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Joanne Jarvis from SaskPower presents Dave Young and Glen Duck the check

SAASE and SaskPower are pleased to announce that the SaskPower Clean Team will continue to keep the province clean and green for another 3 years. The announcement was made on August 3rd in Prince Albert at the Prince Albert Exhibition. SaskPower will commit a total of \$143,200 to the Clean Team program over the next 3 years.

“More than 175 non-profit organizations have benefited from the Clean Team program and over 5.7 million people have been exposed to it at events throughout Saskatchewan,” said Gary Bruce, SaskPower vice-president, Planning, Environment and Regulatory Affairs. “There are year-round community and environmental benefits stemming from this program, which SaskPower

is proud to continue to support. As members of the SaskPower Clean Team, youth groups collect and recycle waste material on fair grounds during annual exhibitions and festivals. In addition to reducing volume at local landfills, the program also provides local communities with additional fair volunteers, revenue for local non-profit groups through honoraria and recycling proceeds, and the year-round availability of SaskPower refuse and recycle bins.

“This investment by SaskPower has had significant benefits to all participating exhibitions and fairs involved with the Clean Team,” said Dave Young, SAASE President and Prince Albert

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President's Message: Dave Young

Summer has once again come and gone and hopefully your the weather cooperated for your fair. We certainly got lucky in Prince Albert as it fortunately stopped raining just in time for ours. The summer has been very busy once again for SAASE and the board. The SAASE board appointed two new members. Jackie Watt joins the SAASE board from the Nothern Tourism Region. Jackie lives and works in La Ronge. She brings with her a tremendous amount of experience in the tourism and event industry. She has sat on numerous boards and will be a great addition. Wade Jensen comes to the SAASE board from Swift Current. He owns and operates the Boston Pizza there and has been involved in the Swift Current Exhibition as both a volunteer and a board member for many years. Wade will bring some great experience to the SAASE board. We look forward to working with them over the next couple of years.

The big news that was announced in Prince Albert just before our exhibition is the new three year agreement with SaskPower for the Clean Team. SaskPower continues to show their comittment to not only the environment, but also Saskatchewan communities through this award winning program. SaskPower will be comitting \$143,200 over the next three years to the program. This funding will not only keep the existing program going, but it will also allow expansion of the program next year. The program will be expanded from the exisiting 27 agricultural societies to a total of 32. Included with the newsletter is an application for the Clean Team to those agricultural societies currently not involved. If you are not involved and would like to become a member of the Clean Team then fill out the application and get it back to the SAASE office.

Once again SAASE has awarded the Clark and Anne Lewis Scholarship, with two most deserving people winning it. Cole Peters from Lancer and Helyn van Stavaren from Creelman are two young people with a great future. The Clark and Anne Lewis Scholarship continues to recognize the outstanding young people that we have in this province. A big thanks goes out to our selection committee on making very difficult decisions and to all those agricultural societies that made nominations.

The new Venture Project Program continues to be a big hit, as the SAASE board has approved more projects. There are articles in the newsletter on numerous Venture Projects that have already taken place. If you have an idea that is new to your society or community then get it in to the SAASE office. The Ministry of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport through the CIF fund have announced the new Community Vitality Program. Information was sent out to all agricultural societies on the program in July. The first funding deadline is October 1. The program is set up to help out with smaller capital projects, as well as various events. Take a look at the information that was sent out, and also go the the Minsitry of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport website for more information and the application. This is a great opportunity, and those of you who have smaller capital projects or events that fit the criteria should be applying. Well that's all for now. Hopefully the weather will hold for harvest in the fall.

David M. Young

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Clark and Anne Lewis Scholarship Winners Announced

This year's recipients of the Clark and Anne Lewis Scholarship have been chosen. Once again the decision was very difficult, as the selection committee had some outstanding young people to choose from. In the end the decision was made to award the two scholarships to Cole Peters - nominated by the Lancer Agricultural Society and Helyn van Staveran, who was nominated by the Creelman Agricultural Society. Both Helyn and Cole will receive \$1,500 each to go towards their first year of post secondary education.

Cole Peters

Cole has graduated from Abby School and was nominated by the Lancer Agricultural Society. He will be attending the Outdoor Power Equipment Technician Program (OPET) at SIAST in Regina in the fall of 2010. The OPET program is a one year program from which Cole then hopes to attend SIAST in Saskatoon to take the specialized boat mechanic program. Once he graduates his plan is to stay in rural Saskatchewan as a mechanic, as well as hopefully farm.

Cole has worked a number of jobs that relate to what he wants to do. Since 2007, he has worked at Bono Holdings, which is a company that sells agricultural related items such as augers and cattle equipment. He has been working a couple hours before school, as well as after school doing oil changes, tire changes, assembling augers, as well as helping out anywhere else he could. This summer he has been assembling grain bins for the company.

Beginning in February this past year,

Cole worked 4 hours a week for Yamaha/New Holland. This was a work experience program, which was voluntary. The work involved assembling Gators, quads and motorbikes. Cole had to travel 200 km round trip to get to the business. To gain some experience, he also volunteered at an autobody shop. He has also found time to work on the family farm and help out with seeding, harvesting and general maintenance. He also works with a harvest crew each fall running a combine. As if this doesn't take up all of his time, he also works as the town handyman doing small jobs.

With all that Cole does as far as work is concerned you wouldn't think that he has time for much else, but Cole has been very active in his school, as well as his community. He has been involved with the Leadership Group at the Abby School, as well as being involved with the SRC for 4 years. He has been very active in sports all through school. He has played on the volleyball team, as well as being the captain in grade 12. He has also been involved in badminton, track and field and curling. He also plays hockey and baseball.

He has been involved in the school drama club from grade 8 - 12, and also



delivered meals through the Meals on Wheels program to seniors during lunch hours.

Cole has been very active in the 4 H program for the past 8 years. He has taken and completed the Canine, Archery, Outdoor Ed., Car Care and Beef Projects. He also has participated in all levels of 4 H being the Club Vice President as well as district Vice President. He won "Rookie of the Year" his first year and has won Grand Aggregate and High Point Champion several times. He has participated in Public Speaking each year and has gone on to District and Regional Public speaking.

Cole is a member of the Lancer United Church, and helps out with community suppers, as well as volunteering where he can. He has also been involved

with the D.A.R.E. - Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program, and has taken his St. John Ambulance emergency first aid and gone through the Saskatchewan Hunter Education Program. SAASE is very pleased to award Cole Peters one of this year's Clark and Anne Lewis Scholarships.

Helyn van Staveren

Helyn has graduated from the "33" Central School, and was nominated for the Clark and Anne Lewis Scholarship by the Creelman Agricultural Society. Helyn plans on becoming a secondary teacher, and she will be attending the University of Regina in the fall in the college of education, majoring in English.

Helyn was very involved in extra-curricular activities at the "33" Central School. She has been involved with the school SRC as a room representative, as well as canteen coordinator. In 2009 she was the driving force behind the reintroduction of the school yearbook. The yearbook had not been published for a few years so she initiated the introduction and assisted in the organizing, editing and publishing of the yearbook. She has also been part of the drama productions through the school's drama club.

She was very involved with school athletics, as she was on the volleyball, basketball, curling and track and field teams. When she wasn't playing sports she helped out with refereeing, score keeping and being a linesman for junior sports. Helyn was also part of the mentorship program for elementary school students, acting as a support system for them.

As well as being heavily involved with her school, Helyn has had extensive

involvement within her community. She has been very involved at the St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Parish. She is an acolyte, as well as a reader for the weekly church services. Helyn assists in teaching the younger members Catechism, as well as helping out with fundraising activities, such as the spring and Christmas teas and the Fall supper.

Helyn has been involved with the Creelman agricultural society, as both an exhibitor and volunteer. She volunteers at the Annual Creelman Dinner Theatre as a waitress. The proceeds from the Dinner theatre go to supporting the rink, health centre, as well as people in need. She also helps out at the Creelman Community Rink by working in the kitchen serving the skaters and curlers. Helyn has her grade 4 in piano and has entertained residents at the health centre, as well as at other local events. Helyn has also volunteered for the Family Place in Weyburn for the Sunny Scholars program offered in July and August. The program specializes in providing activities, nutritious meals and field trips for twenty four special needs and vulnerable preschool aged children.

As well as playing the piano Helyn is a Tap and Jazz dancer, choir singer for the Fillmore United Church, curler and figure skater. In 2010 she participated in a session of Encounters with Canada in Ottawa. With all that Helyn does within the community and school you wouldn't think that she would have



time for working, but she works on her family farm caring for the farm animals, as well as doing yard and equipment maintenance. During the summer months from 2007 - 2010 she was also a childcare provider responsible for the supervision and caring of 3 children. SAASE is pleased to award Helyn van Staveren one of this year's Clark and Anne Lewis scholarships.

A big thanks to all of the agricultural societies that nominated individuals for the scholarships. This year's - like past years selections were very difficult because of all the great candidates that were nominated. There are some great things happening in rural Saskatchewan, and the quality of young people that continue to be nominated for the Clark and Anne Lewis scholarships are a reflection of that. Once again thanks for nominating individuals for this year, and we look forward to next years selections.

Mortlach Summer Theatre Camp



One of the many Venture Projects that the SAASE board of directors has approved was the Mortlach Summer theatre camp. The camp took place in Mortlach from August 4th - 6th and the following is a report on what took place.

On August 4th, 11 kids ranging between the ages of 10 - 18, from Calgary to Moose Jaw, showed up at the mortlach Town Hall for their first day of theatre camp. The camp was under the direction of Magthel S. Odendaal who is in her final year of Stage Management at the University of Regina.

The 4th - 6th was a whirlwind for the children and the instructors. Registration started at 8 am on the Wednesday and the first classes - Acting Fundamentals and Costume Design - started at 9 am. After lunch the kids jumped into their Improv classes and voice and movement under the instruction of Dan Willows and Dana Reed. These classes were followed by the first rehearsal. The children did their first read-through together as an ensemble. The script was chosen a week before the camp and the students were cast according to age and personality type described on the registration forms. The students were then sent the scripts

and their parts and requested to know their lines by the first day of camp, which would make the process of putting on a performance on the last day of camp quicker.

After the first rehearsal, supper followed, which was cooked by volunteers from Mortlach and the day campers went home. The camp was now reduced to six night campers and some nightly activities. Such activities ranged from watching a movie to playing charades around a camp fire. At 11 pm the lights went out, and at 7 am the next morning everything started all over again.

On Friday the 6th it was show day and the energy was high. The set was on the stage, the costumes were being finalized and the actors were onstage finalizing the details they had covered over the last two days and applying all their newly learned skills to their characters. With Dan Willows as the director, and Dana Reed as assistant

director and acting fundamentals instructor, Lisa Long as costume designer and costume instructor, Magthel Odendaal and Nicholas Crompton as scenic instructors, the show was almost ready to go up.

In 3 days the camp designed costumes, built a set, rehearsed for 9 hours, finalized lines, learned blocking and fixed lights while having the world of fun resulting in an extremely successful show at 7:30 pm on the Friday.

Due to the camp success, the camp will be running again in 2011 from July 24th - 29th. Registration will begin in September 2010 and we are all very excited about it. For more information, please visit our website at www.mortlachsummertheatrecamp.blogspot.com. Video testimonials are available there from students and instructors, as well as a more detailed outline of the camp.



Rosthern Town & Country Fair 2010

Ram Tough - Mutton Busting

The Rosthern Ag. Society was looking at a new way to get younger people involved with the fair, as well as add a new attraction. They approached SAASE through the Venture Project fund and were approved for their 2010 Ram Tough - Mutton Busting - as can be seen in the following article it was a huge success and will be something that can be built on next year.

The Rosthern Ag. Society held its first ever Mutton Busting competition on August 1st and 2nd. The event was originally scheduled to have a total of 18 riders over the two day event. There was such an overwhelming response that a total of 32 registered riders competed, while turning many kids away. There were 3 separate runs with one run on Sunday and two runs on Monday - one before and one after the heavy horse pull. The last run of



the day on Monday there were over 500 people watching and cheering the kids on in a fast paced event. Many rides only lasted 1-2 seconds, but a few

reached 5-6 seconds. After each run organizers took the top three times and they rode a second time with the winners being determined by a two run total. Each contestant received prize money, as well as a shirt and a hat. A big thanks goes out to all the sponsors of the event., especially the major sponsors that donated the vests - 312 Petro Can, Valley Sports and Hardware, and Rosthern Tire and Auto. Other sponsors of the event included Rosthern Pharmacy, Friesen Drug Ltd, Rosthern Agencies, Walter Agencies, Funks Funeral Home, Neupork Productions, Affinity Credit Union, Sask Valley Publishers, Dodge City and Friesen's Bigway. Planning has already started for next year's event, which promises to be bigger and better. A big thanks also goes out to SAASE for their support through the Venture Project Fund.



Battleford's Childrens Festival a Big Success

The Battlefords Agricultural Society was looking at promoting their Children's Festival to a much larger area in northwest Saskatchewan. By doing this they would be able to attract more people to their festival, as well as to the Battlefords. The SAASE Venture Project Program helped them increase their marketing to outside their normal area. Below is a writeup by Festival Chairperson Dana Alexander.

June 11, 2010 began with almost 2,000 smiling excited faces streaming out of school buses and vehicles and onto Battlefords Agricultural Society's Exhibition Park. The rain managed to stay away for the day and we had a wonderful time. From clowns and magic to music and puppets, there was something for everyone.

The SAASE AG-EXperience was a popular display. There were many mascots on the grounds including Battlefords Agricultural Society's Digger the Gopher and 4H's Harold the Hare. Face painting is always a highlight of the festival and it was provided by the Grade 6/7 class from a local school. The Boys and Girls Club provided a venue with crafts and cooperative games. The horse drawn wagon rides ran steady all day with many children going on ride after ride. The Little Red Barn was hopping with all sorts of animals in the petting zoo. A local high school's Drama Class provided walk-about clowns practicing the skills they had learned during class and workshops. The RCMP, Fire Department and WPD Ambulance all had displays and/or demonstrations with their vehicles



on site, the smoke tunnel and even a dog from the K-9 unit.

If all that wasn't enough, there were many other performances. Wilbur Sargunraj performed his own original style called Vocal Chanting combining his native India with techno dance beats. It was a very interactive show that had the kids singing and dancing along. The Dave and Louie Show featured Dave with his three foot tall puppet partner. This ventriloquism act combined comedy with important safety messages. The Wacky Wizard amazed and delighted us with his illusions. An environmental awareness message was delivered through song by Peter & Mary. And last but not least, Rainbow the Clown

entertained the children with his funny, interactive show. Rainbow also provided walk-about showcasing his balloon art and providing gifts for the children.

Many volunteers make this show happen. Their responsibilities include planning the festival, running concessions, supervising each venue, manning the gates, parking the many vehicles that come and much, much more. As with all our activities, they could never happen without our tireless group of volunteers. Hats off to them!

The stream of children leaving the grounds was moving much more slowly but looked just as happy and excited as when they arrived. It was another successful festival. Can't wait until our next in 2012.

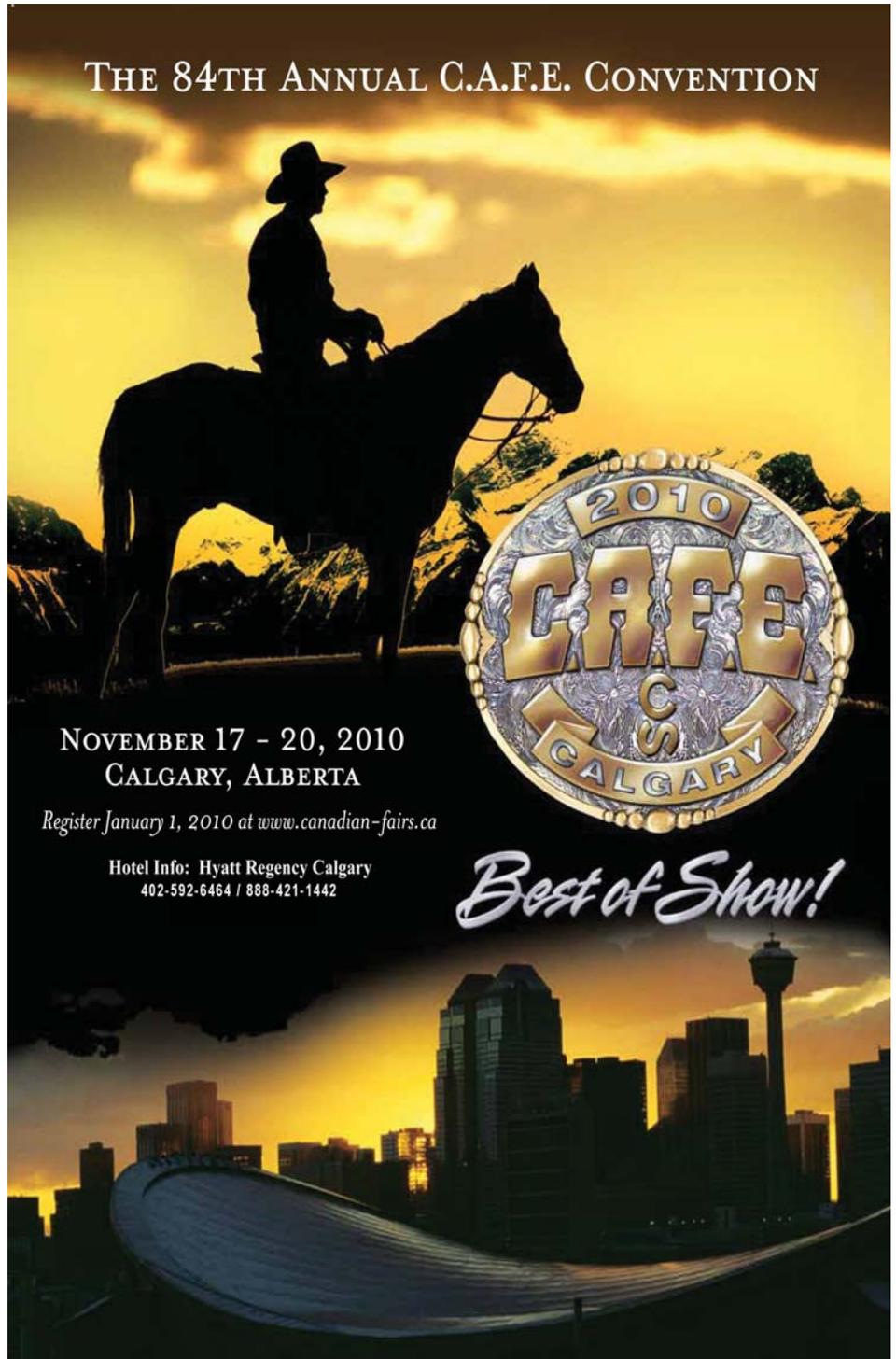


Exhibition General Manager. “Not only does it free up additional volunteers, but it also results in a much more favourable experience for our visitors.”

Since 2002 when the Clean Team was introduced nearly 165,000 bags of trash and 22,000 bags of recyclables have been collected by the SaskPower Clean Team at locations around Saskatchewan. Since the Clean Team was established in 2002, the program has grown from 10 locations to a total of 27 agricultural societies that were involved in 2010. The new 3 year agreement will allow SAASE to once again increase the size of the Clean Team. Five more locations will be added in 2011. Applications for the new members have been included with the newsletters to those agricultural societies currently not involved in the program.

Including this year’s donation of \$41,950, SaskPower’s contribution to SAASE in support of the Clean Team has been over \$300,000 since 2002. This award winning program continues to be a model partnership between SaskPower, SAASE, the agricultural societies involved, and the many community and youth groups that the program supports.

SAASE would like to thank SaskPower for their continued support of this program and the 27 communities that are supported by it, and SAASE looks forward to once again working with SaskPower on the Clean Team program over the next three years.



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Maple Creek Hosts Stock Dog Championships

The Maple Creek Agricultural Society partnered with local organizers on securing the Western Canadian Stock Dog Championships. The SAASE Board of Directors approved funding through the Venture Project Program to help out with the organization and promotion of the event. Below is an article that appeared in the Maple Creek News Times written by Marcia Love and has been reprinted with their permission.

Testy Sheep make Stock Dog Competition Challenging By Marcia Love

About 50 handlers and dogs from across Western Canada gathered in Maple Creek for the Western Canadian Stock Dog Championships and Maple Creek Open on August 27 - 29.

The event was held at the McDougald ranch south of town, with competitors taking part in the open class and the nursery class for dogs 30 months and under.

Ian Zoerb and his dog, Freckles of Brooks, Alberta took the title of Western Champion, while Maple Creek's Dale Montgomery and his dog Zip were proclaimed Western Canadian Reserve Champion. The winner of the Maple Creek Open Martin Cup was George Stambulic and his dog Kate of Cranbrook, B.C. The Western Canadian Provincial Driving Champion DelMar Trophy was won by Ian Zoerb and Freckles representing Alberta. Dale Montgomery and Zip placed first in the Double Lift Final Best Shed, while Milton Scott and Ben of Airdrie Alberta won the Double Lift Final Best Pen.

Art Unsworth, an organizer and announcer for the championships said some of the handlers he considered to be in the top 10 in North America were in attendance,

including Zoerb and Montgomery. "The level of competition was very high", he said. "These (handlers and dogs) could compete against the world." Other local handlers present included Jamie Van Rhyn of Shaunavon.

Despite the rainy and cold weather during the finals on August 29, Montgomery said the dogs and sheep were actually more cooperative. "The dogs really enjoy it when it's cold and wet because the heat bothers them more," he explained, "it was a lot more comfortable for the sheep too."

Montgomery supplied the sheep for the event, which he noted some of the handlers and dogs were having difficulty with including himself and his three dogs. "The sheep were pretty testy," he said, "some of the younger dogs had some trouble, but the experienced dogs that were up to it...handled them pretty good."

The top 10 handlers and dogs who competed in the double lift finals saw an

even more challenging course, as their dogs were required to herd two flocks of sheep to the centre of the field. "It challenges the handler and the dog, because you're asking the dog to stop his focus on what he was immediately before him and to blindly on faith and training go back and gather another flock of sheep that hed does not see at all," Unsworth explained.

Once both flocks are gathered, the dog then had to separate four collared sheep and herd them into the pen. Of the 10 finalists, only about five were able to gather both flocks. Only about half of those that succeeded were able to pen the four collared sheep.

Unsworth said the number of tourists who stopped by to watch the championships was impressive. "We had spectacular days on Friday and Saturday," he said, "people who had no idea what was going on were stopping in to watch. It was kind of neat to see." The western championships have not been held in Maple Creek since 1998.



Lloydminster Hosts New Seeding Technology Demonstration



St. Paul, Irma, Paradise Valley, as well as areas around Lloydminster on the Alberta side.

The demonstration was done on over a sixty acre lot. There were four different companies that took part in the demonstration. They included Agland, Moody's Equipment Ltd Lloydminster, Redhead Equipment Ltd. and Tingley Implements Inc. The seeders that the companies demonstrated were the John Deere - JD 1870 seeder, Horsch Anderson 40' 15" Shank Configuration Seeder, Bourgault 3310 Drill with 6550 Tank, and the Case IH Precision Hoe 800.

The Lloydminster Exhibition in partnership with SAASE, the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture and the Agriculture Canada Growing Forward program hosted a Canola Seeding demonstration on June 17. The demonstration was done under the Agricultural Demonstrations of Practices and Technologies (ADOPT) initiative and was financially supported under the Canada-Saskatchewan Growing Forward bi-lateral agreement.

June 17th. The day, although a little cool, as well as threatening of rain ended up working out great.

A total of 80 producers registered for the day. The Saskatchewan producers came from Lone Rock, Lashburn, Maidstone, Edam, Paradise Hill, Meadow Lake, as well as the areas directly around Lloydminster. The Alberta producers came from Rivercourse, Hillmond, Provost, Hayter, Tulliby, Marwayne, Dewberry,

The groups of producers were divided into two groups. Each group then went to one of the companies demonstrating their seeder. Representatives from each manufacturer were there to explain the various features of each seeder. Once each company finished their demonstration then the producers groups switched to

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Initially the demonstration day was scheduled for May 28th, but unfortunately due to the weather had to be rescheduled for June 1st, which again had to be rescheduled to June 4, which was one again rescheduled to



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the other seeding demonstration. Once the two companies were finished then the other two got the opportunity to demonstrate. Once those two companies had completed their demonstration the producers gathered for a lunch provided by the Lloydminster Exhibition. As well as some local dignitaries and committee volunteers, greetings were brought from the Federal Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz. The event was covered by local radio, newspaper, as well as TV.

The feedback that was received from the demonstration was tremendous, and the producers want to followup and take a look at the development of the canola crop that was seeded.

Other sponsors of the event included Brett Young Seeds, Lloydminster & District Co-Op Agro, Viterra, ADM Agri Industries Ltd, Cummins Western Canada, Farm Credit Canada, Novlan Brothers Sales Lloydminster and UFA Lloydminster.

The Lloydminster project was one of two projects approved for SAASE for this year. The second project has been delayed and is slated to go next spring. SAASE would like to thank the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture, the Growing Forward Program, the Lloydminster Exhibition and their organizing committee, the implement dealers, sponsors and producers who took part in this demonstration. We look forward to next year's program.



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SAASE Partners on Event Survey Program

SAASE partnered with the Ministry of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport, Tourism Saskatchewan, the Saskatchewan Tourism regions, as well as 5 of our agricultural societies on a unique event survey program. A total of 12 festivals, exhibitions and events were part of the program this summer. The twelve events that took part were:

- Pure Energy Motorsports Weekend - Estevan
- Western Canada Farm Progress Show - Regina
- Windscape Kite Festival - Swift Current
- Saskatoon Berry Festival - Mortlach
- Colonial Days - Lloydminster
- Ness Creek Festival - Near Big River
- Back to Batoche Days
- Bengough Gateway Festival
- Cherry Festival - Bruno
- Radville-Laurier 100th Anniversary
- Fort Carleton Trading Reenactment
- Prince Albert Exhibition

Volunteers and paid staff were part of the survey process, as these people surveyed the participants at each event.

Working with the Ministry of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport and each particular event the surveys were designed and then loaded onto hand-held survey devices. The surveys



A survey is taken at the Lloydminster Exhibition

were then conducted over the course of the event. The hand-held survey devices were then turned back in to the Ministry, where the data was downloaded and then interpreted. From that a report will be prepared for each event. The report outlines the economic impact of tourist spending in the event area. The report will also give all kinds of information regarding the demographics of the event, spending at the event, what

advertising was most effective, and what the people interviewed thought of the event. Over the next couple of months the reports will be finalized and the events that took part will be met with to go over and interpret the results. A big thanks goes to all the partners involved, and the hope is that this program will happen again in 2011.



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4 H Provincial Judging in Weyburn a Big Success

The 2010 Provincial 4 H Judging Competition was hosted by the Weyburn Agricultural Society on Friday August 20th and Saturday August 21st. 36 participants competed from around the province in the 2-day competition. The 36 competitors qualified from 6 regional shows hosted by agricultural societies across the province. The following is a listing of the members of the six regional teams that took part:

Lloydminster

Cougen Pegg, Hayley St. Marie
Debbie McFarlane, Daran Eggeson
Rylea Eggeson

Prince Albert

Alicia Sopatyk, Kristen Cromartie

Kelsey Paskell, Shyla Rothwell

Jacey Safnuk

Saskatoon

Lee Carpenter, Tami-Lynn Friesen

Dawn Dust, Eric Yewsuk

Tiffany Peters

Swift Current

Brittany Jordet, Bevin Hamilton

Rosalynn Meyer, Lexie Girodat

Colin Haggart, Courtney Walker

Savannah Cheney, Astra Richards

Weyburn

Sarah Underwood, Kyle Ashworth

Megan Rosso, Kayla Hordos

Nicole McKim, Mandyy March

Cayla Thue

Whitewood

Nathan Trowell, Erika Easton

Megan Rogers, Kristina Ginter

Deandra Stachura, Wacey McCaw

Six classes of animals were judged over the two days. they included stock dogs, sheep (market lambs), alpacas, bred heifers, bred bulls, and light horse. The competition involved a written questionnaire on the six species, judging of the six species and then finally preparing and giving their oral reasons for why they placed the animals the way they did.

The weekend wrapped up with the awards banquet where the 8 members and 2

alternates that make up Saskatchewan's team at Canadian Western Agribition were announced. This year's team representing Saskatchewan is Alicia Supatyk, Bevin Hamilton, Kelsey Paskell, Megan Roger, Rosalyn Meyer, Cougen Pegg, Brittany Jordet, and Savannah Cheney, Erika Easton and Nathan Trowell are the 2 alternates A big thanks goes out to Weyburn Agricultural Societies manager - Shannon Sabados and her committee on a job well done. The Prince Albert Exhibition will be hosting the 2011 Provincial Judging competition



Community Vitality Program Announced

One of the biggest issues facing Saskatchewan's agricultural societies and exhibitions is funding for capital projects. The Community Initiatives Fund has announced a new program that can help out with that, as well as support community events. The name of the program is the Community Vitality Program, and it was announced by Darlene Bessey, Chair of the Community Initiatives Fund Board of Trustees.

Through the new program, the Community Initiatives Fund will allocate \$9 million over three years to support community projects and initiatives that will have a lasting impact on the economic, social and cultural aspects of community life in Saskatchewan.

"The program was developed in response to consultations and community surveys conducted over the past two years," Bessey said. "Volunteerism, aging community facilities, youth leadership and access to activities are challenges that were identified by communities across the province. The goal of the Community Vitality Program is to respond to those challenges and assist communities to remain vibrant places to live.

The new program will support small capital projects that improve the quality, accessibility and use of facilities in communities across the province. The program will also support projects and events that build community pride, encourage volunteerism and community involvement and engage Aboriginal and young people as leaders in community activities.

"Saskatchewan is known for its great quality of life," former Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Dustin Duncan said. "This program will strengthen communities so that the quality of life we enjoy will be sustained into the future. It will also encourage young people to become more involved in their communities. That's important because they are the future of our province."

Grants are available to Saskatchewan charitable and non-profit organizations, and to municipalities, health regions, schools or school divisions applying on behalf of community-led projects and initiatives. In particular, youth groups, Aboriginal groups, smaller, rural and northern communities are encouraged to apply.

To be eligible to apply for the Community Vitality Program the applicant must:

- be a Saskatchewan based registered charitable organization; or
- be incorporated in Saskatchewan as a non-profit corporation with a primary purpose and activities that are charitable in nature; or,
- be a municipality, health region, school or school division applying on behalf of a project that is community-based and community-led.

Projects must begin after notification of approval by the CIF Board and will not be funded retroactively. The CIF is not responsible for any costs incurred by applicants for projects that begin prior to notification of the CIF Board's decision. Notification is provided approximately 8 weeks after each application date.

Projects must not duplicate existing programs and services and funds may not be applied to projects or activities currently funded through any other CIF grant program. Only one application per project or event will be considered. Government delivered projects, programs and services are not eligible. Organizations may receive CVP funding for only one grant at any given time. Projects for significant milestones or anniversaries are limited to one application every 10 years.

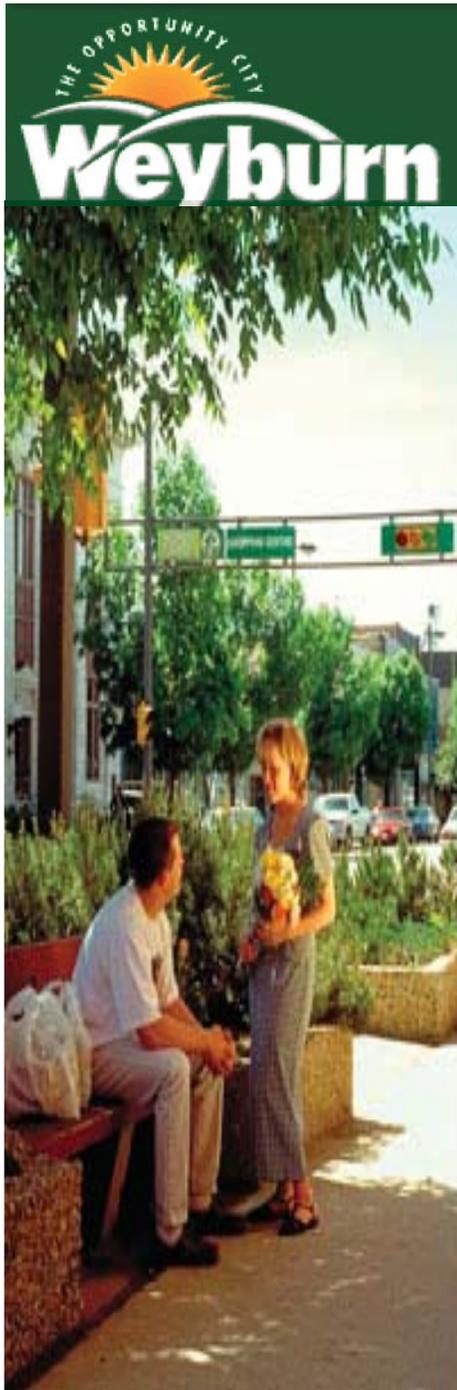
Grant levels for community projects are up to 50% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$50,000 per project. Grants, sponsorships, in-kind contributions of goods and services, and self-generated revenues may be considered as eligible matching funds. The amount allocated for each project may be less than the amount requested, and is based on merit assessed against the grant criteria, the number of eligible requests received, and consideration for providing support to requests across the province.

Applications will be received October 1 and April 1 each year, with the first application deadline of October 1, 2010. All final grant decisions are made at arms-length from Government by the Community Initiatives Fund Board.

CIF grant program inquiries can be directed to:

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Weyburn to Host SAASE Convention



The SAASE Convention and Annual Meeting will be taking place in Weyburn on Friday February 25 and Saturday February 26. The convention is taking place a little earlier than in the past, but this may help out because a lot of people have been unable to attend because of calving.

The Weyburn Agricultural Society will be hosting the convention, and the SAASE board are already busy working on the convention program. As well as some great entertainment happening on the Friday night host evening, there will also be reports on the various Venture Projects that have been approved this past year. The expanded program that was announced at last year's convention in Moose Jaw has been a tremendous success. Because of this the various approved projects will be showcasing their programs, which will hopefully give us all some ideas on some programming that we will be able to apply to our agricultural societies for next year.

SAASE is currently working with the Ministry of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport on a workshop that will take place on Friday during the day. Information on the workshop will be sent out with the convention packages in December. Once again, as was the case with last year's

workshop there will be no charge.

There are two hotels that will be hosting convention delegates. Rooms are available at the Perfect Inns and Suites. A single room is \$85 and \$95 per night, with a double room being \$85 and \$99 per night plus applicable taxes. The Perfect Inns and Suites are located on 238 Sims Ave. The phone number is 842-2691 and the fax number is 842-2121. You can go online to their website at www.perfectinns.com/weyburn/index.htm. The deadline to book rooms at the Perfect Inns and Suites is January 25, 2011.

The other hotel is the Weyburn Travelodge. It is located at 53 Government Rd. S. at the junction of Highways 39 and 35. A single room is \$98 a night with the double being \$105 plus applicable taxes. The phone number is 842-1411 and fax number is 842-1719. The email address is travelodge@kosmos.ca. You can go to www.travelodge.com to get information on the Weyburn Travelodge. The booking deadline for rooms is January 15, 2011.

The SAASE Board of Directors are very excited about this year's convention and would encourage all the agricultural societies to send a representative. Look for information on the convention in December. See you in Weyburn.



This is Our Weyburn... come discover yours!

Coming Events

September 2010

2-6	Moose Jaw SQHS Horse Show	Moose Jaw
3-6	Prince Albert Chuckwagon Finals	Prince Albert
11-12	Moose Jaw SRCA Horse Show	Moose Jaw
10-11	Maple Creek Ranch Country Horse Sale	Maple Creek
11-12	Melville Fair	Melville
11-12	Melville Parimutual Horse Racing	Melville
18-19	Melville Parimutual Horse Racing	Melville
18-19	Carnduff True Grit	Carnduff
18	Maple Creek Chriiba Horse Sale	Maple Creek
18	Melfort Fall Flea Market	Melfort
25-26	Moose Jaw Paint Horse Show	Moose Jaw
25	Indoor Flea Market	Yorkton
25	Grenfell Ag Society Fall Fair	Grenfell
25	Grenfell Trade and Craft Sale	Grenfell
25	Lloydminster Rare and Exotic Sale	Lloydminster
26	Swift Current Ranchman's Ridin and Recitin	Swift Current

October 2010

1-2	Unity & District Trade Show and Fall Fair	Unity
7	Broadview Fall Fair	Broadview
8-11	Lancer Chokecherry Festival - 40th Anniversary	Lancer
9-10	Moose Jaw Sask Appaloosa Horse Club	Moose Jaw
21-24	Moose Jaw SRHA Horse Show	Moose Jaw
23	Denzil Trade and Fall Fair	Denzil
23	Perdue Market Place	Perdue

November 2010

2-3	Canola Expo	Yorkton
3-6	Harvest Showdown	Yorkton
3-4	Lloydminster Stock Dog Trials	Lloydminster
4-6	Lloydminster Stockade Roundup	Lloydminster
6-7	Battlefords Mistletoe Craft and Gift Sale	Battlefords
6	UFA Roundup Ranch Horse Show and Sale	Lloydminster
10-13	Saskatoon Fall Fair	Saskatoon
12-13	Lloydminster Golden Feather and Fur Sale	Lloydminster
17-20	CAFE Convention	Calgary
17	Prince Albert AGM & Volunteer Appreciation	Prince Albert
22-27	Canadian Western Agribition	Regina
27	Vanscoy Turkey Bingo	Vanscoy

December 2010

4	Prince Albert Small Business Christmas Party	Prince Albert
11	Battlefords Christmas Bake and Gift Show	Battlefords
16	Prince Albert Small Business Christmas Party	Prince Albert
31	Saskatoon New Year's Eve Party	Saskatoon

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



Lloydminster Exhibition Clean Team