



# VIEW

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*Waving goodbye from his iconic 8N Ford tractor is former Farm View publisher John Beischer; daughter Roslyn Watkins is the new owner/publisher. See the details inside.*

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## Notice: Quilters' Guild Cancelled

Simcoe County Quilters Guild meetings are cancelled for March and April. Please see pg. 16 for further details.

## March 31st: Addis Grain Meeting Cancelled

The Addis Grain marketing meeting has been cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns.

## April 3: Customer Appreciation

The Richard's Equipment appreciation day has been cancelled. Please see their ad on pg. 11.

## April 4th and 5th: Maple Weekend

Maple Weekend cancelled, please see article on page 14

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## April 15: Advertising deadline

The deadline for news and advertising in the May edition of Farm View is Wednesday, April 15, 2020.

## May 2nd: Sunshine Fibre Fest

The Sunshine Fibre Fest will be taking place at ODAS Park in Orillia on May 2nd from 9:30 a.m. to 4 pm. For further details on the event visit [www.sunshinefibre.org](http://www.sunshinefibre.org).

## May 8: Earth Power Open House

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# Parish of North Essa welcomes Bishop



Last month the Right Reverend Andrew Asbil, Bishop of Toronto, was welcomed to the Anglican Parish of North Essa by The Reverend Connie Philipson.

Former publisher John Beischer enjoyed the privilege of meeting the Bishop following the Sunday service of Lent.

## Devotional Corner

Constant throughout time, is God

By Kathleen Greidanus  
Retired Priest



For those of you who enjoy trivia questions, what does Tim Horton's and the Vatican have in common? Of course, they are affected by the Corona virus – Tim's are not having Roll up the Rim in case their employees become infected through used cups and the Vatican is closed to public gatherings, which lie at the heart of worship, to prevent person to person contamination. Last month it was announced that the USA will no longer accept flights from Western Europe. Last week the stock markets tumbled and oil markets almost imploded. The NBA has cancelled the rest of its season and the whole country of Italy is closed at the borders. No doubt, by the time this goes to print many other repercussions of the virus will have come to pass.

I have noticed that the media give a lot of air time to two camps on this subject. Group A thinks it is all a load of huey and are more concerned about the economy, while Group B thinks we are being slain by something we can't even see and are stocking up on toilet paper.

The last pandemic was in 1918 – the Spanish flu that is estimated to have killed as many as 50 million people worldwide. Take a stroll through an old graveyard and you will see the huge number of deaths in that era often inadvertently spread by troops returning from WW1.

Perhaps the greatest thing for us to learn out of the coronavirus incident is that the societal structures, we think we can rely on no matter what, are all susceptible to breakdown because they are run by humans. This includes airlines, hospitals, and government agencies. Only one thing remains unchanged throughout time and that is God.

I hope that in the coming months you are able to remain healthy. Do not view your neighbour as a possible source of contagion but a friend who could perhaps use some help.

Shalom,  
Kathleen

If you have a question for Kathleen or would like to comment on something you read, send it to [farmview@on.aibn.com](mailto:farmview@on.aibn.com), or directly to her at [kathleengreidanus@yahoo.ca](mailto:kathleengreidanus@yahoo.ca).

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**11:00 a.m. Service**





# Allow me to introduce myself...

My name is Roslyn Watkins (Beischer). Many of you may recognize me as I have been responsible for the distribution of the Farm View newspaper for a number of years. My career in distribution began at a very young age, likely around 8-9 yrs old. Every family outing growing up included a 1/2 dozen stops for my dad, John, to deliver newspapers or say hello to advertisers. Diana, my sister, and I also knew the trip would take a little longer when dad would say "just a few stops".

It was at that time I began to admire my dad's commitment and work ethic. I have been fortunate to grow up with him as a mentor and leader. I hope to carry on John's level of dedication as the new publisher of Farm View.

I would also like to introduce my family, again we may seem familiar. Either from photos in the paper or out and about in your community. Shawn and I have been married for a wonderful 16 years. Shawn works full time and is also a Springwater volunteer fire fighter. We have three incredible children, Lily, Trenton and Harry. The kids have spent many days being my co-pilot and DJ. Travelling to the printing plant and driving across our beautiful country side keeping me company during deliveries. Much like I did with my Dad.

Then there is my wonderful sister, Diana. We began our newspaper careers together neatly placing mailing labels on papers at the The Barrie Banner, also at a very young age. Diana has worked on the paper from an accounting standpoint for many years as well as raising a family and working full time. Truly someone I admire.

Finally I will mention my Mom, Jill. Most of you knew her and if you did, you were blessed. She is the one who taught me to listen, love and between her and my dad, show kindness.

I write of family because this first issue of mine is dedicated to my family. Thank you all for your unwavering support, love and encouragement.



From left to right: Lillian, Shawn, Harrison, Trenton and Roslyn

Photo at right: Grandma Jill with Lily, Harry, Trenton and Brianna  
Photo below: Roslyn and Diana



## On the Cover

Roslyn Watkins with John Beischer and Betsy. See John's farewell message on page 4.

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**OPINION****EDITORIAL****Thank you and Goodbye - in three chapters**

Any thank you must begin with my wife and two daughters, all of whom have been instrumental in the success of Farm View (formerly Farm Review).

As many of you will know, Jill passed away suddenly nearly a year ago and her absence has been felt every day since. Suffice to say that Jill probably kept me out of the courts on numerous occasions when she tore up my well crafted (and very opinionated) editorials, insisting that I use an OFA commentary in its place. As a result, we did this more often than not.

Both daughters; Diana and Roslyn, were drafted into the newspaper business at an early age. When they were approximately ten and twelve, my two partners and I published 13 community newspapers in Simcoe County. Plus Farm Review. Their job (usually unpaid) was to insert flyers into these newspapers and to affix mailing labels when necessary. My remembrance of this activity was a wonderful 'father daughter' experience; apparently they remember it as 'child labour'. Kids these days!

In recent years, Diana and her husband Aaron have overseen the billing and finances of Farm View. Roslyn and her family have been involved in the distribution of the newspaper, both in the pick up at the printing plant and delivery to advertising clients throughout our 5 county/Regions coverage area. Thanks to Kathleen Winn's 'minimum wage' legislation, I had to start paying them! One of them must have been 'overpaid' because she came up with the best offer to purchase Farm View when I announced that it was for sale last fall.

All kidding aside, I was, and remain; delighted, excited, and pleased that Roslyn Watkins has purchased the newspaper and plans to continue publishing it for many years to come.

**CHAPTER 1:**

Following a chosen education in mechanical drafting, followed by a year in computer sciences - anyone still using FORTRAN? I switched to advertising arts, and realized that newspaper advertising would hold my interest well into the future.

Following a short employment in steelrule diemaking (thanks Dad), and a rewarding four years in mechanical drafting, I joined the Barrie Examiner, a Thompson daily newspaper. While I enjoyed my time there, I was frustrated with the letterpress printing process, so I went to the 'off-set' newspaper on the other side of town, The Barrie Banner, an

excellent weekly newspaper that served the community well for more than 20 years. When the Banner was sold in the mid 1980's, I partnered up with 2 like minded individuals and we began publishing community newspapers as well as the Farm Review.

In 1994 Farm View became the sole proprietorship of John (and Jill) Beischer. The kids went off to college and university; got jobs, got married, and gave us four wonderful grandchildren. I suspect these grandchildren will very soon be conscripted into 'child labour' just like their parents, and to the delight of their Grandpa.

**CHAPTER 2:**

So many thanks for 43 years. Our advertisers made it possible and along with our readers and employees, made it enjoyable. If you have found some benefit from Farm View to you, your family, and your farm over these past four decades then I am pleased. If you have been entertained and informed by our talented contributing writers then I am grateful.

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Don Beaulieu, a reporter/photographer has presented news stories in a unique and special way - always focused on what matters most, accuracy in reporting and pictures that compliment the story he is telling our readers. **Thanks Don.**

It should be noted here that Don, Lizz and I worked together 45 years ago at the Barrie Banner, Barrie's first and best community newspaper. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with these two talented individuals.

Many others have made a substantial contribution to the success of Farm View over the years, as contributing writers, columnists and cartoonist. In no particular order (and with apologies to the one I'm bound to leave out), they are: Don Stevenson (deceased), Leah Emms, Mary Lucky, Larry Culhum, Andrew Hind, Brenda Stride, John Beaulieu, Kathleen Greidanus, Connie Brown, and numerous 4H press reporters and photographers.

I could continue down memory lane for some time yet, but the new editor/publisher is giving me the -30- so I'll conclude with a short chapter 3.



Roslyn and John pose with two of his vintage guitars and a possible retirement plan.

**CHAPTER 3:**

So, what to do now? I have a collection of 15 vintage guitars and one piano; It's time I learned to play one of them! So I shall.

Several years ago Jill and I purchased a motorhome for the purpose of re-visiting relatives on both coasts; I think I will make those trips in the near future, in her memory. I also have a 2 car garage that has never seen a car, a 5 acre property that is littered with 'vintage' treasures, and two loving sons-in-law that have implored me to get rid of it all before I die, so they won't have to! Since I have always thought of them as sons, I guess I'll get started on that project real soon.

And finally, maintaining Jill's beautiful gardens should keep me busy this spring and summer - a work of love and respect that I plan to fulfill.

God bless all of you - readers and friends that have sent me thousands of kind words these past many months.

Your thoughtfulness has been greatly appreciated.

*John*

**LETTERS**

Dear John,

That is great news. I'm also happy that Farm View is staying in the family. I'm sure you won't have a lot of free time on your hands.

Drew McLaren, President

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**In memory of  
Jill Beischer**

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**"Burn down your cities and leave our farms,  
and your cities will spring up again as if by  
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*W.J. Bryan*

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# Don Stevenson remembered for tireless work in agriculture



**Donald James Stevenson**  
August 18th, 1939 - Match 4th, 2020

## OBITUARY

Don passed away peacefully with his family by his side at Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre, Barrie last month in his 81st year. Beloved husband of Pauline Stevenson. Loving father of Neil (Cindy) Stevenson and their children Kayle (Oscar) Maltby and their son Mateo, Bryce, Jillian (Benjamin) Beam, Trevor, and David. Loving father to Lorraine (Chris) Hall and their son Ryan. Dear brother of Janet Stevenson and Raymond (Jane) Stevenson. Predeceased by sister Dora Mingo.

The funeral service was held at Grace Baptist Church, in Alliston. Reception followed at the church. Spring interment Cookstown United Church Cemetery.

Donations in Don's memory may be made to Matthew's House, Alliston or Teen Challenge Farm, 9340 Sharon Road, London, ON. N6P1R8

Don was a familiar face to the farmers in Simcoe County, York and peel regions, where he served as member service representative from 1987 to May 2004. I saw many of these same faces at his funeral service and reception last month.

Don was always recognized for his tireless work for agriculture throughout his time with O.F.A.

Born and raised in Nova Scotia, he had his agricultural diploma from the Nova Scotia Agricultural College and his Bachelor of Science (BSc) from McGill University in Montreal. While in Nova Scotia, Don was the regional 4-H representative and following his move to Ontario, Don served in a number of different capacities within the agricultural industry. He was a red meat program advisor and a provincial sheep specialist with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food (OMAF). He also served as a farm manager, and a flume operator in an industrial setting in 1981 and '82.

Don was a member of the Ontario Institute of Agrologists and an active member of his community church.

Don and his wife, Pauline, operated a sheep farm in Egbert, northeast of Alliston in Simcoe County



In June of 2004, Don and his wife Pauline appeared on the cover of Farm Review (now Farm View); the occasion was Don's retirement from the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, where he had served as member service representative for more than 17 years. Don also wrote a regular column for Farm View where he brought news and views of the OFA to our readership. His insight was always appreciated by the members he served.

— John Beischer



*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16*

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## Can you identify this invasive weed?

This month, I want to focus some attention on an issue of growing concern in many jurisdictions. The Wild Parsnip has been spreading rapidly in Eastern Ontario for several years now and is making its way west towards Central Ontario.

During the summer months, the government of Ontario usually issues a press release reminding citizen about the dangers of Giant Hogweed. Wild Parsnip is similar in that both weeds possess a harmful sap that burns our skin. Painful blisters form as a result of contact with the sap but longer-term effects are sensitivity to sunlight on those areas that had the initial blisters.

Wild Parsnip can be located along road sides, ditches, and any abandoned areas. Their seeds are easily distributed by wind and can end up in agricultural fields.

According to information on the OMAFRA website provided by the province, Wild Parsnip negatively affects the quality of alfalfa and hay crops. It also affects weight gain and fertility in livestock that happen to ingest it. Mowing will only reduce the amount of seeds



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produced. Glyphosate can eliminate Wild Parsnip but, it may take several applications as new seedlings germinate over the course of the growing season.

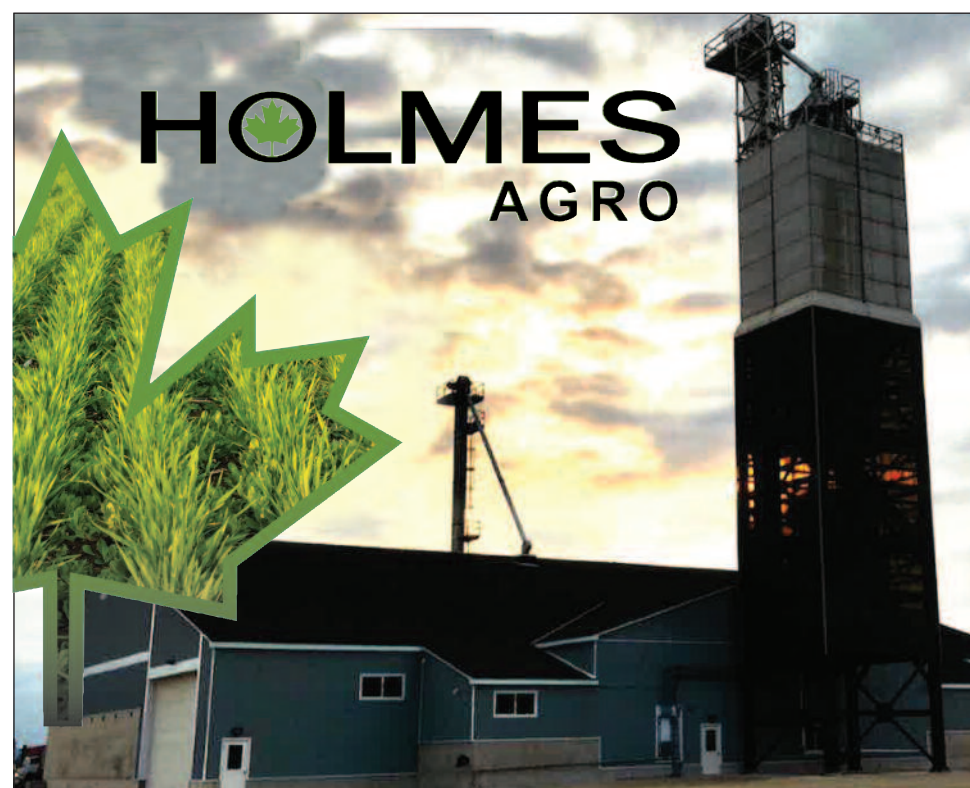
Wild Parsnip is one of 25 listed noxious weeds. The criteria to be listed on the list includes, difficult to manage once established on agricultural lands, reduces the quality and yield of a crop, livestock health is negatively affected, and is a health risk to agricultural workers. For a complete list of the noxious weeds in Ontario please visit the OMAFRA website.

So, what do you do if you

locate Wild Parsnip along a road, trail, public space or a neighbouring property has the weed and it is impacting your agricultural property? Call your local municipal office and speak with the Weed Inspector. You can also report sightings to the Invading Species Awareness Program. 1-800-563-7711

While researching Wild Parsnip, I came across an app called EDDMapS Ontario. This app is available through Play Store or The App Store. It is another tool to identify species with clear pictures of all plant and animal invading species as well as a reporting mechanism. We all need to do what we can to reduce the spread of all noxious weeds. There have already been reports of Wild Parsnip in Peel, Simcoe & York.

The Ontario Noxious Weeds list was last updated in 2015.



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## Farm Safety Week: Have a plan

Excerpts from  
CFFO Commentary,  
by Clarence Nywening



This time of year is a time to reflect on how important it is to stay safe – in order to stay strong and productive – on our farms.

While we should be vigilant about farm safety all through the year, planting and harvesting times are especially challenging. Wet weather – like the spring of 2019 – makes us anxious to get out and get things done when the sun does shine.

That's why it's doubly important to have a solid farm safety plan in place that everyone knows about and follows.

The Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA) has many useful resources geared to every kind of farmer and every kind of operation.

One of the most useful and practical pieces of advice comes from Rob Gobeil, CASA's agriculture health and safety specialist. He says it's important to stop for a minute, think about what you're doing, identify potential hazards (like kids playing near the tractor), and only then proceed with the job. Taking

some time before beginning not only prevents potential injuries; it also means you work more efficiently and productively, which is the "strong" part of safe and strong farms.

CASA's website has a treasure trove of free documents that can help you design a plan that is right for you. You can download the Canada FarmSafe Plan – the entire document is worth a read. You can also choose individual, fillable templates that fit your needs.

The Personal Wellness Assessment and the Standard Operating Practices (SOP) are examples of very helpful forms you can find in the Canada FarmSafe Plan.

In the end, it's worth taking a bit of time to identify hazards. Make a plan to deal with them. Be prepared for emergencies. Then make sure everyone understands it – your family, employees, contractors and anyone else on the farm. Not only will everyone be safer, your farm will be stronger.

**Additional Farm Safety Resources**  
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## Food Security in Ontario Remains Strong During COVID-19 Pandemic

In the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) is reassuring Ontarians about the strength and safety of the local food supply system. Despite consumer concerns with availability, Canadian and Ontario products continue to be produced, processed and distributed through our food distribution networks across the province. However, to help ease immediate short-term supply pressures, OFA is urging consumers to practice normal grocery buying habits with the assurance that fresh and processed products will continue to be made available.

The announcement made by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the provincial statement on March 14 by Ministers Ernie Hardeman and Christine Elliott, provide additional reassurances of public health protection measures and business continuity support. The food supply system in Ontario, and across Canada, is well equipped – even in times of crisis – to continue providing healthy, safe and affordable food. Ontario's food distribution system will continue stocking grocery store shelves and our food supply chain can handle the additional pressures put on it as a result of the current health crisis.

"Our food system has never been stronger, and we want to assure all Ontarians that they will not run out of fresh, affordable food during these challenging times," says OFA President Keith Currie. "Consumers are understandably anxious about the uncertainty we are all facing, but one thing we want to do is quell their fears about food running out. There is no reason to hoard food. There is enough to feed us all."

Ontario's diverse and innovative agri-food sector provides a powerhouse of safe, affordable food. There are 49,600 farms across the province growing more than 200 different farm and food products, and many of those commodities are further enhanced by the thriving and innovative food processing sector in the Greater Golden Horseshoe Area. Ontario consumers can be assured of the consistent, reliable and secure food supply that Ontarians have access to every single day, even during uncertain times.

Everyone in Ontario is facing an unprecedented situation where we are seeing the effects of a global pandemic in our own homes and communities. During this time of uncertainty, it's more important than ever to look out for our families, friends and neighbors. As Prime Minister Trudeau stated, "That is what Canadians do in difficult times. We pull together and we look after each other."

## Scholarships in Agriculture

The North Simcoe Soil and Crop Improvement Association has a scholarship for students enrolled in an agricultural program at a college or university. To be eligible, you must be in your second year or later of an agricultural program, reside in North Simcoe and attend an interview.

Applications must be returned to Sam Langman no later than June 30th. The amount of the scholarship will be up to \$1,000 per applicant, or \$2,000 total per year.

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## 4H Sign up huge success

Submitted by: Mae Senick

Thank you to Church's Farm Supplies for opening up their space and to all of the leaders and volunteers who helped to make the South Simcoe 4H Sign Up night a huge success!

Rally night saw returning members as well as many new members signing up for a variety of clubs that will be offered this year. Almost 100 members have already signed up for the year. If you didn't make it to rally night you are not too late to sign up! Just contact Carla Williams at southsimcoe4h@hotmail.com to find out how.

With so many members excited to take part in over 20 different clubs this year there may be a need for more help. Check with club leaders to see how you might be able to help out.

Don't forget to check the South Simcoe 4H website at <https://www.4-h-ontario.ca/4h-in-my-area/south-simcoe.aspx> regularly for updates and for information on policies and procedures. You can also reach out to club leaders with any questions you might have.



An enjoyable evening for nearly 100 members at the annual 4H sign up. Natasha and her friend Scarlett McCallum-Pinho review the forms for their club choices.

Sign up night is a family affair as Natasha Dronzek consults with her Dad about the various clubs she is considering.



## Volunteer Corner

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## LETTERS

# Announcing new Farm View Owner/Publisher

We have great pride announcing that the new Owner/Publisher of the Farm View newspaper is Roslyn Watkins, effective April 1, 2020.

Roslyn is no stranger to the paper. As the youngest daughter of Farm View Publishers John and the late Jill Beischer, Roslyn has been actively involved in the family business for years. She has been the Distribution Manager since 2016 ensuring timely delivery to every corner of the service area, rain or shine. She already enjoys relationships with many of our advertisers and readers, and has considerable insight into our production processes as well as familiarity with the team of contributing writers.

There is no doubt Roslyn will hit the ground running. In her new position, she will be responsible for all aspects of the Farm View. She looks forward to meeting sales contacts, attending community events, and developing news stories. When you meet her you will be impressed with her enthusiasm, energy and knowledge.

The Farm View offices will be relocated to Anten Mills (Minesing) in the near future. Watch for updated contact information in the next issue. Otherwise it will be a seamless transfer. No changes to the Farm View are envisioned in the short term. It remains a family business committed to embracing the same level of service readers have come to expect.

Despite multiple expressions of interest from external

parties, the transfer of ownership from father to daughter is an obvious win-win-win situation.

For our farmers and advertisers, it means continuity of local, reliable agricultural news targeting your profession.

For John, it's time to reap the efforts of his work, kick back and enjoy hobbies and travel.

For Roslyn it's an opportunity to launch her own small business and let her entrepreneurial spirit shine.

The Farm View and the Beischer family have a long history dating back to 1977. At the time, it was published annually for the Simcoe County agricultural community under the umbrella of the Barrie Banner (now the Barrie Advance) where John worked. In the years that followed, industry changes in the newspaper sector presented Beischer and two partners an opportunity to publish multiple community newspapers throughout the region. In 1994 John and Jill acquired full ownership of the Farm View and grew the paper to be one of the largest agricultural publications in the province.

Originally serving Simcoe County, the Farm View has expanded its territory to include Dufferin County and the Regions of York and Peel, and Muskoka, and Severn Township. Hard copy circulation has grown to 7,200 and the online version is accessed 3,000 times per month. In an industry that has lost market share to social media, the Farm View newspaper thrives and continues to attract the goodwill of more than 100 agri-businesses to market their goods and

services.

This is the first issue under Roslyn's leadership. John is both thrilled and proud that the well-respected legacy of the Farm View passes to a second generation family member. As we say good bye and thank John for years of dedication to the agricultural community, we say hello to Roslyn, as new Owner and Publisher. May you both find success and happiness in your endeavours. Congratulations!

Katherine Campbell

**Congratulations from Uncle Bob and pretty Aunt Lori**

Dear Roslyn,

Congratulations to you and your family as you begin your publishing career as the new owner of Farm View!

We know you gained great insight and experience in the newspaper business working closely with the previous owners and co-publishers. Your dad has described you as the perfect successor to the family business and your mom would certainly have agreed.

On behalf of all of your family and friends attached to the Leitch clan, we wish you every success in your new career in the publishing industry.

Bob and Lori Korstanje

## A wonderful welcome to the new job

After 43 years of Farm View celebrating all that is agricultural and community, I am happy to welcome Roslyn Watkins as she takes over for her father John Beischer (and mother Jill) as publisher/owner of Farm View newspaper.

It always took the whole family to run the paper and now it will stay in the family as Roslyn takes the reigns. Readers will continue to get their agricultural information, reports, commentary, contests and local interest articles and as always readers are invited to submit photos and articles of community interest.

I left the paper at the beginning of the year but enjoyed my work very much. It was interesting, educational (I learned the difference between a Hagedorn and a Hagstrom), challenging and totally enjoyable and I thank John very much for eight years of rewarding work.

Roslyn, you are lively, engaged and fiercely interested and I wish you the very best and I cannot wait to see the next issue(s).

Lizz Smekal, Barrie

## Contest Winners



Last month's featured vintage tractor, a Porche diesel junior, was correctly identified by: Joe Sawyer of Gilford, Lindsey Tinney of Elmvale, Clarence Bauman of Elora and Joe White of Innisfil. No one identified the vintage equipment piece, a Walinga Agri Vac, also from the same period, early 1960's.

As in past years, we will switch our contest focus to birdhouses for the next few months.

See the new contest on page 17.

## Love to the old and new Publishers

Congratulations on your retirement John aka Dad and on your new venture Roslyn aka little sis. The paper is as old as I am and really the only way I know how to track how old I am. Youngest memories I have include spinning around and playing on the wheeled chairs at the Barrie Banner offices during production nights and then spending time in various office spaces when the FarmView joined a host of community weekly's and finally under JB Publishing. As Roz and I got a bit older, I remember sitting outside affixing mailing labels on each newspaper before Canada Post changed it to farm distribution. There was not enough soap in the world that took off that much

newsprint from our hands! Once I could drive, I was \*asked\* to attend Fall Fairs and other events to take pictures. After moving away you still get the call to "go grab a picture of that barn fire" or a farm scene for the cover. All vacations were planned around the production schedule, ad selling time. I hope that Dad now can take his boat out for a spin whenever he wants without worrying about the deadline up at McLarens! It's time now for a new family to make the memories, and I know that the Watkins will have a great time with it!

Your Bookkeeper and  
Daughter/Sister



Diana Robichaud

## Healthy Waters Program

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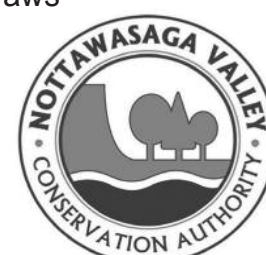
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# 68<sup>th</sup> North Simcoe Feed and Seed Show

With a bevy of entries in the feed and seed show and a line-up of interesting and informative guest speakers, the recent feed and seed show held in Elmville provided an afternoon of edification.

President of the North Simcoe Soil & Crop Improvement Association, Bev Agar introduced Glenn Simpson. She suggested that if Simpson wasn't a farmer, he'd be an event co-ordinator. His presentation topic was the 2019 bus trip. The tour last year took members to farms and businesses in Dundalk, Walkerton, Sarnia, Oil Springs, St. Marys and more, including ice carving/sculpture making and a bison farm.

Simpson also showed slides from a trip to Africa which started with some pictures of Victoria Falls. Wildlife images were a large part of this part of his presentation.

## Agricorp

Jill Dunk gave a crop insurance update, representing Agricorp. Dunk has been with Agricorp since 2010. 2019 was her first year in the field. She grew up on a Jer-

sey farm in Acton and spent some time with Holsteins, then pigs.



Jill Dunk  
Agricorp

Unseeded acreage benefits likely hit a record this year, with the "carrying costs of land that was too wet and late to plant" she said. Costs of replanting were also high.

"If you are looking to get crop insurance for this year, the deadline is May 1st to apply."

## Cover crops

Dustin Mulock presented an engaging talk on cover crops. He and his family operate Mulock Farms Limited in Woodville, Ontario. Theirs is a biologically-centred no-till farm.

Mulock also owns Kawartha Cover Crops, which specializes in multi-

species cover crops and regenerative ag consulting.

## Soil food web

Mulock explained the soil food web as being "...the entire interaction of all the different microbiology, bugs et cetera, that make up our soil and ecosystem that we live inside of". He further explained the basic levels of life forms, in ranges within the ecosystem.

Mulock explained the levels of biological entities found in this ecosystem and how important each was to the whole picture. Diversity is key and he took some time to explain how this is important to soil health.



"60% of organic matter is produced at the roots in association with microbes".  
—Dustin Mulock

The depth of the details regarding soil biology and how it can be regulated by cover crops had Mulock's



Winners of the feed and seed show, named here in random order: Gord Coutts, Tony Nahuis, Brian Temolder, Greg Parnell, Robert Giffen, Steve Jones, Alan Mosley, Trevor Klien-Gebbinck, Larry Agar, Neil Craig, Joe Ellesmere

audience intrigued. He described the generally poor soil his farm came with and how they have been steadily improving upon it without "chemistry".

Although Mulock was afraid of presenting some "dry" topics, he maintained the interest of the members present.

## OSCIA

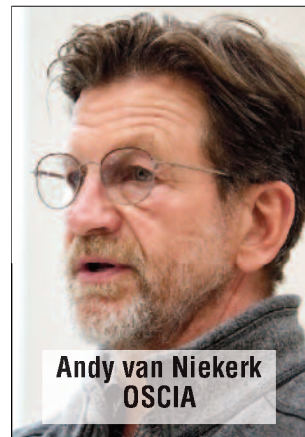
Following the cover crop presentation, Bev Agar invited Provincial Director Andy van Niekirk to provide "some words of wisdom" from the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association.

Van Niekirk was quick to re-enforce Mulock's techniques regarding increasing microbiology.

He then brought greetings from the provincial office and the new OSCIA president Stuart Wright.

Van Niekirk explained that the newsletter put out by the regional office in Markdale will be ceasing hard copies being mailed. He acknowledged this may be a concern or inconvenience for some members. He made it clear that a solution to this will be worked out, but it was not clear yet what that would be, as this is too new a situation and is currently

being considered. Cost is of course the largest factor in this decision.



Andy van Niekirk  
OSCIA

Door prizes and awards for the feed and seed competition rounded out the meeting.



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# Don Allen proposes to reduce size of Simcoe County Council

## Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture Board of Director's Meeting

Thursday March 5, 2020 - 7:30 p.m.

Dalston-Crown Hill United Church  
1734 Penetanguishene Rd, Barrie, ON

SCFA President, John Morrison called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Agenda: Moved by Colin Elliot, seconded by Dave Ritchie that the agenda with additions be approved. Carried.

Minutes: Moved by Paul Maurice, seconded by Dave Ritchie, that the minutes of the SCFA February 6, 2020 Board of Director's meeting be accepted as circulated. Carried.

Financial Report: Moved by Bonney Smith and seconded by John Elder, that the financial statements be accepted as presented. Carried.

The term deposit maturing at PACE on Feb 20, 2020 was reinvested in a GIC at Scotiabank.

Reports:

OFA Zone Director: Keith Currie

- Farm & Food Care Conference and Speaker's Program to be held April 15 at Country Heritage Park, Milton.

- Canada's Agriculture Day, Feb 11, 2020 Ottawa event hosted by AgMoreThanEver/FCC, brings together people involved in Canadian agriculture, food and agribusiness for speakers, panels and networking; 500+ attended.

- CN Rail Blockade – the letter writing campaign had an impact; CN transportation is starting to move but will take 2-3 weeks to resume regular runs; an agreement has not been finalized as yet. Boat shipping was also impacted.

- Caucus Breakfasts – held March 4 and 5 with Conservative and NDP caucuses and staff – very worthwhile.

- Bill 156, Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2020 has passed second reading with full support. It goes to committee and

back to House for third reading; there are to be 3 public meetings for input. The Act Now letter campaign resulted in over 8,500 letters sent.

- Young farmers are included in OFA meetings and activities to familiarize them with the work of OFA.

- OFA Forecast Meetings – local meeting was in Bond Head on Feb 12 – discussions and brainstorming on obstacles and ways of improving county federations; summary notes to follow from OFA.

- Environmental Farm Plan – discussions with OMAFRA underway to reinstate program.

- Labour Issue – case re unionizing cannabis workers; OFA against.

OFA Field Staff: Leah Emms - report is contained in an attachment; highlights include:

- Bill 163 puts Food Day Ontario on the calendar

- Bill 156 Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act

- Cannabis continues to be an issue for municipal councils

- Line Fences Act officially moving to OMAFRA

- Century Farm signs are responsibility of Junior Farmers

County of Simcoe: Don Allen

- Proposal to reduce Simcoe County Council size.

- Ministerial zoning order required for senior's residence location in Elmvalle.

Ag Liaison Committee:

- 2 alternates from SCFA are Colin Elliot and Dan deBoer, John Morrison stepped down.

Women's Institute: Nancy Partridge

- Simcoe South Kempenfelt executive meeting will be March 12.

COAC:

- Cancelled due to college closure because of snow storm

Bill 156: Colin Elliot

- Feb 5th meeting in Belle Ewart with Ernie Hardeman MPP, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Doug Downey MPP and Andrea Khanjin MPP concerning agricultural issues.

Committees:

Farms Feed Families: Bonney Smith

- Concerns re teacher and student participation due to current teacher strikes and job actions.

- FFF logo trademark application approved for advertisement on the website of the Canadian Intellectual Property Office.

Keep Kids Safe: Dan deBoer

- To be held at Huron Tractor on April 18, 2020

- Safety advertising and announcement through Canadian Network Broadcasting

- Poster emailed to directors for distribution at appropriate locations, and to be on OFA/SCFA website

Food Freedom Day: Paul Maurice

- Presentations made to 6 Simcoe County Food Banks on Feb. 7 at Elmvalle Food Bank with media presence.

Website:

- Information to be forwarded to office for posting on website.

New Business:

Who is Board Director?

- Issue referred to Governance Committee.

AgKnowledge Forum:

- Wed. Mar. 4, 2020 at Gibson Centre, Alliston

- Colin Elliot and Dave Ritchie attended and reported a worthwhile informative meeting.

Condolences to the family of Ross Lange who died on Feb. 9, 2020. A memorial donation was made on behalf of SCFA.

Adjournment: On motion by Josephine Martensson-Hemsted, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.



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# 4H youth adventure club

Press Report  
 by: Isabella Cullen

Youth Adventure Club  
 Report # 1

Hi my name is Isabella and I am going to be doing the reports on the South Simcoe 4-H Association Youth Adventure Club. At our first meeting, which was hosted by Fishervale Acres, we went snowshoeing! Before we started, we did the election of officers, said the 4-H pledge discussed some possible situations that can happen in the forest. For example, what would you do if you got lost in the forest? Then we started snowshoeing through the fields and soon entered the forest to get back to the pond. On our

travels we were supposed to look for animal tracks and identify what they were from. Some of our members were lucky enough to spot a porcupine. In the snowshoes, we learned how to “scoot”. We all tried it, but many did front falls or somersaults instead of scooting down the hill! Unfortunately some of us never mastered scooting and we tumbled down, but fortunately for the people who saw the falls, they had good stories to

tell when we got back. After we headed back, we ate snack and discussed other activities we would like to do then we adjourned the meeting with the 4-H motto “Learn to do by Doing”.

Isabella Cullen



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# Emerging farm labour issues

OFA appreciates the government's swift action to protect the health and safety of our citizens and communities. We recognize and embrace the need to take every reasonable precaution to address the threat of the COVID-19 pandemic and protect the health of all Canadians and we are a committed partner in developing solutions.

We urge the federal government to take great care and deliberation when making decisions that will immediately and significantly impact our food supply and food security. Food security is key for all Canadians and we depend on a stable, affordable and safe food supply, year-round. The continuous production and distribution of food products through our supply chain networks is even more critical in a crisis situation such as the one we are currently facing today.

Recent news that the arrival of temporary foreign workers and seasonal agricultural workers will be significantly disrupted or stopped will have a devastating impact on the productivity of our entire food system – from horticulture and livestock through to meat and vegetable processing sectors in Ontario.

With spring nearly here, farmers are ready to plant their 2020 crops, and they must have a stable workforce for the entire growing and processing season. Our industry has seasonal agricultural workers scheduled to return to Canada and we need absolute certainty that they will be able to return to work.

The farm and food processing sectors face unique challenges in Ontario and across the country that impact our ability to attract and retain a local workforce. Work is often temporary and seasonal by nature. The national labour shortage in the agriculture industry is approximately 60,000 workers, and most often the only option available to fill this are the approximately 45,000 seasonal and temporary foreign workers that come from Mexico and the Caribbean. Ontario alone is expecting approximately 20,000 workers to arrive in Canada in coming weeks to assist with spring preparation and planting as well as work in our processing plants. Without these key individuals the production year and local processing capacity could be lost.

If this workforce is not available to our industry, Canadians will have limited access to fresh produce in our peak growing season as farm businesses deal with the loss of valued team members who are skilled, trained and trusted farm employees. It will impact the availability of pickled, canned and frozen vegetables in the coming year. It will impact the ability of processors to ensure a steady supply and distribution of high-quality meat and meat products. Ontario farm and food processing businesses rely on these employees to bring their products to market. Without this workforce, the increased demand for imported products will almost certainly increase consumer costs, reduce food security, and could threaten the nutritional health of Canadians.

Agriculture and agri-food stakeholders are ready and available to come to the table to work with federal and Ontario governments to quickly develop and coordinate a plan for the arrival of foreign workers. We understand the importance of implementing critical safeguards and protocols to protect the health of all Canadians. The agriculture industry is prepared to support and implement the identified health protocols to facilitate the return of incoming workers including pre-screening, monitoring and respecting the self-isolation process.

We want to be a part of developing solutions.



## Georgian Triangle Humane Society (GTHS) offering pet food bank and emergency board services during COVID-19 state of emergency

In an effort to help minimize the impact of Ontario's current state of emergency on members of the South Georgian Bay Community, the Georgian Triangle Humane Society (GTHS) will continue offering both our Pet Pantry and Emergency Board services as long as resources allow.

### Pet Pantry

The GTHS operates a pet food bank for pet owners who have come across challenging times and require assistance with keeping pets fed. Time and time again we see pet owners prioritizing pet food over food for themselves; the GTHS strives to alleviate the need for pet owners to choose between providing proper nourishment for their pets or themselves. Given these uncertain times, the GTHS will be offering Pet Pantry services, despite the fact that the GTHS Animal Centre remains temporarily closed to the public.

Should you require use of Pet Pantry services, please call 705-445-5204 ext. 0. A GTHS team member will connect with you and schedule delivery of pet food right to your door. This service is strictly confidential.

In order to help replenish supplies, the GTHS has placed a tote outside of the GTHS Animal Centre (549 Tenth Line, Collingwood) for anyone who would like to donate unopened dog food, cat food and litter to this program.

### Emergency Board

The GTHS will offer short term housing for the pets of people in crisis through the Emergency Boarding Program. This is a last resort program for individuals experiencing crisis and are unable to care for their animals temporarily and is offered within the limits of available resources. People who are fleeing domestic violence, homeless because of a disaster such as flooding or fire, or those who have suffered a medical emergency or are entering a recovery programs rehab center would qualify for this service. To learn more about the Emergency Board Program, visit our website at [www.gths.ca](http://www.gths.ca)

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## Maple Weekend cancelled for 2020, producers could see decline of 30 per cent in sales

On Tuesday, March 18, 2020, the Ontario Maple Syrup Producers' Association (OMSPA) officially announced that Maple Weekend would be cancelled for 2020. The event, which takes place the first weekend of April each year, sees more than 15,000 visitors visit participating sugarbush in Ontario.

"We are very sorry to make this announcement at this time," said OMSPA president, Brian Bainborough. "In response to the COVID-19 pandemic we want to ensure we are conforming with health advisories and do our part in combating the spread of the virus."

The 2020 Maple Weekend event was anticipated to be bigger than ever, with more than 80 producers scheduled to take part. The event cancellation and the COVID-19 pandemic's appearance during prime maple syrup season will be a blow to many maple syrup producers across the province, who rely on direct to consumer sales to sell their products.

As the first agricultural crop of the year, the maple syrup industry has been hit hard by the global pandemic, COVID-19. Each year the interchange between producers and customers is important to maple syrup producers, and specifically the traditional annual family visit to the sugarbush.



Early surveying of OMSPA members has indicated an anticipated 30 per cent decline in sales as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This reduction could have a significant negative impact on small producers, festivals, and pancake houses specifically.

Maple syrup production commenced in most parts of Ontario in early March and is currently in full swing. In spite of the current situation, producers are working hard to continue to produce a safe and quality product that will be used on tables year-round in Ontario.

Bainborough stressed that maple products and syrup will continue to be available at sugarbushes across the province, and encouraged members of the public interested in purchasing maple syrup to reach out to their local sugarbush to make arrangements.

"We are still making maple syrup and many of our members rely on the annual visit to the sugarbush to sell their product," Bainborough said. "Many of our producers are happy to make arrangements to ensure their product gets into the hands of their loyal customers in a way that's safe for everyone."

## First tapping of the Maple Syrup Season

It was a beautiful day on Saturday February 22nd to be outdoors celebrating the first tapping at the Hutchinson's family maple syrup operation.

The morning began with coffee and pastries and an opening welcome.

Many families and local dignitaries were present to witness the first tapping of the season and even participate. It was certainly enlightening to see the strength required to tap a tree the old fashioned way.



Doug and Michele Hutchinson are pictured above after receiving a certificate of congratulations from Oro Medonte Mayor, Harry Hughes.

## Preserving the Past, in the Present, for the Future

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## NVCA CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

For the safety of our staff, visitors and healthcare workers in our community, the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) has made the difficult but necessary decision to close the John Hix Administrative Office and Jose Environmental Learning Centre to the public. NVCA staff will continue to provide service to our residents, municipalities and stakeholders.

NVCA will continue to monitor watershed conditions for flooding, and will issue flood messages as necessary. Staff will be working closely with municipalities in this regard.

Although all public events are cancelled, NVCA's conservation areas remain open to the public and are free of charge until April 30. Please continue to stay diligent and practice social distancing while you enjoy the fresh air.

While we anticipate reopening our offices to the public on Monday, April 6, we will continue monitoring this situation closely and will provide updates as needed.

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# Lindsay farm show supports local initiatives

Story and photos by Cathy Hamill-Hill

The East Central Farm Show is all about farming- and helping the local farm community. The 40th edition took place last month at the Lindsay Fairgrounds.

This spring event brought farmers from across the province to Lindsay to see an extremely organized, top quality event that showcased the agricultural community. Neil Moore, one of the main organizers and Don Oliver, both of the local Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association made sure the show was kept all about farming. "No one is automatically in the Farm Show," Moore explains adding, "we take as many as we have room for- and everybody is screened first." This careful selection shows, there is nobody at the show selling cheap trinkets or t-shirts with disrespectful slogans.

The Farm Show covers all areas of farming ranging from new equipment to livestock management to financial and insurance services to local agricultural events and organizations.

Staying true to values and farming has

made the Farm Show extremely popular. By the end of January, the Show is full. "We have 90% repeat (display vendors) from year to year," Moore says adding, "we fill up on first come basis." There has been a waiting list to get in the Show for several years now.

There is one food vendor only allowed on site. This chosen food provider is the local Victoria Haliburton 4H Club. All proceeds from food sales go back to the club, and it has become the biggest fundraiser of the year for them.

With free parking and easy accessibility for everyone, attendance remains strong. Vendors do not pay admission. The cost to the show is still only \$5.00 per person. This year's attendance was 2,880 paid admission over the 2 days.

Proceeds from the show are kept in the community. There are six student scholarships given out along with "support for projects and trips for the members of the Soil and Crop Associations and 4H in the East Central Area," Moore explained.

These two 'food court ladies' (a.k.a Jane and Gladys) were having a great time taking a cart full of food from the Kawartha Lakes Haliburton 4H food booth to the display vendors at this year's East Central Farm Show held in Lindsay. The two insisted they were to be called only "Jane and Gladys, the Food Cart Ladies".

## John Deere featured tractor at 42nd show

This is Ken Luke, a volunteer with the Kawartha Antique Power Club seen here with a John Deere tractor. The Club is host of the very popular Kawartha Antique Power Heritage Show held this year on June 20-21 at the Lindsay



PRETTY AS A PICTURE This is Anne Marie Warner, the owner and designer of all the beautiful work shown in this photo. Always a farm girl, born on a dairy farm in Reaboro, growing up to marry a dairy farmer and moving to the Hastings area, it is logical that farming would be the central theme when a sewing business was started. "I love to sew," she admits and the business, "Mother Goose Creations" started 35 years ago with baby accessories in a farming theme. The business now has grown to cover everything from aprons to window toppers and specializes in customized orders that include favourite tractors and farm animals. Everything seen in the colourful display booth is all made right at her Omemee home where she and her husband live after retiring from dairy farming. The pillows and blankets look more like pictures, a farmer commented as he paused at the booth at the East Central Farm Show. Mother Goose Creations will be at the Kawartha Antique Power Heritage Show held in June at the Lindsay Fairgrounds.



9 year old Kenneth LeMesurier of Fenelon Falls checked out a new Kubota tractor. Kenneth was spending a day at the Show with his Mom and a family friend that convinced them that the Farm Show was a fun place to visit for everyone.



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# 100 croppers make it out to meeting despite snow squalls

It was a day of extreme wintry weather for the Holmes Agro Grower's Meeting in Creemore last month. A hundred folks made it out to hear the varied guest speakers and schmooze.

Holmes Agro is celebrating their 25th anniversary this year. The day's presentations began with a history of the business, how it has evolved and will continue to expand and improve services.

## Soil variability

The first guest speaker of the day was Will Kell, a crop advisor with Homes Agro at their Stayner and Orangeville locations. He is a part of the Precision Ag team. Kell farms in Innisfil.

His topic of discussion was managing variability through Precision Ag.

A farm's biggest asset "is our soil" he began. "It's probably the biggest asset of your balance sheet, it's probably the biggest asset in terms of driving your decision making whether it's hybrid selection, whether it's what tillage you're doing, and every decision you're going to make going forward is going to start on.....based on what your soil is, what your soil tests look like."



Will Kell  
Precision Ag

It soon became obvious that today's technology is key to finding the best practices for a particular field and crop. There can be an overwhelming amount of data available and figuring out how to understand and manage it all can be difficult. Kell offered some solutions to recognizing what you need to know. He was able to offer some sound advice in his 15-minute presentation.

## Economics & taxes

A tag-team of sorts was next up to address the near 100 people in attendance. From RBC, Brian Davenport and Steve Lowe spoke to economical matters. Davenport stuck to finances while Lowe provided advice on taxes.

Global concerns were highlighted and explained. Insisting that world re-struc-

turing will effect every commodity represented in the room, Davenport presented ways to deal with the changes coming our way and the influences causing them.



Brian Davenport  
RBC

Lowe explained some general concepts regarding taxes, urging listeners to take these to their accountant or advisor "...and let them work on the details".

"Farmers do have more tools in their tool kit..." Lowe explained, "...as far as tax goes, than the average small business owner".



Steve Lowe  
RBC

To incorporate or not was discussed. Succession was also an important topic.

Including the question period, the audience got a solid hour of financial advice/information.

## Agrico history

Martin Keifer explained the logistics of supplying fertilizer to terminals and such. Agrico's purpose is to supply fertilizers to agriculture retailers. They purchase from major manufacturers around the world.

Agrico operates three terminals in Ontario with their flagship location being Hamilton. Vessels arrive



Martin Keifer  
Agrico

there from around the globe. The Hamilton location has five dry-domes and urea and ammonium nitrate (UAN) tanks. They operate from March 31 to December 31 (roughly). In 2019, 20 vessels were received over that time period. Each vessel is about 20,000 tons.

China is a significant supplier of nitrogen, therefore, with plants there being shut down due to Covid 19, prices have gone up.

The company's history, going back to 1942 was presented.

## Pioneer seeds

Blair Freeman, Pioneer Seeds Territory Manager was next up to speak. Freeman looks after Grey and Simcoe Counties as well as northern Ontario.



Blair Freeman  
Pioneer Seeds

Time was spent discussing the changes at improving corn yield compared to 20 years ago. Genetics and traits were discussed. Innovations are in always in the works.

Precision Ag was given a recommendation by Freeman as well.

## Collwest history

John Taylor presented a brief history of Collwest Grain Ltd, of Collingwood. Since taking over the operation in 2003, the Taylors have more than doubled the storage capacity, doubled receiving capacity and increased drying capacity. Collwest's newest satellite operation is Highland Custom Farming in Proton Station (north of Dundalk). This is in addition to Fairfield



John Taylor  
Collwest

Farms near Meaford, giving them three receiving stations. A cleaning plant may be in their future.

In 2016 Collwest Grain Ltd. along with Ondrjicka Elevators, Snobelen Farms Ltd., Varna Grain Ltd., Les Young Farms Ltd. and Ken Whitelaw formed Synergy Grain Trading Ltd. This is an independent company sourcing grain from other independent grain elevators to create new marketing opportunities in a world of increased rationalization in the grain industry.

## Cover crops

Anne Verhallen of Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs spoke on how to get cover crops to pay. She gave a lively talk as she wandered through the audience.

All the "standard" benefits of cover crops were mentioned including benefits as a graze, soil compaction and to ease transition to no till.

Preventing soil erosion has always been seen as a benefit. The value of this was put in perspective by considering the depth of top soil on a field and the cost of replacing it. The value of a cover crops started becoming apparent. Increased herd health and feed costs were some particular benefits some farmers have experienced. Compaction, internal drainage and root types were discussed.



**"Cover crops pay their way more quickly if herbicide-resistant weeds are a problem."**

—Anne Verhallen  
OMAFRA

Old theory was that putting residue back into the soil was "the thing" to do. Now we realize a lot more about soil science.

"It isn't so much the material we put back in" explained Verhallen, "...it's more the roots, the root exudates and the biology that lives in the soil, particularly he rhizosphere." (The rhizosphere is the narrow region of soil that is directly influenced by root secretions and associated soil micro-organisms known as the root microbiome.) Verhallen emphasized that living roots of cover crops "...can really make a difference". Root exudates are 5-times more likely to become organic matter, and organic matter is critical for nutrient cycling and plays a part in moisture retention, a big part in structure, aeration and drainage.

The provincial government and local conservation authorities offer financial incentives for cover crops.

Verhallen noted a very good tool to aid determining cover crops on the Midwest Cover Crop Council website (<http://mccc.msu.edu>). "There is a 'decision tool' where you can choose your province and county.

## Market update

An ever-popular speaker when it comes to markets is Steven Kell. He manages to maintain his audience's interest and puts a complex, po-

tentially dry topic into understandable terms they can relate to. His easy-going nature makes the numbers, charts and world situations accessible.

Kell was raised on a mixed farm in Innisfil and started his grain career at the Simcoe District Co-op.



Steve Kell  
Markets

He began this day's talk with a review of how our 2019 crops fit into the world marketplace. Most of his talk was on how 2020 may look in corn, beans and wheat. The world produces "about a billion metric tonnes of corn a year" he said. It is the biggest grain crop and inherently sets the stage for all the others.

We will harvest about 1.8 million acres of corn in Ontario when we are finally done with the 2019 crop. that is 6% less than 2018. In contrast, last year averaged 183 bushels per acre, but 2019 is pegged at 158 bushels per acre.

When asked how Covid 19 may effect agriculture, Kell indicated that "We certainly have seen some bumps and wiggles in agricultural commodities over this, but I think it is largely a red herring. The reality is that if people are in quarantine, they still eat".

Ending on a humorous note, Kell shared this quote: "People eat all the beef they can afford and all the chicken they can stand".

**"My grandfather used to say that once in your life you need a doctor, a lawyer, a policeman, and a preacher but every day, three times a day, you need a farmer."**





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Winners will be contacted shortly after the draw and advised where they can pick up their prize. Deadline for entries is April 30th.

## About the builder—John Quick



John is an avid bird watcher. He prunes residential trees and shrubs and manages forests and sugar bushes for a living, so he is able to watch birds while working.

"Being a good forest manager means being a good wildlife manager, and being a cavity-dwelling bird lover means being a woodworker."

Photo by: Clara Lalonde, John's niece

### The bird to the worm

"So you just dig through the soil, consuming nutrients from decaying organic matter? That actually makes a lot of sense."



### Chickadees

Chickadees belong to the family Paridae, small, tame, curious songbirds with short, stout, pointed bills and strong legs and feet. Chickadees spend most of their time roaming woodlots searching for insects and seeds amongst the limbs and trunks of trees, or on the ground. They are sometimes accompanied by nuthatches, kinglets, woodpeckers and/or migrating warblers and vireos. They readily come to feeding stations.

Chickadees have quite an extensive vocabulary and keep in constant verbal contact with their mates or others in their winter flock. They also establish pecking orders, with the most aggressive individuals at the top of the hierarchy. For nesting, chickadees use either a natural cavity, a previously excavated hole or, a nest box or a hole that they excavate themselves.



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## Improved mental health services; rural Ontario

By Keith Currie,  
President, OFA

As an agricultural industry, we are making significant strides in breaking down barriers and stigma around mental health. Dr. Andria Bitton-Jones and her PhD student, Briana Hagen helped to propel this issue into mainstream conversation and were recognized last month at the Canadian Federation of Agriculture's Annual General Meeting with Brigid Rivoire Award for Champions of Agricultural Mental Health, nominated for this award by the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA).

On February 19, the Ontario government announced the creation of a new Mental Health and Addiction Centre of Excellence within the provincial health ministry. This is positive news for the estimated one million Ontarians who experience mental health or addiction challenges. There is still much more work to do, especially in rural communities. We know there is a need for improved mental health resources for farmers and their families. The province indicates they are working towards "building a comprehensive and connected system of services that works for all Ontarians." The OFA will be focusing on the "for all Ontarians" aspect of this new initiative to ensure mental health support and services extend deep into our rural communities and addresses the needs of our members.

OFA members have vocalized the importance of making this issue a priority for agriculture, by bringing a resolution forward to the 2019 Annual General Meeting to expand the accessibility and support of mental health resources for the farming community. We know mental health in the agricultural industry and in our rural communities bring unique stressors and requires dedicated resources. We will be working on behalf of our members to ensure the needs of farmers and the agricultural community are recognized and supported in this new Centre of Excellence for mental health and addiction.

OFA has already been active on several projects and initiatives regarding farmer mental health, including providing funding and representation on the University of Guelph stakeholder working group for mental health in agriculture. The working group is developing the 'In the Know' mental health literacy programming for agricultural and rural communities. OFA has also been involved in providing funding to the L&A Farmer Wellness Program, which offers local mental health support for farmers in Lennox and Addington county.

Farming is an unpredictable business, and the stress of dealing with so many factors that are out of our control such as weather and markets can take a toll on our mental health. Add in the limited opportunities to take a break from it all because agriculture never stops, and it's clear that some of the strategies that may work for a mental health break in some situations don't play out for us.

OFA is focused on increasing the awareness of mental health challenges, ensuring a province-wide availability of support and breaking down the barriers in asking for help. Small rural communities are by nature close-knit, and that can make it difficult to ask for help if you are worried that others may find out you're struggling. With the vast majority of farms run as family businesses, there can be additional challenges with working side-by-side with family.

As more details are released on the provincial government's new Mental Health and Addiction Centre of Excellence, OFA will continue to advocate for resources to be directed specifically to the needs of rural Ontario.

Most importantly, if you, or someone in your community, is struggling and needs help, know that there are people and resources available to help. If you are in a crisis situation, go to your local emergency department or call 911. To access a list of resources, visit [ofa.on.ca/issues/mental-health](http://ofa.on.ca/issues/mental-health).

## History of the Original Flag Store subject of talk at Essa meeting

Cecilia Burke of the Original Flag Store was the guest speaker at the Essa Historical Society's February meeting at the library in Thornton.

The family owned business came into existence as "Flag's Unlimited" in 1967 by Gordon and Beth Burke, who moved from Toronto to the village of Thornton in 1965, (the year our current day flag was born), to open an upholstery business.

The Burkes decided to try their hand at making their own version of the Canadian flag, in that they were made from 4 layers of nylon and hand stitched, making them not only more durable but also

repairable, with no colour bleeding.

In 1968, Pierre Burton happened to stop by this little flag store in Thornton. So impressed was he with the quality of the Burke's Canadian flag that not only did he buy one but he also introduced it on the then popular TV show "FrontPage Challenge". This brought the flag to the attention of Pierre Trudeau, the Prime Minister of Canada, at that time. The rest as they say... "is history".

The Original Flag Store retail outlet is still located on Highway 27 in Thornton, while the fabrication of the flags and banners and head office is on 176 Saunders Rd in Barrie.

In addition to making flags of every country in the U.N., they also supply flags and banners to major organizations, sports teams and cities. Custom fun flags are often requested and the Original Flag Store is active in their community, supporting many volunteer and non-profit organizations. Contact them at 1-800-375-7271 [www.theflagstore.ca](http://www.theflagstore.ca)

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Cecilia Burke

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# Irmgard Jacob wins first prize in IPM contest



Jacob of Quilting Corners Quilt Guild in Alliston recently won first prize for her entry in the block contest for the International Ploughing Match. The international Ploughing match 2020 is held in Lindsay, Ontario, from October 14-17, 2020. There is still time to participate in the quilt contest.

Look for more information: <https://www.plowing-match.org/ipm2020/index.php/get-involved/quilt-competition>

Attention readers

Due to the COVID-19 uncertainty please contact the organizers of your event to see if it has been cancelled.

## Annual Sunshine Fibre Fest Fun for Everyone

Submitted by: Marie Sternberg

Spring is on its way – and Sheila Klugescheid and I are planning the second annual Sunshine Fibre Fest at ODAS Park, Orillia, Saturday May 2 from 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Everyone loved last year's event, and again this year we will have wonderful fibre animals for you to meet including alpacas, sheep, and angora rabbits.

There is a renewed interest in both natural fibres and in various textile crafts, and Sunshine Fibre Fest will have demonstrations and vendors of all kinds. Whether you are an experienced "maker" or a beginner, you will find inspiration from felters and knitters, crocheters and cross-stitchers, spinners, weavers, and more. Products available to purchase include everything from raw fibre, through handspun and hand-dyed yarn, to finished textile products. Meet the people who produce all these beautiful items, from farmers to indie-dyers.

This year we've partnered up with Harrow-smith magazine, the "farm to condo go-to for living sustainably and simply." We think they are a great fit for us, and we will have a free copy of the magazine for the first 50 people through the door on May 2.



Carolyn Cook  
and  
Alpaca Faith

Lunch is available on-site, everything from kid-friendly food to vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free alternatives. So come and spend some time with a great local community of fibre lovers, and pick up something new, whether it be a beautiful hank of fibre or some inspiration to go home and pick up those needles again!

For more info e-mail Marie at [sunshinefibreifest@rogers.com](mailto:sunshinefibreifest@rogers.com), call Sheila at (705) 423-9695, or check out [www.sunshinefibreifest.ca](http://www.sunshinefibreifest.ca)



First prize in the IPM block contest is this entry from Irmgard Jacob, member of the Quilting Corners Quilt Guild in Alliston.

Celebrate the  
Spring Fair at  
Camphill.

Saturday May  
9th, 11am - 3pm.

You may see this  
beautiful barn quilt  
on the sugar shack.

—photo by Mary Lucky



**Saturday May 2, 2020**

**ODAS Park, Orillia 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

Fabulous fleece and fibre festival featuring diverse vendors, demonstrations, live animals and more.

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## Attention Quilters

Due to concerns over the COVID-19 virus, most quilt guild meetings have been cancelled. Call your local guild for further updates. Guild press reporters are encouraged to send an email to Farm view by April 15th to advise our readers of your May meetings.

Notice: We need your stories and pictures. Do you have an award to share with our readers? Send it to Farm View at: [farmview@on.aibn.com](mailto:farmview@on.aibn.com)




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AUCTION SALE

Auction Sale

for

David and Neil Watson

Saturday April 25th, at 10:00am

15049 Airport Road, Caledon, ON from Mono Mills, highway 9 and Airport Road (Peel Road 7) go south for 14.6 kms to sale on east side of road. OR from Sandhill (King Road and Airport Road) come north for 3.2 kms to sale on east side of road  
**\*\*PARKING ON SITE\*\***  
**Tractors:** CaseIH 8910, cab, 4x4, 135 hp, front fenders, 2900 hrs, front weights, 3 hydr, 18.4x42 rears, 14.9x30 fronts; CaseIH 5230, cab, 4x4, 85 hp, dual hydr, 4800 hrs, 18.4x38 rears, 14.9x24 fronts; Case 2094, cab, 108 hp, fr weights, 6300 hours 18.4x38 rears, 10.00x16 fronts; White 1370, 9385 hours, 169x30 rears, 61 hp; Case DC3 for parts or restoring; Case D for parts or restoring.  
**Machinery & Equip:** White 7300 combine, diesel, 105 hp, narrow 3 row corn head,13' straight cut head, pick-up head; White 503 five furrow plow, semi mount, auto reset, 18" bottom; MF 33 seed drill, 17 run, grain, fert, grass box, trip lift; NH 185 manure spreader, top beater, end gate, hydr drive; NH 488 haybine, 9' rubber rolls; NH 311 square baler, chute, under 20,000 bales; NH 640 round baler, auto wrap, twine, 4x5' bales; Kuhn GA 300 GM rotary rake, 3pth; Allied stoker, ground drive; 2 wheel swath turner; Brandt 852 auger, pto drive, 52'x8" ; Case IH 4800 cultivator 24' tandem on base, tandem wings, 3 row finger harrows, hydr to back; McKee corn scuffler, 4 row, adj; Kewanne Discs, 22', manual wings; Dunham packer, 14', with transport; diamond harrows, 6 sect, metal bar; Wifo sub soiler, 3 shank, 3 pth; JD corn planter 7000, 4 row narrow, dry fertilizer, insecticide box; MF 3 furrow plow, 12", 3pth; 18.4x42 bolt on duals.  
**Farm Related/Shop:** Bruns 325 hopper wagon, 10t, dual reach; Bruns 375, 12t dual reach; 10t dual reach undercarriage; 20' steel hay wagon, steel top and back rack, dual reach; scraper blade, 6'; 3 pth water tank, 100 gal; feeder wagon, 24', John B.M. MFG; Valmetal belt conveyor, 24' with motor; (3)Ritchie frost free water bowls; McKee snowblower for parts; (3)locking head gates, 10'; galvanized spindle penning, for calves or sheep; (2)undercarriages; 407 McCormick walking plow; auger, 4"x20'; cement mixer, 3pth, pto drive, belt pulley; Agri-metal roller mill, double roller, for corn and mixed grain; bale cart, 4 wheel steer; bale tarp; portable fan; Valmetal conveyor, 12'; feed cart; assorted gates; Wic Electric bale chopper; grain aerator; tractor chains, fit 16.9x30 tires; (6)sections blower pipe, telescope pipe, clamps, 6 ft sections.  
**Lunch Booth** **Washroom Available**  
**Preview: Friday April 24th, 1-6pm**  
**Note:** Steel grain bins and roller mill to be removed by purchasers. Equipment has been stored inside and is of high quality. You won't want to miss this.  
**Order of Sale:** Wagonload; Shop/Farm Related; Machinery & Tractors  
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AUCTION SALE

Auction Sale

for

Wayne and Gracia McCune

Saturday May 2nd, at 10:00am

283371 Dufferin County Road 10, Amaranth, ON from Highway 89 go south on county road 12 to Laurel, go west 6.2 kms to sale on north side of road OR from Highway 9 go north on County Road 12 to Laurel, go west 6.2 kms to sale on north side of road  
**\*\*PARKING ON ROAD\*\***  
**Tractors:** John Deere 6400 tractor, 750Q Alo loader, cab, 4x4, air conditioning, 12000 hours, 90 hp, 14x28 fronts, 18.4x38 rears; John Deere 2130 tractor, no cab, 75 hp, 18.4x30 rears.  
**Truck:** 1992 Chevrolet pick-up , 135000 kms, selling as is.  
**Machinery & Equip:** John Deere 835 flail M0-Co, centre pivot, 2 pth, like new, 11' wide, less than 1000 acres; International 4000 swather, gas, 12' swath; New Holland BR740 round baler, Crop Cutter, monitor, twine, net wrap; Kverneland 4 furrow plow, 16', 3pth; Allied cultivator, 14', no wings; Massey Ferguson 33 seed drill, 17 run, grass box, fertilizer box; land roller, 13'; Pottinger 342 rotary rake, 3 pth; New Holland 670 Manure spreader, tandem, double beater, end gate; Herd pasture seeder; New Holland sickle trail mower, 7'; steel wheeled hay rake; windrow turner, 2 wheel  
**Farm Related/Shop:** Creek Bank Martin round bale wagon, 14-18 slant; flat rack hay wagon, 20 ft; Dion forage blower; post hole auger; New Holland 352 hammer mill; snow blower, single auger, 7', hydraulic chute, no cylinder; cattle chute, self -catching head gate; Frey manual operated head gate; cattle chute, self catching head gate with Gallagher weigh scale; (12)wooden feed troughs, 4x4; (3)round bale feeders; fencing wire; fencing stakes; insulators; (2)Weststeel Rosco hopper bottom grain bins, stainless steel, 14' diameter, 4" augers 10' long, disassembled parts; grain/feed elevator, 10'; apron chain from 85' tapered board bunk feeder; shop tables; assorted tools; 4 antique two man crosscut saws; table saw; rv fridge  
**Lunch Booth** **Washroom Available**  
**Preview: Friday May 1st, 1-6pm**  
**Order of Sale:** Wagonload; Shop/Farm Related; Machinery & Tractors  
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Saturday May 23rd, 10:00am

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# Photo Feature: by Mary lucky Seedy Saturday, Utopia Hall



Utopia resident Sarah Lawler visits with Alice at this annual event in Utopia



Marg and Eric of Marric Gardens display some of the birdhouses for sale at their store located at 11450 Simcoe County Rd 10



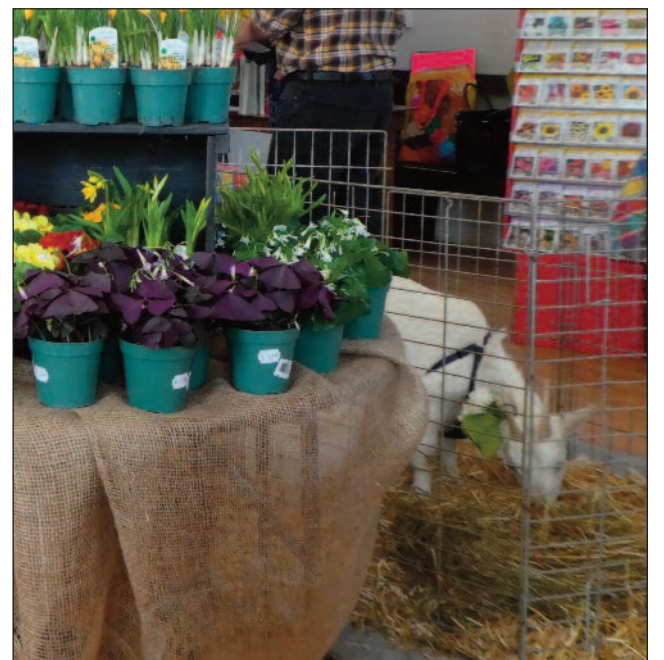
Alice and baby Annie admire the delicious looking flowers of Bradford greenhouse



Meghna, with Aware Essa, and daughter Diana



Former Utopia resident Floy Catt visits with baby goat Annie



Mother and baby goat Alice and Annie were courtesy of Lucy's Farm Zoo



On a recent sunny spring day; photographer Mary Lucky visited Lucy's Farm Zoo located on County Rd 56 in Utopia. Animals included an Easter bunny named Mascara, funky ducks with salon style hair do's, a pot-bellied pig, as well as chickens, horses, sheep, rabbits, guinea pigs and an alpaca.





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## WANTED Consignment Auction Items

**Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 a.m.**

At the property of

### Dennis & Denise Harrison

**3412 Line 8, Bradford, ON**

**From Hwy 400 take Hwy 88 east to McKinstry Rd to Line 8. See signs!**

**Sale includes** a 2014 6125R John Deere Loader with H340 self leveling loader with 3<sup>rd</sup> function, 4,500 hrs., Great Plains 2N2410 folding No-Till drill with liquid fertilizer, machine has been damaged on one side & needs some repair work, row units are tight & machine had all new bushings, pins & blades before unit was damaged, 7000 JD 6 row corn planter with dry fertilizer & seed sensors, 6 bean cups new fits JD or Kinze planting units, Kongskilde 7 furrow roll over wagon plow with vari width front has European bottoms & hydraulic resets, Kongskilde 300 5 furrow hydraulic reset Moldboard plow, 510 John Deere 7 shank 17' 6 disk ripper 7" teeth, 1998, NH RB 450 round baler with net wrap, hydraulic pick up, acid applicator & super sweep pick up, 2009 BR7090 New Holland round baler with 3000 bales, 336 John Deere small square baler, no kicker, Netherex 8 bale small square accumulator and bale grapple Mfg. by Agway, NH 484 round baler in working condition, 20' bale hauler round bale wagon, Hesston 2000-100 forage harvester with hay pick up, HLA Silage defacer bucket 84" high volume with ALO loader mount, pull type Hardi Navigator TA 800 gal sprayer with 60' boom, Agro Trend 500 gal tandem sprayer with foam markers & 45' boom, 2 sets of nozzles, Gehl 1075 tandem harvester with metal alert, processor & electric controls, heads selling separate include a 3 row corn head with new knives & belt gathers, 7' pick up haylage head, Gehl 1580 Vortex silage blower, a Dion & 2 - Papec 16' left hand unload forage wagons, Jamesway 7½ hp silo unloader, 350 bu gravity box with tarp & hydraulic Market unloading auger, 300 bu gravity box & under carriage with Market hydraulic auger, 3 ring hopper bottom feed bin, Econo grazer 14' cattle feeder wagon, Matador cattle squeeze, Marweld sheep handling equipment including crowding tub & scale, 2014 NH 120 Rustler UTV with Kubota diesel engine, 4x4 dump box, aluminum rims with new tires, Bush Hog 7' rotary mower, 2 - Demco 350 gal SideQuest tanks with tractor mounting brackets, Unverferth tractor axle extensions, 4' ply ventilation chimneys, 6 - aluminum 24.5 rims, 24.5 & 22.5 truck tires, several 2" water or fertilizer transfer pumps, 2" hard wall hoses for pumps with male & female camlock connectors, ice cream freezer, 14 rolls of sheep netting, plus much more!

**Note: Anyone wishing to consign to the sale & get the benefits of advertising**

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## Farm Sold

### Auction Sale

Vintage tractors & attachments & miscellaneous farm items!

**Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 a.m.**

The property of

### David Williams

**Thorah Concession 1 Rd.,**

**Pefferlaw (Brock), ON**

**Sale located east of Hwys 48 & 12, just east of 18A Side Road. See signs!**

**Vintage Tractors** include a Massey Harris 300 with torque amplifier, Allis Chalmers WC row crop (restored), McCormick Deering W-12 (restored, steel back wheels, pto), International W400 & 300 models, McCormick W6 standard gas tractor (restored), #16 Pacer (new tires), McCormick-Deering 10-20, Ford 2-N gas tractor with hydraulics and new tires, Leader gas tractor (as is), and a Farmall row crop on steel (as is).

**Vintage Attachments** include various 2 & 3 furrow drag & 3 pth plows, plus riding plows, horse drawn potatoe tillers and diggers, scufflers, 4 wheel carriages, 2 seated sleigh, plus small cultivators and discs.

**Miscellaneous Items** include a 1940 era bicycle, antique grain scales, wooden grain cart, old century 2 barrel field sprayer, 30 bags of Se-Can oat seed, bags of fertilizer including 19-19-19 and 20-20-10, 10 - bales of sisal twine, 4" x 16' grain augers, etc., plus much more!

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**The property of**

### Tom & Rose Stableford

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**Auction Sale Saturday, June 6  
10:00 am**

Details to follow!

**Auction Sale Thursday, August 13  
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