

Issue 1 - December 2022



The Canadian Centre for Health and Safety in Agriculture (CCHSA) is proud to launch of this first edition of the Boots on the Ground newsletter. The newsletter is a vehicle to showcase what is happening to advance rural and agricultural health and safety in Saskatchewan, Canada, and internationally.

The newsletter will highlight CCHSA research, service, knowledge translation, and extension activities, as well as what is happening with our collaborators and partners. The newsletters' success requires an active process. Please share recent news in research, service, knowledge translation, or extension activities in rural and agricultural health and safety; highlight upcoming events (conferences, meetings, etc.); share stories, results, activities, and funding successes; share pictures, references to papers, student defences, student presentations, etc. You will receive a monthly reminder from us. Please respond to the request and regularly share what is happening by emailing items to sueli.bizetto@usask.ca or cchsa.ccssma@usask.ca.

#### CCHSA - Who are we?

The CCHSA is an embodiment of research to action in the health and safety of rural and agricultural populations.

#### Our Mission

Development and dissemination of research, services, resources, and knowledge for the health and safety of rural and agricultural populations and professionals.

#### Our Strategy

We are a developer, collaborator, source, connector, and catalyst to advance research, knowledge translation, extension, and service in the health and safety of rural and agricultural populations

#### Our Programs:

- Rural Dementia
- Musculoskeletal Health and Ergonomics
- Environmental Exposures in Rural and Agricultural Populations
- Omics in Rural and Agricultural Health
- Epidemiology and Biostatistics in Rural and Agricultural Health
- Rural Population Health
- Farmers, Farm Worker, and Farming Health and Safety
- Enhancing Rural Access to Health Professionals
- Innovation and Advancement for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety

## Highlights

#### MEET OUR NEW DIRECTOR



"If you want to build a ship,
don't drum up people to
collect wood and don't
assign them tasks and work,
but rather teach them to
long for the endless
immensity of the sea."
Antoine de Saint-Exupery

On November 1st, 2022 I took on the role of Interim Director of CCHSA. Prior to agreeing to take on this role I spent time walking and talking with trusted mentors. These mentors are very knowledgeable about CCHSA and the University of Saskatchewan administrative roles and structures. These discussions were very important to my decision. I want to thank them for their time, advice, and support.

Prior to taking on this role I also took some time to vision. If I were to take on the role I needed to understand why.

I asked myself "If I were to take on this leadership role, what are my plans?

What do I want to achieve?
How can it be achieved?
What are the immediate,
mid-term, and long-term
steps to achieving the
vision?" I documented my
thoughts and therein began a
vision plan. Importantly, I was
excited and eager to bring
my vision to life!

He who has a "why"
can endure any
"how."
Friedrich Nietzsche

The premise is positive movement, sparked by what works now and what makes success possible. The book "The Surprising Power of Liberating Structures – Simple Rules to Unleash a Culture of Innovation" (2014) outlines a foundation for this process:

- Include and unleash everyone
- Practice deep respect for people and local solutions
- Build trust as you go
- Learn by falling forward

- Practice self-discovery
- Amplify freedom and responsibility
- Emphasize possibilities: believe before you see

- Invite creative destruction to enable innovation
- Engage in seriously playful curiosity
- Never start without a clear purpose

These principles are a guiding framework for my vision and leadership. Some amazing staff are working to bring some of the visioning steps to action, starting with the launch of this first edition of the Boots on the Ground newsletter.

My next few months will be spent appreciatively inquiring with CCHSA faculty and staff, partners, collaborators, UofS leadership, and the CCHSA Boards, to understand and amplify the strengths-filled, opportunity-rich, possibilities for CCHSA. My door is always open. Feel free to reach out.

My boots are on the ground .....! I look forward to the journey.

#### QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE MEDAL

This award honours contributions and commitments to Saskatchewan

Sueli Bizetto de Freitas, QPJM-SK, Public Relations Officer at CCHSA, Terry Baker, QPJM-SK, Board Member of CCHSA; and Dr. James A. Dosman, Agrivita CEO, were recipients of the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal (Saskatchewan) at a ceremony on September 29th, 2022 and November 19 respectively.

The medal was created to celebrate the 70th anniversary year of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Accession to the Throne. Her Majesty The Queen approved the design of the medal in May 2022.

The medal is a tangible way for the Province of Saskatchewan to honour Her Majesty for her lifetime of service. It

also recognises Saskatchewan citizens of all ages, and from all walks of life, who have made contributions to our country, our province, or a particular community. This medal recognises what those citizens have done to make Saskatchewan a better place.



Sueli B. de Freitas



Terry Baker



J.A. Dosman

## Extension

#### **DISCOVERY DAYS**

What are they?



HI, I'M TODD! I COME ALONG TO ALL THE NETWORK'S DISCOVERY DAYS PRESENTATIONS AT YOUR SCHOOLS. I LOVE TO SHARE FARM SAFETY TIPS WITH THE CHILDREN AND TO REMIND THEM THAT SAFETY IS AN EVERYDAY TASK. CANNOT WAIT UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN!

#### **Since 2016**



162



7,500

**Schools Students** 



7,823

**KMs** 

Discovery Days are farm safety presentations tailored for children in grades 4-6 who are immersed in agriculture at home or in their community.

The Agricultural Health & Safety Network delivered 6 presentations in rural schools across Saskatchewan in the month of November:

- Edenwold School, RM of Edenwold No. 158, Div 2
- Emerald Ridge School, RM of Edenwold No. 158, Div 2
- William Mason School, RM of Torch River No. 488, Div 4
- Naicam School, RM of Pleasantdale No. 398, Div 4
- Miller Elementary School, RM of Cana No. 214, Div 1
- Nokomis School, RM of Wreford No. 280, Div 5

#### **AHSN ACTIVITIES**

November 3 & 4:

Attendance at Saskatchewan Women in Agriculture conference in Saskatoon

#### November 16 & 17:

Attendance at the SARM Mid-Term Convention in Saskatoon

#### November 16 & 17:

Network Steering Committee Meeting

#### November 30:

"Gear Up for Ag Program"Focusing on the health and safety
of the next generation of
Agriculture - Delivered to Sask
Polytech Students (26) in Moose
Jaw SK. Delivered in partnership
with Ag Health and Safety Alliance.

#### **AHSN Resources:**

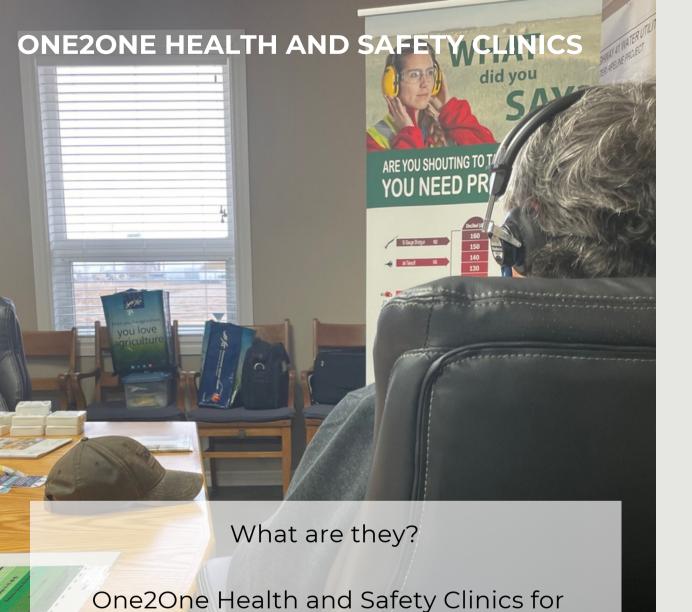
https://aghealthandsafety.com/programs/







## Service



farmers are offered to assess farm families.

and farm workers respiratory or hearing

health either at our Network clinic at the

UofS campus or in your local RM.

#### **HEARING CLINICS**

November 1 and 2: RM of Aberdeen, RM # 373

November 22: RM of Fillmore, RM # 96



#### 3 Day Hearing Clinics 30 employees & farm families

Contact us by email at: aghealthandsafety@usask.ca

# Knowledge Transfer

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## Agricultural Health and Safety Network Resources: https://aghealthandsafety.com/programs/

- Farm Safety Plan
- Mental Health in Agriculture
- Fostering Resiliency in Agriculture
- Mental Wellness Short Videos

- COVID-19 Resources for Farmers
- Save your Breath: Respiratory Health in Agriculture (2nd Edition)
- Electrical Safety on Saskatchewan Farms

## Research

#### MUSCULOSKELETAL HEALTH AND ERGONOMICS

CCHSA's faculty members, Dr. Angelica Lang, and Dr. Soo Kim, from the School of Rehabilitation Science at the University of Saskatchewan are addressing the Long-Term Effects of Reconstructive Surgery on Breast Cancer Survivors to restore shoulder function in women with breast cancer after rehabilitative surgery.

Dr. Lang says that "by identifying and acknowledging the challenges they face after surgery, both researchers hope that their investigation will help to improve quality of life for breast cancer survivors and that steps can be made to better rehabilitate their shoulder function.

Dr. Lang provided an interview on CTV and the results of this research have been published in the Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Journal of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons.





#### DO YOU HAVE SHOULDER PAIN?

The Musculoskeletal Health & Ergonomics Lab is currently recruiting for their SHRF-funded research, title "How do time and rural residence affect upper limb biomechanical alterations in rotator cuff disease?"







If you know someone with shoulder pain who would be willing to volunteer, please email angelica.lang@usask.ca.

For more information:

https://research-groups.usask.ca/ergolab/our-research/shrf-shoulder-pain.php.

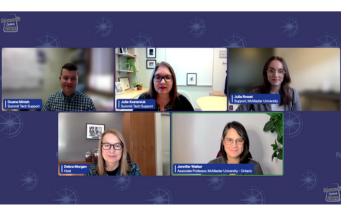
#### **RURAL DEMENTIA ACTION RESEARCH - RaDAR**

The RaDAR research program is led by Dr. Debra Morgan and guided by The Knowledge Network in Rural and Remote Dementia Care. The Network includes front-line health care providers and managers, people living with dementia and family members, health region representatives, international researchers, and individuals from governmental and communitybased organizations.

In November the RaDAR team hosted the 15th annual Summit and the third to be held in a virtual format! One hundred thirty-two attendees logged in to attend the two-day event that included an evening poster session and both live and pre-recorded presentations on a variety of topics from a diverse group of presenters.

Dr. Nicole Ruggiano, PhD, MSW. Professor and Director of the Doctor of Social Work Program, University of Alabama School of Social Work joined Summit as keynote presenter. She presented on Advancing Evidence-based Technologies to Support Dementia Care and Caregiving:

Challenges, Opportunities, and Directions Forward. For more about RaDAR Summits: https://cchsaccssma.usask.ca/ruraldementiacare/summit/



previous-summits.php attendees

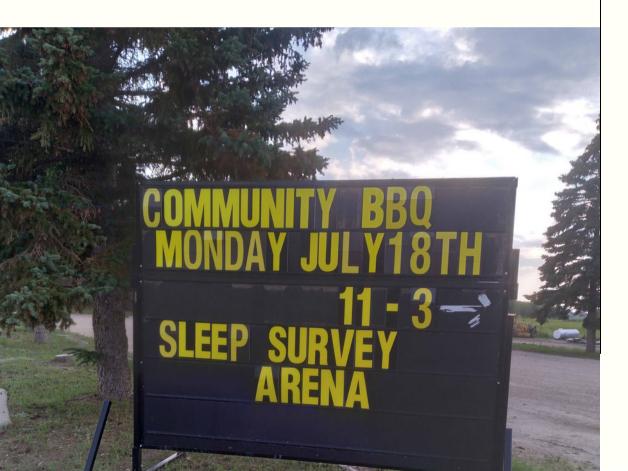


Indigenous Dem Sur presentation

Care Farm Panel

### FIRST NATIONS SLEEP HEALTH STUDY: UPDATE

We have started the second phase of the First Nations Sleep Health Study in May 2022 and the data collection will continue until December. In July, we had a community gathering BBQ in Beardy's & Okemasis Cree Nation to recruit participants for the study."



### FIRST NATIONS HOUSE, HOME AND MENTAL HEALTH STUDY

This new CIHR project funded early this year is based on the Cree people's traditional Tipi Teachings. The 15 poles that provide the internal structure of the tipi represent a set of universal values and the project team are planning to relate these values with house, home and mental health of First Nations people. A survey questionnaire is being produced with input from community members to ensure sensitivity to cultural and linguistic factors. Data collection is planned for Summer 2023."

#### TRENDS IN WORK-RELATED FATAL FARM INJURIES

Saskatchewan, Canada: 2005-2019

This study was conducted to estimate farm fatality rates and to describe patterns of fatal agricultural injuries on Saskatchewan farms from 2005-2019 from the data collected for the Canadian Agricultural Injury Reporting (CAIR) program. The overall work-related fatality rate was 10.5 (95% CI: 8.9-12.1) per 100,000 farm population. The work-related fatality rate in all cases showed a nonsignificant average annual decline of 2.6%. Rollover injuries contributed to a high proportion of fatalities in children (30.0%) and the elderly population (14.9%). The most of frequent type of equipment involved in fatal injuries for all age groups was the tractor (31.4%), with more than half of the runovers (59.3%) and 31.8% of rollovers.

More than half of the victims were owner/operators with the next highest proportion of victims being hired workers (13.9%). The paper provides an important update on the farm fatality picture in Saskatchewan and reminds us of the critical need to incorporate of the hierarchy of control in agriculture and in particular, engineering controls such as Roll-Over Protective Structures (ROPS) to help prevent tractor rollover fatalities.

LINK TO THE RESEARCH: https://cchsaccssma.usask.ca/mhac/documents/mobilizing-ruralremote-and-urban.pdf

Link to register: https://usaskca.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcvf-rqzktE9xRPBiYEgo7f3UspUj-ZSmA

## MOBILIZING RURAL, REMOTE AND URBAN PATIENT PERSPECTIVES TO ENHANCE ACCESS TO CHRONIC BACK PAIN CARE

Little is known about barriers and facilitators to health care access among rural, remote and Indigenous people with back pain compared to urban and/or non-Indigenous people. With approximately 30% of Saskatchewan's population living in rural and remote settings and 16% of the province's population being Indigenous, this is a critical gap to address.

The main goal of this project CIHR funded project led by CCHSA faculty, Dr. Brenna Bath, is to explore and apply the experiences of rural, remote and urban Indigenous and non-Indigenous people with chronic back pain to develop a deeper understanding of health care access barriers and facilitators across rural, remote, and urban communities.

Free Virtual Event
Access to Low Back
Pain Care: The
Saskatchewan

Landscape

Date and Time:
Thursday Feb 9th
6:30-8:30PM CST

\*open to anyone interested

Research Presentations & Interactive World Café

Register Here

Summary of findings from interviews with over 40 people with chronic low back pain and health care providers as well as a survey of nearly 400 Saskatchewan residents with chronic low back pain. Following will be an interactive World Café facilitated discussion. Come learn, share, and engage!

For more information about our research project, please check out our <u>website</u> or email back.research@usask.ca







#### **GRANT FUNDING:**

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#### **CCHSA FACULTY, STAFF & STUDENTS NEWS**

#### **USASK VANIER SCHOLAR AWARDEE**



Pezhman Zolfaghari Didani

Building Air Purification Systems that Combat Viruses

The COVID-19 pandemic has shown that airborne viruses can rapidly cause widespread disease in large populations. Demonstrate excellence in research and leadership and with supervision from USask College of Engineering professor Dr. Jafar Soltan (PhD) and College of Medicine associate professor Dr. Shelley Kirychuk (PhD), the USask Engineering PhD student Pezhman Zolfaghari Didani is developing a high-performing air purification system that can remove tiny airborne pathogens from the air more efficiently than current air filters.

#### More information:

https://news.usask.ca/articles/research/2022/four-new-usask-vanier-scholars-demonstrateexcellence-in-research-and-leadership.php

#### **BILOKRELY FAMILY TRUST FUND**

The RaDAR team is the recipient of funding to support Summit and the team's activities, generously provided by the Bilokreli family. The family has an interest in supporting rural dementia research in the province, and we are pleased to offer student poster prizes in their name to student trainees working in the field.

Summit 2022 Bilokreli Student poster prizes were awarded to:









#### **COLLEGE OF MEDICINE RESEARCH AWARDS 2022-2023**

The Office of the Vice-Dean Research (OVDR) in the College of Medicine is excited to announce the 2022 College of Medicine Research Awards (CoMRAD). The CoMRAD provides seed funding (up to \$30,000) for novel pilot and/or feasibility studies that will facilitate future applications to provincial, national, and global funding opportunities.



**Dr. Brenna Bath**, Community Health & Epidemiology. Feasibility and Acceptability of a Physical Therapist Led Education and Exercise Program for People Living with Osteoarthritis Awaiting Hip or Knee Total Joint Arthroplasty





**Dr. Angelica Lang & Dr. Niels Koehncke**, Department of Medicine, CCHSA. Shoulder function measurement for everyone: a validation study of wearable sensors for community-driven research.



**Dr. George Katselis**, Department of Medicine (CCHSA). Applications of Proteomics to Study Vibration-Related Micro-Concussions

https://medicine.usask.ca/research/2022-awardees.pdf

#### **CCHSA SEMINAR SERIES**

JOIN US!

The CCHSA seminar is a biweekly lecture delivered by invited speakers on Tuesdays from 2:30-3:30 during the academic term.

Topics include current issues in agricultural and rural health research and practice. Seminar speakers include those affiliated with CCHSA, with other departments at U of S, and visitors to the university such as those from other institutions or government. We encourage presentations from students, researchers, Centre staff, and practitioners. The 30 to 40-min presentation format emphasizes discussion of topics and encourages participant interaction with speakers.

We are using hybrid platform for these seminars. Contact us if you want to be one of the presenters.

Links to the Zoom seminar meeting and schedule are below

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE - 2022-2023 https://cchsa-ccssma.usask.ca/events-andseminars/2022-23/cchsa-seminar-schedule-22-23.pdf

**ZOOM link:** 

https://usask-ca.zoom.us/j/95399081829? pwd=dUJIZmlnMkU4TXg4VVoxOWhvc2 VLUT09t

#### **50th SASKATCHEWAN SAFETY SEMINAR**

Date: February 7-9, 2023

@ The World Trade Centre at Prairieland Park, Saskatoon, SK.

The 2023 Saskatchewan Safety Seminar, an in-person event, is now OPEN for registration!

#### Saskatchewan Safety Seminar

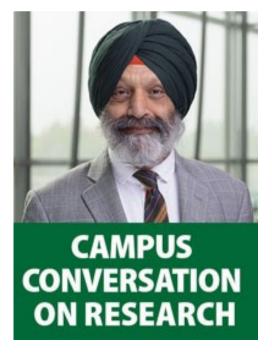
February 7-9, 2023
World Trade Center at Prairieland Park, Saskatoon, SK



DELEGATE REGISTRATION

This seminar will be an excellent opportunity for new or experienced safety practitioners (or those who wish to learn from them) to attend professional development sessions with experts on a variety of current safety related topics.

Registration LINK https://www.sasksafety.org/safety\_seminar\_sessions.htmlt



#### **CAMPUS CONVERSATIONS**

USask Vice-President Research Baljit Singh invites you to join him in Campus Conversations on Research, Scholarly, and Artistic Work at USask. These events will be held in-person in 2022-23, providing researchers, students and staff the opportunity to discuss researchelated issues and ask questions of Baljit and his OVPR leadership team. The next meeting will take place from noon to 12:45 pm on December 8 at Convocation Hall.

# NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS



MPROVING KNOWLEDGE OF MENTAL HEALTH 
REDUCING STIGMA IN RURAL COMMUNITIES

The workshop was developed for farmers by famers in response to the first National Farmers Mental Health Survey. The results of the second national survey, 2021 Survey of Farmer Mental Health in Canada have been released and due to the COVID 19 pandemic, mental health in agriculture is declining and training like this workshop is essential.

The IN THE KNOW workshop was developed for farmers by famers in response to the first. National Farmers Mental Health Survey. The results of the second national survey, 2021 Survey of Farmer Mental Health in Canada have been released and due to the COVID 19 pandemic, mental health in agriculture is declining and training like this workshop is essential.

This workshop is a 5-hour training interactive session with slides, discussion, handouts, visual aids, and the use of scenarios. The use of pre and post surveys for the training allows the program to stay current and address any barriers users may experience before, during, and after training. Participants will be able to:

- Identify the signs and symptoms of those in distress
- Have the confidence to start a conversation about mental health
- Provide ways to support mental health specifically for those in the agriculture industry
   Learn to support other farmers and yourself at this mental health literacy program for farmers and the agricultural community

In The Know workshop is delivered by a facilitator and cofacilitator both with agricultural background so participants do not need to explain their specific challenges before asking questions and sharing experiences.

Register by email: shs954@mail.usask.ca

Join us virtually: Using your computer, tablet, or phone / By using your browser or by downloading the Team App