

Science Fair: Volcanoes, Magnets and Three-Year Agreements?

The biggest announcement at this year's SaskEnergy Southeast Regional Science Fair wasn't who would take home the blue ribbon for first prize, but that SaskEnergy and the Saskatchewan Association of Science Fairs (SASF) have finalized a new, three-year, \$100,000 agreement.

Honourable Dustin Duncan, Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy, officially announced the agreement between SaskEnergy and SASF in front of a packed Midale Central School Gymnasium on March 18. The contract will run through 2013, which will also mark the 25th anniversary of this partnership.



A few of the many projects on display at the SaskEnergy Southeast Regional Science Fair

SASF is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting and encouraging Saskatchewan youth to develop scientific literacy as well as to demonstrate these ideas in the form of projects displayed at annual Regional and Canada-wide Science Fairs. As part of the new contract, SaskEnergy will remain the Official Sponsor of the eleven Regional Science Fairs held across Saskatchewan annually.



Honourable Dustin Duncan speaking to the audience at Midale Central School

In addition to the Midale event, this year, SaskEnergy Regional Science Fairs will be held in Gravelbourg, Balgonie, Muenster, Swift Current, Prince Albert, Foam Lake, Saskatoon, La Ronge, Regina and Macklin.

As in previous years, many SaskEnergy and TransGas employees are taking a very active role in the fairs. In Midale, three employees from Regina contributed their industry expertise, acting as judges during the one-day event.

Jim Langen, Provincial Coordinator, SASF, had this to say about SaskEnergy's involvement: "The financial and logistical support of SaskEnergy gives students the ability to test their innovative ideas and gain valuable experience in the process. With their assistance thousands of students have been given the opportunity to expand their abilities and reach new goals".

As part of the event, Weyburn radio station CFSL-1190 was live on location throughout the afternoon, speaking on-air with Langen, Minister Duncan, participating students and SaskEnergy judges.



Honourable Dustin Duncan presents a SaskEnergy Special Achievement Award to Shandi McMillen and Austin Lemieux, Grade 12 students from Midale Central, for their project, "The Effect of Energy Drinks on the Human Body"



After a hard day of competing, the students were treated to a well deserved juice and cupcake treat, which was modeled after the periodic table in support of science, provided by SaskEnergy.

Thank you to everyone involved in the eleven Regional Science Fairs across the province!