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Rocky Lane Agricultural Society

Since 1986, the Rocky Lane Agricultural Society (RLAS) has provided community services and supported community education in the agricultural field.

The grounds and facilities have been a vital centre for community recreation, education and celebrations, and the society has connections with the Fort Vermilion School Division, the Rocky Lane Pony Club and the nearby Beaver First Nation.

"We are a small society with a group of dedicated volunteer directors. It takes many volunteer hours to keep these facilities

going. We take pride in our dedication to keep the facilities up to date," said Irene van der Kloet, Vice President of the RLAS and a director since 2011.

The facilities include a community hall, an indoor heated arena, an outdoor riding arena and land and recreational trails used for hiking or horseback riding in the summer and skiing and ice skating in the winter.

The hall is in high demand for weddings, funerals, meetings, workshops and other community events, and it's also home to the Rocky Lane Cross-Country Ski Trail Shop.

"The indoor arena is used year-round. It's very busy in the wintertime since people can have unlimited use with a membership. We have hosted riding clinics and winter riding lessons and other activities such as ranch sorting and ranch hand events. Groups like the Rocky Lane Pony Club, Junior Rangers and more also use it in the winter for lessons and programs. It keeps riders going in the winter," said van der Kloet.

The trails and outdoor skating rink also see heavy use all winter long. People can rent cross-country skis or skates from the on-site shop and enjoy the outdoors. They even have

a chalet and firepit to keep active players toasty and coming back for more.

The site is also home to the Rocky Acres Agricultural Project, an off-campus learning initiative by Fort Vermilion School Division for students from Rocky Lane School aimed at teaching them the business of agriculture.

"It is a real pleasure to be a volunteer for this society and we would welcome more volunteers to help us out in our community work," said van der Kloet.



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