



Volunteer Champion Awards 2012

Achievement of the Year - Lloydminster Exhibition Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival was successfully launched in 2010 with the support of the SAASE Venture Project Program. The challenge was to create a second year event that could stand on its own without that funding. In 2011, Harvest Festival saw a ticket increase of 17% over the launch event in 2010, with a total of 260 sold for 2011. In 2011, we increased our local producers involvement by 20% over 2012. More producers = more local food.

In 2011 we did not receive the funding through the SAASE Venture Project Program, but managed to increase our revenue, including sponsorship by 60%, to create a financially stable event. At the recent CAFE National Fairs convention the Harvest Festival was recognized nationally for best new event. We are already working on year 3.



Volunteers of the Year

Bernie Payne

Nominated by the Lloydminster Exhibition



Bernie was born in 1936 and is the 3rd generation to farm on the family homestead. His wife is Mona, and he has 6 children, with many grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was elected to the Lloydminster Board of Directors in 1974. He was a board member for 37 years before he retired in 2011. He is a Past President and has been a Vice-chair for bingo and gaming. He has been a committee member of the Bull Sale, Cattle Sale Review, Cattleman of the Year/Hall of Fame, Fair-Commercial Exhibits/Midway, Grounds and Property and the Stockade roundup. He was active through the building of the Wild Rose, Dick Jones Pavillion, Alberta and Saskatchewan Buildings, Grandstand and remodeling of the Stockade Building, as well as the pavement and improvements to the grounds. Bernie was inducted into the Lloydminster Exhibition Agricultural Hall of Fame in 2005, in part due to his extensive work in the cattle industry promoting and developing the Limousin breed. He was President of the Alberta Limousin Association and represented Saskatchewan on the Canadian Limousin Association board of directors. As a result of all his work he won the Distinction Award in Saskatchewan for the Limousin breed in 1994 and was named

to the Canadian Limousin Association Hall of Fame. He was a 4 H Leader for 19 years with the Northminster 4 H Beef Club and was inducted into the District 35 - 4 H Hall of Fame in 1994. He has also been involved in coaching hockey and baseball. He has been an invaluable volunteer for not only the Lloydminster Exhibition, but also in the community and province. The Lloydminster Exhibition proudly nominate Bernie Payne as SAASE Volunteer of the Year.



Terence Bexson **Nominated by the** **Lloydminster Exhibition**

Terence Bexson is the Lloydminster Exhibition's second nominee for Volunteer of the Year. He was elected to the Lloydminster Exhibition's Board of Directors in 1996 and served for 15 years to 2011 when he retired. He has long been a member and volunteered for the Lloydminster Exhibition in a number of capacities. He has been a committee member of the Ag. Education committee, as well as the Cattleman of the Year/Hall of Fame, Driving Horse Conference, Fair-Chuck-wagons, Fair-Draft Horse Show/Draft Horse Pull/Clinics. He has also been on the committees for Grounds and Property and the Poker Cutter Rally. He has been very active in all of the draft horse events held, whether it was Pulls, Shows, Hitches, Clinics or Rallies. He is a renowned horseman who has led many horse handling seminars and clinics on behalf of the Lloydminster Exhibition. His father was an esteemed

member of the Lloydminster Exhibition Board of Directors, and his son Vern is now continuing the generations of Bexsons committed to the Lloydminster Exhibition. For everything that Terence has done and continues to do for the Lloydminster Exhibition he is a worthy recipient of the SAASE Volunteer of the Year.

Honorary Life Memberships



Norman Flaten **Nominated by the Weyburn Ag. Society**

Weyburn Agricultural Society nominates Norman Flaten for Honourary Life Membership in SAASE.

Norm served for many years on the Board of Directors of Weyburn Agricultural Society. He was the director in charge of the Farm Boys Camp for several years in the 50s and 60s. He was chairman of Special Attractions for some years, starting such events as Tractor Pull Competitions and Heavy Horse Pulls. He served as president of the society in 1984 and 1985. He was Weyburn's representative to SAASE Conventions several years. He was president of Western Canada Fairs Association in 1997. Other than farming some 3000 to 5000 acres of land for most of his life, Norm also worked

as an Agricultural Engineer with the Conservation Branch in Saskatchewan Agriculture before teaching Agricultural Engineering at the University of Saskatchewan from 1957 to 1975. His lifetime of service touched the national and international level in 1991 when he participated in a Canadian-Russian Agricultural Exchange, and again in 1994 when he was Team Leader for the Partners in Progress Agri-Food Project held in Moscow and Saratov, Russia. Norm served on the Weyburn Saskatchewan Wheat Pool Committee from 1979 to 1983. He also served on the executive of Weyburn Inland Terminal from 1988 to 1998. Norm served as chairman of Highway 13 Association in 1979 when the highway was extended into Alberta. The highway later was named "The Red Coat Trail". He taught Sunday School, was Church Treasurer, a Cub Leader and a member of his Home and School Association.



Ronald Metheral

Nominated by the Weyburn Ag. Society

Weyburn Agricultural Society nominates Ronald Metheral for Honourary Life Membership on SAASE.

Ron has been a longtime and dedicated member of the society. He was the director who started our Kids' Tractor Pull, which has been staged for almost 30 years. He made many parade floats, including model Merry Go Rounds and Ferris Wheels. More recently, he has put on Threshing Demonstrations at the fair and Wheat Festivals, to bring some of the harvest methods to life for the younger generations. Ron writes:

"It is an honour to receive this plaque to follow other well honoured people who were inducted into SAASE.

I followed my grandfather, my dad and then I became a member of the Weyburn Agricultural Society. The first year you had to prove to them that you would be worthy of becoming a member. They put me on the Horse Race Committee and I harrowed the race track. Then they gave me a bucket; I asked them "what for?" and they said I had to walk around the ½ mile track and pick all the small stones. I did that for the three days of the fair. The following year I was voted in as a member, and this June, 2012, it will be 60 years, and I enjoyed every minute of it. I started working on the gates, then the light and heavy horses, and enjoyed working on the Attraction Committee the best. I came up as president in 1973, and had a great bunch of directors to work with and had a successful year, mostly because it didn't rain. Thanks again for this plaque; it will be hanging in my office for everybody to see. Yours - Ron Metheral"