



**Our vision:**

**No child would become ill, injured or die from farm, ranch and rural activities.**

**Our mission:**

**Provide education, training and resources to make farm, ranch and rural life safer and healthier for children and their communities.**

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## PAF Successfully Concludes 9th Annual On-line Auction



On November 4th, the Progressive Agriculture Foundation's 9th Annual On-line Auction came to a close. Thanks to the generous support of our partners, supporters and friends who donated auction items to all who placed bids

and purchased items, we raised more than \$4,000, as well as an additional \$5,000 in ad space, to support the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® program.

***Congratulations to auction bidder, Heidi Wagner of Ontario, Canada, who bid on auction items and therefore entered into the \$100 Auction Giveaway Drawing.***

Thank you Heidi for supporting the program while doing some holiday shopping!

Two items still available are advertisement space donated to the Safety Day program by DTN/The Progressive Farmer and Country Folks by Lee Publications. This advertisement space is valued at more than \$12,000 and \$2,000 respectively and is perfect for an ag-related business or organization. ***We do not have any bidders yet so if you have interest, questions or would like to place an offer on the ad space, please contact Cindy Lengel-Russ at [cruss@progressiveag.org](mailto:cruss@progressiveag.org) or 888-257-3529 Ext. 704***

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## Safety Day Success Story in Fire Prevention

Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® Coordinator, Chris Tomky, had no idea the impact her May 18th Safety Day in Imperial, Nebraska would have on the community. Since Tomky began hosting Safety Days for her local community, fire safety has always been an important lesson taught each



year. Tomky credits the support of the Imperial Volunteer Fire Department and the donation of fire extinguishers from Tri-State Fire Extinguisher, a local business, to ensure participants learn a variety of fire safety tips. Through one-on-one, hands-on education, all Safety Day participants learned how to use a fire extinguisher.

This year, Tomky went from a community Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® to a school event with Chase County Public Schools for children in Kindergarten through sixth grade. Eleven year old participant, JD Tuller, put the information he gained to use this summer when he witnessed a fire at a neighbor's home. According to Imperial Fire Chief, Nick Schultz, Tuller's quick actions and proper use of a fire extinguisher was crucial in keeping the fire contained to the porch.



Each year, more than 65% of Progressive Agriculture Safety Days® in North America offer a lesson on fire safety each year making it our number one safety lesson. To read more on this story and for tips on how fire extinguishers and smoke detectors can play a major role in saving a life, [click here](#).

## Shopping Amazon this Holiday Season? Use AmazonSmile and Donate to the Progressive Agriculture Foundation

The holiday shopping season is now well underway. Don't forget that donating to the Progressive Agriculture Foundation can be as simple as doing your regular shopping! The Progressive Agriculture Foundation is recognized as a charitable organization through AmazonSmile. Each time you make a purchase using AmazonSmile and select the Progressive Agriculture Foundation as the charity of your choice, Amazon will donate 5% of your eligible purchases back to us!



AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know & love with the same products, same prices, & same service. Hurry and sign-up today by following these simple steps:

1. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/>
2. Sign-in or create an account
3. Search & select "Progressive Agriculture Foundation," as your charitable organization. AmazonSmile should remember your selected charity each time you log-in.
4. Start your shopping!

Please share with family and friends to allow more children in rural communities to attend a Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® in the future.

## PAF Surpasses 1.5 Million Children & Adults Reached since 1995

In late-September, the Progressive Agriculture Foundation reached another milestone and surpassed the 1.5 million mark for children and adults reached since the Safety Day program began in 1995. Whitney Howell, Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® Coordinator, helped us accomplish this achievement with her Safety Day held on September 21, 2016 in Columbus Junction, Iowa.



Whitney Powell works for Iowa State University Extension and Outreach in Louisa County. In July of 2013, when she was hired with ISU Extension, one of her goals was to hold an annual farm safety program of some kind. According to Howell, "after doing research, I found the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® program and thought it was the perfect match for what I wanted to provide in Louisa County and applied immediately." Whitney held her first Safety Day in September of 2014 and has held one every year since, currently planning for her fourth Safety Day in 2017. Whitney conducts a school Safety Day for fifth grade students in four schools and reaches close to 200 students each year. "I think it's great what this organization and program offers. They give us (the coordinators) the tools we need to make an impact and make a difference in these kids' lives" added Howell. "Any child injured in an agricultural-related incident is too many. The support we get from community members and volunteers to make our Safety Days successful speak volumes to its importance. The fact that our Safety Day helped reach a milestone truly speaks to your organization and its vast impact it's making all throughout North America. Without the resources provided by the Progressive Agriculture Foundation, we wouldn't be able to educate the kids with these important safety messages."

The Progressive Agriculture Foundation thanks Whitney Howell for her efforts in farm safety and her dedication as a Safety Day coordinator.

### Safety Tips - Keep Safe this Holiday Season

With the holidays and winter weather upon us, travel and toy safety are two important areas of focus. Be sure to check out our two recent WordPress Blog posts on these topics:

- [Click here](#) to read "Take the Stress out of Traveling this Holiday Season"
- [Click here](#) to read "Don't Be Coy about the Safety of a Toy this Holiday Season"



The Progressive Agriculture Foundation wishes all our partners, supporters and volunteers a very safe, healthy and happy holiday season. For more safety tips, be sure to stay connected with us via social media:

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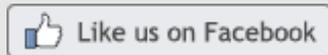
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