy for their continued support. The awards program has always been a very important part of the SAASE convention, and with SaskEnergy's continued involvement the program continues to get bigger and bigger with more applications being submitted every year. The SaskEnergy Volunteer Champion Awards categories are Volunteer of the Year, Honorary Life Membership, as well as SAASE Achievement of the Year.

The awards banquet was very well attended with greetings being brought from Deb Higgins - Mayor of the City of Moose Jaw. Greg Lawrence - MLA for Moose Jaw Wakamow brought greetings on behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan, and Judy Wilson - President of the Moose Jaw Exhibition brought greetings on behalf of the Exhibition. SAASE would like to thank all of those who brought greetings for making time for our

awards banquet.

LeAnne Gamble was on hand from the SaskEnergy Moose Jaw office. As the naming sponsor of the awards, SaskEnergy has always been a great partner and supporter of the Volunteer Champion Awards program. LeAnne talked about SaskEnergy's long term partnership with SAASE on the awards. SAASE President, Vern Bexson emceed the awards and was one of

the presenters.

This year's recipients for the SaskEnergy Volunteer Champion Awards were as follows:

Anniversary Awards

- Ogema Agricultural Society - 100 Years
- Connaught Agricultural Society - 100 Years
- Alameda Agricultural Society - 125 Years



SAASE's Honorary Life Memberships - Joyce Walter and Ernie Wilson
Left to right - Vern Bexson, Greg Lawrence, Joyce Walter, Ernie Wilson, LeAnne Gamble

Volunteer of the Year

- Kim Seip - nominated by the Moose Jaw Exhibition

Honorary Life Membership

- Joyce Walter - nominated by the Moose Jaw Exhibition
- Ernie Wilson - nominated by the Moose Jaw Exhibition

Achievement of the Year

- “Saddle Up for the Ride of the Century” - Swift Current Ag & Ex
- Saskatchewan Burrowing Owl Interpretive Centre - Moose Jaw Exhibition

Our volunteers are the lifeblood of our communities. The SaskEnergy Volunteer Champion Awards help us recognize those volunteers. Make sure you nominate your special volunteers for next year's awards.



Judy Wilson accepts the Achievement of the Year Award for the Moose Jaw Exhibitions relocation of the Burrowing Owl Interpretive Centre



Representatives from the Swift Current Ag & Ex. accept the Achievement of the Year Award. From left to right in the picture - Kathy Jennings, Rob Myers, Tracey Stevenson, Greg Lawrence (MLA), Stan Aikens (President - Swift Current Ag & Ex.), Jenn Duncan, Wade Jensen, Lindsay Gerbrandt, LeAnne Gamble (SaskEnergy).

Burrowing Owl Centre - Achievement of the Year

The Saskatchewan Burrowing Owl Centre located on the Moose Jaw Exhibition grounds was one of the first projects supported by the SAASE Venture Project Program. Since then the Centre has expanded, both in construction and in programming. In 2014/15 the Centre is once again going through some big changes, as the Centre relocates and once again expands programming.

The Saskatchewan Burrowing Owl Interpretive Centre (SBOIC) opened its doors to the public in 1997 with the mandate to promote conservation of the endangered Burrowing Owl and its native prairie habitat through education, eco-tourism and stewardship. Over the years the Centre and its travelling education program, Owls-on-Tour, have increased in popularity and as a result, have outgrown their current facility. The relocation is important for the Centre's residents and staff as they are in need of additional indoor enclosures, a medical

treatment room, upgraded interactive displays, and a theatre-style presentation area that can host larger groups. The Centre consists of five separate buildings and is in the process of consolidating these buildings under one roof with the renovation/refurbishment of an existing 5000 square foot building, called the "Diner", on the Moose Jaw Exhibition Grounds.

The MJ Ex Co hasn't always existed in its present location. When the Company moved to Thatcher Drive in Moose Jaw, the Diner building was moved on sight along with the rest of the facility. The Diner was originally part of an "H-hut" used for housing soldiers during training for WWII. As part of the MJ Ex Co, the building was rented for community events and more recently for storage. The MJ Ex Co is proud to be taking a more environmental approach by "upcycling" an unused building.

SBOIC is excited for the relocation/renovation as it will improve the health and welfare of the Owls currently in their care. This will allow the Centre to be open more throughout the year as there will be indoor viewing enclosures – the current arrangement only allows the Centre to be open during the summer months with their off-site visits year round. With the updated interactive displays, the Centre will be able to offer a state-of-the-art education program, taking the Centre's mandate to the next level. SBOIC should also see an increase in the amount of tourist visits and elevate their already high standing in the community as a tourist attraction. The Moose Jaw Exhibition Company is committed to helping this endangered species and does so without any government funding. The MJ Ex Co, SBOIC and their Board of Directors would like to thank SAASE for their generous help over the years as well as their Corporate and Citizen supporters!



The Moose Jaw Exhibition is putting the final touches on the new Saskatchewan Burrowing Owl Interpretive Centre, which will open in the spring/summer of 2015

Swift Current's - Saddle Up for the Ride of the Century

It was an event-full 2014 – not only did the Swift Current Agricultural and Exhibition Organization carry on with the annual events of the Spring Trade Show, Discover the Farm, and Ranchman's Ridin' & Recitin' and Young Ranchman's All Breed Livestock Show, but a highlight was Frontier Days / Homecoming with the theme of "Saddle Up for the Ride of a Century". The Ride started when the Swift Current Ag & Ex planned and organized the 76th Frontier Day's Event that would now partner-up with the City of Swift Current to commemorate 100 years!

This 76th Frontier Days / Homecoming was a true commemoration enjoyed by all as we celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the City of Swift Current. The parade was a highlight – cowboys on horseback, wagons, live music with guitars and songs that told

stories of the West and Western living. The theme 'Let's Celebrate Past / Present / Future' was a true tribute and Cowboy hats were raised to the success. The people, the animals, the farm machinery, the bands, the colours, the smiles: an incredible demonstration of community spirit. 100 years of history was represented as various entries depicted a range of decades. Western culture was celebrated with horses, cowboys and cowgirls, the Western Development Museum Stage Coach, covered wagons, commercial floats, various styles of music, the Roughrider Pep Band, the Calliope from the Western Development Museum, antique and modern farm equipment, assorted vehicles, and many dignitaries. A great big Ya-Hoo! was extended to the tremendous volunteers, participants, and the huge numbers of cheering spectators along the parade route!

Because of the warm welcoming spirit, Swift Current was the destination for many throughout the West. The 'we can make this work' attitude continues today. Volunteers gave many hours of time: individuals; sport teams; cultural and social groups; community organizations; service clubs; schools; and businesses. Sponsorships provided monetary and an assortment of 'in-kind' support. These resources contributed greatly to the success of the Frontier Days / Homecoming celebration of the century. The Ag & Ex Board of Directors and office staff extended a tip of the cowboy hat to everyone! Thanks to the supporting sponsors (among these was SAASE-thank you!) and fantastic volunteers, Frontier Days and the traditional homecoming events will continue to be successful 'ridin' into the sunset' for the next 100 Years.



2015 Provincial Safety Days Ready to Go

18 Agricultural are getting ready to host Safety Days across Saskatchewan beginning in April. 2015 is the fourth year of SAASE's Provincial Safety Day program. Since 2012 over 7,000 children have attended the safety days hosted by SAASE members. In 2014 alone over 500 volunteers worked to help make our children safe through the delivery of the safety days to 4,000 children across Saskatchewan. When SAASE became involved with the Provincial Safety Days we were able to develop some great partnerships. The Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture has been a partner from the beginning supplying the seed money for SAASE to get the program up and running, and to help each of our safety days with core funding allowing our members to use that money to leverage other partnerships within their communities. The Progressive Agriculture Foundation has been a critical partner allowing a network of Safety day coordinators to be trained across the province, as well as giving our Agricultural Societies access to the best resources available, so that we are able to make our safety days the best they can be. In addition to Progressive Agriculture,



SAASE has also developed a partnership with the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association who have also been able to supply our safety days with some excellent resources.

Over the past year 2 new partnerships have been developed. The Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) is supplying funding to help cover the costs for our volunteers to get to the Safety Day coordinators workshop held in October in Regina. Their funding pays for travel costs, accommodations, meals and registration. The funding from the CIF also helps out at the safety days, with \$3 per child to assist with the costs of the nutrition breaks and lunches. SaskPower have developed an electrical safety hazards display that can be used at our safety days - it was unveiled at Canadian Western Agribition this year and was also on display at our convention in Moose Jaw. The Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture will once again be supporting the provincial safety day program for 2015. The funding that SAASE receives through the ministry will allow each Agricultural Society hosting a safety day to receive \$1,000 in funding to help out with the costs incurred to stage a safety day.

Educating our youth on safety is very important and the provincial safety day program has made a big impact over the last 3 years. SAASE looks forward to our continuing partnership with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture, Progressive Agriculture, CASA and look forward to working with the Community Initiatives Fund on this very important provincial program.



2015 Safety Day Schedule

- April 16/17 - Swift Current
- April 21/22 - Prince Albert
- April 29 - Spiritwood
- April 30 - Weyburn
- May 1 - Mortlach
- May 8 - Turtleford
- May 12 - Lloydminster
- May 13 - Unity
- May 21 - Melfort
- May 27 - Meadow Lake
- June 5 - Biggar
- June 9 - Yorkton
- September 18 - Battlefords
- September 22 - Vanscoy
- September 30 - Moose Jaw
- Maryfield - TBD
- Kelvington - TBD
- Ogema - TBD

April 1 Deadline for Community Spaces & Places

There are 2 deadlines left for the Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) Spaces and Places program - April 1 and October 1. You can receive a maximum of \$25,000 in matched funding on eligible expenses. Since its inception SAASE members have accessed over \$500,000 in funding to assist with small capitol projects and upgrades.

Examples have been upgrades to washrooms, rodeo/riding arenas, offices and barns. The following is information taken from the CIF website. Applications have to be filled out on line. In order to apply go to <http://www.cifsask.org/grants>. If you have any questions check out the website or give Glen at the SAASE office a call.

The Community Places and Spaces Program is designed to improve the quality, sustainability and use of facilities that serve as community gathering places, sites for programs and events, and spaces for outdoor activities. Through minor construction projects and upgrades, the life span and accessibility of multi-purpose facilities will be enhanced, resulting in improved quality of life for Saskatchewan residents. The program is intended to support renovations and upgrades that are necessary for the continued use and sustainability of community facilities.

What is eligible?

The following expenses are eligible under the Program:

- Direct project-related costs, such as project materials and equipment, wages for project staff and other costs specifically related to project delivery.

- Buildings/spaces must be owned by the applicant organization or if not, applications must include a letter from the landlord/owner indicating consent for the project.
- Contractor fees.
- Rental of equipment required to complete the project.
- Construction or purchase of fixed assets including materials, major appliances, energy efficiency upgrades, or other essential equipment needed to extend the life or use of a facility and to ensure its safety.
- Signage that is required for safety and operations and relating specifically to the project.
- Out-of-town pick-up and delivery costs for eligible expenses at .30/km.
- Other costs deemed appropriate by the CIF Board.

What expenses are ineligible?

The Community Places and Spaces Program does NOT provide funding for:

- General operating, maintenance or core costs for the applicant organization.
- Projects exclusive to a specific family, religious or political group, or that involve privately owned properties.
- Projects located in resort villages or regional parks
- Salaries and expenses for federal, provincial, or municipal government employees.
- Building permit fees, legal fees, feasibility studies, re-zoning applications, architectural / design fees, project tendering costs, safety inspections.
- Major building construction or any

- portion of a new large-scale facility.
- Site clearing and preparation including installation or re-location of utility lines to property.
- Purchase of supplies and equipment for program delivery, services, activities, e.g.: zambonis.
- Signage for advertising and promotion, e.g.: highway signs, digital signs.
- Purchase of computers, office equipment, audio-visual equipment, sound systems, office furniture.
- Property or construction insurance.
- Projects involving single-use or revenue-generating facilities, e.g.: daycares, golf courses, campground sites.
- Projects involving churches and other places of worship.
- Renovations or additions of office or storage space.
- Purchase of land or buildings.
- Purchase, lease or repair of vehicles.
- Purchase of trees, shrubs, flowers, sod, other similar items.
- Outdoor lighting, irrigation systems.
- Construction, repair or maintenance of outdoor trails.
- Cemetery maintenance, repair or restoration.
- Routine maintenance, e.g.: janitorial, snow clearing, painting.
- Artificial ice plants.
- Playgrounds that are not accessible at all times of day, school playgrounds located near community playgrounds.
- Municipal beautification and revitalization projects, e.g.: stand-alone washrooms, gazebos.
- Sidewalks, curbs, public roadways





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The Yorkton Co-op 4 H Drill Team



The Yorkton Co-Op 4 H Drill Team is a Venture project supported by SAASE and the Yorkton Exhibition. The team performed at the Summer fair and Grain Millers Harvest Showdown and was comprised of 14 - 15 4H members from 9 years old to 20 years old. The Yorkton Co-Op 4 H Drill Team practised each Sunday afternoon starting in May throughout the Summer. They were coached by Elwood & Donna Turner who are the 4 H Light Horse leaders. Members had to be 4 H members but could be enrolled in any 4 H project. The abilities of the riders and the horses varied from 2nd year riders to experienced riders and from green broke horses to show horses. During the practices you could notice huge improvements in both riders and horses as they learned to work together to complete the various manoeuvres.

The project taught the kids to work together with their horse as well as work as a member of a team. The members picked the music, had a president and treasurer and they had input into which manoeuvres were part of the performance. The Yorkton Exhibition sponsored the facilities for each practice, sound system, feed required while on the grounds, saddle pads and clothing. An added benefit to the Yorkton Exhibition was that we had youth entertainment at the Summer Fair, Chuck Wagon Races and Harvest Showdown. The Yorkton Exhibition feels there is an opportunity to expand this in Saskatchewan into a provincial event with competitions at fairs. Any fair could sponsor a team in their area. The Yorkton Exhibition is willing to host the first competition during 2015 if there is enough interested fairs. If any Agricultural Society is interested in starting a drill team program you can contact Shaun Morin from the Yorkton Exhibition for more information at 783-4800.



The Co-operators Insurance Joins SAASE

The Co-operators Insurance are the newest service member to join SAASE. Three representatives from the Co-operators attended this year's SAASE convention in Moose Jaw - Declan O'Reilly, Kevin Bassendowski and Carla Hirsch. The following is some information on who the Co-operators are, what type of coverage they can provide, what they can do for you, as well as the contact information in Saskatchewan.

The Co-operators:

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SAASE Coming Events

April 2015

3-6	Easter Light horse Riding Clinic	Lloydminster
4	4 H Show	Moose Jaw
9-11	Agrimex Trade Show	Battlefords
9-11	4 H Spring Steer & Heifer Show	Yorkton
10-12	Spring Expo	Yorkton
11-12	Trade Show	Moose Jaw
11	Rare & Exotic Spring Sale	Lloydminster
12	Spring Exotic Animal Sale	Yorkton
12	SBRA Barrel Racing Jackpot Series	Melville
16-18	Discover the Farm/Safety Day	Swift Current
16-19	Quarter Breeders Sale & Futurity	Saskatoon
18	4 H Regional Judging Clinic	Prince Albert
18-19	4 H Judging and Grooming	Lloydminster
21-22	Chillin' with Agriculture/Safety Day	Prince Albert
23-26	Quilt Show	Moose Jaw
23-26	Spirit of Moose Jaw Horse Show	Moose Jaw
24-26	Sask Cutting Horse Show	Saskatoon
26	SBRA Barrel Racing Jackpot Series	Melville
29	Safety Day	Spiritwood
29-1	Community Pastures Training	Moose Jaw
30	Safety Day	Weyburn

May 2015

1	Spring Fling	Moosomin
1	Safety Day	Mortlach
2-3	May Riding Clinic	Lloydminster
2	4 H Grooming Clinic	Lloydminster
2	4 H Judging Clinic	Weyburn
2	Deep South Barrel Series	Bengough
3	SBRA Barrel Racing Jackpot Series	Melville
8	Safety Day	Turtleford
8-9	Prairie Mobile Taste of Spring	Regina
9-10	Provincial Archery Competition	Melville
9-10	Appaloosa Horse Show	Moose Jaw
9	9th Annual Calf Club Cruz	Weyburn
9	Spring Flea Market	Yorkton
12	Perennial Exchange	Vanscoy
12	Safety Day	Lloydminster
13	Safety Day	Unity
15-17	Quarter Horse Show	Moose Jaw
16-18	SBRA Jackpot Series	Melville
21	Safety Day	Melfort
25	4 H Regional Show	St Walburg
27	Safety Day	Meadow Lake
30-1	4 H Expo	Lloydminster
30-31	4 H Regional Show & Sale	Battlefords
30-31	Arabian Horse Show	Moose Jaw

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2-3	Regional 4 H Show & Sale	Kerrobert
2	Safety Day	Watson
4-7	Professional Chuckwagon Races	Saskatoon
5	Safety day	Biggar
5-7	Town and Country Fair	Biggar
5-7	CPCA Chuckwagon Races	Battlefords
6-7	Appaloosa Horse Show	Moose Jaw
7	SBRA Barrel Racing Jackport Series	Melville
7-8	4 H Finished Beef Show	Prince Albert
8-9	4 H Regional Show & Sale	Spiritwood
9	Safety Day	Yorkton
10	Deep South Barrel Series	Bengough
10	Biggar Barrel Racing Series	Biggar
13-14	Horse Show and Fair	Bengough
17-19	Canada's Farm Progress Show	Regina

19-21	Hometown Fair	Moose Jaw
19-20	Ag Fair	Hanley
20	Team Roping Ambulance Fundraiser	Bengough
21	SBRA Barrel Racing Jackpot Series	Melville
21	Doc's Town Heritage Village	Swift Current
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

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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	
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

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