

Kelvington Hosts Farm Safety Day Camp During Fair

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During the SAASE convention in Lloydminster, the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture announced a 3 year partnership with SAASE and Saskatchewan's agricultural societies to host a series of Farm Safety Day Camps. Lloydminster hosted the first one in June, with the Kelvington agricultural society hosting one on August 9 in conjunction with their fair.

Donna Cunningham and her organizing committee did an excellent job of putting together a great day. 36 children were registered and went through 7 farm safety stations. The seven stations were on lawn mower safety, grain, livestock, propane, chemical, grain auger and tractor/pto.

The day began at 9:30, with parents arriving for registration with their children. After registration, the children were divided up into their various groups that would go through the safety stations. Upon completion of the stations the children each received take home bags, as well as coupons that they could use to get lunch at the fair. The feedback from both the parents and the children was very positive. The Kelvington agricultural society had a number of partners to help out with the day. In addition to the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture - ADM also was a sponsor. JayDee Agtech - the John Deere dealership - helped out with some prizes, as well as supplying equipment and presenters. Great

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President's Message: Lisa Haynes

Well if you are just like me this summer has just flown by. It has once again been a summer of absolutely crazy weather, but I hope you had great weather for your fair. The SAASE Board of Directors has been very busy this summer working on various projects and programs. Over the past number of months the Venture Project program continues to be very popular. As our ag societies are becoming more and more familiar with it - more and more applications are being received. There are a number of articles in this newsletter on some of the projects that have taken place over the past number of months. The board is working on revamping the application process, and will have that ready for the SAASE convention taking place March 1-2, 2013 in Swift Current. A big thanks goes out to the Saskatchewan government for their continued support of this program. 2012 is the third year that the government has added an additional \$50,000 to the Venture Project program.

Congratulations goes out to our 2012 scholarship recipients. This year the program was expanded with 2 additional scholarships added. In addition to the 2 - \$1,500 scholarships presented in memory of Clark and Anne Lewis, 2 more \$1,000 scholarships were added by West Coast Amusements in memory of Bert and Grace Dalgleish. Thanks to Bob and Wendy Hauser for their generous support. Once again the scholarship committee had many tough decisions, as this year's scholarship applicants were truly outstanding. Thanks to all the ag. societies who nominated this great group of young individuals.

SAASE has formed a new partnership with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture on the delivery of Farm Safety Day camps. The 3 year program will see our ag societies hosting at least 15 day camps. 2 were hosted in 2012 by Lloydminster and Kelvington. In a new partnership agreement - SAASE will be working with Progressive Agriculture and the Canadian Ag Safety Association on the delivery of the rest. 7 Farm Safety Day camps are currently scheduled for 2013, with a Farm Safety Day Camp coordinators workshop being held in Regina in September. Take a look at the article in this month's newsletter for more information. If your ag society is interested in hosting a farm safety day camp in your community give Glen a call at the office for more information.

The Community Vitality Program is winding down with the final deadline being October 1. Take a look at the article and if you have a project that you think might be eligible go to the Community Vitality website for more information. Our agricultural societies have been lucky enough to access over \$250,000 in funding for various small capital and community pride projects. Our Biggar Ag Society was fortunate enough to receive funding for some grounds upgrades. Infrastructure money and money to help with repairs and upgrades has always been tough to get - this program has really helped out.

There have been a number of changes to Saskatchewan Government Ministers, and Glen and I have been meeting with the new ministers to explore new ways that SAASE and our ag societies may be able to partner on new programs. I hope you have a great fall - we'll talk to you again in December.

Lisa Haynes - President

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SAASE Announces Scholarship Recipients

This year SAASE, with the generous support of Bob and Wendy Hauser and West Coast Amusements, has been able to expand the scholarship program to include 2 additional \$1,000 scholarships. The two - \$1,500 scholarships that SAASE offers are in memory of Clark and Ann Lewis, while the West Coast Amusement scholarships are in memory of Bert and Grace Dagleish. This year, as has been the case in the past, the decisions made by the scholarship committee were very difficult. There are some tremendous young people in Saskatchewan, and the applications put forward by our agricultural societies certainly reflect that. SAASE is very proud to announce the following scholarship winners - Dylan Haynes - nominated by the Biggar Agricultural Society, Astra Richards - nominated by the Swift Current Exhibition, Willem van Staveran - nominated by the Creelman Agricultural Society and Brianna Zoerb - nominated by the Vanscoy Agricultural Society.

Dylan Haynes - nominated by the Biggar Ag. Society.

Dylan Haynes was nominated by Biggar Recreation Valley Inc - Ag. Society. He has graduated from the Biggar Central School and will be attending the University of Saskatchewan's Edwards Business School in the Fall. He is planning on becoming a Certified General Accountant - specializing in Agricultural Accounting.

Dylan has been involved with many community organizations. He has been very involved with the Monarch Multiple 4 H Club, as a member and



has held numerous executive positions including President, Vice President and Treasurer. He has been President and Vice President of the 4 H District 23 council. He has also competed in 4 H light horse shows, and been involved in 4 H beef shows and judging. He has been a volunteer with the Biggar Ag Society for the past 5 years, also serving as the Junior Member at Large and Treasurer. Dylan has delivered Meals on Wheels for the past 6 years for the Heartland Health District. He is also a member of the Canadian Angus Association.

Dylan has worked as an umpire for Biggar minor ball and an official for Biggar minor hockey. He has worked swathing and baling for neighbours, as well as working for Prairie Malt Limited in Maintenance. Over the past number of years Dylan has been involved in the cattle industry - purchasing and selling feeder calves, as well as raising a small herd of

commercial and pure bred cattle.

As well as being active within his community and working, Dylan has been very active at school. He has been on the school SRC for the past 3 years, and has been on the school football, badminton, cross country and track team. With everything that Dylan has done, he has also been able to keep up his marks and has been on the school honor roll the last 6 years. He has played minor hockey the last 7 years, as well as coaching. He has also played minor baseball. Dylan has a great future and SAASE is proud to have him as one of our scholarship recipients this year.

Astra Richards - nominated by the Swift Current Exhibition.

Astra Richards was nominated by the Swift Current Ag and Ex. She will be attending Kelsey in Saskatoon, and has been accepted in the Fabricator-Welder program. Upon graduation she hopes to work welding on oil rigs, mines or welding on pipelines. Eventually she hopes to start her own business.

Since 2006 Astra has worked in various jobs throughout her community. She has worked as a minor hockey referee, and has also worked at the Vanguard Community School as an assistant custodian. She has also worked at Mustard Capital Inc. as a maintenance worker. She has worked with the Saskatchewan Safety council teaching children about farm safety, and also worked for the Southwest Enterprise Region as a youth development intern. In addition she has worked as a swimming instructor and lifeguard.

In her latest position she has been working at Whiska Creek Abattoir through the schoolwork program, and then worked there throughout the summer. She also continued to work as a swimming instructor at Lac Pelletier Regional Park.



Astra has been involved in the 4 H program for the past 12 years. She has been District 9 president for 2 years, organized public speaking events, organized three 4 H Funtastics, and has also been part of the South West judging team. She helps out on the family farm and also manages some of her own cattle. Astra has volunteered extensively in the community. The majority of her winters are spent volunteering in the community skating rink. She has spent many hours volunteering in the food booth, as well as cleaning the ice and the facility. Over the past 4 years she has helped out with the CanSkate and PowerSkate program. This program assists children in learning how to skate and improving their skating skills. On top of all this Astra works very hard volunteering in the Memorial Park. There she

has planted grass, flowers, trees, and helped to maintain the park. In the spring and summer she has helped out with community bottle drives, pool cleanups and community cleanups.

In addition to her working and strong community involvement Astra has found time to be very involved with her school. She has been very involved on the school SRC, and has been a past organizer of the SRC Christmas supper. She has been involved in curling since grade 7, has played volleyball for the past 6 years and has been part of the cross country running team, as well as competing in provincial cross country. She has also been very active in the school drama program over the past 7 years. With everything that Astra has done for her school and community it is very easy to see why she was selected to receive one of SAASE's scholarships. SAASE is proud to announce Astra as our second scholarship recipient

Brianna Zoerb - nominated by the Vanscoy Agricultural Society.



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Brianna Zoerb was nominated by the Vanscoy Agricultural Society. Brianna will be attending the University of Saskatchewan in the College of Agriculture and Bioresources. Her future plans include getting a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture and then getting a job as an environmental researcher.

Brianna attended and graduated from Delisle Composite School. She has been involved in high school in many ways. She has participated in basketball, volleyball, badminton, soccer and track and field. This past year her soccer team made it all the way to the provincial finals. Brianna was also the captain of the basketball team. She has been part of the travel club - travelling to Scandinavia in grade 11 and China in grade 12. She has volunteered and worked on the yearbook, as well as being involved with the choir. She has been an honours student throughout her high school career.

Brianna has been very active in the community. She has been a member of the Laura Multiple 4 H Club for the past 5 years. During that time she has been the president, vice president, district representative and treasurer. She has been involved with provincial public speaking, and has attended the Prairieland Youth Leadership conference. She has played organ and volunteered for the Delisle Anglican Church, and also was a member of the Delisle Figure Skating Club for 6 years. Brianna has also volunteered for the elementary school fun night, worked at track and field events, as well as helping around where she could at the school. As busy as Brianna has been she has found time to babysit in the community, as well as working at

Pike Lake Poultry for the past 5 years. SAASE is very proud to have chosen Brianna as one of this year's recipients in our scholarship program.

Willem van Staveren - nominated by the Creelman Agricultural Society.

Willem van Staveren was nominated by the Creelman Agricultural Society. Willem will be attending



the University of Saskatchewan in the fall in the College of Agriculture and Bioresources. He is planning on obtaining a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, with a major in Agronomy. Upon graduation he would like to work in rural Saskatchewan as an agronomy crop and soil consultant, as well as using his skills on the family farm.

Willem has always been very active in "33" Central School in Fillmore. He has been on the school SRC as a room representative and the canteen coordinator. He has also been on the Central Yearbook committee and volunteered at Central sporting events as a scorekeeper, linesmen and canteen worker. As far as sports are concerned he has participated in the Central School Annual Bonspiel for the past 6 years. He has played on both the junior and senior basketball and volleyball teams for the past 6 years.

Willem's involvement in the community has been extensive. He has volunteered with the Creelman theatrical Club over the past 5 years, as

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well as the St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church. He assists yearly volunteering at the Creelman Cemetary - helping with cleanup and landscaping. At the Creelman rink Willem has volunteered in the canteen, helped out with refereeing, assisted with the making and maintenance of the ice, as well as volunteering for the set up for the Ice Carnival. He has volunteered for the Relay for Life over the past 5 years in Weyburn, as well as the Terry Fox Run for the past 8 years. He has been very involved with the Creelman Agricultural Society volunteering with the annual fair, as well as exhibiting. He has also been a member of the SaskPower Clean Team. He has also played hockey and curled. With everything that Willem has done in school and for the community he has still found time to work on the family farm looking after the livestock, as well as helping with maintenance. In 2012 Willem participated in Encounters with Canada in Ottawa.

SAASE would like to thank the Creelman Agricultural Society for the nomination and is proud to announce Willem as a scholarship recipient.

Final Community Vitality Deadline Approaching

The final deadline for Community Vitality applications is quickly approaching. October 1 will be the last opportunity for agricultural societies to access funding for small capital and community pride projects. The Community Vitality small capital grant program has been assisting SAASE members over the past 2 1/2 years. To date SAASE members have accessed over \$250,000 for projects to upgrade their facilities.

SAASE members have accessed funding to assist with everything from upgrading rodeo and riding arenas to putting new roofs on facilities. The money has gone a

long way in assisting our members make some needed upgrades to their facilities. The fund is administered through the Community Initiatives Fund (CIF).

To get an idea of the various projects that have been approved over the past couple of years, as well as more information on the program, you can go to the Community Initiatives Fund at www.cifsask.org. SAASE members are certainly encouraged to apply for the program. If you have any questions you can give the SAASE office a call or you can contact the CIF directly.



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4 H Provincial Judging in Swift Current

The 2012 Provincial 4-H Judging Competition was held on Aug 10th & 11th in Swift Current at the Swift Current Exhibition Grounds. 36 members represented by Prince Albert, Swift Current, Saskatoon, Whitewood and Weyburn competed. Friday was a busy day as the first class of judging started with beef carcasses held at Superior Meats kicking off the competition. Members were then treated to a meet and greet social at the Palliser Pavilion at the Exhibition grounds, followed by the written exam and then stayed at the Super 8 motel and relaxed by the pool.

Participants met up Saturday morning enjoyed a complimentary breakfast at the Super 8 motel and then proceeded down to the Swift Current Exhibition Grounds to start the full day of judging. Classes consisted of bulls, heifers, sheep, poultry, silage and woodworking. Participants then had lunch, following lunch they completed their oral reasons.

The awards banquet was held at 5pm

with the class winners, overall aggregate winner and provincial team being announced. The team representing Saskatchewan 4-H will consist of the following 8 members – Megan Rosso, Katie Wright, Logan Martinson, Karen Cromartie, Dane Oram, Julia Pawlitza, Lexie Girodat, Brienne Schmitt.

The provincial committee would like to thank the following sponsors for making the 2012 provincial 4-h judging a success. SAASE, Sask 4-H, Penn West Exploration, Innovation Credit Union, UFA, Swift Current Ag &

Ex, In Stitches, Eastman Feeds, DKC Herefords, Cramer Livestock, Hazlet Co-op, Schimmels Dutch Bakery, Cowtown, Superior Meats, Hills Galore Stock Farms. Good luck to the Sask Team at Agribition.



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community support ensures that there will be a successful Farm Safety Day Camp.

The 2 Farm Safety Day camps which were held in Lloydminster and Kelvington will be the only ones held in 2012, but there are 7 already scheduled for 2013. The 7 will be in Prince Albert, Swift Current, Biggar, Yorkton, Lloydminster, Saskatoon and Weyburn. SAASE will be working with Progressive Agriculture, as well as the Canadian Agriculture Safety Association on helping out with the



Farm safety Day camps in 2013. Progressive Agriculture will be running a Farm Safety Day coordinators workshop in Regina on September 24 - 25. The workshop will take place in the Agribition Lounge in the Canada Centre Building on the grounds of EVRAZ Place (Regina Exhibition). If you are thinking about running a Farm safety Day, you are encouraged to attend. Because of the partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture the workshop is available to you at no charge, and SAASE will pay for your hotel room on September 24th. the

workshop will begin on September 24th after lunch at 1:00, and then will continue through the 25th. In addition to learning how to run a Farm Safety Day, you will also have the opportunity to see all the resources that are available to you through Progressive Agriculture the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA) and SAASE. This is a great opportunity to access the best in training from the instructors at Progressive Agriculture. In order to register for this workshop or if you have any questions, give Glen a call at the SAASE office.



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Cowboy Mounted Shooting Debuts in Lloydminster

The relatively new sport of cowboy mounted shooting made its debut in Lloydminster from August 25-27. The 3 day event was held in conjunction with the Canadian Professional Chuckwagon Association finals taking place at the Lloydminster Exhibition.

65 contestants took part from Alberta and Saskatchewan in the event hosted by the Border Cowboy Mounted Shooters and sanctioned by the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association. This competition was the largest ever held in Canada, with the most prize money - \$15,000 - ever offered.

The cowboy mounted shooters were well received on a very wet weekend in Lloydminster. There were 4 categories - mens, womens, senior men and senior women. The contestants competed with 45 Colt single revolvers, rifles and shotguns. The competition has the contestants riding patterns and shooting balloons from horseback. As can be seen from the pictures conditions were less than ideal, with there being a great deal of rain, and the ring being very wet. The contestants did an excellent job of staying on the patterns, and put on an excellent show for all the spectators watching the event.

The event was so successful that the Lloydminster Exhibition is already working with the Canadian Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association and the Border Cowboy Mounted Shooters on an event for next year in Lloydminster.



Perdue Hosts Ranchman's Day

June 16, 2012 was the date of the First Annual Ranchman's Day!

Together with Perdue Southern Events, the Perdue Ag Society hosted a number of exciting livestock events. Those events included a Penned Cattle Show, Ranch Horse Competition, Team Penning, Indoor and Outdoor tradeshow, a petting zoo, and Cowboy Poetry along with a catered supper.

The winners of the cattle show, Virginia Peters, Wyatt Miller, Ragan Schlacter, and Dean McAvoy were presented with jackets donated by Provincial Council of Ag Development and Diversification Boards (PCAB), sponsored as well by Saskatoon Processing, and Travelodge.

The Ranch Horse Competition, sponsored by Sasktel, Flaman Trailer Sales and NSC Minerals Ltd, pitted riders against the clock and each other to complete a series of tasks in 9 minutes or less. Due to the soggy condition of the arena the contestants were granted an additional minute to compensate for the footing. In the Sr Horse (6 years old and up) category Kevin McCutcheon of Delisle took first and second place on two horses, while Joel Hamm of Glaslyn (formerly of Perdue) won 3rd place.

The Jr horse winners were Eric Wiesback for first and third and Jessica Wruck of Saskatoon winning second place. Our sponsor Flaman Trailer Sales sponsored the trailer the horses had to be led into upon completing the pattern. The first place winners were awarded buckles from Olson Silver at High River Alta, second place winners took home engraved spurs donated by Southern Events Group.



Twenty three teams participated in the Team Penning, the winning team was Al Elian, Holly Neale and Kate Keller, they were presented with jackets donated by Redhead Equipment. Other sponsors of this event were Agrium Potash-Vanscoy, Biggar and District Credit Union, and Saltec.

The day wound up with a catered supper -Thanks to Wanda Lammers for preparing an excellent meal! Three cowboy poets, Ed Brown, Bryce Burnett, and Gordon Allen entertained in the Complex for about 3 hours. The whole day was captured on film by Denise Reddekopp of Studio 16 Photography. On behalf of our organizing committee we would like to thank all of the volunteers who put in many hours, as well as our many sponsors who helped to make this event a success.

Submitted by the Perdue Ag Society



New Red Coat Ag Society Has Busy Summer

A group of local individuals breathed new life into an ag society for Assiniboia and the surrounding area at the end of 2011. Members of Red Coat Ag Society have since been busy planning a variety of events that are being held throughout the summer months and into the Fall.

On the evening of July 10th, the first community evening was held at the Prince of Wales building and included something for everything. There was badminton, cards, crafts, bean bag toss and bowling set-up for everyone to take part in. There was a variety of individuals and families who came out for the evening and everyone had a great time! The second community evening was on August 14th, and once again we had a great turn out. This time we brought out the floor hockey equipment and played on the curling rink surface. People came out again to enjoy cards, puzzles, crafts, music and other activities. We have a wide variety of activities for all ages to take part in. Everyone is welcome to come out to the community evenings, which are held the second Tuesday of every month from 6:30pm to 9:00pm at the Prince of Wales.

With harvest beginning soon, the Red Coat Ag Society wanted to focus on farm safety. On the evening of July 11th, SaskPower and Casey Harvey were on hand at the Prince of Wales building to give safety presentations to the group on



hand. SaskPower brought in and set-up their High Voltage Power Display in the curling rink. The 8m display functions just like actual overhead power line and shows what happens when animals, trees and farm equipment come into contact with overhead lines. The most significant part of the display was when retired SaskPower employee Leon Banadaga of Assiniboia created an arch through a Hot dog and revealed to the group that the hot dog was completely cooked through after it came into contact with the power line.

Casey Harvey has been involved in the safety industry for several years and has developed a clear and concise method to help farmers and other people involved in agriculture to implement safety protocols in their operations.

Casey's method included developing a mission statement and goals for your operation or farm. Next, you identify the jobs on your farm and the dangers associated with them. Once the dangers of each job are identified, protocols and precautions are identified to help employees and individuals do those tasks safely. Casey also made it clear that over the past decade farming still remains the most dangerous job in Canada and other industries, like oil and gas, have gone from one of the most dangerous to the safest because of safety training and awareness. Casey's take home message was "if safety is costing you money, you're doing it wrong."

The Red Coat Ag Society also took part in the Assiniboia Centennial Celebrations. Members took part in the parade and also volunteered their time in the beer gardens one afternoon. It was great to see so many come home for the Centennial birthday of our community.

Members of the Red Coat Ag Society were very excited to see the excellent number of people who came out to the first Red Coat Farmer's Market on Saturday, August 8th. There were several vendors at the farmer's market including:



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Cow Horse Clinic at Swift Current Fair

The cow horse clinic was a great success at Frontier Days. It was held in the cutting arena and what perfect timing as the Saskatchewan reined cow horse show was running at the same time in the Magnus Newland arena across from the cutting arena.

This allowed the participants to see how the cow horse events as a live demonstration with contestants performing in the show, as well as learn some great techniques from Kevin Pole. One of the techniques taught was safety basics which is always a factor when handling livestock. Being able to take a cow down the fence and keep the rider, horse and cow safe is important.

The Saskatchewan Reined Cow Horse show has classes right from the very beginner level to the Pro level and has a fit for every one.

With the cow horse shows becoming so popular in Saskatchewan and across Canada it was perfect timing to have a clinic for beginners from youth to adult. There were 14 in attendance with great comments made by the participants.

Feedback was given to Donna Reid, light horse director by the participants with



quotes like “Kevin Pole is Awesome I learned so much” “Kevin is so easy to learn from now I am not afraid to try it” “this clinic was a great idea I want to learn more and it was so much fun”.

Kevin Pole has been a professional trainer for numerous years in the reining, cow horse and ranch horse industry. He also judges events which help in the coaching field to give tips to show contestants. He resides in Mortlach, SK.

Donna Reid light horse director commented

“One way of reviewing the clinics successes is the feedback and also the potential participants who plan on showing in the cow horse events for 2013.” “Our goal is to always grow and expand our shows and by hosting these events it not only helps to sustain the existing shows but to have the expansion for future years”

For early interest in attending a clinic in 2013 and to share ideas please call Donna Reid at 306-778-4114.

Submitted by the Swift Current Exhibition



Ribfest at the Saskatoon Ex

Saskatoon EX Ribfest was a new attraction at this year's Saskatoon Exhibition. Patrons enjoyed the mouth-watering beef and pork ribs, pulled pork, chicken and a wide variety of sides. Four ribbers from Manitoba and Ontario competed for the "Best Ribs" title at the 2012 Saskatoon EX. This food extravaganza also offered entertainment from DJ Sugardaddy. A Ribfest Media challenge was held with 8 media outlets participating. Each media selected a charity to be associated with, and \$500 was donated to each charity. The following is an article that appeared in the Saskatoon Star Phoenix.

Some people treat BBQ ribs like currency because the food is just that irresistible, says Matt Smith, the award winning proprietor of Gator BBQ. "I've traded ribs for stuff you wouldn't believe," Smith says as his crew prepared their first batch of ribs at the Saskatoon Exhibition grounds. "I once traded a rack of ribs with a cop to get out of a ticket."

Gator BBQ is one of four touring BBQ outfits - including Burnside BBQ, Tail Gators BBQ Pit and Crazy Canuck Smokers - that have set up at the Ex for the first RibFest. The competition has the four teams competing for votes from fair patrons who can cast ballots all week before the results are tallied at the end of the week to crown a winner.

Smith has been touring his four BBQ units - the one here is a 10-metre by seven-metre mobile stand with two smokers that can each hold 500 pounds of meat - for 15 years, mostly in Ontario and the United States. With the exhibitions in Edmonton and Vancouver

hosting rib competitions this year, Smith hopes this is the start of an annual Western Canada circuit.

"In Ontario there's two or three of them every weekend," says Smith, who's based in Port Dover, Ont. "We're breaking ground in the west."

Competitive BBQers run a gruelling pace on the summer circuit. Gator BBQ finished stints in Scarborough, Ont. and Ohio before arriving in Saskatoon on Monday. Smith leaves today to set up in Kamloops, B.C. just as his wife and son get to Saskatoon to continue work at the Ex. "I always liked being on the road," Smith says. "You can make enough money to sustain yourself in the off months. Once the summer is over I can sit back and relax for the winter."

The people behind the smokers are keen on winning any competition they can find. It's prestigious and big business, especially in the United States. Just like magicians, their trade can be shrouded in secrecy to protect their recipes. Don't even try to ask for a full ingredient list for their homemade rubs and sauces. "A lot of guys hold their cards close to their chest," says Mike Cooper, who runs the Winnipeg-based Tail Gators BBQ Pit. "But there's still a camaraderie to it. We still help each other out when we can."

Cooper, a five-year veteran of competitive BBQing, has travelled across the U.S.



learning different ways to prepare and smoke ribs. He's learned from best, he says. "BBQ in Kansas is different from BBQ in Texas and BBQ in North Carolina," he says. "I go to make my BBQ better and learn from other people so I'm not just doing it my way."

While styles and ingredients differ, the food is generally made the same way. Start with a rack - or a few hundreds pounds of racks - rub with spices and throw it in the smoker at low heat for several hours. Then remove and sauce it on the grill. BBQers will use different kinds of wood to create different flavours.

Smith uses tomato-based sauces, to which things like sugar and pineapple can be easily added. "It's meat candy," Smith says. "That's what we're trying to make."



Canora Expands the Fair

Over the past few years the Canora Agricultural Society has worked hard at reestablishing a major summer event in Canora. 2 years ago they built a track and hosted chuckwagon and chariot races. This past year they expanded what they were doing on the weekend to include more events and look at continuing to do that in future years. This years weekend was a tremendous success, with a great deal of credit going to the volunteers who worked so hard to put it on. Below is an article that appeared in the Canora Courier newspaper.

Chuckwagon and Chariot Races Thrill Canora Audience for Second Consecutive Year

The second annual Canora chariot and chuckwagon races are over and the organizers couldn't be happier. The number of spectators was down slightly, but with so much going on during the weekend, it was still an overwhelming success, said Colby Wolkowski, president of the Canora Agricultural Society.

More than 700 persons came through the gates Saturday and as many as 850 attended on Sunday. Last year the races drew an average of 800 per day. The weather was excellent all weekend and once again there was nothing but favourable feedback from the audiences and the drivers, Wolkowski said. There were 31 chuckwagons and 50 chariots involved in the races which are part of the Eastern Professional Chariot and Chuckwagon Association. There were a few more chariots entered this year.

Most of the drivers were in Canora last year, but the new entries were pleasantly surprised, he said. The drivers love Canora's facilities and especially the long half-mile oval track. Drivers say they enjoy coming back and predict the Canora races can only get bigger and better.

Colt Peterson, sponsored by the Gateway Co-op was the winner after two days of chariot racing. He topped Saturday's races and came in second on Sunday. Coleen Galloway, sponsored by Cook & Cooke, placed second during the weekend and Twyla Salmond placed third. Ryan Peterson, sponsored by Kelvington Stockyards, was the weekend winner for the chuckwagon races. He topped the standings the first day and tied for first on the second day. Rick Althouse, sponsored by Dark Horse Equine, placed second after two days and Carol Hooze, sponsored by Preeceville Veterinary Clinic, placed third.

Each day there was the usual gymkhana events. Most of the participants were relatives of the racers, but there were also a few other entries. This is an event that has a lot of room for growth and more participants are always welcome. A new addition this year was the Norquay trick riders who go by the name Fantastic

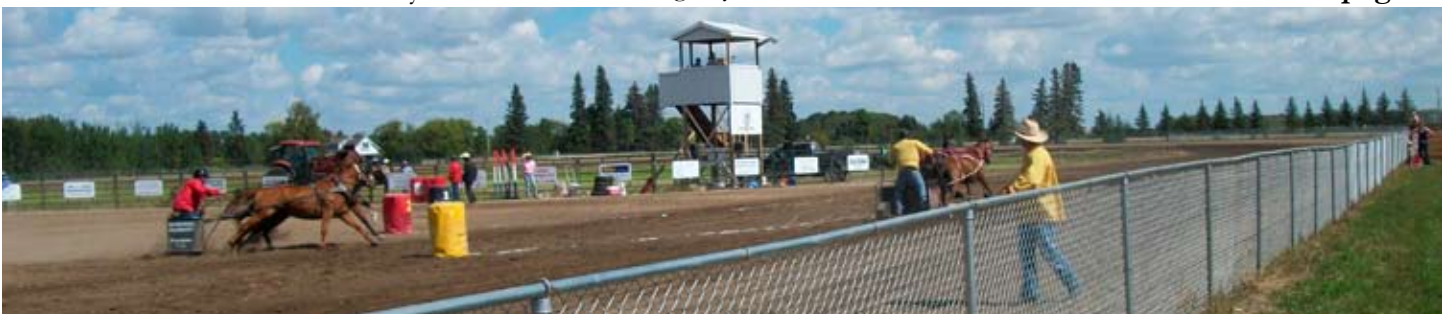


four. The crowd loved them and many were looking forward to a second show on Sunday, but the group had an unfortunate accident upon returning home from Saturday's show. One of the horses went missing and an extensive search began. By Sunday morning, even a plane was used to try and locate the horse. Because of the missing horse the Fantastic Four was unable to perform on Sunday.

The slo-pitch action was expanded this year, Wolkowski said. For the seniors' tournament on Saturday, Canora played host to teams from Preeceville, Endeavor, Swan River and Melville. Canora lost both its games and Melville went on to defeat Endeavour in the A-side final.

On Sunday, a co-ed slo-pitch tournament

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was scheduled, but because one team could not make it, the Canora seniors were invited to play another three games in a round robin with the Canora Juniors, Renslip of Preeceville and Ump Yours of Springside. In the final, Renslip defeated Ump Yours. Roger Keller and Vern Schick of the Canora Seniors agreed strongly on one point. After playing two games on Saturday and three games on Sunday, they were tired but they did win the one game that mattered - they defeated the Canora Juniors.

Also new this year was a pancake breakfast Sunday morning which was sponsored by Remax. Few people knew about it and it was early, but for a first attempt it went over well. Next year it will be a much bigger event. A special corner of the grounds was reserved for the children. There were inflatable bouncing structures, games such as potato sack races and a tent for children to learn about agriculture. Setup by Glen Duck of the Saskatchewan Association of Agricultural Societies and Exhibitions (SAASE) there were numerous computer games through which the youngsters learned about all aspects of agriculture from producing grain to beef.

The beer gardens were even more popular this year since they were located next to the racetrack. They were busy Saturday

going late into the evening. Jerry Gabora and a group of his friends put together a band to provide some entertainment and even a couple of the drivers got into the act and joined in to perform with the band. The gardens ran until midnight Saturday and on Sunday, the gardens cleared out around sunset, shortly after the last race.

In addition to the many sponsors of the races, there were a few sponosrs that demand special recognition. Crossroads Credit Union donated funds for a new bleacher. Several members of the agricultural society and friends of the organizations did much to help prepare the track and keep it maintained.

With more than 250 horses on the grounds, a tremendous amount of water was needed for the animals and to keep the track wetdown. Mike and Carol Yaholnitsky, Jim and Rob Bletsky and Colby Wolkowski provided the water tankers. Clint Kopelchuck provided the tractor and harrows to maintain the track. Darcy Korol used harrows pulled behind a quad to maintain the starting area. Various organizations helped out to make the weekend possible. The fire department was in charge of parking and Terry's Shishliki looked after the concession. A number of other businesses had booths open on the grounds. Even the 4 H Beef Club had the opportunity

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to make some money. A donated beef was processed and the jerky was sold by 4 H members.

The number of people from the community who volunteered to help with the set-up and during the races was heartwarming. From Taras Korol picking stones off the track in preparing the track, to the town employees helping to set up the grounds - so many people helped. The Canora Agricultural Society is a very small group. Though it has more than 25 members only a handful are active members. More memberhsip and more volunteers would also be gratefully accepted.

Darcy Korol is the vice-president; Carmen Wolkowski, secretary; Meridee Kopelchuk and Ginette Ostafie, treasurer; and the directors are Ivan Olynyk, Jeff Snetch, Clint Kopelchuk, Linda Korol, Tom Lamont, Taras Korol and Mike and Carol Yaholnitsky. It's a small group but it has accomplished something amazing for the community. The more than \$50,000 invested into the racetrack is now paid with proceeds from the races and the society's Farmer's Night Out. The group is open to new ideas on how to make the races an even bigger and better event. One possiblity being discussed is incorporating quad races and a mudfling.



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cupcakes, driftwood art and children's books, tutu's and hair accessories for little girls and other baby accessories, feather earrings, baby headbands, homemade jewellery and scarves and fresh produce from a local Hutterite Colony. The Red Coat Ag Society was also selling baking, pie and coffee and raffle tickets on a fountain that will be drawn for at the last farmer's market in September. We were very pleased with the number of people we saw come through the doors at the farmer's market but would really like to increase the amount of vendors we have. We are still accepting applications for tables and have lots of room to set-up. There are two more farmer's markets left for vendors to get in to, Saturday, September 8th and Saturday, September 15th. The Farmer's Market opens at

10:00am and will go until 2:00pm and are held at the curling rink at the Prince of Wales building. We look forward to seeing you at the next one!

There will also be a couple of upcoming events that will be a joint effort between the Red Coat Ag Society and Sask Ag and Food. The Red Coat Ag Society has been very pleased with the turn-outs they have had at their recent events and hope that attendance continues to grow. The Ag Society is in need of more active members who would be willing to help bring more awareness to their events, help organize and volunteer at events and also become board members. The Ag Society tries to meet monthly and meeting are open to anyone who wants to attend. The Red Coat Ag Society hopes to see you at their next event!

Submitted by the Red Coat Ag. Society

- Judging entry tags are once again available from the SAASE office. There is no cost for the entry tags. If you need tags give the SAASE office a call and let Glen know how many you need and he will get them shipped out to you.
- If your agricultural society is interested in hosting a farm safety day camp in 2013, SAASE and Progressive Agriculture will be hosting a safety day coordinators workshop in Regina September 24-25. SAASE will cover the cost of the registration and hotel. If you are interested give Glen a call at the SAASE office for more information or to register.
- This year's SAASE Convention and Annual Meeting will be held in Swift Current and hosted by the Swift Current Ag & Ex. The convention will take place March 1 - 2, 2013. The SAASE board is working on the program and the details will be out in the December newsletter - convention packages will follow.

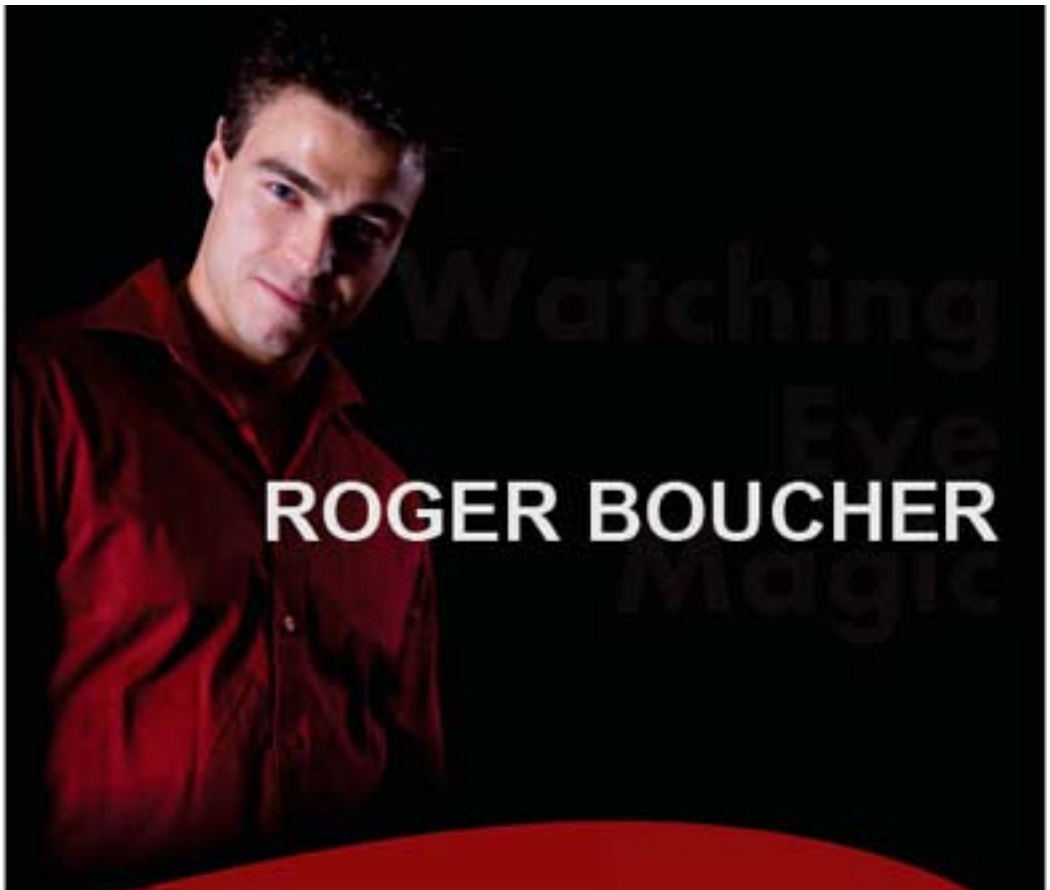


Roger Boucher - Watching Eye Magic

Roger Boucher of Watching Eye Magic has joined the growing list of SAASE Service members. He is a magician based out of Saskatchewan, and has a true passion for magic.

With a charismatic blend of wit and charm, and a passion for magic, Roger Boucher has been amazing audiences around Canada for nearly a decade.

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For bookings and information contact Roger at (306) 922-2505 or (306) 961-2430. Email Roger at roger_bou@hotmail.com. Visit the Watching Eye Magic website at www.watchingeyemagic.com.

Advanced Agri-Direct Inc.



Advanced Agri-Direct Inc. from Leduc Alberta has joined SAASE's list of Service members. They have an extensive product list relating directly to the fair industry. They sell livestock handling equipment, as well as all kinds of rodeo equipment. In

addition to horse and cattle equipment they distribute horse walkers, feeders, water tanks, kennels, panels, fencing, as well as a wide range of arena maintenance equipment. If you have any questions about the product line give Monty Heldt - Vice President of

the Canadian Division a call at (780) 809-3600 or email him at monty@cancrete.com. For a complete listing of all the products that Advanced AgriDirect handle you can visit their website at www.priefert.com

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Gold Dragon Wrestling

Gold Dragon Wrestling from Moose Jaw is the third new Service Member to be profiled in this month's newsletter. Gold Dragon's mission statement is - Gold Dragon Wrestling (GDW) is a Moose Jaw based, family friendly, professional wrestling company. We are dedicated to the highest quality of entertainment and have goals to be the best independent wrestling company in Central Canada. With a commitment to excellence in the performances we will offer, GDW will be a breath of fresh air in the world of independent Wrestling. Over the past four years this mission statement has certainly guided the operations. Hosting a wrestling event is a great opportunity for any community.

Finding attractions which stimulate traffic into entertainment venues is an on-going



pursuit and I am certain that this is the same for you in your community. How do you get the best return for your entertainment investment? Consider hosting a night of professional wrestling. My name is Jan Armstrong and I am a professional wrestling promoter based right here in Saskatchewan. My wife, Michelle, and I have operated a circuit based out of Moose Jaw under the banner of Gold Dragon Wrestling for the past 4 years. As a prairie boy, born and raised, I appreciate the importance of social service events in our communities.

During my involvement with professional wrestling, I have actively contributed to local charity efforts and partnered with a number of community groups in towns such as Outlook and Kindersley to support community-based fundraising efforts. I would be very interested to partner with your event to produce the same success for you.

Why professional wrestling?

1. Versatility: Matches can be held outdoors, indoors, as a stand alone event or in a shared venue.
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Some of the wrestlers that have appeared with Golden Dragon Wrestling and their affiliates are WWE Legends The Honky Tonk Man, Bushwhacker Luke, and "Million Dollar Man" Ted DiBiase. Current era WWE stars David Hart Smith, Highlander Robbie, TNA/Impact Wrestling knockout Sarita, NWA World champion Adam Pearce, professional wrestling's "mighty midgets" ... and many more!

For more information you can contact Jan at: (306) 630-3855 or email him at golddragonwrestling@live.com or you can visit their website online at: www.golddragonwrestling.com

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Coming Events

September 2012

7	Toyota Harness Racing	Yorkton
7-9	Barrel Racing Futurity & Derby	Melville
7-9	Rodeo	Estevan
8	Farmers Market	Assiniboia
14	Toyota Harness Racing	Yorkton
15-16	Fair	Melville
15-16	Parimutual Horse Racing	Melville
15	Farmers Market	Assiniboia
21	Toyota Harness Racing	Yorkton
22-23	Parimutual Harness Racing	Melville
22	Rare and Exotic Sale	Lloydminster
22	Giant Fall Flea Market	Melfort
22	Cooking Day	Vanscoy
22	Indoor Flea Market	Yorkton
24-25	Farm Safety Coordinators Training	Regina
28-29	Trade Show & Fall Fair	Unity & District
28-30	SaskRiding Club Provincial Finals	Saskatoon
28	Toyota Harness Racing	Yorkton
29	Fall Fair & Trade Show	Grenfell
29	Ranchman's Ridin' & Recitin	Swift Current
29	Young Fellows Harvest Fling Cabaret	Yorkton
29	PBR Bull Riding	Lloydminster

October 2012

2-4	AG EXperience for Students	Saskatoon
4	Fall Fair	Broadview
5-7	Chokecherry Festival	Lancer
20	Trade Show & Fall Fair	Denzil
23	Harvest Feastival	Lloydminster
28	Market Place	Perdue
31-1	Stock Dog Trials	Lloydminster

November 2012

1-3	34th Annual Stockade Roundup	Lloydminster
3-4	Mistletoe Craft Show	North Battleford
3-4	Focus on Christmas Trade Show	Prince Albert
3	Ranch Horse Competition & Sale	Lloydminster
7-10	Saskatoon Fall Fair	Saskatoon
7-10	Grain Millers Harvest Showdown	Yorkton
10	33rd Golden Feather & Fur Show	Lloydminster
19-24	Canadian Western Agribition	Regina
24	Christmas Bash	Lloydminster

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