



2025 Annual  
Report



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# 2025 Membership

Abernethy Ag. Society  
Alameda Ag. Society  
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Bengough Ag. Society  
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Elstow Ag. Society  
Estevan Exhibition  
Fairmede Ag. Society  
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Hanley Ag. Society  
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Kelvington Ag. Society  
Kerrobert Ag. Society  
Lancer Ag. Society  
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Maidstone Ag. Society  
Maple Creek Ag. Society  
Maryfield Ag. Society  
Meadow Lake Ag. Society  
Melfort Ag. Society  
Melville Agri-Park  
Moose Jaw Exhibition  
Moosomin Ag. Society  
Mortlach Ag. Society  
Nipawin Ag. Society  
Nokomis Ag. Society

Ogema Ag. Society  
Perdue Ag. Society  
Prince Albert Exhibition  
Radisson Ag. Society  
Redvers Ag. Society  
Regina REAL  
Rosthern Ag. Society  
St. Walburg Ag. Society  
Saskatoon Prairieland Park  
Shand Ag. Society  
Shaunavon Ag. Society  
Spiritwood Ag. Society  
Stoughton Ag. Society  
Swift Current Exhibition  
Unity Ag. Society  
Vanscoy Ag. Society  
Weyburn Ag. Society  
Whitewood Ag. Society  
Yorkton Exhibition



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## **Our Vision:**

“We see communities coming together in positive interaction, experiencing a deep appreciation for our rural heritage, while embracing new cultures and expanding borders.”

## **Our Mission:**

“To dynamically encourage, leverage, contribute and communicate programs and services which address member challenges, leading to healthy, sustainable community foundations.”

## **Our Mantra:**

**SAASE, Making a Difference**

**In all that it is and all that it does,**

**SAASE makes a difference:**

**For its members and volunteers**

**For agriculture**

**For Saskatchewan communities**



# Member Services

- Provincial marketing campaign
- Agricultural awareness
- Providing educational opportunities
- coordinating services to members
- advocating on behalf of member's interests
- saskatchewan agricultural societies program (SASP)
- saase newsletter
- fair judge program
- apprentice judge program
- agricultural societies manual
- saskenergy volunteer champion awards
- honorary life membership program
- saase annual convention
- agricultural workshops
- Food for saskatchewan-food for the world Agricultural education program
- Access to Professional and industry experts
- Associate member program
- provincial safety day program
- Clark and Anne Lewis scholarships
- Dalglish Family Scholarships - West Coast Amusements
- Agricultural Societies Economic impact study



# Honorary Life Members

SAASE recognizes the outstanding contribution of its Honorary Life Members. This award acknowledges lifetime of dedicated service to the local society and the community, as well as a significant contribution provincially and nationally.

2025

Linda Cheney, Vanscoy  
Darlene and Gerald Swanson, Creelman  
Linda Stevenson, Vanscoy

2024

Tracey Stevenson, Swift Current  
Tyler Metheral, Weyburn  
Roy Obst, Creelman  
Bob & Kathy Rusnak, Yorkton

2023

Gerald Swanson, Creelman  
Darlene Swanson, Creelman  
Linda Stevens, Vanscoy  
Linda Cheney, Vanscoy

2022

Elaine Sperle, Unity  
Lee Bellows, Moose Jaw  
Irene Lacoursiere, Unity  
Margaret MacDonald, Kelvington

2021

Mike Sidoryk, Lloydminster  
Myrtle Chambers, Maryfield

2019

Linda Wright, Vanscoy

2017

Mike and Doreen Babecy, Kelvington  
Neal and Rae Keefe, Weyburn

2016

Lawrence Bodnar, Prince Albert  
John Eberle, Battlefords  
Annette Horne, Shaunavon  
Peter Bygrove, Lloydminster

2015

Linda Grimard, Prince Albert  
Gloria Peterson, Elstow  
Norman & Muriel Geck, Kelvington

2014

Joyce Walter, Moose Jaw  
Ernie Wilson, Moose Jaw

2013

Marion Nordell, Turtleford  
Rollie Nordell, Turtleford  
Robert Sproule, Melfort  
Edna McCall, Abernethy  
Diane Hrechuk, Elstow  
George Belchamber, Nipawin  
Gloria Perkins, Nipawin

2012

Cecil Douglas Smith, Swift Current  
Roger Mayert, Prince Albert

2011

Norman Flaten, Weyburn  
Ron Metheral, Weyburn

2010

Bernard Kemick, Swift Current  
Lillian May Goldsmith, Maryfield  
Ruth Szmuto, Moosomin  
Isabelle Polvi, Moosomin

2009

Elizabeth McMahon, Perdue  
Irene Greer, Battlefords  
Olive Haughian, Unity  
Doreen Leslie, Unity  
Freda McCallum, Unity

2008

Archie Shaver, Bengough  
Millie Gibson, Perdue  
Doug Dunlop, Battlefords  
Freda Longman, Maryfield

2007

Helen Sapsford, Perdue  
Joan Bibby, Prince Albert  
Les Camm, Elstow

2005

Judy Reimer, SAASE  
Isabel Barnsley, Abernethy

2004

Ruth Allan, Creelman  
Vera Wyshynski, Elstow

2003

Florence Cathcart, Perdue

2002

Vernon Featherstone, Perdue  
Rose and Bill Kalyinka, Elstow

2001

Willie Carnegie, Creelman

2000

Carmen Bibby, Prince Albert  
Taras (Terry) Korol, Canora

1999

Mary Davis, Creelman  
Doreen Hewitt, Perdue  
James MacLean, Arcola  
Earle Mansell, Nokomis

Albert Mennie, Kelvington  
Beatrice Rugg, Elstow

1998

Edith Andison, Perdue  
Chester Ray, Creelman  
Irene Turpie, Moosomin

1997

Marj Garnier, Redvers  
Mabel Handyside, Connaught  
Clark Lewis, Fairmede  
Vic Sommerfield, Saskatoon

1996

Fred Dawes, Abernethy  
Gordon Johnston, Creelman  
Barry C. Rugg, Elstow  
Allan F. Smith, Swift Current

1995

Mildred Clements, Fairmede

1994

Fred Rooke, Saltcoats  
Albert Smith, Central Butte  
Jean Taylor, Perdue

1993

Kenneth Douglas, Melfort  
Stewart Elliott, Prince Albert  
Annie Griffith, Fairmede  
Joan Elaine Lee, Invermay

1992

Delcie Isobel Beeler, Nokomis  
Paul Berger, Central Butte  
Donald Griffin, Alameda  
Mildred Owens, Connaught

1991

Norm Edwards, Melfort  
Samuel Kirkham, Saltcoats  
Donald John Mott, Creelman  
Rocky Rochelle, Saskatoon

1990

Elliott Andrew Andison, Perdue  
Grover Heavin, Melfort  
Daryl Keith Hooper, Golburn

1989

Chester S. Miller, Battlefords  
Clifford Swenson, Prince Albert

1988

Donald Lyster, Abernethy  
Alfred E. Whitely, Grendfell



# Executive Director/Board Report

2025 has been a very busy year for SAASE and definitely one of transition. The SAASE Board of Directors have been working very hard throughout 2025. I had indicated to the Board of Directors that I would be retiring at the end of 2025. SAASE contracted outside help to assist in putting together a succession plan that can be implemented in 2025 to add a new Executive Director to SAASE. Our Directors put in many hours to ensure that the transition would be a smooth one. The Board of Director's have contracted Bianca Hard- en to be the new SAASE Executive Director. Bianca bring with her a great deal of experience in Agriculture, as well as leadership and sponsorship. SAASE is well positioned as we move forward in to 2026.

I have had the honour and pleasure of working with our Agricultural Societies and volunteers over my past 20 years with SAASE. The dedication of the volunteers in our Agricultural Societies and their communities is truly amazing and I have been so lucky to be part of that. I would like to thank everyone for their support and all their help. I will miss the Fair business, but am thankful for all the friends that I have made over the years.

SAASE programming in the past year has been very strong. The Venture Project Program continues to be a great way for our Agricultural Societies to access funding for new events or to enhance existing events. Tourism Saskatchewan once again helped us out with funding by adding an additional \$45,000 to the funding pool. The SAASE Board of Directors continues to evaluate the program. In addition to the Venture Project part of the program there is also the Digital Enhancement section available to members. Take a look at all of the various events and programming that were funded in the following pages. We look forward to working with Tourism Saskatchewan once again in 2026 and are excited about all of the projects that we know will be coming forward.

The Provincial Safety Day Program continues to be an excellent program as our Agricultural Societies work with our communities and schools on teaching our children about safety. 12 safety days were hosted in 2025 - with a safety display part of the Agricultural Education section at Agribition. Our Safety Day

Coordinators workshop took place at our convention in Yorkton and we will once again be hosting that at our convention in 2026 in Swift Current. We look forward to 2026 with 17 safety days tentatively scheduled. A big thanks to all of our partners including the Progressive Agriculture Foundation, Canadian Agricultural Safety Association, Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture, the Community Initiatives Fund and SaskPower. In addition to our Safety Days, SAASE was also able to help out with Ag Awareness programming. SAASE was approved through the Agricultural Awareness Initiative Program for funding to add a new agricultural display and make it available to our Ag Societies. The Ag Experience gives children the opportunity to learn about agriculture through a variety of interactive games on tablets. There are games on Pork, Poultry, Dairy, Beef, and Grains. The display was at Harvest Showdown in Yorkton, the Frost Festival in Regina, Canadian Western Agribition, discover the Farm in Swift Current, the Lloydminster Exhibition, the Estevan Exhibition and the Weyburn Exhibition. We look forward to having the display out this year with the Mosaic Potash display, as well as the brand new Sask-Milk 360 Interactive Game.

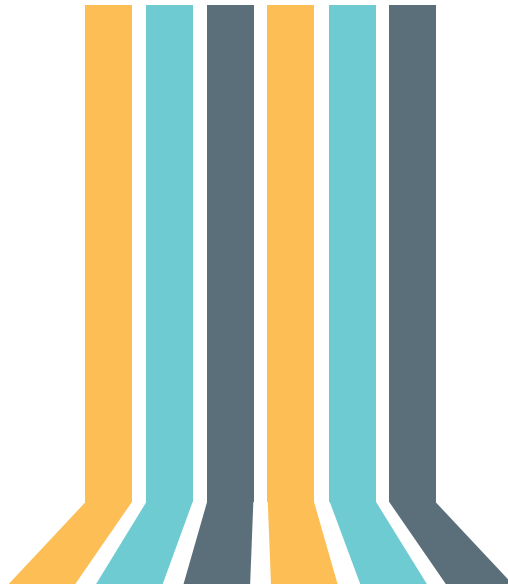
The SaskEnergy Volunteer Champion Awards recognize the volunteers who have made our Agricultural Societies and their communities great. We recognized those great volunteers at the Yorkton convention and have some outstanding individuals that we will be recognizing in Swift Current. We would like to thank SaskEnergy for their continued commitment to the awards.

2025 was a year of transition for SAASE, but Saskatchewan's Agricultural Societies continue to play an enormous role in bringing our communities together. We have always been the heart of our communities. Our Agricultural Societies are where our communities come together - we have been that for over 130 years - and we will continue to have a great influence on our communities and the province.

Glen Duck



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# Programs 2025

## Scholarship Winners

### **Jyllian Payak - nominated by the Weyburn Agriculture Society**

Jyllian Payak as an exceptionally dedicated, high-achieving, and well-rounded student who consistently demonstrates strong character, leadership, and work ethic. Her teachers and mentors highlight her academic excellence, noting that she maintains an average above 90% across all subjects, excelling particularly in math and science, where she shows strong analytical and problem-solving abilities.

Jyllian was deeply involved in her school community, participating in Student Representative Council, AP English, band, choir, Rise Choir, cross-country, and track and field. Her instructors emphasize that despite her busy schedule, she continues to excel academically and remains reliable, organized, and committed. She is described as someone who puts others first, contributes positively to every environment she enters, and leads by example.

Beyond school, Jyllian is highly active in 4-H, where she has taken on roles such as Secretary and Club President, consistently producing high-quality project work and supporting younger members. She also contributes extensively to her community and church, volunteering in music programs, fundraisers, Sunday School, community meals, and charitable initiatives. Her musical directors praise her as a talented vocalist, a disciplined performer, and an inspiring leader who brings kindness, dedication, and professionalism to every project.



### **Luke Gessel- nominated by the Vanscoy and District Agricultural Society**

Luke Gessell is an 18-year-old student from Delisle who graduated high school with a 91% average and was selected as his class valedictorian. He has started his studies at the Edwards School of Business at the University of Saskatchewan in the fall of 2025, with long-term goals of pursuing a business-oriented career, potentially within his family farm operation.

Throughout high school, Luke was actively involved in a wide range of extracurricular activities that strengthened his leadership, teamwork, and personal development. He played football, competed in track and field, participated in the Student Leadership Council, joined the Travel Club, and took part in the Care Partner Program, building a meaningful mentorship connection with a younger student.

His interests extend beyond school as well, he enjoys hunting, fishing, sports such as hockey and golf, and has been dedicated to music for 13 years, playing both guitar and piano. Fitness is also a priority for him, and he maintains a rigorous workout schedule. Luke has also developed a strong work ethic through diverse employment experiences. As a summer student for the Town of Delisle, he contributed to maintenance and community projects, while his work as an operator at G3 Farms provided valuable hands-on agricultural and machinery experience. Additional roles at Low n Show BBQ and babysitting for local families helped him build customer service skills, responsibility, and strong communication abilities. In his community, Luke is known as a reliable and engaged volunteer. His contributions include helping run Fun Night, assisting with coaching a U13 boys' team, supporting the football team in moving bleachers for the Delisle Rodeo, selling 50/50 tickets at hockey games, and helping set up and take down Safety Day events. His consistent involvement demonstrates a commitment to leadership, service, and teamwork both within and beyond the school environment.



### **Mya Verville - nominated by the Creelman Agricultural Society**

Mya Verville is described as an exceptional young leader whose strong character, reliability, and work ethic make her highly deserving of recognition. The Creelman Agricultural Society highlights her commitment, communication skills, and leadership abilities, noting that she serves as a positive example for her peers. They also emphasize her future plans to pursue Veterinary Technology at Saskatchewan Polytechnic, demonstrating her dedication to meaningful career goals.

Those who have worked with Mya in the community consistently praise her dependability and willingness to help wherever she is needed. She has volunteered extensively at the Creelman rink, annual dinner theatre, and Creelman Fair, contributing to food preparation, customer service, facility upkeep, and creating a welcoming atmosphere for community members. Her strong teamwork skills, adaptability, and positive attitude have left a lasting impact, and she is highly recommended for any opportunity she pursues.

At school, Mya is recognized as both an outstanding student and an influential leader. She has maintained Honor Roll standing for every eligible year and is regarded as a role model whose presence will be deeply missed. Her leadership experience includes serving on the Student Representative Council since grade 11, stepping into an executive role, organizing events, taking meeting minutes, and representing the school at the provincial Student Leadership Conference. Her initiative brought new ideas and energy to her school community. She also contributed significantly by coaching the junior basketball team, demonstrating maturity, adaptability, and a strong sense of responsibility.

Mya's volunteerism extends far beyond the school walls, with years of involvement in Creelman community activities such as the dinner theatre, fall suppers, rink operations, and the annual fair. Her teachers and community leaders consistently describe her as hardworking, compassionate, and dependable, a young adult with a bright future who will undoubtedly succeed in any path she chooses.

**Jordanna Watrych- nominated by the Yorkton Agricultural & District Exhibition Association Ltd.**

Jordanna Watrych is highly praised for her exceptional work ethic, professionalism, and commitment, which were evident from the moment she joined the Yorkton Exhibition in 2023 as a high-school volunteer. Even in her earliest roles, she demonstrated maturity and reliability beyond her years, quickly becoming a dependable member of the team.



Initially assisting in the office during preparations for the Grain Millers Harvest Showdown, Jordanna soon proved her strengths were best utilized on the event floor. She excelled in setup, operations, and ensuring smooth event execution, consistently showing punctuality, initiative, and a willingness to take on additional tasks. Her strong performance earned her a permanent staff position.

Throughout 2024, Jordanna took on increasing responsibilities across major events including the 4-H Spring Steer & Heifer Show, Spring Expo, Truck & Tractor Pulls, the Summer Fair, and the Harvest Showdown. Her full-time summer role showcased her versatility as she worked in show and sale setup, grounds maintenance, equipment operation and repair, and track upkeep. Her leadership abilities became even more evident when she successfully led the grounds crew for the Harvest Showdown, gaining respect from staff, directors, exhibitors, and promoters alike.



Jordanna embodies the values of the Yorkton Exhibition, particularly its mission to promote agriculture through educational and engaging events. She is thoughtful, vocal with ideas, and deeply passionate about the agriculture industry.

# Whitewood/Yorkton Hosts 2025 Provincial 4 H Judging Competition

SAASE and our Agricultural Societies have had a partnership with Saskatchewan 4 H for over 100 years. In addition to all the Achievement Days hosted by our Agricultural Societies - we also partner with 4 H on the Provincial Judging competition. This year's competition was held in Yorkton and was hosted by the Whitewood Agricultural society and Whitewood Regional 4 H Judging committee. Below is the report from this year's competition.

The 2025 Provincial 4-H Judging Competition was held on August 8 & 9, 2025 in Yorkton Saskatchewan, with 32 4-H members from across the province registering to attend. The event was held at the Gallagher Centre, in conjunction with 4-H Saskatchewan's Provincial 4-H Show. The Provincial Judging event was hosted by the Whitewood Regional 4-H Judging Committee, who chose to hold their event at a more accessible location. Competitors gathered on Friday August 8 for a supper with the Provincial 4-H Show competitors, followed by orientation and two judging classes: Yearling Heifers and Cow-Calf Pairs. Classes were followed by a fun evening of glo bowling!

Saturday began with a grab-and-go breakfast sponsored by the Provincial 4-H Beef Show, followed by a written exam. Competitors took in several demos throughout the day in support of

the remaining four classes: Horse, Rangeland, Grains (sponsored by Bunge) and a Beef Cut ID class. The culmination of the day was the Awards Luncheon, where several important guests, sponsors and committee members honoured the judging competitors. High point recipients for each class were announced, followed by the final 4-H Saskatchewan Team of Eight. The Team will be advancing to Canadian National 4-H & Youth Judging at Canadian Western Agribition.

Class High Points were as follows:

Yearling Heifers – Avarie Conacher, Spirit of the North Team

Cow/Calf Pairs – Curtis Hewitt, Whitewood Team



2025 Provincial 4-H Judging Competition

*Thank-you to the generous sponsors who have made this event possible:*



*Welcome, Congratulations & Good Luck!!*

Horses – Sarah Felski, Weyburn Team  
Rangeland - Curtis Hewitt, Whitewood Team  
Grain – Avrielle Brehaut, Whitewood Team

The Overall Team of Eight consisted of:  
Grand Aggregate – Avrielle Brehaut, Wawota 4-H Beef Club  
Reserve Aggregate – Payton Caldwell, Brokenshell Multiple 4-H Club



3rd – Morgan Debenham, Kennedy 4-H Beef Club  
4th – Katherine Possberg, Next Step 4-H Club  
5th – Avarie Conacher, Northern Spirit 4-H Club  
6th – Emma Thomason, Ernfold 4-H Beef Club  
7th – Curtis Hewitt, Wawota 4-H Beef Club  
8th - Hannah Caldwell, Brokenshell 4-H Beef Club

Thank you to our esteemed judges: Curtis Bucsis (Grains – presented by Bunge); Dale Weinbender (Yearling Heifers); Michael Hunter (Cow/Calf Pairs); Susan Usipiuk (Horses); and Etienne Shupena-Soulodre (Rangeland). Thanks to our stock/class suppliers: Bunge, Rusty Spurs 4-H Club, and all Provincial 4-H Show Beef Show Stock Suppliers.

Our event sponsors were SAASE, 4-H Saskatchewan, Bunge, LDC, Heartland Livestock Services, Legacy Coop, Harvest Meats, FCC and SaskMilk. Thank you for your amazing support! Special guests at this event included the Honourable David Chan, MLA of Yorkton; Deputy Mayor, Councillor Quinn Haider; Mr. Glen Duck, SAASE Executive Director; and Mr. Kendall Buhler, 4-H Saskatchewan Board of Directors representative. Thank you for joining us!



Thank you to all Team Chaperones for ensuring our competitors were safe and cared for! Chaperones were Julie Hougham, Rachele Zoerb, Stephanie Fradette, Kathleen Vogel, April Charko and Angela Chubb. Thank you also to Member Ambassadors Emery Shkopich (Awards Luncheon MC) and Dinah Buhler (Host for Special Guests) for their help!

Lastly, we extend a HUGE thank you to our hard-working committee for their diligence in planning this event! The committee was tasked with organizing this competition in conjunction with a provincial event. Thank you for your patience and diligence, Jennalee Beutler, Lori-lynn Brehaut and Jill Debenham!



# CIF Approves SAASE Safety Day Funding



## CIF Boosts Community Development with \$2.9 Million Investment in 165 Projects Across Saskatchewan

The Community Initiatives Fund has helped SAASE with the Provincial Safety Day Program over the last number of years. SAASE was fortunate enough again to have our funding request approved for the 2025 Provincial Safety Day Program. The funding that we receive helps out with the training of our volunteers, as well as the operation of the program. SAASE would like to thank the CIF for their continued support of the program and support for the communities that host safety days. Below is the press release from the CIF announcing community funding for 2025.

Fifty-eight Saskatchewan communities will experience a substantial boost as the Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) allocates \$2,902,885 to organizations throughout the province. These grants empower innovative local initiatives that promote vibrant community development and enhance the quality of life for residents. With a focus on responsiveness and creativity, this funding goes to projects that address local needs and foster collaboration, driving positive change across Saskatchewan. “Our government is proud to support the Community Initiative Fund,” Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Alana Ross said. “Their mission is to strengthen the capacity of communities and promote healthy lifestyles, the work they do enhances the quality of life for everyone in Saskatchewan.” Through the Community Grant Program, the Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) approved 165 grants aimed at enhancing the wellbeing of children, youth, families, and communities. These funded programs provide essential knowledge and skills that promote positive mental health, self-esteem, and healthy lifestyle choices for children and youth, while also ensuring families have access to necessary resources to nurture supportive environments. Additionally, funding is allocated to strengthen nonprofit organizations in areas like program delivery, governance, and volunteer engagement. “The supports and services that these programs provide are integral for the health and happiness of our province,” expressed Tracey Mann, Executive Director of the Community Initiatives Fund. “We acknowledge the dedication and skills of the hardworking staff and volunteers who make these vital programs possible, ensuring that our communities thrive and the quality of life for residents continues to improve.” The CIF is a Special Purpose Fund created through The Lotteries and Gaming Saskatchewan Corporation Act and managed by a government appointed Board of community volunteers. It is funded through a portion of the net profits from Casino’s Regina and Moose Jaw.

# Safety Day Program 2025

2025 was very busy for the Provincial Safety Day Program. Safety days were held in the following locations - Outlook, Redevers, Unity, Swift Current, Lloydminster, Yorkton, Weyburn, Estevan, Humboldt, Shaunavon, Vanscoy/Delisle and a 4 H safety day in Melfort. Safety displays were also included in the Canadian Western Agribition Agricultural Education area.

With the 11 safety days that were hosted 3845 students attended. Of the 11 safety days that were held there were a total of 40 communities that attended from the surrounding area schools. And once again the commitment of the volunteers to the safety days has been impressive. 480 volunteers donated almost 5,000 hours of their time to the safety days. Over the 13 years of the Provincial Safety Day Program more than 50,000 students have attended Saskatchewan's safety days - learning about safety, with volunteers donating more than 60,000 hours to the program.

Moving in to 2026 there are a total of 16 Safety Days tentatively scheduled across Saskatchewan. The Safety Day Coordinators workshop will again be held in conjunction with the SAASE convention in Swift Current on March 21. A big thanks to all the Agricultural societies that have hosted safety days and to all the volunteers who donate so much of their time into teaching our children about safety. If you are interested in hosting a safety day give Bianca a call at the SAASE office.



# AgExperience Hits the Road



The SAASE Ag Experience Provincial education display is a portable display incorporating the interactive components of the Saskatoon Prairieland Park Ag Experience display. The display has five different agricultural sector areas identified - grains, poultry, beef, dairy, pork. Pop up portable displays with information were produced for each agricultural sector. Tablets were purchased with interactive games adapted and loaded onto the tablets. SAASE members host many of the largest agricultural education programs in Saskatchewan for which these displays were made available. The displays were also used at Canadian Western Agribition since 2023. The portable displays are transported to various agricultural education events and shows across Saskatchewan. The Ag Experience appeared at Harvest Showdown in Yorkton since 2023, Canadian Western Agribition since 2023, Frost Festival in Regina, Estevan Exhibition, Weyburn Exhibition, Lloydminster Exhibition and Swift Current Discover the Farm. The display was on the road for a total of 49 days. The SAASE website has been updated with pictures, as well as content from the display - a video has also been produced.


Due to the Ag Experiences tremendous success, SAASE was very excited to start a brand new partnership with SaskMilk at the end of 2025. Together we created a 360 degree experience that gives kids a chance to see and experience everything that happens at a Dairy on a daily basis. The kids are able to learn and play fun games that show them important factors that go into bringing their dairy products from the farm to the store shelves. We had were able to have Aaron and Zane from Two to Launch Media work closely with SaskMilk to bring this vision and game



to life! With their knowledge and amazing story telling abilities SAASE was able to test out the game at Harvest Showdown in Yorkton and then fully launch it at Agribition. The kids loved the ability to feel like they were on the dairy farm without ever having to leave the warmth of the building.

The project objectives over the last couple of years have been met. The display has given SAASE members and partners such as Agribition access to another resource that can be used at their shows and agricultural education events. The display has been a welcome addition to two of Saskatchewan's largest Agricultural Shows - Harvest Showdown and Agribition. In addition to the Agricultural education events the display has also given SAASE members a display that can be used at Fairs and other events. If your Ag. Society is interested in having the display at your fair or agricultural education event contact the SAASE office to see about availability.





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# SAASE Introduces Digital Platform Enhancement Program

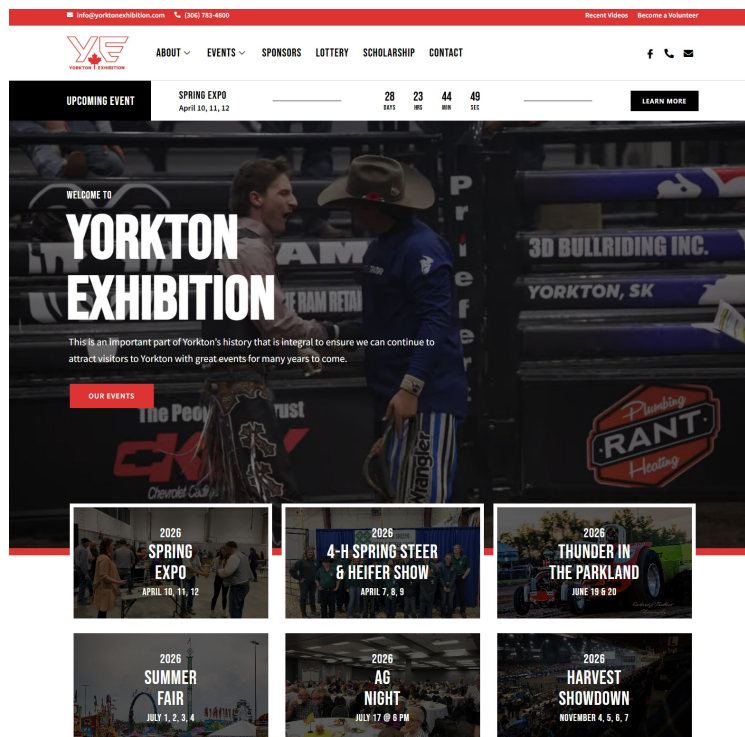
The SAASE Board of Directors updated and made some changes to the Venture Project Program in 2024. The Digital Platform Enhancement Program was added. The idea was to help fund improvements to Agricultural Societies social media platform marketing. Digital Platform Enhancements are defined as supports needed to redevelop/enhance or build a website for your Agricultural Society, develop a social media strategy using the various platforms to promote your Agricultural Society and events, developing an app for a particular event or program, as well as assisting in the training of someone to manage the website and social media.

The SAASE Board of Directors directed 25% of the Venture Project funding to the Digital Enhancement Program. The deadline for the applications is the same as the Venture Project - 1 deadline - March 31st. There were 4 different Digital Enhancement Projects approved in 2025, they were Yorkton Exhibition, Swift Current Ag & Ex., Estevan Exhibition, and Maryfield Ag Society. Here is a report from Cheyenne Quam from the Yorkton Exhibition:

Yorkton Exhibition Association has done a lot of work in Year 2 of the Digital Enhancement Program to grow our online presence to better share our history in the Yorkton region as well as to better improve information sharing of our scholarship, upcoming events, lottery and upcoming events. The 2025 year has been a very successful year for attendance both from participants at our events and attendees from the general public.

Partners for this project in year 2 were Two To Launch Media, Harvard Media, Yorkton This Week, GX94, CruzFM, The Rock and Bell Media. In addition to that, our sponsors heavily involved in Digital Campaigns include the Yorkton Tribal Council, Grain Millers, Solonenko Farms, Legacy CO-OP, Painted Hand Casino and SIGA, an many others.

For our website In 2024 our most page views were during our Summer Fair in July – on one day we had 3,906 total page views. In 2025 during our Summer Fair our peak in page views on our website was 4,258. We also know that people who visit our site are staying on longer. In 2024 during the four days of our Summer Fair the number of visitors to our website that lasted 10 seconds or longer or had 2 or more screen views was 2,639. In 2025 that number rose to 4,089.



# Moose Jaw Exhibition Celebrates International Day of the Owl

The Saskatchewan Burrowing Owl Interpretive Centre (SBOIC) was created to help promote the conservation of the endangered Burrowing Owl and their prairie habitat through education, stewardship and eco-tourism. The Centre opened its gates to the public for the first time in the spring of 1997.

We wish to thank SAASE and Tourism Sask for the support from the Venture Project program for our Owl Week Event. We could not have hosted this event without your generous support. A brief outline of the week is as follows:

On Monday Aug. the 4th, we kicked off the International Day Of The Owl with a variety of events including a magician/ balloon artist, children's crafts, door prizes and a contest to name a couple of our newly hatched owls. We treated the hundreds of people in attendance to Owl cupcakes, freezies and beverages.

Tues. Weds, Thurs, Fri we hosted numerous groups of Owl enthusiasts. We had Owl crafts and Owl games, we started a junior tour guide program, it was a very big hit, especially with the older folks in attendance. Treats and beverages were also given to those in attendance. Saturday we had special Owl themed cookies and treats. Face painting, crafts and guided tours were on our list as well! Again the parliament of Owls and the Moose Jaw Exhibition we would like to thank you for support!



# Lloydminster Boundary Wars Demolition Derby

Lloydminster Agricultural Exhibition Association (LAEA) Board of Directors member, Travis Bottorff started talking to area demo derby enthusiasts and with community desire requesting the LAEA bring back a demolition derby that was once so popular at our Fair, the Boundary Auto Wars Demolition Derby committee was created. The Midwest area where Lloydminster is located has seen a rise in participation in the demolition derby world over the last few years. There is not another demo event that showcases that passion within 60 kms of Lloydminster that also incorporates such community support. We had drivers attend from as far as Onoway, AB. They had indicated that there is a need for more events and activities that bring all sorts of entertainment. Through our committee's conversations a 1-day event was developed that will hopefully grow in popularity. The event was held on August 2, 2025.

The event filled a void, bringing a highly demanded event back to Lloydminster. This allowed us to bring car enthusiasts and participants together in one place to showcase their skills and love of competition. Being an extreme event, Boundary Auto Wars Demolition Derby satisfied our enthusiasts. It proved to be a large draw for the area drivers, families, and industry leaders alike.

We had a very successful first year and our dedicated committee offered 4 vehicle classes: Full-Size car, Truck, Mini and Youth. Committee members Rob Arnold, Josh Arnold, Brandon Wareham and Alec Luciw brought knowledge to the event from an insider's perspective as they are drivers that participate in multiple demolition derbies. This allowed us to bring the best qualities of multiple events to make ours better than ever on its premier year. This event was well received and attended by the public which will allow us to grow this into a spectacular yearly event.

Besides offering the Boundary Auto Wars Demolition Derby, we had a Heavy Truck Show located in the front parking lot to draw the public in for a "Chrome meets Carnage" all around showing. The Heavy Truck show was led by Board of Directors member, Jami-Mae Martens. From move-in to the night time light show, the public was intrigued right from the start. This portion of the event has potential to grow beyond our original hopes, supported by both the public and the Drivers who took time away from work to show their passions and love for their large trucks.



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# Vanscoy Hosts a Crafty Day

A Crafty Day - wrap up report

On Feb. 2nd, the Vanscoy & District Agricultural Society hosted a crafty day at the Delisle Town Hall. Our host was from the Edmonton area and she cuts and packages wooden craft kits. She brought all of the pre ordered kits and paints the day of our event and everything was ready to go! Our craft for the afternoon was a laser cut wooden craft, most were hanging signs and some standing decor. Everyone was able to pre select online what they wanted to paint and assemble. It was wonderful to see all the different options that were chosen.

There were approximately 35 individuals come from around our district (and a few from afar!) to our crafty day. It included adults and children and lasted about 3.5 hours. We had light snacks and refreshments for everyone to enjoy.

Our community really enjoys these types of events and has already asked us if we will host more in the future. It was a fun day had by all and helped break up the winter! Thank you to SAASE for their support through a Venture Project to offset the cost.





# Vanscoy & District Agricultural Society

Promoting Agriculture & Rural Life  
through Education, Entertainment  
and Community Development



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# Kelvington Hosts the Canadian Professional Chuckwagon Association

The Kelvington Agricultural Society hosted their second CPCA at their 102nd fair in August. The event was a huge undertaking and required support from numerous volunteers, communities across Saskatchewan, corporate partners, as well as the town of Kelvington. The Kelvington Ag Society did an amazing job, as the weekend was an enormous success. Below is the write up from Crystal Jaworski from the Kelvington Ag. Society.

The Canadian Professional Chuckwagon Association returned to Kelvington, Saskatchewan for an exciting weekend of chuckwagon racing from August 1 to August 3, 2025. The races brought together top drivers, outriders, and teams from across Western Canada, giving fans three evenings of fast-paced action and western tradition. Spectators filled the grounds to watch the powerful horse teams thunder around the track, cheering for their favorite drivers and enjoying the lively atmosphere that the CPCA tour brings to communities each summer. The Kelvington stop was one of several races on the 2025 CPCA schedule and highlighted the strong community support and enthusiasm for chuckwagon racing in the area.

Kelvington Agricultural Society paid \$66,780.00 to bring the Canadian Professional Chuckwagon Association (CPCA) races to Kelvington, Saskatchewan for the 2025 fair. The Kelvington Agricultural Society would like to extend our sincere thanks to SAASE for selecting us to participate in the Venture One Project. We are truly grateful for this opportunity and the confidence you have shown in our organization. The support and guidance provided through this initiative will help strengthen our efforts to serve our community, enhance our facilities, and continue promoting agriculture and local events in the Kelvington area.



# Prince Albert Exhibition's Heavy Horses a Big Success

## Heavy Horse Show Report

The Heavy Horse Show occurred during the first 3 days of the 2025 PAEX Summer Fair August 6, 7 & 8.

Roy McDougall Executive Board member & Ken Isbister Volunteer, Coordinated the event.

20 Heavy Horses Percheron arrived on-site to compete in the Halter Class; Chore Class; Cart Class & Wagon Class. Winners for halter class: mare and colt went to Dean Bernier

Winners for chore: Darren Seaman

Winner for cart: Kevin Seaman

Winner for Wagon: Darren Seamon

Winner for halter class: Kevin Seamon

The teams were a spectacular image of pure country and a real joy to watch. The show handlers demonstrate their skill with the horses and this event was a real crowd pleaser.

Attached are some highlighted pictures and poster.



# Weyburn Quad Pull



The 116th Annual Weyburn Fair hosted “Quad Pulls” for the third year in a row and as we have seen in the past, the people came out and filled our grandstands. The quad pullers put on an exciting, entertaining show for all ages. There were two categories based on engine size. For the 500-799cc quads, 1st place was sponsored by Fisk Repair & Rental and was won by Ryan Bender. 2nd place, sponsored by Kings Mechanical was won by Aeron Reinson. In the 800-1000cc category, 1st place was sponsored by Great Plains Ford with Wade Haberstock winning. 2nd place, sponsored by Kings Mechanical, was won by Mack Metheral. We are extremely thankful to the Bender family of Melville for the use of their sleds and their support during the pulls. Their assistance helped make this project possible and supported our mission of educating and entertaining our youth and community.

With offering some enticing payouts, it encouraged quad and ATV owners to participate and helped us fill our stands with spectators all while offering an affordable, entertaining event for our community. The addition of the quad pulls to our other grandstand events proved successful once again. We were very pleased with how things ran this year and quad pulls have turned into an annual event that our attendees have begun to look forward to year after year.



# Prairieland's Saskmilk Ag-Venture Pavilion



The Prairieland Agriculture team was proud to bring agriculture back to the EX with the launch of the first-ever Saskmilk Ag-Venture Pavilion at the 2025 Saskatoon EX. This new feature put agriculture education at the forefront, with live animals and hands-on learning experiences to the fair. Housed in a 40x40 tent, the Pavilion showcased a variety of engaging activities and partner exhibits that connected visitors to the world of farming.

At the Ag-Venture Pavilion, visitors were treated to exciting stock dog demonstrations led by Jared Epp, a sheep producer and skilled trainer from near Dundurn, Saskatchewan. Since 2004, Jared has partnered with the Meewasin Valley Authority, using his flock for natural weed control in Saskatoon's public spaces. He also trains border collies for herding and hosts clinics across the region. During the demonstrations, Jared showcased the impressive teamwork and communication between handler and dog as they guided and managed a



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flock of sheep, giving audiences a fascinating look at the important role stock dogs play in agriculture.

One of the highlights of the SaskMilkAg-Venture Pavilion was Fair Game, a high-energy trivia show that put agricultural knowledge to the test in a fun and competitive way. Players joined in live from their phones, racing against the clock with just 10 seconds to answer each question. The game featured ag-themed trivia, real-time scoring, and plenty of laughs along the way. Top players advanced to the exciting Barn Burner round, where prizes were up for grabs. Whether guests were trivia experts or just playing for fun, Fair Game was an engaging way to learn about agriculture while enjoying the thrill of friendly competition. At the SaskMilk Ag-Venture Pavilion, visitors had the chance to experience the world of 4-H Saskatchewan through an interactive booth filled with fun, hands-on activities. Guests could dive into crafts, games, and STEM-focused displays that showcased the 4-H motto, "Learn to do by Doing." Along the way, families discovered how 4-H empowers youth to build skills, confidence, and leadership in agriculture and beyond. The booth gave fairgoers of all ages a chance to get involved, ask questions, and see firsthand how 4-H continues to inspire the next generation.

At the SaskMilk Ag-Venture Pavilion, visitors were introduced to Gert, the Interactive Milking Cow, a hands-on exhibit that quickly became a highlight for guests of all ages. This engaging display gave fairgoers the chance to learn how cows are milked by exploring both traditional practices and the modern technology used on today's dairy farms. SaskMilk experts were also on hand to answer questions and share the story of milk's journey from the farm to the fridge, as well as how it is transformed into the dairy products people love, including cheese, yogurt, and ice cream.



# Creelman Celebrates 120 Years



In 2024 the Creelman Agricultural Society celebrated their 120th anniversary, with the help from the SAASE Venture Fund, we were able to enhance the fair with extra tents, tables, chairs, exhibits, a catered supper, an upgraded float, memorabilia, and the highlight of the event, a Main Stage that allowed local music artists display their talents throughout the day and into the evening. The day was a huge success, with positive reviews and an increased amount of people staying into the evening to visit, enjoy the music and build community.

On July 19, 2025, we executed Year 2 of our Project and the event did not disappoint! The day kicked off as always with the pancake breakfast followed by our parade that brought flocks of people who packed the streets to take it all in. The fair was then well underway with food booths, a trade show, bench show, horse and cattle shows, softball, beach volleyball, kids' midway, and more.

We learned from our first year of the project that a larger tent at the beer gardens was greatly appreciated for shade and the extra tables and seating were very welcome and encouraged more gathering, so this was continued and once again contributed to the comfort of fairgoers and helped to give a space for the entertainment!

After more than century of having the horse show ring in the same location, a decision was made to push the ring further away from the centre of the fairgrounds, enhancing safety of the public and riders/horses. The extra space created by doing this allowed us to also put up a larger shade tent centrally in the fairgrounds, creating an enhanced space for eating, visiting and watching nearby events. We placed two other tents in the children's midway area to create shade, comfort and safety for participants, a great take-away from Year 1 of our project. With the tents, fair-goers were able to stay longer- as being mid-July the day was a hot one!

We continued to advertise through radio, social media and newspaper about our event and feel this does help to support the attendance of our event which was up by over 4%. The portapotties are deemed a necessity and the number that are being rented currently are felt to match the needs of the fair and we could not do without.

The funding from SAASE/Tourism SK allowed us to start this new project which we hope will encourage new faces and demographics to attend and support local musicians from across the province. Music is important to our community but in our area, live music is limited. Providing a space for music supports community building and togetherness. Reports are that the music is a very welcome addition to the fair, the dance floor was flooded with dancers! We did encounter an evening downpour, and so the music and equipment were moved under the large beer gardens tent, creating a more intimate environment and the rain did not slow us down! We were once again thankful we had the large tent that allowed us to accommodate for Saskatchewan weather.

The Creelman Fair along with the enhancements around the grounds and the addition of entertainment is no doubt a success to all those who attended. We are still receiving praise and gratitude for the changes that hold onto the traditions of those before us, but also cater to the younger generations. The hope is to generate more interest in attending the fair through the entertainment, and garner interest in agriculture and rural living once they are here. The entertainment into the evening is also a thank-you to our many hardworking volunteers who dedicate so much of themselves to ensure this historic event takes place, making it a great family event.

We were able to keep the entry fee, food and beverages at the same price this year. The beer gardens did see a slight decline in profit over last year but still up from the years prior. We did not secure a specific Main Stage sponsor this year, but other sponsorship drives ensured that costs of the project were covered. Going forward into Year 3, we will look again to secure a Main Stage sponsor and look to run a 50/50 or other fundraiser at this fair to further determine if this project can continue on or we need to reevaluate the scope of the project. The upgrades to the power are also on hold as we discover how the project will do long term, with the extra generators on hand, we had more than enough capability.

We are ever grateful to have SAASE and Tourism SK to support us as we delve into this new adventure. We recognize the importance of having these events to create a place for community to learn , laugh and bond, and hope to continue this amazing even for many years to come!



# Kerrobert Expands 4 H Show



4 H and Saskatchewan's Agricultural Societies have had close ties and been partners for over 100 years. The partnership helps develop our youth through shows, sales and Achievement Days, as well as helps develop our judges for the future through the regional and provincial judging competitions. 4 H youth are the grassroots of Saskatchewan communities and agriculture. The support that our SAASE's Agricultural Societies give to 4 H is critical to Saskatchewan agriculture and our communities. Kerrobert has an amazing 4 H Show and sale and were looking to expand the show to two days in 2024.

In 2024 there were 56 4 - H Members from 8 clubs participating for our 78th Annual 4-H Show & Sale. The Clubs Participating were: Kerrobert Multiple, Major Multiple, Ridpath Club, United Club, Unity Club, Handel Multiple, Crystal Springs Club, and Bea Bank Club. 45 Steers entered in the Steer Sale with an Average of \$4.56/lb and 81 head of cattle in the Ag Building for the Show. The additional day and activities were a great success and the Kerrobert Ag. Society is looking forward to adding more to the show and sale going forward.



Our 13 Ag Society Members (from Left to Right) Josh Kruesel, Colin Toner, Neil Charteris, Michelle Henderson, Garry Ley, Janice Morland , Bryce Morland, Alex Meier, Kody Meier, Shawna Purvis, Jeff Krupka, Bob Prieston (missing President Rod Meyer).

# Swift Current Ag & Ex - Debuts Cowboys and Chrome



The Swift Current Ag & Ex, with the support of SAASE's Venture Project Program produced a brand new event - Cowboys and Chrome. Below is the report submitted by the Swift Current Ag & Ex.

## Cowboys & Chrome Debuts with Resounding Success

The Swift Current Ag & Ex's newest event, Cowboys & Chrome, made its debut on August 23, 2025, and exceeded expectations in every way. Drawing an estimated 1300 attendees, the one-day festival combined the roar of stock car racing, the grit of bull riding, the shine of classic cars, the flavours of food trucks and the energy of live music into a community celebration unlike any other.

Community reception was overwhelmingly positive. From the start, excitement spread quickly, and attendance numbers reflected that enthusiasm. Sponsorship support went above and beyond what organizers had anticipated, with



local businesses and partners stepping forward in a big way to ensure the event's success. Not only was Cowboys & Chrome well received—it was also well attended, marking a strong start for what promises to become a staple in the region's event calendar. The event also proved to be a successful fundraising initiative, providing vital support for the Ag & Ex's ongoing programs and future projects. For a first-year event, the financial results were particularly encouraging, setting the stage for sustainable growth in years to come.

Beyond the numbers, Cowboys & Chrome filled a gap in the community's late-summer lineup, offering families, motorsport fans, rodeo enthusiasts, and car lovers a chance to come together in celebration of local culture and heritage. Volunteers, vendors, and performers alike contributed to the vibrant atmosphere, creating a day that felt both fresh and rooted in tradition. Looking ahead, we are already making plans to build on this inaugural success. With the strong foundation laid this year, the Swift Current Ag & Ex is confident Cowboys & Chrome will continue to grow, attracting even larger crowds and deeper community involvement in the future.

The Swift Current Ag & Ex would like to sincerely thank SAASE for their support through the Venture Project program. This funding played an important role in bringing Cowboys & Chrome to life, helping launch a new tradition that will benefit the community for years to come.



# Estevan Exhibition Energy City Ex

The Estevan Exhibition completed a full overhaul of the Estevan Exhibition Association website, everything was updated except the web address. The project was done on an accelerated timeline so the site would be live and functional for the Energy City Ex, our major annual fundraiser and community event. While the website continues to be an ongoing project, it is already proving to be a valuable tool for sharing timely and accurate information with our community.

The Energy City Ex was once again well supported by the community, bringing people together to enjoy the fair atmosphere, events, and activities. One thing that stood out this year was how many people relied on the website for schedules, event details, and general information. We had assumed most people were using social media for this, but we were pleasantly surprised by the number of visitors who regularly use the website as their primary source of information.

Beyond sharing event information, we have also begun accepting rental requests and inquiries directly through the website for riding arenas, the Hall, and camping reservations. Being able to manage inquiries this way has helped streamline requests, improve organization, and create a more efficient process for both our team and the public.

The updated website has also played an important educational role in the community. It has helped inform the public that the Exhibition Association land is not owned by the City, shared the history of the Association, and clearly outlined what facilities and spaces are available to be used and enjoyed by the community.

A key success of the updated website was that it helped answer many common questions in advance, making information easier to access and reducing confusion leading up to and during the event. The main challenge moving forward is keeping content updated frequently and accurately. One of our goals for the coming year is to become more efficient with updates, especially the calendar, so information can be posted as plans develop rather than only on a monthly basis.

Overall, the updated website has had a positive impact by improving communication, supporting a successful Energy City Ex, and strengthening our connection with the community.



A collage of promotional images for the 2025 Energy City Ex. The central part features a black background with the text "2025 ENERGY CITY EX" in large, bold, white and yellow letters. Above the text is the "ENERGY CITY EX" logo. Below the text is the website "WWW.ESTEVANEX.COM" in a white banner. To the left of the banner is the "GENCO ASPHALT INC." logo, and to the right is the "STEAM EST INDUSTRIES" logo. The bottom section features a QR code with the text "SCAN ME For Advance Tickets &amp; Everything You Need To Know". The collage is surrounded by four smaller images: a stage performance with a musician in a green suit, a fair scene with a rainbow, a rider on a horse, and a child with a cow.

# SaskEnergy Volunteer Champion Awards Recognize SAASE Volunteers

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# Honorary Life Membership

## Bryce Burnett- nominated by the Swift Current Ag & Ex

Born on September 14, 1950, in Swift Current, Saskatchewan, Bryce Burnett is a lifelong rancher, respected cattleman, and award-winning cowboy poet. Together with his wife, Wanda, he raised two children, Wyatt and Dena, while remaining deeply rooted in the Swift Current ranching community.

Bryce has served on the Swift Current Agricultural & Exhibition Association Board of Directors since 2003, holding key leadership roles including President, Vice President, and Past President. He has contributed extensively through committees such as Livestock, Membership & Community Relations, Programs & Planning, Jambo-ree, and Frontier Days Entertainment. His leadership has shaped major initiatives, including relocating the Matador office to Kinetic Park and guiding development during the transition of park ownership.

A respected beef producer with exhibition experience across Canada and the U.S., Bryce brings valuable industry knowledge, calm leadership, and strong relationships within the livestock community. His decades of service on the Livestock Committee have made a lasting impact on local agricultural programming.

Beyond Swift Current, Bryce has volunteered with Canadian Western Agribition for 46 years and earned the Canadian Tarentaise Association's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2021. As a celebrated cowboy poet, he has published two award-winning books, *Homegrown and Other Poems* and *Horses, Dogs and Wives*, earning multiple Will Rogers Medallion Awards. His lifelong dedication to agriculture, culture, and community continues to inspire those around him.



## Dennis Smith - nominated by the Creelman Agricultural Society

Dennis Smith was born on October 18, 1943, in Creelman, Saskatchewan, where he lived his entire life rooted deeply in family, farming, and community. A lifelong farmer and a dedicated SAMA Assessment Officer for 22 years, Dennis balanced his professional life with an unwavering commitment to serving others. He passed away in September 2018, leaving behind a lasting legacy of service and leadership within the Creelman community.

Dennis's contributions to the Creelman Agricultural Society spanned decades. He served multiple terms as President, Vice-President, and Director, guiding the organization through years of growth and community engagement. His leadership extended beyond boardroom roles—he organized sports tournaments, led the creation of the long-running Pumpkin Festival, helped restore historic Agricultural Society buildings, and coordinated repairs to the community's war memorial. His dedication strengthened both the Society and the community it served.

Beyond his work with the Agricultural Society, Dennis was an active and influential community leader. He served on the Creelman School Board, the Community Complex Board, the St. Andrew's United Church Board, and the Creelman Hall Board as President. He coached the Creelman Blues senior men's baseball team and contributed to the Sask Wheat Pool Committee. His exceptional commitment was recognized provincially when he received the SAASE Volunteer of the Year Award in 2004.

Dennis is remembered not only for his tireless volunteerism but for the profound impact he had on those around him. His passing left what community members described as a "massive hole" in the Creelman area—a reflection of the many roles he filled and the countless lives he touched. He is lovingly remembered by his wife, Judy, and his children: Travis, Robin, Amber, and Janelle. Dennis's legacy of service, leadership, and deep community pride continues to inspire all who knew him.



# Volunteers of the Year

## Stephen Philip - nominated by the Swift Current Ag & Ex

Stephen Philip has been a dedicated and influential volunteer with the Doc's Town committee and the Swift Current Ag & Ex for many years. A former Doc's Town Chairperson and Ag & Ex Board Director (2009–2021), he provided strong leadership through roles including Vice President, President, and Past President. Steve is a true ambassador for the organization—living its values, promoting its mission, and helping others understand its importance. He has also been a supportive mentor, ensuring a smooth transition to new leadership within Doc's Town. Since retiring, Steve continues to be a tireless hands-on volunteer, especially during Frontier Days, taking on everything from gates and parking to countless behind-the-scenes tasks. His warm, welcoming spirit and unwavering commitment make him an outstanding candidate for Volunteer of the Year.



## Bonnie Elliot - nominated by the Vanscoy and District Agriculture Society

Bonnie Elliot is an exceptional volunteer whose energy, creativity, and commitment have made a major impact on the Vanscoy & District Agricultural Society. She significantly increased sponsorship for the 2025 fair and created a highly successful summer colouring contest for children, complete with prizes for every age category. Bonnie is known as an outstanding “Bingo Boss,” organizing and running three major bingo events each year and handling everything from planning to prizes. A natural idea-generator and dependable sounding board, Bonnie brings enthusiasm to every project and is always ready to help the team innovate. She also fully revamped the 2025 fair catalogue, designing a clear and easy-to-navigate layout that improved the experience for all participants. Her dedication, creativity, and willingness to take on any task make her a standout candidate for Volunteer of the Year.



## Jack Anning - nominated by the Swift Current Ag & Ex

Jack Anning has dedicated ten years of service (2016–2026) to the Swift Current Ag & Ex, contributing his time, leadership, and steady commitment across multiple roles. He has provided strong governance as President, Director at Large, and Events Representative, guiding the organization with thoughtful decision-making. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Jack played a key role in navigating unprecedented challenges, helping the Ag & Ex remain stable and forward-focused. Known for his hands-on dedication, he spends countless hours supporting Frontier Days, running errands, assisting with gates and parking, and stepping in wherever needed. A loyal and dependable ambassador for the organization, Jack continually champions the Ag & Ex and contributes to its success on and off the grounds.



# SAASE Financial Statements

## For the year ended - November 30, 2025



### Independent Auditors' Report

To the Members of Saskatchewan Association of Agriculture Societies and Exhibitions Inc.:

#### **Opinion**

I have audited the financial statements of Saskatchewan Association of Agriculture Societies and Exhibitions Inc. (the Entity), which comprise the statement of financial position as at November 30, 2025, and the statement of operations, statement of changes in net assets and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Entity as at November 30, 2025 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I am independent of the Entity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in Canada, and I have fulfilled my other responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

#### **Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.

#### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. I also:

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT** *(continued)*

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements (whether due to fraud or error), design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going-concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements (including the disclosures), and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

Regina, Saskatchewan

March 3, 2026



Chartered Professional Accountant

# Saskatchewan Association of Agriculture Societies and Exhibitions Inc.

## Statement of Financial Position

*As at November 30, 2025*

	<i>Operating Fund</i>	<i>Restricted Fund</i>	<i>Total 2025</i>	<i>Operating Fund</i>	<i>Restricted Fund</i>	<i>Total 2024</i>
<b>Assets</b>						
Current						
Cash	78,192	-	78,192	27,111	-	27,111
Investments (Note 3)	12,118	259,766	271,884	94,346	522,457	616,803
Accounts receivable	50,632	-	50,632	24,819	-	24,819
GST receivable	23,557	-	23,557	29,141	-	29,141
	<b>164,499</b>	<b>259,766</b>	<b>424,265</b>	<b>175,417</b>	<b>522,457</b>	<b>697,874</b>
Investments (Note 3)	-	251,000	251,000	-	-	-
Capital assets (Note 4)	19,959	-	19,959	24,949	-	24,949
	<b>184,458</b>	<b>510,766</b>	<b>695,224</b>	<b>200,366</b>	<b>522,457</b>	<b>722,823</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Current						
Accounts payable	795	44,781	45,576	3,559	56,472	60,031
Deferred contributions (Note 5)	19,959	215,985	235,944	56,800	215,985	272,785
	<b>20,754</b>	<b>260,766</b>	<b>281,520</b>	<b>60,359</b>	<b>272,457</b>	<b>332,816</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>						
Appropriated surplus (Note 6)	-	250,000	250,000	-	250,000	250,000
Unappropriated surplus	163,704	-	157,329	140,007	-	140,007
	<b>163,704</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>407,329</b>	<b>140,007</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>390,007</b>
	<b>184,458</b>	<b>510,766</b>	<b>695,224</b>	<b>200,366</b>	<b>522,457</b>	<b>722,823</b>

Approved on behalf of the Board

  
Susan Kuzma (Mar 4, 2025 11:42:26 CST)  
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 Director

  
Stacy Cadzow (Mar 4, 2025 10:46:04 MST)  
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 Director

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

**Saskatchewan Association of Agriculture Societies and Exhibitions Inc.**  
**Statement of Operations**

*For the year ended November 30, 2025*

	<i>Operating Fund</i>	<i>Restricted Fund</i>	<i>Total 2025</i>	<i>Operating Fund</i>	<i>Restricted Fund</i>	<i>Total 2024</i>
<b>Revenue</b>						
Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund	77,000	233,000	310,000	77,000	233,000	310,000
Farm Safety program ( <i>Schedule</i> )	40,000	-	40,000	40,000	-	40,000
Tourism Saskatchewan	-	40,000	40,000	-	45,000	45,000
Ag Experience	95,291	-	95,291	58,541	-	58,541
Membership	18,228	-	18,228	19,396	-	19,396
Interest income	22,150	-	22,150	27,584	-	27,584
CAFE/SAASE Convention	15,459	-	15,459	21,795	-	21,795
	<b>268,128</b>	<b>273,000</b>	<b>541,128</b>	244,316	278,000	522,316
<b>Expenses</b>						
Administration	1,920	-	1,920	905	-	905
Amortization	4,990	-	4,990	6,237	-	6,237
Operations	52,091	-	52,091	49,645	-	49,645
Professional services	103,551	-	103,551	80,831	-	80,831
Programs and communication	8,495	-	8,495	9,475	-	9,475
Convention	13,009	-	13,009	32,952	-	32,952
Marketing campaign	1,600	-	1,600	6,744	-	6,744
Scholarship	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	-	5,000
Saskatchewan Agricultural Society Program	-	231,406	231,406	-	256,248	256,248
Ag Experience program	38,061	-	38,061	32,096	-	32,096
Strategic planning	6,250	-	6,250	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	343	-	343	545	-	545
Farm Safety program ( <i>Schedule</i> )	50,715	-	50,715	43,798	-	43,798
	<b>286,025</b>	<b>231,406</b>	<b>517,431</b>	492,504	256,248	524,476
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses</b>	<b>(17,897)</b>	<b>41,594</b>	<b>23,697</b>	(23,912)	21,752	(2,160)

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements*

**Saskatchewan Association of Agriculture Societies and Exhibitions Inc.**  
**Statement of Changes in Net Assets**

*For the year ended November 30, 2025*

	<i>Operating Fund</i>	<i>Restricted Fund</i>	<i>Total 2025</i>	<i>Operating Fund</i>	<i>Restricted Fund</i>	<i>Total 2024</i>
<b>Net assets, beginning of year</b>	<b>140,007</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>390,007</b>	142,167	250,000	392,167
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses</b>	<b>(17,897)</b>	<b>41,594</b>	<b>23,697</b>	(23,912)	21,752	(2,160)
<b>Interfund transfers</b>	<b>41,594</b>	<b>(41,594)</b>	<b>-</b>	21,752	(21,752)	-
<b>Net assets, end of the year</b>	<b>163,704</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>407,329</b>	140,007	250,000	390,007

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# Saskatchewan Association of Agriculture Societies and Exhibitions Inc.

## Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended November 30, 2025

	2025	2024
<b>Cash provided by (used for) the following activities</b>		
<b>Operating activities</b>		
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	23,697	(2,160)
Amortization	4,990	6,237
Net change in non-cash working capital balances		
Accounts receivable	(25,813)	(6,718)
GST recoverable	5,584	(7,315)
Accounts payable	(14,455)	27,465
Deferred contributions	(36,841)	(1,824)
	<b>(42,838)</b>	15,685
<b>Investing activities</b>		
Purchase of term deposits	(522,884)	(603,453)
Redemption of term deposits	616,803	551,833
	<b>93,919</b>	(51,620)
<b>Increase (decrease) in cash resources</b>	<b>51,081</b>	<b>(35,935)</b>
<b>Cash resources, beginning of year</b>	<b>27,111</b>	<b>63,046</b>
<b>Cash resources, end of year</b>	<b>78,192</b>	<b>27,111</b>

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# Saskatchewan Association of Agriculture Societies and Exhibitions Inc.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended November 30, 2025

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### 1. Incorporation and commencement of operations

Saskatchewan Association of Agriculture Societies and Exhibitions Inc. ("SAASE") was incorporated under the Non-Profit Corporations Act of Saskatchewan. SAASE operates to promote the agriculture industry in Saskatchewan and seeks to accomplish this by providing opportunities for education, by facilitating member alliances and by exercising leadership in the agricultural fair sector.

SAASE is incorporated as a not-for-profit organization under the *Income Tax Act* (the "Act") and as such is exempt from income taxes.

### 2. Significant accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations using the following significant accounting policies:

#### **Cash and cash equivalents**

SAASE's policy is to present bank balances and term deposits with a maturity period of three months or less from the date of acquisition under cash and cash equivalents.

#### **Capital assets**

Capital assets are recorded at cost. The cost for contributed capital assets is considered to be fair value at the date of contribution.

Amortization is provided using the declining balance method at rates intended to amortize the cost of assets over their estimated useful lives.

	<b>Rate</b>
Vehicles	20 %
Project Display	20 %

#### **Fund accounting**

Revenues and expenses related to program delivery and administrative activities are reported in the Operating Fund.

Revenues and expenses related to specific programs and for the purpose of providing funding to member organizations are reported in the Restricted Fund.

#### **Revenue recognition**

Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the appropriate fund in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the appropriate fund when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

#### **Contributed services**

Volunteers contribute several hours per year to assist SAASE in carrying out its activities. Because of the difficulty of determining their fair value, contributed services are not recognized in the financial statements.

#### **Measurement uncertainty**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period.

These estimates and assumptions are reviewed periodically and, as adjustments become necessary they are reported in excess of revenues and expenses in the periods in which they become known.

# Saskatchewan Association of Agriculture Societies and Exhibitions Inc.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

*For the year ended November 30, 2025*

### 2. Significant accounting policies *(continued)*

#### **Financial instruments**

SAASE recognizes its financial instruments when SAASE becomes party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument. All financial instruments are initially recorded at their fair value, including financial assets and liabilities originated and issued in a related party transaction with management.

At initial recognition, SAASE may irrevocably elect to subsequently measure any financial instrument at fair value. SAASE has not made such an election during the period. Cash, investments, accounts receivable, and accounts payable have been designated to be subsequently measured at their fair value. Fair value is approximated by the instruments' initial cost in a transaction between unrelated parties. Transactions to purchase or sell these items are recorded on the settlement date.

#### **Financial asset impairment:**

SAASE assesses impairment of all of its financial assets measured at cost or amortized cost. SAASE groups assets for impairment testing when there are numerous assets affected by the same factors. Management considers whether there has been a breach in contract, such as a default or delinquency in interest or principal payments in determining whether objective evidence of impairment exists. When there is an indication of impairment, SAASE determines whether it has resulted in a significant adverse change in the expected timing or amount of future cash flows during the period. If so, SAASE reduces the carrying amount of any impaired financial assets to the highest of: the present value of cash flows expected to be generated by holding the assets; the amount that could be realized by selling the assets; and the amount expected to be realized by exercising any rights to collateral held against those assets. Any impairment, which is not considered temporary, is included in current period excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses.

SAASE reverses impairment losses on financial assets when there is a decrease in impairment and the decrease can be objectively related to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognized. The amount of the reversal is recognized in the excess of excess (deficiency) in the period the reversal occurs.

### 3. Investments

Investments consist of term deposits that mature August 19, 2026 to August 19, 2027 (2024 – July 25, 2025), earning interest at rates ranging from 2.50% to 3.50% (2024 – 4.15% to 4.95%).

### 4. Capital assets

	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Accumulated amortization</b>	<b>2025 Net book value</b>	<b>2024 Net book value</b>
Vehicles	66,677	52,694	13,983	17,479
Project Display	75,778	69,802	5,976	7,470
	<b>142,455</b>	<b>122,496</b>	<b>19,959</b>	<b>24,949</b>

# Saskatchewan Association of Agriculture Societies and Exhibitions Inc.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

*For the year ended November 30, 2025*

### 5. Deferred contributions

	<i>Saskatchewan Lotteries</i>	<i>Provincial Display Capital Grant</i>	Total
Opening balance	215,985	56,800	272,785
Funding received in 2025	310,000	50,000	360,000
Revenue recognized in 2025	(310,000)	(86,841)	(396,841)
	215,985	19,959	235,944

### 6. Appropriated surplus

The board of directors have internally restricted funds in the amount of \$250,000 to be used in maintaining programs into the future.

### 7. Financial instruments

SAASE is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments. The following analysis provides a measure of SAASE's exposure and concentrations at November 30, 2025

#### *Interest Rate Risk*

Interest rate risk is the risk of potential financial loss caused by fluctuations in fair value of future cash flow of financial investments due to changes in market interest rates. SAASE is exposed to this risk through its interest bearing investments. SAASE manages this risk through investing in fixed rate securities of short to medium term maturity and plans to hold the securities to maturity.

#### *Liquidity risk*

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Association will not be able to meet its obligations as they become due. SAASE manages this risk by establishing budgets and by maintaining an adequate surplus to cover any short-term funding reductions or unanticipated operating expenses.

### 8. Economic dependence

SAASE currently receives significant revenue in grants from Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation. As a result, the Association is dependent upon the continuance of these grants to maintain operations at their current level.

### 9. Comparative figures

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with current year presentation.

**Saskatchewan Association of Agriculture Societies and Exhibitions Inc.**  
**Schedule of Safety Day Program Revenues and Expenses**

*For the year ended November 30, 2025*

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	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		
Communities Initiative Fund	<b>20,000</b>	20,000
Ministry of Agriculture	<b>20,000</b>	20,000
	<b>40,000</b>	40,000
<b>Expenses</b>		
Society payouts & nutritional breaks	<b>21,375</b>	19,992
Resource materials	<b>1,000</b>	1,216
Co-ordinator's workshop	<b>8,042</b>	7,811
Safety Day co-ordinator	<b>11,090</b>	11,940
SAASE Safety Day expenses	<b>9,208</b>	2,839
	<b>50,715</b>	43,798
<b>Deficiency of revenues over expenses</b>	<b>(10,715)</b>	(3,798)

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