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SAASE Announces Scholarship Recipients

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SAASE once again is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2013 scholarships. The 4 recipients of this year's scholarships are - Sydney Nicole Lake - nominated by the Turtleford Agricultural Society, Tianna Haugen - nominated by the La Ronge Agricultural Society, Brianna Hutchinson - nominated by the Moosomin Agricultural Society and Benjamin Schindler - nominated by the Broadview Agricultural Society. Once again the selection committee had a great challenge in choosing the recipients, as there were so many great young people nominated again this year.

The Clark and Anne Lewis/Dalgliesh Family scholarships are funded each year through the proceeds from the SAASE convention silent auction, as well as funding received from Bob and Wendy Hauser of West Coast Amusements. Thanks to Bob and Wendy for their continued support of Saskatchewan's youth.

Sydney Lake - nominated by the Turtleford Agricultural Society.

Sydney was nominated by the Turtleford Agricultural Society and will be attending the University of Saskatchewan in the fall. She will be entering the College of Agriculture and Bio-Resources in the 4 year Agribusiness degree program.

Sydney was born and raised on a farm in the Turtleford/Mervin area. She is very active on the family farm, and can quite often be seen driving the tractor,

grain truck or baling, assisting in the delivery of calves, maintaining the cattle herd, grooming and finishing her 4 H



steer. She also helps out with the farm bookkeeping. She is the 5th generation on her family's 107 year old farm. Sydney has contributed to betterment of the quality of life in her community in so many ways. In particular through her involvement in 4 H, competitive curling, as a member of the North West School Division Leadership Academy, as well as her leadership as President of the SRC at her school.

She has worked tirelessly to set a positive

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West Coast Amusements Ltd.

President's Message: Lisa Haynes

Well yet another summer has come to an end - we have once again had our share of crazy weather, but hopefully your fair was a good one. The board has been very busy working on numerous projects that will benefit our Agricultural Societies and their communities. As you read through, not only this newsletter, but all of our newsletters you will see various Venture Projects highlighted. This continues to be a program which is making a big impact on our communities. A big thanks goes out to Tourism Saskatchewan and the Provincial Government for their continued support of this great program.

The announcement of this year's Clerk and Ann Lewis/Dalgliesh Family scholarship winners is in the newsletter with write ups on these great 4 young people. Once again the selection committee had very hard decisions to make, as we had another great group of young people nominated. Thank you to West Coast Amusements for adding an additional 2 scholarships to our program.

The Community Vitality Program is approaching its final deadline of October 1. If you are thinking about doing some renovations or repairs to your grounds I would certainly encourage you to take a look at this great program. SAASE members have accessed hundreds of thousands of dollars to help out with their repairs and maintenance, and this will be the final opportunity to access up to \$50,000. If you have any questions or want to just bounce some ideas around give Glen a call at the office. Take a look at the Community Initiatives Fund website for the application and a list of which projects have been approved.

We have almost completed our 2nd year of provincial farm safety workshops and they have been a tremendous success. In partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture, Canadian Agricultural Safety Association and the Progressive Agriculture Foundation over 3,500 young people have gone through the program in 2013. In 2014 the program continues to expand with 14 Safety Days scheduled. SAASE is currently in discussions with the Ministry of Agriculture on extending the partnership beyond 2014. SAASE in partnership with Progressive Agriculture and the Canadian Ag Safety Association will be holding a coordinators training workshop in Regina September 30 - October 1. Make sure that if you are hosting a Safety Day you get at least one person out to this workshop.

Agricultural awareness and education are cornerstones of what we do as Agricultural Societies and the Ministry of Agriculture has made agricultural awareness a priority. A new agricultural awareness program was announced earlier this year, and if you are working on an agricultural education program you should take a look at it. There is an article on the new program in this newsletter. Go to the Ministry of Agriculture's website for more information.

Glen has been named as the interim Provincial Representative on the CAFE Board of Directors. Congratulations to Glen, I know he will do his best to make sure that the interests of the Provincial Associations and Agricultural Societies they represent are brought forward. The SAASE convention will be held in Melfort from February 28 - March 1 - plan on being there. Well that's about it for now - hope everyone has a great fall and harvest - talk to you in December

Lisa Haynes - President

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example to her fellow students and community on the perils of drugs and alcohol. She was jointly instrumental in the formation of a Students Against Drunk Driving Chapter, which has achieved outstanding success in bringing awareness to the community and students on the perils of substance abuse. She was instrumental in bringing together her school and emergency services to replicate the scene of a serious car accident in which there was simulated injury and death as a result of driving while impaired. This was so well enacted that it impacted a far greater audience in her community than just the students at the school

Sydney solely organized an educational forum on the affliction of autism in children - this would not have happened without Sydney taking the initiative to make it happen. She has entered a team in the Canadian Cancer Relay for Life held in the City of Lloydminster. She solicited members for her team, both young and old alike and raised thousands of dollars for cancer research. She is also a volunteer at the Canadian Cancer Society Trees for Life held annually in Turtleford.

Sydney is a very talented curler, and has been curling since she was a young girl. She has competed across the prairie provinces in various events. She selflessly shares her time teaching curling to the younger children at her school. She organized a junior curling league where she teaches children the fundamentals and fun associated with the sport.

This is a quote from her letter of recommendation from the Turtleford Ag Society:

We can truly state with complete sincerity that it seems that no matter where we go in our community, we consistently meet Sydney. Either

when she is leading an event or rolling up her sleeves to flip hamburgers at the hockey rink, teach Vacation bible School, pick garbage from the ditches along the highways, babysitting and playing with little children, or leading her 4 H cattle around the ring, you can be assured she is giving everything and everyone her best. Sydney beams with happiness. There is always a smile on her face. She is willing to help anyone do anything. She takes great joy in the victories of others. We love being in her community. She is without a doubt and outstanding junior citizen. Our hope is that you have the privilege and enjoyment of meeting this fine young lady. She is utterly delightful - it will leave you with a positive refreshing confidence in our country's future leaders.

Tianna Haugen - nominated by the La Ronge Agricultural Society.

Tianna has graduated from the Churchill Community High School, and will be attending the University of Saskatchewan this fall. She will be entering the Arts and Science Program, and then will be applying to the College of Nursing. She would like to work in the geriatric field, and eventually work in a nursing home. Tianna has



been very involved at the Churchill

Community High School in La Ronge. She has achieved consistently high marks, and has received several awards, including the Northern Saskatchewan Student Achievement Award for her commitment to academics, leadership, special talents and pride in Northern culture. She was also selected to participate in the Lieutenant Governor's Leadership Forum, which saw high school students from across the province participate. In 2012 she participated in the Northern Administrative Students Association conference, which saw 80 students from the north tour the U of S and SIAST. As well as being an excellent student, Tianna has also been very active with extra-curricular activities. She has been very involved in cheerleading over the last number of years, as well as a member of the SRC for the past 3 years. She was part of the committee at the Churchill High School that launched a Students Against Drinking and Driving program. Tianna also helps with the tutoring of grade 8 students.

Tianna has also been very busy outside of school. She has taken piano lessons for the past 13 years, which has translated into her winning several Music Festival Scholarships. Over the past 3 years she has devoted her time to passing on her passion for music by teaching music lessons to younger musicians.

Tianna has been involved in baseball and in 2011 was selected to play for Team Saskatchewan. She has also been involved in figure skating, and in 2010/11 was a gymnastics coach. More recently her love of animals has seen Tianna volunteering with the Northern Animal Rescue (NAR) - both in the Foster Home program and at the Vet Clinic. She has also found time to work as a Park Clerk for the Lac La Ronge

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Provincial Park, as well as the Summer Library Program. SAASE is proud to have Tianna as one of our Scholarship recipients for 2013.

Brianna Hutchinson - nominated by the Moosomin Agricultural Society.



Brianna Hutchinson has graduated from the Rocanville School and will be attending the University of Saskatchewan in the Fall. She will be obtaining her Bachelor of Science Degree in Physiology and Pharmacology. After she completes her degree she is planning on entering the College of Medicine to become a doctor.

Brianna works very hard in her academics and has achieved the general proficiency award for highest academic average, as well as a great distinction award. She is quick to help out other students who may be struggling or unsure. She has been a member of a peer facilitator group since it was established in grade 10. The group was established to help eliminate bullying within the school and the larger community of Rocanville. She has also been a member of the Student Representative Council.

As far as other extra-curricular activities, Brianna has been very involved with sport throughout her school career. In addition to her participation in

intramural sports, she has also played on the track and field team, volleyball team and basketball team. She is a natural leader and was named captain of her junior basketball team and cocaptain of the senior team, being named the MVP for the basketball team.

Within the community Brianna has volunteered at the Integrated Health Care Facility in the long term care unit helping out the residents there. Brianna has worked at the Kenosee boys and girls camps in the summers - working in the kitchen, as well as organizing activities for the campers. During school she has worked part time at the Borderland Co-op sharing her positive outlook and bubbly personality with the other staff and customers. She has always been a leader within the community, as well as at school and will be missed when she goes to university. SAASE is thrilled to have Brianna Hutchinson as one of 2013 Scholarship recipients.

Benjamin Schindler - nominated by the Broadview Agricultural Society

Photo courtesy of Paper Moon Photography of Grenfell, Sk.



Ben graduated from Broadview School this past year and will be attending the Regina SIAST campus for a 4 year course to become a Journeyman Machinist, with the goal of eventually owning

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his own business in Saskatchewan manufacturing or repairing parts.

As well as being an Honour Roll student throughout his school career, Benjamin has been very involved with his school. He has been a member of the football, badminton and volleyball teams. He has also volunteered and helped out during tournaments. He has served on the Broadview School SRC. Benjamin is very passionate about drama and has been very involved in the school drama club since 2006.

In addition to being heavily involved with school, Benjamin is also very involved in his community. He played minor baseball for a number of years, and has been involved as a volunteer with the Community Recreation Club. He is involved with curling, as both a player and a volunteer by helping clean up and helping out at the curling rink. Benjamin has also volunteered with the town and assisted at the hockey rink. He has helped with replacing mats, cleaning locker rooms as well as washrooms. He has also volunteered in various community fundraising activities including selling tickets, hall cleanup, bingo and working soup and sandwich lunches.

With all that Benjamin has been involved with in school and his community, he has also been able to hold down a part time job at the Hometown Co-op Center over the past two and a half years. He has been able to juggle all of his activities, school and work and make positive contributions to all of his activities. He is a very hard working creative individual who has made a big impact in his community and school. SAASE wishes Benjamin all the best in the future and is proud to name him as one of our scholarship recipients.

Standardbred Races Get Boost



The Yorkton Exhibition has had a very challenging year with horse racing. With changes made to funding, they have had to come up with some innovative ways to keep it alive. Below is an article written by Calvin Daniels, which appeared in the Yorkton paper on July 17th.

Standardbred racing at Cornerstone Raceway in the city received some good news Friday evening when the Saskatchewan Horse Federation made a donation of \$11,100. Shaun Morin, manager of the Yorkton Exhibition Association said the money was welcome since purses have been forced lower this year by the provincial government's decision to withdraw grant dollars for horse racing.

"They're very small purses they're racing for," said Morin, as he thanked the owners, trainers and drivers for sticking with the Association in its effort to keep standardbred racing alive. "They're not making a lot of money at this. They do this for the love of the sport." Grant Neil, director in charge of racing for the YEA said the SHF donation definitely helps, adding the YEA "wants to keep standardbred racing going."

Saskatchewan Party MLA Bob Bjornerud didn't rule out help in the future. "We will support you as well as we can into the future," he told the crowd Friday.

Shirley Brodsky, past Vice President of Finance with the SHF said supporting standardbred racing was well within the mandate of the

Federation. "Horse racing is a big part of our sport," she said, adding they want to be supportive of all those involved in the sector. "... That's what the Horse Federation is about, we support the horse industry in the province."

In the case of Yorkton, Brodsky said local organizers have been diligent in their efforts to keep standardbred racing alive in the absence of long-standing government grants so they wanted to help in that effort. While the standardbred sector is facing trials, Brodsky said "horse numbers are very strong in general across the board," adding there are more horses in Saskatchewan now than at the time they were used for utilitarian purposes.

In addition it was announced Friday the Prairie Lily Pace will be raced in Yorkton Aug. 23. The race has been a premier event of the race season in Saskatchewan for years, and its fate was in question, but with the SHF money the race will go with a purse in excess of \$4,000.

The night also saw four features among the seven races on the card. Best For Blues made it six straight top-three finishes with a win in the Custom Printers Feature Race for driver/trainer Brian Gray. Shawn Worthen with Tackie Toe was second, with Laurie Bell and Abbafun there for third. Gray had won the first race in the card with Maid To Measure. Worthen was back for the win in the City of Yorkton, Community Parks, Recreation & Culture Feature Race with Down Home Stylish, who topped Richard Remillard with Miss Tinkerbelle and Bell with Right On Willie.

Veteran driver Hugh Woods found his way back to the winner's circle with Oral Fixation in the Fedorowich Construction Feature Race over Gray with Stagger Lee and Worthen with Ink Blink. Woods said the win was a bit surprising. "These horses aren't ready," he said of his string. "They really haven't been trained in eight weeks." Woods, who lives at Ashville, MB., said excessive rains have made training at home nearly impossible. But Oral Fixation overcame the lack of training.

"She raced good," said Wood, a 45-year veteran of the track. "She's an old pro, on a given day she can still come through, just like me driving, on a given day I get there," he said with a smile.

The Saskatchewan Horse Federation Feature Race saw Kevin Siever pilot Mystery Road to top spot over Richard Remillard with Winwood Thunder and Clayton Braybrook with HF Zelig's Glory. "I knew she (Mystery Road) could leave out of there," said Siever, adding that even with a good start by the quarter the mare wasn't exactly responding well. But once pressure came her way, Mystery Road was up to the pace for the win. "I expected she could move with them, but you never know," offered Siever.

Siever said it was a little extra special winning the Horse Federation Feature after the organization had come through with the donation to racing. "It's nice to see them supporting the industry," he said.

Ministry of Agriculture Announces Ag Awareness Program

The Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture has made agricultural awareness and education a priority. Agricultural awareness and education have always been the cornerstone of Agricultural Society's focus. The Ministry has introduced an agricultural awareness initiative that will greatly benefit our Agricultural Societies in developing new agricultural awareness program. The following is taken from the Ministry's website.

Purpose

The purpose of the Agriculture Awareness Initiative is to provide funding to promote the benefits of a career in agriculture and to enhance the public's perception of agriculture and its role in the economy. Program funding will build capacity in the industry and coordinate agriculture awareness messaging through the use of effective tools and the engagement of producers and organizations.

The program will support eligible recipients' communications, training and resource development activities. \$350,000 per year is available through the Agriculture Awareness to fund eligible activities.

Eligible Recipients

Eligible recipients include Saskatchewan-based primary producers, organizations, grower organizations, agribusinesses, public institutions and agencies.

Application due dates

The deadlines for submission of applications will be June 1 and December 1 of each year ending December 1, 2017.

Project Evaluation Criteria

The program's goal is to provide funding to promote the benefits of agriculture as a career and enhance the public's perception of agriculture and its role in the economy. Funding through the program will build

capacity in the industry, coordinate agriculture awareness messaging with effective tools and engagement of producers and organizations to promote critical areas of agriculture.

Evaluation criteria include:

- Relevance of the project to Ministry's agriculture awareness strategy.
- Alignment of project/messaging with the Ministry's key messages/themes.
- Producer involvement and/or public reach.
- Capacity to educate Saskatchewan youth.
- Provision of science-based information.
- Positioning of industry as modern, technologically advanced and business-oriented.
- Potential impact on improving the public perception of agriculture.
- Capacity to promote the benefits of the agriculture industry.
- Project promotion plan.
- Ability of the applicant to complete the project.
- Alignment of project/messaging with the Ministry's key messages

Funding

Funding will be awarded on a competitive basis with 50 per cent of the project's eligible expenses being reimbursed. Each applicant will be eligible for funding of up to \$25,000 per project to a maximum of \$50,000 per applicant per year. Generally, funding will be awarded for projects with a duration of one year. Exceptions will be considered for multi-year projects or those that require more than one year to complete. Collaborative projects among organizations are encouraged.

Eligible activities/costs include:

- Providing support for information, training and education campaigns and capacity.
- Planning, organizing and hosting summits, workshops and conferences.
- Recruitment and training of industry spokespersons.
- Development of manuals, videos, websites, educational materials, displays, publications and other awareness resources.

The following activities/costs are not eligible:

- Normal activities and on-going projects.
- Capital purchases.
- Honorariums or salaries for staff or producer members.

Reporting Requirements

- A project plan is required with the application.
- A final report is required at the end of the project.
- A financial statement (including receipts) is required at the end of the project.

Applications

Applications are available on the Ministry website. To inquire about the program or receive an application form, please email the Ag Awareness Coordinator at awareness@gov.sk.ca. Applicants may also contact the Agriculture Knowledge Centre at 1-866-457-2377 or their local Regional or Satellite Office. Successful applicants will be paid 25 per cent of funding up front and the remaining 75 per cent will be paid upon project completion. An internal Ministry of Agriculture committee will review applications and recommend projects for approval to the Deputy Minister.

All acknowledgements, communications and publications referring to the project shall acknowledge the contribution/support of the applicant, the Ministry and the federal-provincial Growing Forward 2 bilateral agreement.

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Shaunavon Ag Society Says Goodbye to a Friend

Winston Stevenson passed away on August 1. He was a long time member of the Shaunavon Agricultural Society, and had acted as their president for many years. He was a tireless volunteer working for the betterment of the Agricultural Society and his community. As with many of our Agricultural Societies, volunteers like Winston, are what the Agricultural Society is built on. He will be missed - below is Winston's obituary.

Edward Winston "Church" Stevenson age 72 years of Shaunavon, Saskatchewan passed away peacefully at his home on Thursday, August 1, 2013.

He was born in Shaunavon, Saskatchewan on October 31, 1940. Winston received his Grade 8 education in Shaunavon and then began farming with his brothers. In 1961 he also began farming some land of his own. He helped Houston's with the slaughterhouse which led to the founding of Stevenson Brothers Abattoir which he started with his brother Morris in 1968. He married Lilia Escabillas on September 2, 2000 in Shaunavon, Saskatchewan. He was an active member of The Idlehour Riding Club in which he served as president. He also competed in pony chariot and chuck wagon racing. He was involved in the Shaunavon Horse Show for many years and was currently serving as president. He was also a member of the Gunn Grazing Coop and to this day was very involved in raising cattle.

He was predeceased by his father Andrew on May 3, 1959, mother Margaret on May 9, 2000, brothers Bob in 1949, Bob in 1988, Jim in 1991, Albert in 2001, Bill in 2007, and Tom in 2009.

Winston is survived by his wife Lilia, his son Grant, four brothers Ray



of Shaunavon, Morris (Shirley) of Shaunavon, Gordon (Della) of Estevan, Saskatchewan, and George (Anne) of Shaunavon, three sisters Agnes Havervold of Climax, Doris (Leon) Newmeyer of Saskatoon, and Linda (John) Haakenson of Okotoks, Alberta, three sisters-in-law Grace Stevenson, Leila Stevenson, and Kay Stevenson all of Shaunavon, his mother-in-law and father-in-law in the Philippines as well as four sisters-in-law and two brothers-in-law on Lilia's side of the family, and by numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Funeral services were held from Christ the King R.C. Church in Shaunavon on Monday, August 5, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. with Reverend Father John Mock officiating. The eulogy was presented by Gordon Stevenson. Interment took place at Hillcrest Cemetery in Shaunavon. Prayer services were held from Christ the King R.C. Church on August 4, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Binkley's Funeral Service of Shaunavon (www.Binkleys.com) was in charge of the arrangements.

Pallbearers were Garth Simpson, Vince Stevenson, Ken Cadieux, Heinz Werner, Ralph Oberle and Kim Horne.

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- 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 2014, SAASE, the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association and Progressive Agriculture will be hosting a safety day coordinators workshop in Regina September 30 - October 1. 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 Melfort and hosted by the Melfort Agricultural Society. The convention will take place February 28 - March 1, 2014. The SAASE board is working on the program and the details will be out in the December newsletter - convention packages will follow.
- If your Agricultural Society has any ideas on a new event or enhancing an existing event you should take a look at the Venture Project Program. Tourism Saskatchewan has once again added \$50,000 to the program. The additional money means that SAASE is able to supply seed money for many more events. If you have any ideas give Glen a call at the SAASE office.
- SAASE is always looking for articles for upcoming newsletters - if you have an article you would like to submit email it to the SAASE office.

Final Community Vitality Deadline

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 3 1/2 years. To date SAASE members have accessed over \$300,000 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).

A great example of a project is the upgrade that the Vanscoy Agricultural Society did of their riding arena - see pictures below. They definitely had some challenges as they were trying to get it done this spring, but it unfortunately would not stop raining. Their fair was coming up pretty quick, and the weather finally straightened out. The funding allowed them to replace the fencing, as

well as put in new sand. The materials were purchased, but the work was done by a hearty group of volunteers, who were able to get the ring ready for their fair.

To get an idea on some of the other 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 Whitewood

The 4H Prov. Multispecies Judging Competition was held August 9th and 10th at the Whitewood auction Barn. The host committee for the competition is made up of parents and leaders from several 4H clubs within District 5. There were 32 competitors who came from all over the province. To qualify they must have placed at one of the 6 regional competitions around the Province. The 4H members participating at the Provincial level are all between the ages of 15-21.

Members arrived in Whitewood on Friday August 9th and the event began with a Pizza Supper sponsored by Mosaic Potash Esterhazy and then the competitors went to the Whitewood-Chacachas Rodeo for the evening. The kids began their judging with 2 classes at the rodeo where they judged the saddle broncs and the junior steer riding.

Judging began again at 9am on Saturday morning at the Whitewood auction barn. There were 3 classes in the morning Bred Heifers, Hay and Light Horses, in the afternoon there was another 3 classes Mystery Judging, Alpacas and Canines. The members each had to do 3 written reason cards and give 3 oral reasons throughout the day. All the members did an exceptional job.

The day finished up with a wonderful supper catered by the Whitewood 4H Beef Club, the Prime Rib was done by Nevin Doud. There were 3 guest speakers, Whitewood



Deputy Mayor Lee Aldous, SE Regional 4H Specialist Rochelle Weinheimer and Karl Sauter, one of our judges for the day as well as a former 4H member and competitor at this event. Awards were presented and everyone was wished safe travels.

The top 8 competitors from the Provincial event have the opportunity to go onto the National Judging Competition at the Canadian Western Agribition in Regina in November. Awards were given to the top 12 as the 4 alternate members are recognized; who may end up going in place of one of the top 8. The 32 competitors were from Weyburn - Logan Martinson, Emily Okerstrom, Kyle Ashworth, Robert Pinio, Megan Rosso, Wacey McCaw and

Dylan Grieve. From Swift Current - Tristan Richards, Julia Pawlitza and Mikayla Neudorf. From Whitewood - Blythe Clemence, Tag Clemence, Shane Roger, Amber Stachura, Devery Stachura, Jessica Andrew, Morgan Fisk and Lance Boutin. From Prince Albert - Karen Cromartie, Megan Wasden, Brittany Hunt, Blake Wilson, Amy Wilson, Mikayla Sullivan, Katie Wright. From Saskatoon - Riley Yasieniuk, Dylan Haynes, Emma Sparrow, Layne Engel, Kelsey Hurlburt, Jill Sparrow, Shae-Lynn Evans. The top 12 were - Logan Martinson, Shae-Lynn Evans, Katie Wright, Robert Pinio, Megan Wasden, Megan Rosso, Mikyla Sullivan, Emma Sparrow, Mikayla Neudorf, Shane Roger, Amy Wilson, and Brittany Hunt. Congratulations to all the competitors.



Shaunavon Brings Back the Fair

The Shaunavon Agricultural Society, with the Town of Shaunavon celebrating its 100th anniversary, saw the opportunity to bring back the Old Tyme Fair. Below is an article written by Jesse Gronhovd which appeared in the Shaunavon Standard.

Old Tyme Fair

Those in town for the Shaunavon Centennial over the weekend enjoyed some friendly competition with the community's first Old Tyme Country Fair to be held in many years. The fair saw residents and visitors enter their work into a number of traditional agricultural fair categories, including seed, sheaves, baking, canning, gardening, flowers, wine and beer making, handicrafts and hobbies, quilting and sewing, art and photography. There were also junior and school categories, a posthumous category and a special Centennial category.

A committee of volunteers, chaired by local resident Wendy Cave, spent months planning the fair. "We really didn't know what to expect," said Cave. "There was quite a bit of anticipation leading up to it, but we didn't know how much space we'd need or how many entries we'd get. But we were really pleased with the number of entries and really happy with the overall turnout."

388 competitors brought their entries to the curling rink on Thursday evening for judging and winning entries were unveiled there for public viewing on Friday and Saturday.

Commemorative prize ribbons were awarded in all categories for 1st, 2nd and 3rd, along with special prize categories sponsored by Bernardin, Robin Hood Flour, Certo and Smuckers.

Meanwhile, the fair also included a number of other activities for the whole family, including pony and buggy rides, agricultural, machinery and antique displays, old-time demonstrations such as butter churning and bread baking, a chick hatchery, and a fish pond. "It's kind of a throwback to the old days when people were doing things like canning,



baking and quilting all the time out of necessity, and then would enter them into the fairs," said Wendy Thienes, a member of the Centennial planning committee.

The fair also served as a quilt show with dozens of quilts made by local residents decorating the perimeter of the arena. Among these, Shaunavon's Centennial Quilt was displayed after its official unveiling on Friday afternoon.

The historic memento was created by about 30 local residents over the past year to recognize Shaunavon's 100th birthday, with Beryl Rasmussen, Carol Ann Hansen and Gerald Fritz playing key roles in bringing the project to fruition. The quilt is to be kept and displayed at the Grand Coteau Centre in the future.

During the country fair, a number of performers also entertained the crowd,

including Richard Simmons Rejects of Gull Lake, Gary Smith's fiddle group, Reed Miller, Nicole Hanson, Wanda Gronhovd and the Shaunavon Dance Co.

The Meringues, a musical group made up of local residents Norma Hunter, Louise Sonstebj, Janice Billington and Lorraine Oberle, also drew a large crowd with their covers of various hits from eras past. Also at the fair, Shaunavon 4-H operated a Saskatoon pie and lemonade booth.

The first fair in Shaunavon was held in 1940, with annual fairs continuing in the area until around 1955. Since then, fairs have been held infrequently for occasions such as Shaunavon's 75th Anniversary. Given the success of this year's fair, Cave said there is some interest in once again making the fair an annual event.

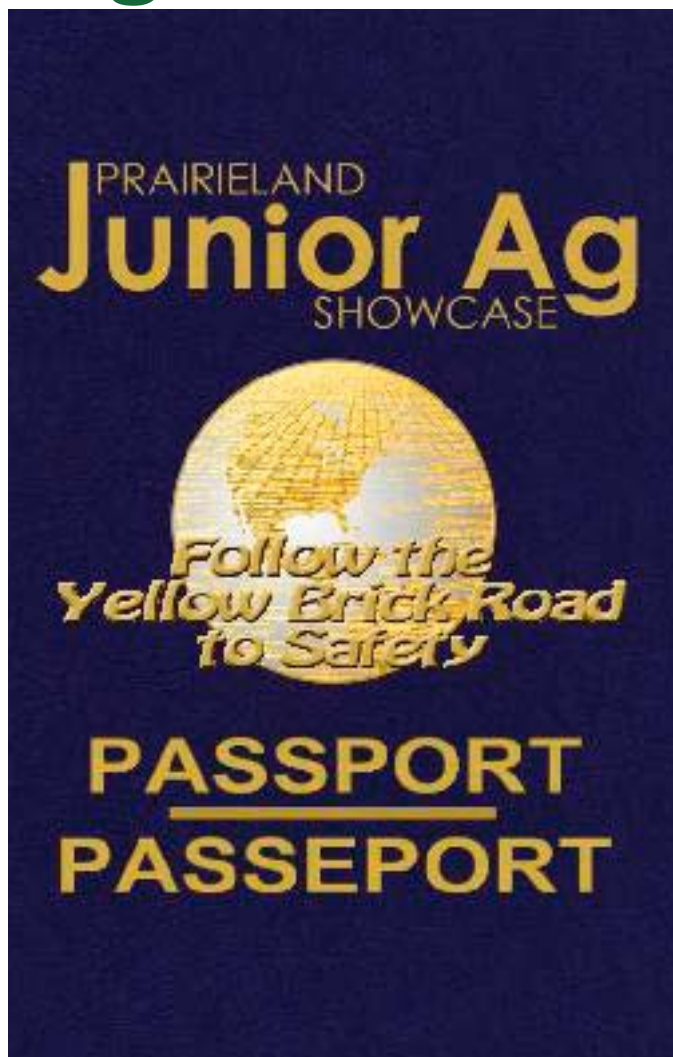


Prairieland Junior Ag Showcase

Saskatoon Prairieland Exhibition Corporation is proud to support youth in agriculture with our Prairieland Junior Ag Showcase program. Each year 4-H members from across the province come together at the Prairieland Park Ag Centre to showcase their current year project and engage in good-natured competition and camaraderie.

A highlight of the 2013 program was the Progressive Agriculture Safety day. Over 400 participants were engaged and enlightened as they proceeded through six different stations, each explaining a different type of hazards found on a typical farm. The Safety Day took place on July 15, 2013 at Saskatoon Prairieland Park. The participants gathered in the stands following a “beef on a bun” supper and were welcomed by Livestock Manager, Brenda Sapergia. Also joining us for the day was a group of students from the Yanco Agricultural School in Australia. The 57 students and parents were thrilled to participate in the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day and compare safety practices with their Saskatchewan hosts.

The 6 safety stations that were held were - Hidden Hazards. Lawn Equipment, Stars Ambulance, ATV Safety. Farm Equipment and PTO. Participants were divided into groups and given a passport, which was stamped at each station. Once complete the passports were deposited into a draw drum and several door prizes were handed out. “FOLLOW THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD TO SAFETY”.



SAASE's Members to Host 14 Safety Days in 2014

SAASE in partnership with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture, Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA) and the Progressive Agriculture Foundation will be working with Saskatchewan's Agricultural Societies on 14 Farm Safety Days in 2014. The locations for 2014 are Canora, Glenavon, Kelvington, Melfort, Moose Jaw, Nipawin, North Battleford, Prince Albert, Vanscoy, Swift Current, Lloydminster, Weyburn, Yorkton and Saskatoon.

2014 is the third year of the Ministry of Agriculture's agreement with SAASE to host Farm Safety Days. The

agreement was to hold a minimum of 15 over the 3 years, and with the growth of the provincial program SAASE's members will be hosting a total of 24.

2013 was an excellent year for Farm Safety Days in Saskatchewan, as a total of 8 will have taken place by the end of the year - the locations are - Prince Albert, Biggar, Yorkton, Saskatoon, Vanscoy, Swift Current, Weyburn and Lloydminster. In the 8 Safety Days over 3,500 children will have gone through the stations and learned about safety. As part of the program, Progressive Agriculture and the CASA hold a Safety Day coordinators

training workshop. This year the workshop will be held in Regina from September 30 - October 1. The locations hosting safety days will be sending representatives to go through the training. As well as going through the ins and outs of how to run a safety day, the training also talks about all the great resources that are available to those running the days. By training all these people across the province we are developing an important network of people qualified to run safety days. This will only strengthen the program in years to come. If you are interested in running a Farm Safety Day in the future give the SAASE office a call.



Swift Current Ag & Ex Celebrates 75th

The Swift Current Ag & Ex celebrated their 75th anniversary fair. This is the article which appeared in the July 11 edition of the Southwest Booster.

Frontier Days Volunteers Thanked for "Joining the Ride"

The Swift Current Ag & Ex Association Board of Directors wishes to thank those involved during Frontier Days. All the competitors, all our sponsors, all our spectators (over 27,000 went through the gates this year!) and our 500 plus volunteers who helped make 2013, 75th Anniversary of Frontier Days so successful. We are cleaning up from the fantastic four day events and getting ready for next year. Thankyou for Joining the Ride.

For 75 years the Swift Current Frontier Days has been the heartbeat of the Southwest, beating powerfully with more than 500 volunteers who annually contribute their time, resources, and talent as part of the largest livestock exhibition in the Southwest, the Southwest's richest regular season rodeo, and the Southwest's premier entertainment event. Since the Swift Current Livestock

and Rodeo Show was established, it has made an impressive footprint on the livestock and entertainment industries and in the sport of rodeo. It has also played a notable role in enhancing the lives of thousands of young people in the province of Saskatchewan through 4 H and other youth activities.

Also, we appreciate our Frontier Days sponsors.

On behalf of the Swift Current Ag & Ex, volunteers, spectators and contestants, we thank you so much for your sponsorship. This year's Frontier Days Rodeo and Exhibition was a huge success and we couldn't have done it without our sponsors. We are extremely grateful to all those who could help make Frontier Days possible.

What is next? The Swift Current Ag & Ex Ranchman's Ridin' and Recitin' is



happening on September 28-29, which will also include the Young Ranchman's event. Come on out and enjoy pen shows, more livestock events, a fur and feathers sale, ranch horse competitions, the young ranchman's all breed show, cowboy poetry and something new to Swift Current - Mounted Shooting. For more information contact us, the chute is always open at www.swiftcurrentex.com, or give us a call at 306-773-2944.



Perdue Fair a Great Success

Another Perdue Agricultural Fair is in the books for 2013.

Kicked off again with the Redneck Games on Friday night, there was plenty of activity on the south grounds! Organizers, Annaleigh Le Bruno and Cary Lammers of Perdue Southern Events came up with some crazy games for Rednecks of all ages to play. Brick toss, watermelon eating, can shooting and blindfolded tractor race, the newest game the bra slingshot proved to be much more difficult that one would think!! The winner of the greased pig race and \$100 sponsored by the Perdue Ag Society was Mark Coben. Jason Shields was on the mike again and as usual, was just redneck enough to be entertaining but still avoid any lawsuits!!

Saturday morning began with a pancake breakfast hosted by 'the Store', Chuck and Lyn Strate. The Parade was led by a mounted officer and a retired musical ride horse named Turbo. Followed by the Biggar RCMP and numerous local business floats, kids, horses and bikes. Although there was no Fair dance this year, the daytime activities didn't disappoint. The usual events were all enjoyed, like the Kids Fun Alley. This year hosted by the Perdue Travel Club, it was complete with inflatables, games, face painting, balloon animals and cotton candy!!

Inside the Centennial Building you could find all sorts of baking, canning, and crafts. As always the Daycare kids contributed a ton of crafts and projects- Thanks to the ladies at daycare for that. The Rec Complex was a cool place to get out of the sun and enjoy the music of Country 2 and the Gary Donahue Band(who also played the parade early Saturday morning).

The Tractor pull hosted 33 tractors and 8 trucks this year. Claire Weir was a big winner taking top place in 3 weight classes- under 4000, and the 5-6000 and over 10000. Other winners were Richard Meynberg 4-5000, Irvin Pfeifer 6-7000, Don Anderson 7-8000, Larry Urick 8-9000 and Scott Weir 9-10000. Engines were roaring during the Truck pull and the winners were Riley Burwell in the ½ ton, JJ Urquart for ¾ ton and Don Skiftun for the Modified ½ ton.



Saturday was a great day for a cattle show. The 5th annual Jr Buckaroo rodeo drew a crowd and 20 contestants aged 8 and under competed in a Chuckwagon Race, Egg and Spoon, Goat Tail (Un)Tying and we busted out the bucking barrel again and discovered some future bull riders in the bunch!

For 2013, the Perdue Ag Society and Perdue Southern Event put up \$800.00 added for an SBRA Jackpot. 35 ladies and youth showed up to try to get a piece of the pot. Julie Fisset enlisted friends and family to put on this event and they did a fantastic job, there were some very fast runs. Top winners were as follows :1D open -Colette Sawatsky, 2D

Open- Julie Fisset, 3D- Kim Fehr, 1D youth- Paige Janzen, 2D youth- Dawson Unrah, 3D youth Megan Kemps.

Perdue Ag Society would like to thank all of the volunteers who spent hours, days or weeks preparing and making the fair a success. A thanks should also go out to the Monarch 4H club for being the 2013 Clean Team. They help out throughout the day making sure the grounds are free of littered recycling and garbage. Thanks as well to Denise Redekop of Studio 16 Photography, the official photographer of the 2013 Perdue Fair.

Article submitted by the Perdue Ag. Society



SASKATOON PRAIRIELAND PARK HOSTS THE WORLD PROFESSIONAL CHUCKWAGON ASSOCIATION



The World Professional Chuckwagon races made their only Saskatchewan stop from June 6 - 9 in Saskatoon. Below you will find an article on the races.

JOHN WALTERS MAKES THE TURN FOR HOME DRIVING THE SIENNA CONTRACTING OUTFIT!

Inclement weather on Saturday made for unsafe track conditions that did not improve in time for Sunday night racing in Saskatoon, thus shortening the 2013 Saskatoon World Chuckwagon Races – in Memory of Ashleigh Richards to a two day aggregate competition. John Walters, driving the Sienna Contracting Outfit, and along with outriders Chanse Vigen and Dustin Gorst, captured the 2013 Saskatoon World Chuckwagon Races championship after posting the best two day aggregate time of 2:35.27. It was Walters first career victory on the WPCA Pro Tour in just his fourth year on the circuit. Walter's drove off in a new GMC Denali Pick-up Truck and a silver buckle symbolic of the 2013 Saskatoon World Chuckwagon Races, in Memory of Ashleigh Richards.

Despite the weather shortened event, Walter's performance in Saskatoon was nothing short of spectacular as he established the WPCA track record at Prairieland Park on Thursday, and backed it up with a third place run on Friday.



Brenda Sapergia, Livestock Manager, Saskatoon Prairieland Park presents John Walters and his outriders with championship buckles. Also in the photo (L to R) Brian Peet, Wheaton GMC; Reg Willick, HJR Asphalt, Outriders Dustin Gorst and Chanse Vigen.

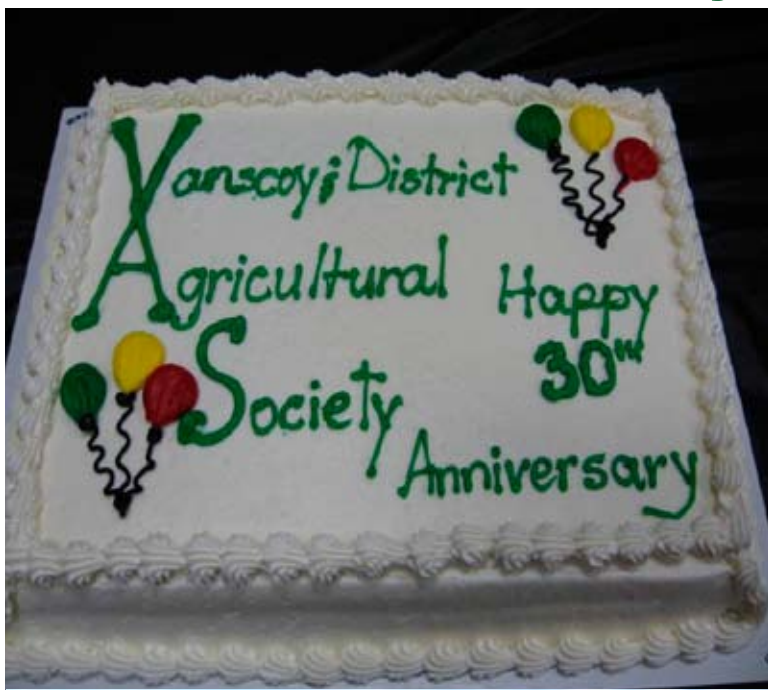
Vanscoy Celebrates an Anniversary

The Vanscoy and District Agricultural Society celebrated its 30th Anniversary Fair - August 17 - 18. Below is the article submitted by the Vanscoy Agricultural Society.

This year we celebrated our 30th Anniversary over 2 days of events on Saturday and Sunday August 17th and 18th. Our celebration began with a parade at 10am Saturday. We had 22 parade entries including floats, horses, tractors and lots of kids and candy. Kidsville was open for both days from 1-4 pm with games, crafts, face painting, dinosaur dig and the bouncy castles. The Balloon man entertained on Saturday and Beeper the Clown had her magic show on Sunday. There was also a little britches rodeo for children 11 and younger. This was an event using stick horses for games and races. The Vanscoy Multiple 4-H Club hosted a scavenger hunt which took the kids all around the fairgrounds looking and asking for items in their hunt. The gymkhana event started Saturday at 1 pm with 30 riders and the Light Horse show was Sunday with 42 participants.

Other Saturday events were: a Ball tournament (5 teams), Quilt truck, Tractor show and of course the Fair exhibits. Saturday evening began with a Roast beef supper followed by entertainment with the return of Elvis AKA "The Cadillac Kid" and his son "Avery". The supper was catered by Robin's Nest Restaurant of Vanscoy. Everyone also enjoyed a piece of cake celebrating Happy 30th Anniversary. The day's festivities ended with a great display of fireworks at dusk, which were set by the Delisle fire Dept.

Sunday events included a Pancake breakfast followed by a polka mass at 11 am. The tractor show, the Quilt truck, Kidsville with Beeper the Clown and a 3D Archery Outdoor Course Demonstration were the other activities for Sunday. A special Thank you to Barb Sparrow, Shelley Sowter and Jean Kent for putting together a very impressive and informative 30 year history display of the Vanscoy and District Agricultural Society. Many came out for the 2 day celebration, met with friends and neighbors and enjoyed the fun and games of the good old summer fair! Check out the web site www.vanscoyanddistrictagsociety.ca for pictures as well as for future events. Thank you again to our many sponsors and to our much appreciated volunteers to step up to ensure a successful event.



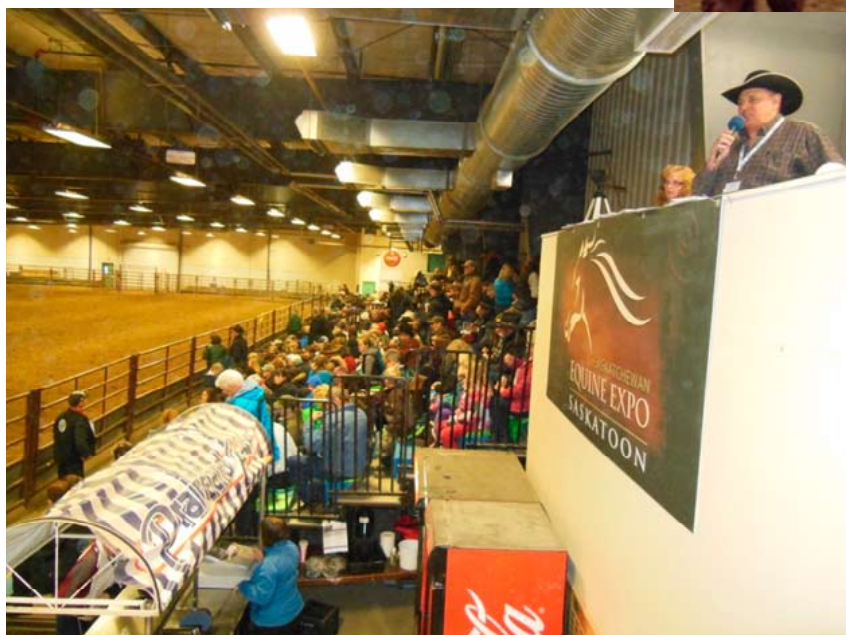
Canada's Ultimate Cow Horse Competition

This new event was held in conjunction with Saskatchewan Equine Expo at Saskatoon Prairieland Park, February 15-17, 2013. The competition attracted the finest horses, horse men and women from across the Western Provinces to compete for the first Canada's Ultimate Cow Horse title! Standing room only crowds witnessed the competition's three basic components: herd work, reined work and fence work.

Canada's Ultimate Cow Horse competition is the only event of this kind in Saskatchewan and it was apparent from the enthusiastic crowd, that an event of this caliber was appreciated. Not only did the competition provide outstanding entertainment, but also allowed the athletic ability of the horses to be showcased.

Saskatchewan Equine Expo has been embraced by multiple sectors of the equine industry. The event showcased different breeds and disciplines, also the businesses that provide product and services. Exhibitors to the trade show came from across Canada – from Nova Scotia to British Columbia. The Western College of Veterinary Medicine also participated in the event with ongoing demonstrations and presentations that covered a wide range of topics on horse health.

Canada's Ultimate Cow Horse competition added another component to Saskatchewan Equine Expo, which continues to make this event unique, while providing education, entertainment and networking opportunities. Many positive comments from patrons and participants indicate that this will be an ongoing event that will continue to grow.





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Coming Events

September 2013

6-8	Barrel Racing Futurity & Derby	Melville
6-8	Rodeo	Estevan
7	Light Horse Show	Estevan
13-15	SK Arabian Horse Show	Moose Jaw
13-15	Autumn Gold All Breed Show	Saskatoon
14-15	SK Entertainment Expo	
14-15	Fair	Melville
14-15	Parimutual Horse Racing	Melville
14	Ranchmans Day	Perdue
17	Farm Safety Day	Vanscoy
21	Farrier Clinic	Saskatoon
25	Farm Safety Day	Weyburn
28-29	Ranchmans Ridin' & Recitin' Young Ranchmans All Breed Show	Swift Current
28	Grenfell Ag Society Fall Fair	Grenfell
28	Rare and Exotic Sale	Lloydminster
28	Fall Flea Market	Yorkton
30-1	Farm Safety Day Coordinators Workshop	Regina

October 2013

4-5	Unity & District Fall Fair	Unity
4	Fall Fair	Broadview
5	PBR Bull Riding	Lloydminster
5-6	Harvest of Colors Paint Horse Show	Saskatoon
8-10	AG EXperience for Students	Saskatoon
11-13	Lancer Chokecherry Festival & Centennial Celebration	Lancer
11-13	Appaloosa Horse Show	Moose Jaw
16-20	Reining Horse Show	Moose Jaw
19	Prairie Quarter Horse Fall Show	Saskatoon
19	Trade Show & Fall Fair	Denzil
22	Harvest Feastival	Lloydminster
25-27	Fall Home Show	Saskatoon
25-27	Band City Kennel Club Dog Show	Moose Jaw
25-26	Whistlestop Craft Show	Moose Jaw
26	Market Place	Perdue
30-2	Harvest Showdown	Yorkton
31-2	35th Annual Stockade Roundup	Lloydminster
31	Stock Dog Trials	Lloydminster

November 2013

1-3	SK Snowmobile Show	Saskatoon
2-3	Mistletoe Craft Show	North Battleford
2-3	Focus on Christmas Trade Show	Prince Albert
2	Ranch Horse Competition & Sale 2 Year Old Prospect Show & Sale	Lloydminster
2	Burrowing Owl Fundraiser	Moose Jaw
11-16	Canadian Western Agribition	Regina
16	Turkey Bingo	Vanscoy
20-23	CAFE Convention	Ottawa
21-24	Grey Cup Festival	Regina
23-24	Rdierville North	Saskatoon
23	Christmas Bash	Lloydminster
24	Grey Cup	Regina

December 2013

7	Small Business Dinner and Dance	Prince Albert
7	Small Business Christmas Party	Saskatoon

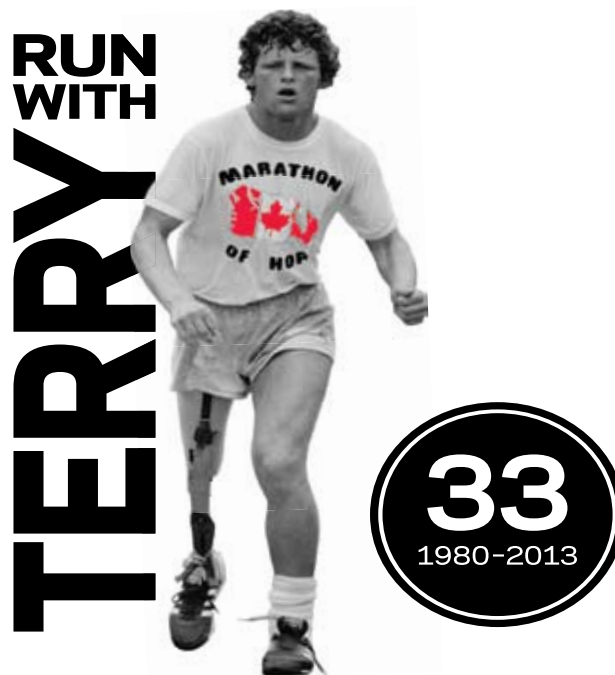
8-12 IAFE International Fairs Convention Las Vegas

January 2014

13-16	Western Canadian Crop Production Show	Saskatoon
14-16	Cattlemans Corral - Crop Visions Show	Lloydminster

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