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Food for Saskatchewan - Food for the World Hits the Road

SAASE has begun a long journey with the announcement of the Food for Saskatchewan-Food for the World provincial agricultural awareness program. In partnership with The Mosaic Company, SaskPower, the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture - Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, and the Saskatchewan Chicken Farmers, SAASE introduced the new program at the Mosaic Queen City Ex in Regina. Below you will find the media release that was issued at the press conference.

Food for Saskatchewan - Food for the World to hit the road

Today the Saskatchewan Association of Agricultural Societies and Exhibitions (SAASE) announced the beginning of a long and exciting agricultural education journey for Saskatchewan. The Food for Saskatchewan - Food for the World

travelling exhibit is ready to hit the road. Agricultural education has never been more important, and Food for Saskatchewan - Food for the World will be an ongoing ever evolving provincial agricultural display that will help to tell the story of Saskatchewan Agriculture to our youth.

The Food for Saskatchewan-Food for the World program teaches youth about agriculture via educational displays for each of the partners involved in the program. These displays will tour around the province to deliver the messaging to Saskatchewan youth. Initial partnerships have been developed with The Mosaic Company, the federal and provincial governments through the Agricultural Awareness Initiative Program funded through Growing Forward 2, SaskPower, and the Chicken Farmers of Saskatchewan.



President's Message: Vern Bexson

Hey all - hope you have had a great fair season. I know for some it has been very challenging with the weather and rain we have had, but hopefully it has worked out for you.

There are a lot of exciting things going on with SAASE right now. The new partnerships that have been developed on the provincial agricultural display are going to open many doors for us, as well as giving our members some great new resources to use. Food for Saskatchewan-Food for the World will give us a great educational interactive display that we can use for our agricultural education programs, as well as our fairs. A big thanks to Mosaic, the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture - Growing Forward 2, the Chicken Farmers of Saskatchewan and SaskPower for getting onboard this great program. Over the next number of years there will be a great opportunity for us to continue to expand the program and to develop new partnerships.

SAASE hired a summer student this year to help us out with the provincial agricultural education program. In addition to working with the display, Aaron Hepting also designed the website to accompany the program - www.foodforsaskatchewanfoodfortheworld.ca. As we move along with the program we will also be expanding the website. In addition to that website, Aaron also updated the SAASE main website. Check out the updated website, as we will now be able to complete all of our forms online. This is going to make it easier for our members to access our programs, as well as making it easier for the office to keep track of things.

A big thanks goes out to all of our Agricultural Societies who hosted Safety Days this year. It is because of you that our safety day program has become one of the biggest in Canada. Working with youth has always been a priority of our Agricultural Societies and this great program is just another way that our Agricultural Societies continue to show leadership within our communities. Thanks to the Ministry of Agriculture for their continued support, and thanks to the CIF for allowing us to continue to expand the program - good job everyone.

The Venture Project program provides seed money for new events, as well as enhancing existing events. The program continues to fund numerous great projects around Saskatchewan. Ideas for new programs and events are endless - if you have an idea for a new event or any questions on the program give Glen at the office a call.

SAASE members have accessed money for small capital projects and events through the Community Investment Fund's (CIF) various program. Our members have been approved and accessed more than \$500,000 in the last number of years to help out with programming, as well as to upgrade your facilities. The next deadline is October 1 - talk to Glen if you have any questions on a project or the program.

The SAASE Clark and Anne Lewis/Dalgliesh Family Scholarship program continues to help out young people throughout Saskatchewan. Our 4 scholarship recipients have been announced and their stories are included in the newsletter.

Our convention will be happening in Moose Jaw - February 27 - 28. Make sure you mark those dates down. The convention is a great time to network and learn. Talk to you in December - have a great harvest and fall.

Vern Bexson - President

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Contributions to SAASE Newsletter are welcome and will be included as space allows.

The SAASE Office is located in the Canada Centre complex at EVRAZ Place (Regina Exhibition Park) grounds, next door to the Saskatchewan Livestock Association office on the 2nd floor. Visitors are always welcome—give Glen a call at 565-2121 and drop in.

As the program progresses, new partnerships will be developed and new educational components will be created for the program. Currently the Mosaic display is the only one completed. The SaskPower and Chicken Farmers of Saskatchewan displays are currently in production and will be on the road with the Mosaic display in the fall, with new partnerships being developed as the project moves along. The www.foodforsaskatchewanfoodfortheworld.ca website will also be an important resource in the agricultural education program, as it compliments the display component by offering teachers an additional resource to educate Saskatchewan's youth about this important topic. The site will be constantly updated with new educational resource materials applicable to each of the displays in the tour.

The Mosaic display is an interactive educational display showing how Mosaic, as the world's largest producer of phosphate and potash,



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helps the world grow the food it needs. "The Province of Saskatchewan and its people play a critical role in helping feed the world," said Sarah Fedorchuk, Director of Public Affairs for The Mosaic Company. "Mosaic is proud to share its role in the global food security story by providing our young people with a better understanding of how potash and crop nutrients help grow and produce food – here at home and around the world."

Safety on the farm is an important component in agricultural production, and SaskPower's display will educate our youth about the importance of staying safe when working or playing near electricity. "SaskPower is very pleased to be a part of SAASE's Provincial Farm Safety & Agricultural Awareness Programs. These programs align with SaskPower's community investment policy to educate our province's youth about staying safe around electricity. It will offer a great opportunity for kids to find situations where electrical safety concerns may exist in a

fun and interactive way," said Verna Williamson, Manager of Community Partnerships and Investment, SaskPower.

Chicken production in Saskatchewan is an important component to Saskatchewan agriculture, as the module will focus on the high standards and care maintained by Saskatchewan's chicken growers in the production of the chicken we eat. Clinton Monchuk, C.E.O. of the Chicken Farmers of Saskatchewan, says that consumers want to become more educated about where their food comes from. "This initiative will allow Saskatchewan consumers to see and understand how their chicken is being produced, which is important to our industry."

Over the next number of years the ever expanding display will tour the province educating our youth. Ag-



gricultural education of our youth has always been a priority to Saskatchewan's Agricultural Societies, as SAASE members host most of the largest agricultural education programs in the province. Food for Saskatchewan - Food for the World will compliment and add a great resource to Saskatchewan's Agricultural Society's agricultural education programming. In addition to the Queen City Ex, among other shows the display will also be at the Saskatoon Ex as well as Canadian Western Agribition. The displays will also be made available to Ag in the Classroom, as well as the other partners involved in the project.

SAASE President, Vern Bexson

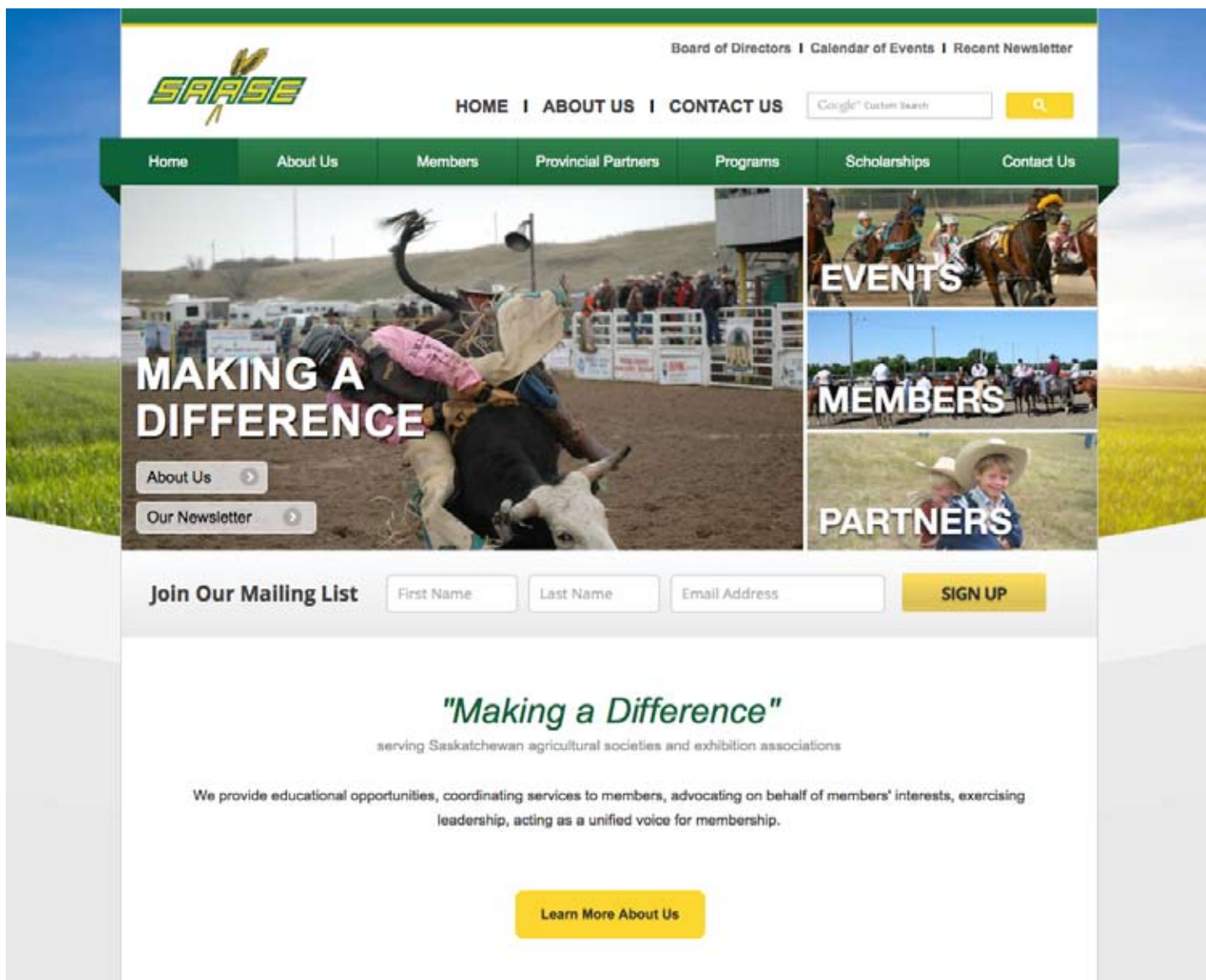
from Lloydminster, thanked the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, The Mosaic Company, SaskPower and the Chicken Farmers of Saskatchewan for their commitment to get the program up and running. "SAASE is proud to be working on the Food for Saskatchewan - Food for the World provincial education display, and we thank the Ministry of Agriculture - Growing Forward 2, The Mosaic Company, SaskPower and the Chicken Farmers of Saskatchewan for their commitment to the program, and look forward to developing new partnerships on the display. Agricultural education has always been important to our Agricultural Societies, and this program

will certainly help as our members continue to place a priority on agricultural education of our youth." Bexson said.

The Saskatchewan Association of Agricultural Societies and Exhibitions (SAASE) is a non-political, grassroots, volunteer driven organization whose primary objectives are to promote the improvement of agriculture and improve the quality of life for those residing in Saskatchewan communities. SAASE has 62 member Agricultural Societies located in 62 communities across Saskatchewan. The economic impact of the fair industry in Saskatchewan is over \$200 million per year.



SAASE to Introduce New Website



The original SAASE website has been up and running for a number of years, and has had a few problems as far as being use friendly. SAASE hired a summer student to help out with the new Food for Saskatchewan - Food for the World program - Aaron Hepting. In his spare time Aaron operates a website design company. In addition to his work on the Food for Saskatchewan website and program - Aaron has also been redesigning SAASE's website. The goals were to give the site a new look, make it

easier to navigate, as well as put all of our forms online to make it easier for our members to apply for funding, fill out the annual report, as well as filling out our scholarship forms. The website will be up and running in the next month.

In addition to making it easier for our members, the new website will also make it easier for the office to keep track of the Venture Project applications, scholarship applications and our annual reports.

The website will be a work in progress, as we continue to get more information and resources up online. As we move forward with this year's annual directors report, you are encouraged to fill the report out online and submit your information through the website. You will be able to scan and attach your financial information to the online Director's Report. You will also be able to apply for the Venture Project program and the Clark and Anne Lewis/Dalglish Family scholarships.

Safety Day in Turtleford

Turtleford Ag Society along with the assistance of the Turtleford Community School and ADM hosted a Progressive Ag Safety Day on May 4, 2014. Over 200 Grade 4 and 5 students from the surrounding area attended. There were several stations which included animal safety, firearm safety, chemical safety, an RCMP seatbelt demo simulator and many others.

There were several sponsors for the event and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them, they include: Larry and Kelsey with ADM, Warrington Agro Dynamics (Mervin, SK), Turtleford Co-op, Main Street Market Turtleford, Turtleford Credit Union, and Turtleford Recreation Association. Also a huge thanks to SAASE and the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture for making this program available in our community.

Thanks - Carmela McNinch (Teacher and member of Rec association)

Moose Jaw to Host SAASE Convention

The SAASE Convention and Annual General Meeting will be hosted this year by the Moose Jaw Exhibition. The convention will take place February 27-28. The SAASE Board of Directors is currently working on the convention program and the convention packages will be sent out in December. The program has yet to be finalized, but the Food for Saskatchewan-Food for the World display will be set up at the convention for everyone to take a walk through. We will be booking the display for the upcoming 2015 season.

Our host hotel for the convention will be the Moose Jaw Heritage Inn. The Heritage Inn is located very close to the Moose Jaw Exhibition grounds at - 1590 Main Street North, Moose Jaw, SK S6J 1L3. The convention rate for a room is \$112.00 per night, and the rooms must be booked by January 26, 2015. To make a reservation call - (306) 693-7550, and the block of rooms is set up under SAASE. See you in Moose Jaw in February

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SAASE to Host Safety Day Coordinators Training October 16 - 17

SAASE in partnership with the Progressive Agriculture Foundation, Canadian Agricultural Safety Association and the Community Initiatives Fund will be hosting a Safety Day Coordinator training on October 16 - 17 in Regina. If you are hosting a safety day in 2015 you should have someone present for the training. Lunch will be served and the workshop will begin at 12:30 on October 16 and run until 4:00 pm on October 17. SAASE will provide 1 nights hotel

- the hotel is the Regina Airport Days Inn (same one as last year). In addition to the hotel registration for 2 people, meals and coffee breaks, as well as mileage for you to get to Regina will be covered. This training is allowing us to develop a network of trained safety coordinators around the province, ensuring that our safety day program continues to grow. Let Glen know at the office who will be attending the coordinators training - see you there.

SAASE Receives CIF Funding for Provincial Safety Day Program

In addition to the various events and projects approved by the Community Initiatives Fund for SAASE members, SAASE was also approved under the CIF Community Grant program for the provincial safety day program. The approved funding will assist SAASE and those hosting safety days in a number of areas.

SAASE's partnership with the Progressive Agriculture Foundation and Canadian Agricultural Safety Association has not only allowed SAASE and those hosting safety days access to some tremendous resources, but has also allowed us to build a network of volunteer safety coordinators across the province. Part of the funding SAASE is receiving will go to helping to enhance that network, and make it easier for volunteer coordinators to attend the coordinator training sessions we have each year. Because of the CIF funding SAASE will be able to cover all the expenses involved with the 2 day coordinators workshop. Those costs will include paying mileage to get the participants to Regina, the cost of 1 night hotel room, facility cost, registration cost, as well as the cost of meals. In just 2 short years the safety coordinators workshop in Saskatchewan has grown to be the largest training in Canada, and this new funding will allow SAASE the

opportunity to expand our volunteer network even further. This year's training will take place in Regina October 16th - 17th. The training will take place, as it has in the past, in the Canadian Western Agribition's Lounge. Those looking to run a safety day for 2015 are encouraged to send a couple of representatives to the workshop.

Nutrition is always important for the young people that are brought to the safety days, and the second area SAASE will be able to assist our members through the CIF grant is in nutrition and lunch breaks for the children. Each Agricultural Society hosting a safety day for 2015 will receive \$3 per child to assist with the cost of nutrition breaks and lunch.

The final area where the funding will assist SAASE is through helping with the production costs of the safety activity book. In addition to the take home bags and t shirts supplied by the Progressive Agriculture Foundation, SAASE also supplies an activity book for the children to take home.

The Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture will once again be supporting the provincial safety day program. The funding that SAASE receives through the ministry will allow each Agricultural Society

hosting a safety day to receive \$1,000 in funding to help out with the costs incurred to stage a safety day.

A total of 14 safety days were held in Saskatchewan in 2014 and 17 have been approved for 2015. Educating our youth on safety is very important and the provincial safety day program has made a big impact over the last 3 years.

SAASE looks forward to our continuing partnership with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture, Progressive Agriculture, the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association and look forward to working with the Community Initiatives Fund on this very important provincial program.



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SAASE Members Receive CIF Funding

SAASE members continue to access funding through the Community Initiatives Fund for events and small capital projects. Over the last number of years SAASE members have been able to access more than \$400,000 in funding to help out on repairs of facilities, as well for events. There are three different streams of funding that can be applied for - the Community Grant Program, Community Places and Spaces, and the Summer Grant Program.

In the most recent announcement of funding the following projects were approved for SAASE's Agricultural Societies. Through the Community Grant Program the Swift Current Ag & Ex was approved for the multi-cultural project. There is an article in the newsletter on the cultural portion of the fair that was approved. The project was extremely successful and it will be a program that the Swift Current Ag & Ex will be able to build on in the future.

The second program to receive funding through the Community Grant Program is the Provincial Safety Day program coordinated by SAASE. The money will go to help subsidize our volunteers who will be taking the Safety Day Coordinators workshop taking place October 16 - 17 in Regina. The funding will also help out with nutrition breaks for the children attending the Safety Days hosted by our Agricultural Societies.

The other projects that were approved were through the Community Places and Spaces program. The Unity Agricultural Society received funding to do some renovations to the Agro- Plex. An article from the local Unity paper on the project has been included in the newsletter. The Battleford Agricultural Society received funding to upgrade their main hall and office area, which will include work on the ceiling. The Lancer Agricultural Society also received funding for hall upgrades.

The final project approved was a barn upgrade for the Fairmede Agricultural Society, which is being spearheaded by the Fairmede 4 H Club. The club members are using it as a project for their members, which will help out the Fairmede Agricultural Society and the Fairmede 4 H.

The deadlines for applications to the following programs are February 1 for the Summer Grant Program, and April 1 and October 1 for the Community Places and Spaces Program and the Community Grant Program. The Community Initiative Fund has played an important role in helping our members out, and if you are looking at repairs or renovations to your building, or running a special event you are encouraged to take a look at the funding available through the CIF. For more information on the programs and to take a look at the applications check out the CIF website at www.cifsask.org or give Glen a call at the office.



Battleford's Agricultural Society Main Hall and Office

Unity Ag Society Renovates Agro-Plex

The Unity Agricultural Society has received funding from the CIF to renovate their main building the Agroplex. Below is an article by Sherri Solomko that appeared in the August 4th edition of the Unity-Wilkie Press Herald.

Agroplex benefits from grant from the Community Initiatives Fund

Another grant was received in Unity through the Community Initiatives Fund - Community Spaces and Places grant, this time on behalf of the Unity Agricultural Society to help fund the replacement of the roof and the painting of the inside of the Agroplex. The CIF approved a matching 50/50 grant of \$20,000 to go towards the project.

This matching grant of \$20,000 was possible as \$10,000 is being put in by the Unity Agricultural Society itself and \$10,000 is being contributed by the Unity western Days Committee.

The Ag. Society had been meeting with the town for some time regarding the roof problems at the venue. The Agroplex, built in 1991, is multi-functional. It has been used for family reunions, anniversaries, weddings, auction sales and most recently a multi-school ag safety day, in addition to its regular role in Western Days events. It is the second biggest hall in Unity. Built in 1991, all by volunteers, it has served a long career already with very little upgrading other than the kitchen being added on in 1997.

It is hoped that the work can be completed before winter to prevent further roof damage. The building will also need painting inside. Currently all work at the Agroplex such as grass cutting, maintenance, upkeep, etc., is being done by volunteers. Out of 52 weeks a year, Unity Ag Society committee member Elaine Sperle says the venue is rented

more than half of those weeks.

Vice-president of the Unity Ag Society, Pat Welter, says "The contractor we have hired for this work is currently completing a job in North Battleford and, once they are done in NB they will be coming to complete this work on the Agroplex for us."

Unity has received the CIF grant before, when the new all-accessible washrooms were built at the ball diamonds. There used to be six different grants available through this program and now there are two. The community grant program has also enabled the town to offer a summer preschool program for the past three years, with financing for material, supplies, hiring a co-ordinator, etc.

The Unity Ag Society is very excited to receive help with the funding of this roof work and hopes to have the work completed before winter sets in.



SAASE Announces Scholarship Winners

Every September SAASE announces the winners of the Clark and Anne Lewis/Dalgleish Family scholarships. SAASE's volunteer selection committee always has a difficult task, as so many great young people are nominated by our Agricultural Societies. Once again the choice was tough this year, but the committee has selected 4 outstanding Saskatchewan youth for this year's scholarships.



Kaylee Morris - nominated by the Vanscoy Agricultural Society

Kaylee completed her grade 12 at Delisle Composite School and will be attending the University of Saskatchewan in the fall. She is enrolled in the College of Agriculture and Bioresources and will obtain her Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree and hopes to work in the Environmental Sciences sector.

Throughout her highschool career Kaylee has been an honours student, but has also been very involved in school activities. In addition to her academic success she has been on the Student Representative Council for 3 years. She was also involved with volleyball, basketball, curling, badminton, track and field, Pep Rally committee, as well as the Travel Club - travelling to Australia and New Zealand. Kaylee received the Scott Keilo Citizenship Award recognizing the student who showcases a high level of school involvement, someone who achieves

academic success and ultimately exemplifies the characteristics of a positive engaged citizen.

In addition to being very involved in school Kaylee has also been very involved in the community. She has been involved in 4 H for the past 12 years holding various positions including Treasurer and Vice President. She has shown cattle, as well as being involved regionally. Kaylee has volunteered extensively at the Delisle school with their fun nights, breakfast program as well as at local baseball and hockey games. She has helped out in Delisle and Vanscoy with fall suppers, seniors Christmas suppers, vacation bible schools, as well as working with underprivileged and homeless teens.

You would think with all the volunteering and school activities that Kaylee is involved in that she would not have time to work, but she has also found time for that. Kaylee has worked at the Delisle Co-op bakery, working in various chicken barns, cutting the grass at the cemeteries in the RM of Vanscoy, as well as working part time as a gas attendant at the Delisle Co-op. SAASE is proud to name Kaylee as one of our four scholarship recipients for 2014.

Shaelyn Grassick – nominated by the Prince Albert Exhibition

Shaelyn has graduated from Prince Albert Comprehensive High School and will be attending the University of Saskatchewan this fall. She will be taking classes in the college of Kinesiology and will be pursuing a degree in Pharmacy.

Shaelyn has been very involved with athletics throughout her school career. She has been on the track and field team, high school basketball and volleyball team right from grade 9 all the way through grade 12. Over the years in high school she has consistently maintained an average in the mid to high 90's. In addition to being very active in athletics and maintaining a high average Shaelyn has also been very involved volunteering at the school. She has been a Math Department student tutor. She has also helped out as an assistant coach for



both volleyball and basketball at summer sports camps. She has also volunteered as a scorekeeper for senior boys, basketball and volleyball. She is also an active participant in many outdoor activities including running, biking, camping, swimming, fishing and canoeing.

Shaelyn has also been heavily involved with 4 H and the Prince Albert Exhibition. Patty Soloducha from the Prince Albert Exhibition sums it up – “She is always one of the first ones to come and ask if I need a hand with anything, even though she is busy with her projects. When I needed volunteers for our Ag Ed Showcase she was the first one to help out for the two days, taking time away from school to volunteer. From 4 H regional shows, 4 H regional judging clinics and beef cattle shows, you can witness Shaelyn helping, teaching and mentoring fellow 4 H members. Shaelyn has also participated in the summer fair hall entries, entering various youth categories.” Shaelyn has been involved with 4 H for the past 9 years and has held various positions including president, secretary, club reporter and club communications officer. She has also represented and won numerous 4 H awards over the years.

Even with everything that Shaelyn does as far as school athletics, volunteering and 4 H, she still has time to work on the family farm. She helps out with harvest and calving, as well as any other jobs that

have to be done over the course of the year. Congratulations to Shaelyn on being one of this year's SAASE scholarship recipients.



Cody Jarocki - nominated by the Abernethy Agricultural Society

Cody has graduated from the North Valley High School in Lemberg. He will be attending the University of Saskatchewan in the fall, and has been accepted into the College of Engineering where he wants to become a mechanical engineer and work in the design and development of farm machinery.

He has been very involved with his school. Cody was an executive member of the North Valley High School SADD committee, as well as president of the High School Car Club. He was involved in the school Drama club, and he was also captain of the North Valley Science Rendezvous team. He was involved with numerous athletic teams. He played AA hockey and also skipped the school curling team for a several years. He was the quarterback and co-captain of the football team and helped lead them to a provincial silver medal in 6 man football. Cody also competed in track and field. As well as competing in athletics he also volunteered refereeing volleyball and working in the canteen. In addition he helped build the fence around the football field, as well as the canteen and announcing tower. Cody also enjoys music – initially playing piano and moving on to guitar. As well as being very active in school

Cody has been very active volunteering in the community. He volunteers for the Lemberg Volunteer Fire Department, where in addition to helping on the fire calls he attends weekly meetings and trainings. He has also helped out with the Lemberg Legion selling poppies for Remembrance Day. He helps out volunteering with the elementary school teaching skating. Cody is also volunteering in the construction of the Lemberg hockey rink. Each year he also volunteers in Lemberg at the Fall Suppers, agridinnners and the town car shows.

As a result of volunteering and staying physically active within his community and school Cody was able to complete all three levels – Bronze, Silver, Gold – for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. The Gold level of the award requires a minimum of 105 hours of community and school volunteer work, 120 hours of physical recreation, 24 months of a skill, 3 adventurous journeys and 1 residential project. Cody met the requirements in September 2013.

Cody also finds time to work at Wolf Equipment Ltd in various capacities including cashier, parts man and general shop labourer. He also has been hired by several citizens in Lemberg for lawn maintenance. SAASE is proud to name Cody Jarocki as one of this year's scholarship recipients.



Breann Dammann - nominated by the Creelman Agricultural Society

Breann graduated grade 12 from "33"

Central School in Fillmore and will be entering the U of S in the fall. She is in pursuit of her Bachelor of Animal Science with a degree in Agriculture and would like to become a veterinarian.

Over her 4 years in high school Breann has been very active. She has been on both junior and senior basketball and volleyball teams - helping those teams win numerous Conference championships. She also played club volleyball in Weyburn and Arcola. She has also helped out coaching the junior basketball team at "33" central School. She has played soccer and badminton as well. Breann took a refereeing course and referees both basketball and volleyball. She also sat on the SRC as the senior sports representative. Other school activities include attending summer volleyball and basketball camps, as well as participation in the Legion's Remembrance Day contests. Even with her busy schedule Breann was able to make the honour role for academic excellence from grade 9, right through to grade 12.

In addition to all her activities at school Breann has been very active in her community. She has spent a great deal of time volunteering for the Creelman Agricultural Society. She has helped out with the clean team and worked with the fair helping set up exhibits, as well as passing out ribbons and helping clean up after the fair. She has taken part in the Pumpkin festival put on the by the Agricultural Society. She has also helped out with the Creelman Theatrical Club serving and helping with the clean up. In addition she has also volunteered at the Creelman Rink - working in the canteen and helping with clean up after bonspiels and hockey games. She has helped out with the Creelman UCW fall supper, as well as helping out at the Remembrance Day Services. With Breann going to university to become a veterinarian, she has also gained experience by volunteering at the Stoughton Vet clinic. She filed papers, assisted with surgeries, cleaned tools and cleaned pens. Over the years Breann has worked on the family farm as a Farm Labourer - maintaining the outdoor ground, cleaning bins and helping with cattle chores. Breann is an excellent choice as one of this year's SAASE scholarship recipients.

Lloydminster Hosts 4 H Provincials

SAASE and SAASE's Agricultural Societies are committed to Saskatchewan youth and agriculture in Saskatchewan, and as part of that each year SAASE's Agricultural Societies host numerous 4 H events across Saskatchewan. In addition to achievement days sales and other programs, 6 Agricultural Societies host Regional 4 H Judging competitions, with the winners moving on to the provincials, and then a provincial team being picked to move on to the national competition at Agribition. The 6 Agricultural Societies hosting regional shows are - Prince Albert, Swift Current, Lloydminster, Saskatoon, Whitewood and Weyburn. Each of those locations in turn hosts the provincial competition, with this year's taking place in Lloydminster, hosted by the Lloydminster Exhibition.

A total of 35 members competed for the Saskatchewan Judging Team on August 23, 2014. The weekend began with a fun night on the Friday night with the 35 members enjoying volleyball and pickleball. The judging then took place on Saturday. The 4 H members judged 5 species - bull, heifers, light horse, draft horse and canine. Judging started on the Saturday at 9 am and wrapped up at 2 pm, with the 4 H members then going on a tour of Diamond 7 Meats in Lloydminster. The awards banquet finished up a great weekend. The senior judges helping out were - Bull Judge - Jon Lock, Macklin, SK., Heifer Judge - Brian Jurke, Lloydminster, SK., Light Horse Judge - Ron Noble, Lloydminster, AB., Draft Horse Judge - Terence Bexson, Marshall, SK., Canine - Shawn Boyce, Lloydminster, AB.

The picture below is the team that will be representing Saskatchewan at Agribition. The members are standing 1 – 12th place in order from right to left. Mikyla Sullivan, Kyle Ashworth, Derek Doerkson, Teresa Mann, Katie Wright, Savannah Cheney, Dylan Haynes, Devery Stachura, Logan Martinson, Wacey McCaw, Robert Pinio, Shanna Klassen. Congratulations to all 35 4 H taking place in the provincial competition and good luck to our team representing Saskatchewan.



Ogema Ag Society Celebrates 100th

The Ogema Agricultural Society celebrated its 100th Anniversary on July 5th and the event was a tremendous success. Below you will find the article that appeared in the local paper.

Ag Society marks 100 years
-Jessica Weightman

The community of Ogema, along with returning members of the community and many visitors, gathered together on Saturday, July 5th, to celebrate the Ogema Agricultural Society's 100th Anniversary.

The Ag Society found its beginnings on January 8th, 1914, with regular meetings held there after. Due to the First World War however, there was no activity within the Society until 1918. Instead the Society focused on bringing in informational speakers from the Department of Agriculture to cover a variety of topics.

In 1924, the fair featured standing crop competitions, summer fallow and seed drilling competitions and garden judging. Much of the money was given back to

the Society to help build the rink and the grandstand, which still stands today. The cost of this project was approximately \$1,000, an immense sum, but with the help of the community the dream became a reality.

When the fair first began it was a two-day event that featured horse sales and competitions, with racers competing from across the Prairie Provinces. Also featured were exhibits of livestock, grains and grasses. The livestock exhibits reached their peak in the 1920's and 30's and slowly declined after that. At its peak there were more than 1,660 exhibits of home crafts and produce prepared by the women of Ogema that could be viewed at the fair.

To mark the momentous occasion of being an active Agricultural Society of the past 100 years, the Ogema Ag Society had a full day of activities planned.

The day began with a pancake breakfast held at the Red Coat Road and Rail Park next to the Train Station. Many were on hand to enjoy pancakes, sausages and

visiting before making their way to Main Street for the Parade.

Many local businesses had floats in the Parade congratulating the Ag Society on their long history. Clowns, machinery, the town fire truck and many unique floats made their way through the Parade route. Also included in the Parade was a Bicycle and Pet Parade. The children were kept busy trying to collect all of the candy that was thrown.

Immediately following the Parade, Brad Dunn, President of the Ogema Agricultural Society, dedicated the new mural now located on Main Street. Painted by Canadian artist Grant McLaughlin, the mural commemorated the Ogema Ag Society's history and depicts 100 years of agriculture in the community. The mural was dedicated to past, present and future community members.

Following the mural dedication many made their way to the Ogema Rink Complex for the Official Ceremonies. Brad Dunn again approached the microphone where he



spoke of the importance of the Ag Society within the community and all that it has done over the years to make Ogema a great place to live.

Reeve Rick Dunn then took his turn to congratulate the Ag Society on its accomplishments and spoke of his own memories of his time as a member of the Society.

Mayor Wayne Myren then took his turn at the microphone. He welcomed the guests to the community and spoke about the Heritage Award that the Ag Society was presented with earlier this year. This award was given in recognition of all of the work the Ag Society and the community has done as a whole to promote and preserve the history of Ogema. He thanked all of the volunteers for their hard work over the past year as they prepared for the momentous occasion.

Next to the microphone was Glen Duck, a representative of the Saskatchewan Association of Agricultural Societies and Exhibitions. He thanked the members of the Ag Society for their dedication and perseverance over the past century and presented them with a certificate in recognition of their efforts.

Ella Frank then read a list of the past and present Presidents and Secretaries of the Ag Society as well as the Ladies Section of the Society. Those who were present stood as their names were read.

To end the official ceremonies current President of the Ogema Ag Society Brad Dunn and Secretary Iris Warren cut the cake that was then served to all those in attendance.

While the ceremonies were taking place, the children were also busy at the pet and bicycle show. Bicycles were decorated by their owners and pets were put into fun costumes for the day. The children were also kept busy with a petting zoo, face painting and games.

Many of the adults were engaged in another activity that has been a part of the Fair Day since its earliest days. A fastball tournament went throughout the afternoon with many participating.

There were many activities throughout the afternoon for those who had gathered to enjoy. Exhibits of home crafts and photography were on display in the rink and the afternoon featured a trade show. The Pangman EMS gave a presentation of how they would react when called to the scene of an accident and the RY Ramblers band

entertained late into the afternoon.

In the Rodeo Arena there was a Kids Rodeo, a horse pull and barrel racing to keep people entertained. Later in the afternoon, many took part in a commemorative Train Ride, hosted by Southern Prairie Railway. The train made a run out to the community of Horizon before returning to Ogema in time for the Centennial Celebration Supper.

This Centennial Celebration supper was the first to be held in the new Community Heritage Hall in Ogema. The delicious supper featured roast beef, baked potatoes, coleslaw, macaroni salad, buns and a choice of apple or rhubarb crisp for dessert. The dinner committee served over 400 guests for supper.

The evening rounded out with a cabaret at the skating rink with the band Magnum keeping the party going into the wee hours of the morning.

To finish the celebrations, a spectacular Fireworks show rounded out the evening.

It was a great day of fun and entertainment to mark the Ogema Ag Societies 100th Anniversary. The weather could not have been better and the day was a spectacular success.



Frontier Days 2014 - Multi-Cultural Pavilion Celebrating Community



Frontier Days welcomed support from the Community Initiatives Fund and Sask Culture towards the Multi-Cultural Pavilion. This Centennial Year offered an ideal opportunity to celebrate our growing rich diversity with many stories and traditions being exchanged. A tented venue was provided for visitors and participants throughout Southwest Saskatchewan to connect with our rich Western history and the variety of cultural societies. Invitations were sent with the request for groups to showcase their communities through interactive displays and presentations.

Each group made a commitment of 1, 2, 3, or 4 days. The hours were from 4:00 pm – 7:30 pm on Thursday, and on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday - 12:00 noon to 7:30 p.m.

The confirmed times and informational materials was printed in the Frontier Days Program. The exhibits included wall hangings and table collections, flags, pictures, music, dance, art work, food and crafts – all were set up around the tent pavilion. This family atmosphere also included a stage, technical equipment, and audience seating in the center.



Representatives of a variety of cultural

SAASE worked with SaskCulture, as well as the Moose Jaw Exhibition, Biggar Ag Society and the Swift Current Ag and Ex on a cultural pilot project beginning last year. Below is a article submitted by the Swift Current Ag and Ex on their cultural project.

The Swift Current Frontier Days theme, “Saddle Up for the Ride of a Century” celebrated 100 years of the City of Swift Current on June 26, 27, 28, 29, 2014. This memorable Ride of the Century began with the traditional Burning of the Frontier Days’ Brand Pancake Breakfast, and continued throughout the next 4 days

with something for everyone. Events included the CCA rodeo, 4H Livestock and Equine competitions, (Miniature horses, Ranch Horse, Heavy Horse, Lighthorse); Doc’s Town Heritage Village, Commercial Exhibits, Celebrating Past / Present/ Future Parade, International Grandstand entertainment, family entertainment, cabarets, local musicians, beer gardens, Saloon, fair food, and spectacular fireworks closed the event in good ol’ Western style. Added attractions featured free stage entertainment at the SIGA Pavilion, a Heritage Pavilion and the Multi-Cultural Pavilion.

Frontier Days continued

societies and service clubs participated: African – Ngala Odiyo (exhibitor, Swift Current); Columbian Dancers (dance group, Regina); Filipino (Music group, Swift Current); Scandinavian (Exhibitor, food, Swift Current); Metis (Exhibits, food – Swift Current; Fiddler and Jigger from Saskatoon); Bollywood Dancers (presenters, Swift Current); Newcomer Welcome Center (display, Swift Current); Aboriginal drummers and dancers (Southwest area); and the Kent Family Circus – International cultural presenters of multi nationalities (Exhibitor and performers). The 26,000 visitors to Frontier Days had the opportunity to visit the pavilion. Numerous guests toured the pavilion, interacted with



presenters and enjoyed the variety of stage performances.

Swift Current's biggest summer attraction Frontier Days – Regional Fair and Rodeo, continues to be the Show Window of the Southwest. The Swift Current Ag & Ex, along with

the City of Swift Current, welcomes everyone home for Frontier Days 2015 – June 25th-29th. See you down the trail!

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Yorkton Heart & Hooves Drill Team

Saskatchewan's Agricultural Societies have always worked with youth groups and promoted youth activities and education. We are all looking for different programs that we can introduce to get our youth involved. The Yorkton Exhibition, with the financial assistance of the Venture Project program, have organized the Heart



and Hooves Youth Drill Team. Equestrian Drill Teams are becoming more and more popular and the Yorkton Exhibition saw an opportunity to introduce a great new youth program. Below is the report submitted by the Yorkton Exhibition.

The Hearts & Hooves Drill Team is comprised of 18 members from the ages of 8 to 21 years old. To start the program the Yorkton Exhibition sent out a general invite to equine groups to see who would be interested in becoming part of the team. The response was excellent and the Drill Team was put together. The leader is Elwood Turner, an accomplished horseman and retired Community Pasture manager. The group meets once a week to practice. They performed at the Yorkton Summer Fair each of the 4 days as well as at the Pony Chuck Wagon Races in August also in Yorkton. They are booked for the 4 days of the Grain Millers Harvest Showdown in November as well.

The drill team does a 15 minute show accompanied by music comprised of various maneuvers on horseback at a walk and trot. The members design the show themselves with help from the instructors. The improvement of both the horses and young riders throughout the summer has been very noticeable and the excitement and enthusiasm of the kids has proven that this new project will only become stronger in the future.

The Yorkton Exhibition supplies the arena and stabling for practices and shows as well as sound, feed, and bedding for the horses and financial support as required. The Yorkton Co-op came on board as well and purchased saddle pads for each horse.

This is a great event which we feel can become a project for any Agricultural Society. We invite any association wanting more information to call the Yorkton Exhibition office. We believe that in the future there could be drill team competitions throughout the province as other organizations sponsor such a project. It has been a great project for the YEA and it really is great to see how the members and parents of the drill team have enjoyed and committed to the new project. The team is presently investigating other shows/fall fairs to attend and is planning a clinic this fall.



X-Treme Redneck Day a Big Hit in Perdue



The Perdue Agricultural Society had run their Redneck games the night before the fair and it always had excellent participation. It was felt that they would be able to make it bigger and better and make it a standalone event. The Perdue Ag. Society applied and received seed money to help them out with the event. The Redneck Day was a great success and plans are underway for next year. Below is the report from Annaleigh Lebruno - one of the event organizers.

The sun was shining as competitors and spectators started filling up the South Grounds in Perdue, SK on July 1st 2014. With approximately 500 people through the gate to enjoy our 3 major events along with the TNT Monster Truck Ride, which was a hit with both young and old!



We started our day with Lawnmower Racing in the Sand Arena, with 7 competitors, 3 local and 4 from the Lawn Mower Fanatics Alberta Organization. We ended with a kids race on battery operated kid's toys, although we only had one lone competitor, in that category but he sure had a blast!

Our next event was the Mudfling we had several competitors in each category as well as the ATV's. Once again the Foot Race was a highlight through the mudpit. Our final event was our Redneck Games, having done this for the past 3 years it always draws a large crowd. Not only does our linguistically talented announcer Jason Shields entertain the crowd with his antics but everyone enjoys watching the participants work their way towards the coveted crushed beer can trophy. The highly anticipated Greased Pig race was once again a huge success as the crowd cheered on the competitors to quickly catch those little piggies.

We ended the day with a delicious Pig Roast supper, the music from the cabaret featuring "The Mudmen" and a final Fireworks show. A huge thank you to all the organizing committee's and volunteers who made this day a huge success. Everyone certainly had a great day, many promising to be back next year. Mark your calendar's for the 2nd Annual Perdue X-Treme Redneck Day July 1, 2015 in Perdue!

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September 2014

5-7	Barrel Racing, Futurity & Derby	Melville
5-7	Rodeo	Estevan
6	Light Horse Show	Estevan
13-14	Melville Fair	Melville
20	Giant Flea Market	Melfort
26-28	Ranchman's Ridin' & Recitin' and Young Ranchmans Livestock Show	Swift Current
27	Rare & Exotic Fall Sale	Lloydminster
27	Fall Flea Market	Yorkton

October 2014

3-4	Unity Trade Show & Fall Fair	Unity
7-9	AG EXperience	Saskatoon
9	Fall Fair	Broadview
10-12	Bull Riders of Canada	Lloydminster
10-12	Chokecherry Festival	Lancer
10-12	Sask Appaloosa Horse Show	Moose Jaw
16-19	Sask Reining Horse Show	Moose Jaw
16-17	Safety Day Coordinators Workshop	Regina
18	Knitting Workshop	Vanscoy
21	Harvest Festival	Lloydminster
24-25	Whistlestop Craft Show	Moose Jaw
25-26	Pumpkin Festival	Radisson
26	Trade & Fall Fair	Denzil
30	Stock Dog Trial	Lloydminster
30-1	36th Annual Stockade Roundup	Lloydminster
31-2	Band City Kennel Club Dog Show	Moose Jaw

November 2014

1-2	Mistletoe Gift and Craft Sale	North Battleford
1-2	Focus on Christmas	Prince Albert

1	14th Annual Ranch Horse Competition	
	2 yr old Prospect Show & Sale	Lloydminster
5-8	Grain Millers Harvest Showdown	Yorkton
18	Country Christmas	Carnduff
19-21	CAFE Convention	Vancouver
22	Christmas Bash	Lloydminster
22	Turkey Bingo	Vanscoy
24-29	Canadian Western Agribition	Regina
29	Small Business Xmas Party	Saskatoon

December 2014

5-6	Small Business Xmas Party	Saskatoon
6	Small Business Xmas Party	Prince Albert
13	Small Business Xmas Party	Saskatoon
31	New Years Eve Party	Saskatoon

If you have any events you would like to add to our list, please contact the SAASE office at **306-565-2121** or email gduck.saase@sasktel.net




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