

Venture Projects 2019

Vanscoy and Delisle Partner on Fair

The Vanscoy & District Agricultural Society just celebrated their 36th annual Fair on September 7th. This was our Year 2 in the Venture Project and our continuing theme was, “Bring Back the Fair.” We had an incredible turnout, great weather, fantastic entertainment, and an increase in exhibits/memberships.

One of our main goals this year with our Venture Project was to increase participation of youth and school exhibits. We are very proud to announce that we did it! We had 57 student memberships issued from the Delisle Elementary School and \$129 was awarded to these students! Working alongside their art teacher, Mrs. Langford, was a pleasure and it was such a great experience for the children in the community to come and view their exhibits on display.

Our second goal was to increase our committee members/volunteers. Recently, our Agricultural Society purchased a stand alone banner that we placed at the entrance of the Senior Center at our Exhibitor Hall alongside a table that had a recruitment page with it for individuals to take home. On this slip it had information about what we do, our events, and different roles that need support within our group. We listed our next event (Turkey Bingo) along with our AGM date and time. We were successful at recruiting one member this year during the event and a couple former





volunteers came back to join us this year at the Fair. We are still eagerly searching for volunteers but are hopefully a few more will join before the end of the year.

Our last goal was to continue to demonstrate that we are a viable and active group in our community that promotes rural living in our community. Our 2019 Fair was our best in years. It was a fun filled event that we worked with the Delisle & District Recreation Board to bring Fall Fest 2019 to our local community. The partnership is the best of both worlds as we need each other to continue on. This year was similar to last, it was a three day lead up to our Fair that consisted of a Senior Supper, Community Registration/Meet the Teacher night, Exhibit drop offs/Family Dance evening, a parade (which we were part of), and a day filled with the Fair, a street market, children's entertainment (balloon twister, clown, games, and a petting zoo), family bingo and a cake that best described our partnership! The Fall Fest week ended with a community church service and a pancake breakfast on Sunday. Many new families came in to look at our exhibits and we all heard a vast amount of chatter surrounding, "Oh, I'm going to enter this next year..." Words like that are music to our ears as we are obviously making our presences known and bringing back the fair.



Yorkton Exhibition Summer Fair Rodeo



The Painted Hand Casino Outdoor Rodeo was held July 4th & 6th, 2019 as part of the Yorkton Exhibition Summer Fair and with the support of SAASE Venture Project funding went very well!

Experienced rodeo stock contractor Jim Lawrence from Prime Time Rodeo was hired as the stock contractor and was a big help for our Directors and volunteers to prepare the site and set up outside in front of the grandstand for two great shows.

The chutes, pens and arena were set up directly across from the grandstand and the announcer booth along with the timers and judges were located in the infield on the East side of the arena. The first performance was held Thursday, July 4th at 7:00 p.m. and filled the stands. We complemented the rodeo with some kids events





including mutton busting and wild pony races. We did have some issues with the dirt and arena sand, but after much discussion necessary steps will be taken in 2020 to have the best surface possible for competitors. We also had a beer garden to the North of the grandstand and multiple concessions which helped give our patrons a great outdoor experience! Both the athletes and the stock gave a great performance!

Unfortunately Mother Nature was not kind to us for the Saturday, July 6th performance as we saw a substantial amount of rain throughout the rodeo performance. While the team roping competitors chose not to go ahead, the rodeo carried on and put on a great show regardless of the rain and mud! Even with the poor weather on Saturday, we received many favourable comments from spectators, competitors and sponsors alike.

We feel the outdoor rodeo is a great addition to our summer fair and are looking forward to 2020 as the Yorkton Exhibition Summer Fair & Outdoor Rodeo falls on July 1st and will be part of our exciting Canada Day celebrations! (Submitted by the Yorkton Exhibition)



Nipawin Brings Back 4H Horse Show

This year marked the first year of the Nipawin 4H Horse Show! The last time the 4H show took place was back in 1995. We had some members on our Light Horse Committee who had previously competed in the show, and they put in a lot of input as to how we could bring it back. Member numbers were also increasing in the local 4H clubs for horse projects, and the Committee thought it would be a good stepping stone for 4H members to experience the show atmosphere without the competitiveness of an open show environment.

First and foremost, we wanted to emphasize the 4H motto - "Learn to do by doing". We knew some of these kids would have never set foot inside a show pen before, so we purposely made it low-key to ease any intimidation. There were 3 show classes and 3 gymkhana classes offered, which allowed 4H members to try a little bit of everything. To introduce the 4Hers to new events, we had a reining

demonstration performed by our judge Henry Schellenberg, as well as a goat tying demonstration by local High School Rodeo competitors Sarah and Lauren Demmans. During the afternoon clubs were able to participate in the Nipawin Parade, and after that Henry Schellenberg led a horsemanship clinic for all the 4H members.

The classes had a points-based system, which allowed for some friendly competition among clubs. Whoever had the most points by the end of the day won a trophy, which is actually the resurrected trophy from previous 4H Shows. All competitors also received prizes, thanks to our generous sponsors.



As the Light Horse Director, my goal was to have at least 2 clubs participate, so we would be able to have a competition. We ended up with 5 clubs being represented from North-East Saskatchewan, and 15 members participating. This was excellent to see, and we received a lot of positive feedback from members who want to come again next year!

Our goals for next year are to extend the invitation to clubs outside of the North-East area, as well as bring in more members from clubs who have competed already. We would love to be able to offer more prizes and opportunities for 4H members to showcase their skills.

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Biggar Ag Days a Huge Success



Biggar and District Agricultural Days was held in Biggar Recreation Valley June 29, 30 & July 1, 2019. The weekend activities started off with the SHF sanctioned horse show with record number of entries in the valley. Flora Shenlee provided a delicious Supper in the Valley which was well attended. The traditional Filipino cuisine along with western options was a hit! The kids cabaret was fun for kids of all ages, face painting, games, prizes, bouncy castle and soccer field made it a great night for everyone. Throughout the weekend we had a variety of Agricultural vendors attend and set up in the valley along with the tradeshow. The weekend was both educational and a celebration of our western culture, something to enjoy when the hard work of farming gives us a break.

The Renowned Red White Gold Slot Race and Jackpot was held on Sunday and did not disappoint. Part of the day was a Trick Riding demonstration and dummy roping competition. These activities were new to many people attending this year and equally enjoyed. We wound up the weekend with a Canada Day celebration to pay honour to the great country we live in. Great weekend overall!



Bikes and Bulls Finishes Up 3rd Year



The Lloydminster Exhibition's Bikes and Bulls was the first 3 year Venture project that the SAASE board of Directors approved. The SAASE Board felt that moving the Venture Project program to allow a project to be approved for 3 years would give the Agricultural Society a better opportunity to make the project succeed. Since then both Nipawin and Vanscoy have been approved for 3 year projects. SAASE budgets money every year for the Venture Project program and all of our Agricultural Societies are encouraged to apply if you have a new program or are wanting to enhance an existing program. Below is the report submitted by the Lloydminster Exhibition for their Bulls and Bikes event.

The Lloydminster Agricultural Exhibition Association (LAEA) was approached by 2 prominent local stock contractors in 2017 to discuss the Canadian bucking bull industry. They had indicated that there is a need for more events and activities that involve bucking bull development in Canada. Through our conversations a program was developed that will support and enhance the Canadian bucking bull industry and its continued development. The event is held during our Colonial Days Fair program on the Friday night.

The event filled the void that was created when we made a significant change in our fair programming, where we removed Chuckwagon racing from the schedule. We replaced 3 days of wagon racing with 2 days of Monster Truck and Tuff truck shows. Although this was successful, it did leave a void with our rural sector. The new event satisfied that rural sector and, being an extreme event, it proved to be a large draw for the urban sector and brought them to a Canadian bucking bull event.

We had a very successful year three. 52-2 year old bulls were bucked in the morning/afternoon with a decent crowd. We were able to have CFCW come on board again and be a major media sponsor which gave our event even better exposure. We were also able to offer a 'behind the chutes' experience for major sponsors and that was extremely successful – we will be continue this feature every year.



We continued with a ladies division which saw 6 ladies compete. The women had to flank their own bulls and this component is becoming more popular at other bull bucking events.

We had our PBR event later in the evening starting at 6pm. We had a great evening of outstanding performance that left the crowd on the edge of their seats. We had a long go of 25 riders and then a short go of the top 10. It made for a great evening. We had a packed house and grandstand for the evening performance and great weather to crown our champion.

We thank SAASE for the support of this new event over the past 3 years that has made our fair that much better.



Nipawin Finishes up Year 2 of Venture Project



The Nipawin Exhibition has one of the Venture Projects that has been approved for funding over 3 years. The criteria for SAASE's venture project Program has changed so that a project can be funded for up to 3 years. Below is an article submitted by the Nipawin Exhibition on this year's project

The 2019 Nipawin Parade was a huge success! We had over 70 entries this year ranging from floats, to horses, to old vehicles. Our theme this year was "Favorite Old Movies".

It was held on Sunday, July 14th at 3pm with a free fun time in the town square to follow. This year we added the PA Highlanders band to the parade. The cost was



\$700.00 but the Nipawin Lions Club sponsored that for us.

We had a few kid's decorate their bikes and qualify to win cool prizes donated by Abrahams Grocery. There was not a lot of interest though so not sure we will try that again next year or add it to the festivities afterwards maybe?

We had budgeted \$1000.00 and our only cost was for paper supplies and wooden stakes to Handiworks for \$111.00. Everything else was donated including Thank You donuts bought by Demmans Janitorial for the RCMP (for sending so many officers to march on such a hot day), and Thomas Motors and Pines Power Sports for the use of their quads.

We had so much fun planning that we hope to make the parade even bigger and better next year.



Queen City Ex - The Farm

The Queen City Ex in Regina has been working at bringing agriculture back to their fair. SAASE have been working with them - helping them out wherever we can as far as resources are concerned. Below is a summary of how the second year went.

2019 marked the second year that the Queen City Exhibition has brought Agriculture back to our summer fair. Last year The Farm utilized a space of roughly 10,000 square feet. This year The Farm expanded to use a space

of 43,615 square feet. Granted the entire area wasn't used for The Farm it was still a marked increase in terms of the overall footprint. This year the area focused on three main components: Friendly Farm Petting Zoo, Safety at the Farm



and an Entertainment Zone.

The Friendly Farm Petting Zoo was a massive success! It was by far one of our most bustling areas and our initial feedback has been extremely positive. People of all ages were able to pet, feed and ask all types of questions regarding how the animals are being raised and cared for (as well as many more). It was largely an urban population that took in The Farm so people that



aren't very aware, or familiar with, agriculture were able to learn more about farm animals. The staff of Ol' McDale's was extremely insightful and always able to answer questions.

Safety at the Farm was in integral part of the 2019 Queen City Ex. The Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA) brought an interactive table top display, SaskPower displayed an electrical safety demonstration (including over-head dangers) and Mosaic brought a wealth of information regarding potash, its utility and safety surrounding the mineral.

The Entertainment Zone included the Magic Bean Show, Kids Petal Tractor, Sunflower Saddle Ranch and Inflatable Corn Maze. This area was fantastic for kids to release some energy and be in a "farm-like" setting. The Magic Bean



show in particular was educational in nature and generally well attended.

Next year, we'd like to increase the exposure of Crops at the Farm. With more support from local and provincial agencies there is room to plan more programming in relation to crops that are grown locally, their value provincially, domestically and internationally in addition to increased awareness and understanding of the role that our local crops play in the economy.

Vanscoy Host Pulse Workshop

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



WINTER PULSE SOCIAL

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

Family Friendly | Silver Collection

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

Vanscoy & District
Agricultural
Society



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

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



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

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



8th Annual Saskatchewan Equine Expo

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

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

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

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

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



Regina Brings the Rodeo to the Fair

2019 marked the inaugural year of the Queen City Exhibition Pile O' Bones Rodeo. The three day event was a major undertaking and overall it was also a major success. Each night the average attendance of the Rodeo was above 2,100. Considering that there were countless other places for guests to spend their time we consider this attendance to be above average for year one.

With the help of the C5 Rodeo Company Inc. and Canadian Western Agribition our REAL team was able to put together a pro rodeo that we could all

feel proud of. We are of the opinion that year one was our launching pad and that moving forward there is so much that we can adjust and refine in order to put on the best event possible!

By bringing in world class stock, athletes, announcers and organizers, the Pile O' Bones Rodeo ran seamlessly and captivated the audience with a powerful pyro display and opening ceremony that paid homage to the history of Regina



and why it was once referred to as Pile of Bones. This event was unique to Regina and this helped make it our own. The acknowledgement that Regina is situated on Treaty 4 land and an indigenous pow wow dancer helped to solidify the Pile O' Bones Rodeo as uniquely our own. With three full evenings of heart-pounding excitement this event did not disappoint. From the collective gasps of the crowd when a bareback horse would toss it's rider to the comedic relief brought on by the Announcer there was something for everyone to enjoy.

Battlefords Ag Society Hosts Agrimex

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

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



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

