

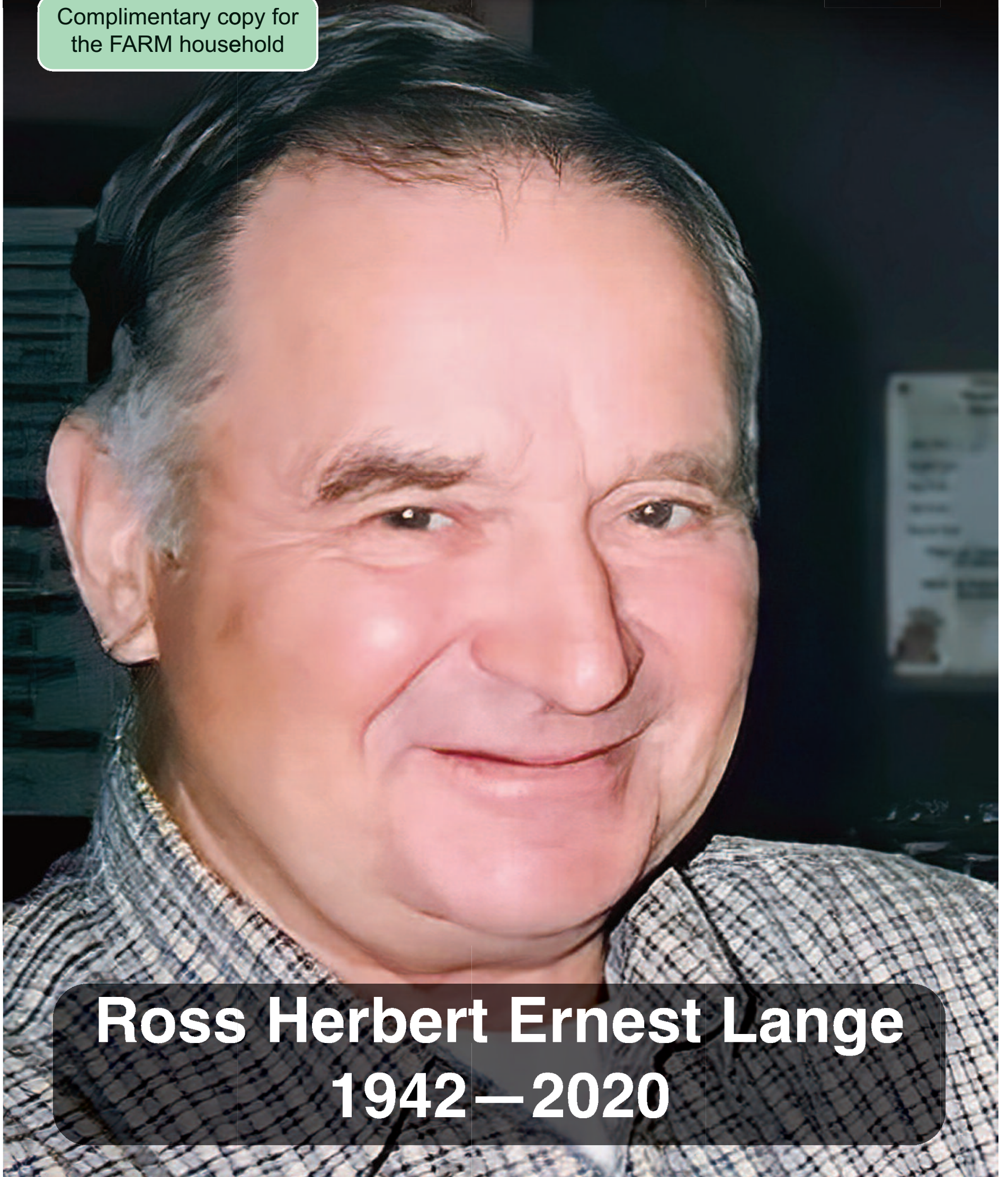


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March 5: North Simcoe 4-H Sign-Up

North Simcoe 4-H Sign-Up Night will be Friday, March 6 from 7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. at the Edgar Community Hall at 1167 Old Barrie Road at Line 4, Oro-Medonte. Membership is \$95.00 and all paid registrations will go into ad draw to win your membership fee.

Email donnavander.heyden@sympatico.ca for questions.

March 6: South Simcoe 4-H Sign-Up

South Simcoe 4-H Sign-Up Night will be Friday, March 5 from 7:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m. at Church's Equipment, 3560 7th Line, Innisfil. Membership is \$75.00 on this night only. After this date the membership fee is \$95.00.

Email southsimcoe4h@hotmail.com for details.

March 26: Quilters' Guild Meets

The Simcoe County Quilter's Guild will meet for its regular meeting on March 26th from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Simcoe County Museum, Hwy. 26, Midhurst. Program to be announced. New members and visitors (\$5 fee) are welcome.

News from the pews...



• **St. George's Anglican Church**
Utopia,
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9:00 a.m. Service

• **Christ Church St. Jude's Anglican Church**
Ivy, 7330 9th Line
11:00 a.m. Service

March 28: Breeders Bull Sale

The 9th Annual High Point Charolais Breeders Bull Sale starts at noon in Stayner. For contact information see the ad on page 12 of this issue of Farm View.

April 3: Customer Appreciation

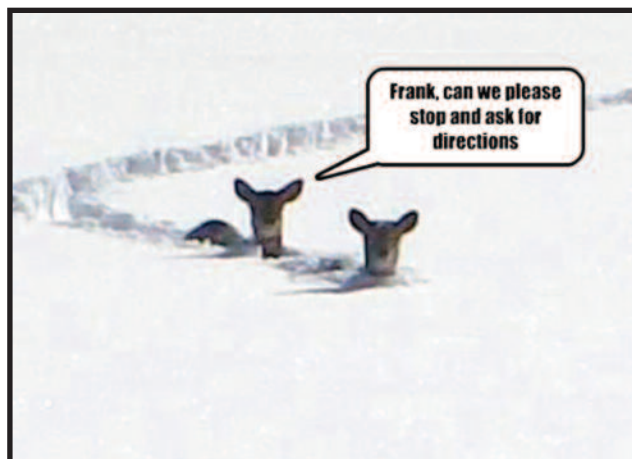
The annual customer appreciation day will be held on Friday, April 3rd at Richards Equipment Inc. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Richard's is at 823 Penetanguishene Road, north of Barrie. See their advertisement on page 10 in this paper.

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 fest.com.

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Devotional Corner

Let me live my own life

By **Kathleen Greidanus**
Retired Priest



Towards the end of last year my life changed radically. I joined the legions of you who have had to find an extended care facility for a parent. My mother, Mary, is ninety years old. She has lived through a world war; through slave-like labour in an Irish spinning mill at fourteen; she emigrated to a new country, in her thirties, with two children and a huge dog in tow. (My father had left early leaving my mother to sell their house and dispose of their goods and travel to Canada unassisted.) Mum supported her family working as a store clerk, a butcher, a cook and a house cleaner. Mary was never shy about tackling a job.

In my mind my mother was indestructible. She denied herself to provide education and a better life for her children, as did so many immigrants. As she aged she had her medical problems but still managed to peel potatoes and cook a meal. But there was no denying she was getting more frail and more forgetful. After a series of falls that landed her in the hospital it was deemed that she couldn't live at home in her remote community anymore. Being the oldest it was my task to find a suitable placement for our mother.

I had walked alongside others who had gone through this process in the parish, but this time I had no professional or emotional buffering. For many years I had an inside view of many of the homes in the Simcoe area through pastoral visits and providing worship services. I knew which were the good ones and which were not so good. I had never imagined that Mary would need such a place!

Thanks be to the Lord I found a place that is a great facility, close by and affordable. Those three criteria were my guides. Little did I realize that finding a place was the easy part—now my mother had to transition from independent living in a house she had literally helped to build and lived in for fifty three years to a room in a place that was definitely not her idea.

At first, I visited my mother every other day and came home emotionally and sometimes physically exhausted. If I were completely honest I was also a bit angry with her. Why was she saving all her anger for me? During that time I spent a lot of time in prayer and one day I received a new insight to the whole situation. Instead of looking at all the positive points of the new situation from my perspective, I had to learn to view things from the perspective of someone who had lost a lot of what was part of her identity.

Mum was now blind in one eye and poor vision in the other. She was contained in a wheelchair to prevent falls. She had lost her privacy since someone now showered her. Her hands had lost their dexterity so she could no longer knit to pass the time. And so the list went on and on when I looked at her new situation from her point of view. I think all this came into focus when during a conversation my mother said to me, "I am not a child. Kathleen. Let me live my own life."

In the Ten Commandments, the Lord specifies "Honour your mother and father so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God gives you." What does honouring our parents mean? Without getting into a discussion about toxic childhoods etc. I am going to suggest that to honour our parents is to not lose sight of them as a person with needs that go far beyond their physical requirements. Acknowledge the gifts that they perhaps no longer have but did exercise in the past. See the person who made you who you are today.

I have struck up a relationship with the manager of Mary's residence. He tells me it is heartbreaking how some residents are parked there and forgotten with no visitors from one month to the next. He also shared that at Christmas there is so much emphasis on children while so many elderly are forgotten.

As individuals we may not be able to change the world but maybe we can change it a bit for those in care facilities. Is there someone you could visit? Take your dog or your child with you. I guarantee you it is time well spent both for you and the one you visit.

Shalom,
Kathleen

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Ross Lange: A trusted friend and colleague

Ross Herbert Ernest Lange died peacefully at the Royal Victoria Regional Health Center on February 9th, 2020.

OBITUARY

Ross is survived by his wife of 56 years, Dorothy, his sister Marie Wheeldon (Roy), and brother in law Norm Morgan. Predeceased by his parents Marjorie Hoyle and Herbert Lange. Survived by his children Sylvia (Dave Dennis), Andrea (Glen Partridge), Margaret (Bryan Henderson), Karl (Donna Lange), Russell, Vern (Charlotte Lange). Also survived by his grandchildren Sara (Samantha Marineau Dennis), Kelleigh & Emma Dennis, Madisyn Partridge (Mitchell Menard), Mackenzie Partridge-Hartnup (Jacob Hartnup), Camden & Riley Henderson, Rebecca, Rachael, Tyler, Matthew, Jack, & Emily Lange, and Jacqueline Dykstra.

Ross was an active dairy and cash crop farmer in Essa Township. As well, he operated a successful small farm equipment business that he built himself.

He was a trusted friend and colleague of the Mennonites, not something that everyone could do.

Ross was an active volunteer in several farm advocacy groups. In the late 90's he was President of the Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture; he was passionate about finding creative ways to solve problems. In 1998, Ross, along with another farmer, is remembered for gathering generators from Simcoe County farmers and driving them, through severe weather and dangerous road conditions, to farmers in Eastern Ontario impacted by ice storms. Ross is also remembered for sponsoring Ice Cream eating contests at the Cookstown Fair to help promote dairy products. Ross was also a member of the 'Ivy Hall Guys' and played a role in installing the new floor and the development of Ivy Days. His contributions, along with many others, helped to redevelop the hall into an integral part of the Ivy community. Ross was known for his sense of humour, sense of community, and simply doing the right thing—even if it did not seem that way to everyone.

Ross had a life education that did not give him a BA or an MBA. He was smart and strategic about trying different business options and ideas that could be developed further. Ross enjoyed Canadian history, loved the CBC, and the stories that were the life of the country.

For his family, this has been the longest good-bye. We are at peace now and want to remember the good times in his life.

We want to thank the team on the Seniors Care Unit at the Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre Seniors Care, specifically Kristie and Katherine, the team recreational therapists; you made this journey the best it could be.

Friends and family were received at Living Faith Community Presbyterian Church (206 Murphy Road, Baxter) on Saturday, February 22, 2020 from 10 a.m. to noon. Memorial donations to the RVH Seniors Care Unit Recreational Therapists or a charity of your choice are appreciated. Condolences may be forwarded to the family through www.adamsfuneralhome.ca

From August 2000, Farm Review

While shooting the front cover photograph for this month's issue at Simcoe County Museum, SCFA Past President Ross Lange and incumbent Brian Jones sauntered into the museum grounds a few minutes before opening and unleashed a major security alert. Before the two, along with Farm Review publisher John Beischer, were able to explain, staff at the museum had set up a perimeter and were closing in on the trespassers. The "guilty" parties posed inside a historic holding cell which used to sit on the platform at the old Allandale station.



Bottom photo: SCFA president Ross Lange spoke to the Federation members and provided an update on the ICE RELIEF project that he spearheaded in 1998.

Top Photo: Pictures taken by Ross were used on the cover of Farm Review in February of 1998.



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EDITORIAL

Rail blockade another blow to agri-food sector



Keith Currie
OFA

The second rail service interruption in a matter of months is creating serious economic, social and animal welfare concerns for Ontario farmers and rural communities. The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA), along with the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and fellow agricultural and agri-business organizations, are calling on the federal government to find an immediate solution to the disrupted rail service.

If rail service continues to be blockaded, there will be propane shortages in Ontario and across Eastern Canada that will pose a serious threat to animal welfare because many farmers use propane to heat their livestock barns. A shortage of propane also creates a social and health risk to rural residents who rely on propane to heat their homes and businesses.

Ontario grain farmers are already feeling the effects of the blockade—the movement of soybeans has ground to a halt and ethanol plants have stopped accepting corn deliveries because they can't ship out their ethanol by rail. Hog farmers and food processors are also unable to deliver their products because most of Canada's pork is exported and relies on rail service. Farmers don't get paid for their products until they reach their market—like a port for export or a processing facility—making each delay a cash-flow issue and creating long-term financial consequences. These serious economic impacts to product delivery and production are being compounded every day and will take weeks to recover from the days of disruption that have already taken place.

OFA recognizes the issues that need to be addressed in this rail blockade action. We acknowledge that Indigenous Canadians have the right to protest, but these concerns and protests must not endanger the health and livelihoods of Canadians who have no part in the issues being protested.

The current rail blockade falls on the heels of the CN rail strike late last fall during a busy harvest season for Canadian farmers. That strike caused severe economic losses for the Canadian agri-food industry, and demonstrated the importance of Canada's rail system and the vital role it plays in our everyday lives and businesses.

OFA, along with our 38,000 farm family members and Ontario and Canadian agri-business partners, urge the federal government to resolve this serious situation now. Every day this blockade drags on means more financial losses, more risk to our animals, more delays in preventing our products from getting to market and more unnecessary stress for everyone.

—Keith Currie, President,
Ontario Federation of Agriculture



Ag Snapshot



Winter has a firm grip on Grey County and beyond. Farm View photographer Don Beaulieu has enjoyed his scenic treks up and down the "mountain" to work on this issue of the paper.

Readers: If you have an ag photo you would like to see published in this spot, email it to farmview@on.aibn.com.

LETTERS

Working Together to end global hunger; 2019 Loaves and Fishes Growing Project report

The Loaves and Fishes Growing Project began in the fall of 1997 when a group of local farmers and individuals gathered at the Bond Head United church and made plans to grow corn, soybeans and wheat to donate to the Canadian Food Grains Bank (CFGB). The biblical story of the Loaves and Fishes highlights that when a little is given to feed the hungry it is multiplied many times over. Our efforts make a difference no matter how small. This was evident once again in 2019, our project's 22nd year.

The CFGB is a Christian organization, which consists of 15 member church denominations that provide food and development assistance to people in need through the mission/relief/development agencies of the churches involved.

In 2019 our project grew various cash crops; most in-

puts were donated by local agribusinesses and farmers. Farmers donated their equipment and time to grow and harvest the crops. Churches and individuals donated cash. This past year, we had below average crop yields and commodity prices were low as well. Many farmers struggled to plant, grow and harvest a crop in a year that was as challenging a year that many experienced farmers had ever remembered. In spite of that, the growing project sent \$95,000 to the CFGB with still another 60 acres of soybeans not yet harvested due to weather conditions. Considering everything, we still had a very good year. Over the 22 years we have sent in over \$2,820,647 million

dollars to CFGB. This money is matched by the Canadian International Development Platform at a ratio of 4:1. So for every dollar we donate we can receive up to 4 government dollars. Our Tax dollars at work for us!

Thank you to everyone who contributed. Plans are underway for our 23rd year in 2020. Our project is al-

ways looking for more individuals to contribute to this worthy cause, in any way possible. Thinking Globally and acting locally.

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W.J. Bryan

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Spring forward on March 8

Like most of you, I am eagerly anticipating the arrival of spring. Daylight savings time starts on March 8th. So, remember to “spring forward” your clocks at bedtime on March 7th.

An issue that is quietly gaining momentum out on your concession roads is the recycling of plastic bale wrap. 15 years ago a pilot project was started in Simcoe County, building on a partnership between the County of Simcoe and The Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture to collect bale wrap for recycling into other products. At approved County waste transfer stations challenges began to occur. Handling the bale wrap was problematic due to several factors including, volume either too much or too little, the fact that it flies well during windy weather events plus the dirt and manure that accumulate on the wrap no matter how hard farmers work to try to keep it clean. Even the end user was having processing issues due to contamination from manure and dirt left on the plastic. After a short pilot project time period the County of Simcoe made the decision to discontinue the project. Many livestock farmers were disappointed because the only alternative was to landfill the plastic, exactly what everyone was trying to avoid. Direct arrangements can still be made with the end user but, it has its challenges too.

In Northern Ontario, a multi-partner stakeholder campaign to store plastic wrap until an appropriate end user can be located has begun. This partnership could kick start the recycling of bale wrap once again. Northern Ontario livestock farmers are being encouraged to bale up the used plastic and then compact the plastic into 1000lb bales. These large square bales of used bale wrap are easier to store and transport. A company in Eastern Ontario has a new venture that would turn used bale wrap into energy. This company uses pyrolysis technology. The facility using this technology is planning to be operational this spring. The company will not be purchasing the plastic or paying for transportation to the facility. But they are able to handle slightly contaminated plastic in the compacted squares.

Clean Farms has announced they are undertaking a research study across Canada to determine the volumes and types of farm plastics available for recycling along with identifying the facilities that can process the plastic. Clean Farms will be actively searching for farmers to volunteer to assist in the collection of information through on-farm visits and interviews. Please consider assisting in this very important project. In order to have “buy in” from municipalities and higher levels of government we need to collect volume data from farmers. Contact Kim Timmer at 1-877-622-4460 ext 2229 to register.

With the inconsistent weather happening most summers, making dry hay is becoming increasingly difficult. Wrapping and bagging livestock feed is a popular option to retain feed value.

I want to encourage our members who use plastic bale wrap to consider storing it in small bales to eliminate the plastic from our landfills until a supply chain can be established for the use of the plastic. It seems that small positive steps are being made in the right direction but, it will take time. A farm made storage solution of the plastic is a good place to start.



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New book dedicated to pioneers, farmers and former residents of Angus and area.

Charles Henry Bush purchased a farm of 100 acres on the 4th line in Angus, Ontario in the 1880s. He married Annie Horton of Feversham in 1885. They had three children. And so goes the story of the Bush farm family as told by Shirley Bush Haggart in the newly published book titled “Footsteps Into the Past—A history of Angus”.

Local residents Joan Truax and Keith White are responsible for this compilation of stories and photos about the history of Angus.

“For quite some time we had known there was significant interest in a book about Angus history. Once we embarked on this journey 2 years ago, we realized that it was never ending as we uncovered more about this community in central Simcoe County” remarked Keith at a recent book launch.

“We want to thank all of the people who gave us their family histories and other information” added Joan.

In addition to pioneers and

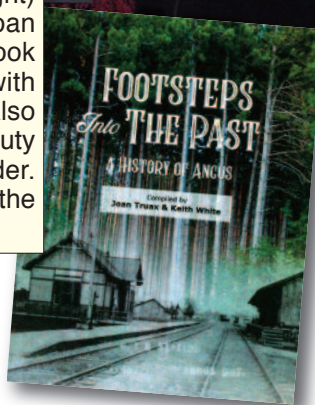


Township of Essa Mayor Sandie McDonald (right) congratulated Councillor Keith White (left) and Joan Truax on the unveiling of their newly published book “Footsteps Into the Past”. Both were presented with certificates of appreciation from the Township. Also present to bring greetings from the council were Deputy Mayor Michael Smith and Councillor Henry Sander. About 30 residents attended the book launch held at the Angus branch of the Essa Public Library.

farmers, readers will learn about the early industry and commerce of the area, landmarks, churches, public services and governance, commu-

nity organizations and much more.

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Farmers and rural landowners in Dufferin County are invited to apply for grants to help improve drinking water quality, recharge groundwater, improve crop yields and save precious farm topsoils. The grants can be applied through the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA), and four other conservation authorities within Dufferin County.

Eligible projects include well upgrades, cover crops and erosion control structures, with grants ranging from 50-100% to a maximum of \$5,000 depending on project type.

“The Dufferin Water Quality Program focuses on improving water quality for farmers and rural landowners, but the projects are a win-win for sustainable farming and the environment,” said Shannon Stephens, NVCA’s Healthy Waters Program Coordinator. “For example, cover crops help soils and nutrients stay on the field to nurture the next crop during high impact storm events, and don’t end up polluting rivers and lakes. They also help turn soils into sponges, protecting crops against droughts, and reducing flooding.”

Through water quality monitoring, the NVCA found that many of our rivers and streams are showing signs of stress due to increased nutrient runoff. Water that is too nutrient-rich will create toxic algae blooms that makes water undrinkable for humans and livestock. One nutrient of concern is phosphorus, which comes from soil erosion, fertilizer runoff, and malfunctioning septic systems.

“We’re very pleased about the newly added well upgrade grant!” continued Stephens. “Studies show that farm wells often have a higher risk of contamination with fecal bacteria and nitrate. Well upgrades and other farm manure and nutrient management projects can help safeguard drinking water sources. We want to help keep everyone healthy, and help farmers protect their families and livestock.”

To apply for the grants, contact Shannon Stephens at 705-424-1479 ext. 239 or sstephens@nvca.on.ca. She can help you plan your project, offer a free site visit, and fill out a short and easy grant application form. Farm properties need to have completed any version of the Environmental Farm Plan.

Eligible water quality projects include:

- NEW! Upgrading wells
- Decommissioning unused wells
- Cover crops
- Nutrient management planning
- Livestock exclusion fencing from streams and wetlands
- Clean water diversion from livestock yards
- Tree planting
- Erosion control structures (land and in-water)
- Wetland creation to improve water quality



The Dufferin Rural Water Quality Program is available throughout Dufferin County. If your property is not in the Nottawasaga Valley Watershed, please contact your local conservation authority:

- Grand River Conservation Authority: Jenn Deter 519-621-2761 or ruralwater@grandriver.ca
- Credit Valley Conservation: Mark Eastman 1-800-668-5557 ext. 430 meastman@creditvalleyca.ca
- Toronto Region Conservation: Nadine Abrams 416-661-6600 ext. 5349 or nabrams@trca.on.ca
- Saugeen Conservation Authority: Joanne Harbinson 519-367-3040 ext. 235 or j.harbinson@svca.on.ca

2020 Hall of Fame Nominations

The nomination process for the 2020 Springwater Sports Heritage Hall of Fame Induction is now underway.

The board is encouraging nominators to submit their Athlete, Builder or Team nominee(s). It’s simple. Just visit the “Hall

of Fame–Inductions” section of the website springwatersportsheritage.ca for helpful details and simplified nomination forms.

Should you have any questions, please contact a member of Springwater Sports Heritage Board or through the website.

Board members are willing to assist with your submission.

The deadline for receiving nominations is March 30, 2020.

Visit www.springwatersportsheritage.ca for additional information and updates.

Grain Delays Caused By Rail Protests: Grain Farmers of Ontario Urges Resolution

Grain Farmers of Ontario, the province’s largest commodity organization, representing Ontario’s 28,000 barley, corn, oat, soybean and wheat farmers today urges all sides to work to a quick resolution of the current rail blockages that are part of the pipeline protests. CN Rail has just announced that they are progressively shutting down their Eastern Canada operations until the pipeline protest blockages stop.

Once again rail issues are set to impact Ontario grain farmers negatively with rail stoppages in Eastern Canada that will result in necessary resources, including food-grade grain, feed grain and fuel grain not being shipped in a timely way, if at all.

“These rail stoppages are unacceptable. As farmers, we have dealt with one of the wettest harvests on record, with a rail stoppage that almost crippled our industry, with a growing amount of carbon tax on

food production, with price instability for our crops, with markets closed to us due to trade disputes and rash politically motivated decisions, with increased competition from the U.S. into our traditional export markets, and with outdated programs to help farmers



remain sustainable,” said Markus Haerle, Grain Farmers of Ontario. “How much more can our farmers be asked to cope with, with issue issues of no fault of their own.

“Frankly, the system is breaking and we cannot bear more delays and restricted access to essential services, such as rail for transporting grain. On-

tario, and Canada, need farmers to be able to produce food – not just for our own families and communities, but to bring billions of dollars into our economy. We want to see a resolution to these blockages and shutdowns.”

The Wet’suwet’en hereditary chiefs and supporters have been blocking rail lines in protest of the Coastal GasLink pipeline project for more than a week, as the pipeline crosses the traditional territory of the Wet’suwet’en First Nation in BC.

“After the CN rail strike in December, Grain Farmers of Ontario called on the government and industry to have rail declared an essential service. Now, we are looking at the same issues—lack of transport for essential products and negative impacts on agriculture—Canada’s leading economic industry,” said Barry Senft, CEO, Grain Farmers of Ontario.

Teaching career began in 1940

By Catherine Quick

In September 1940, at the age of nineteen, I began my teaching career in the isolated Granite Hill school house in S.S. No. 2 Gurd (southwest of North Bay). The building had been constructed in 1897 by settlers who felled the White Pines, hewed the logs, and dove-tailed them together as volunteers. It also served as a community centre with many

lively meetings of the Farmers’ Institute, the Debating Society, parties, dances, and concerts. The two horizontal photos below show me with my original class, all but one of whom have pre-deceased me. The vertical photo below shows me on the bedroom window sill of the local farmhouse where I boarded (and listened to wolves howling).



OFA Rep. presents forest survey at meeting

Notes from the Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture Board of Director's Meeting, Thursday February 6, 2020 - 7:30 p.m. Church's Farm Supplies Limited, 3560 7th Line, Innisfil, Ontario.

Leah Emms presented the "County Federation Forecast Survey" from OFA. The Board responded to the 46 questions as a group indicating how our county federation is managing and operating, and discovering areas where we need further support from OFA. All counties have been requested to complete this survey. Results emailed to OFA.

SCFA President, John Morrison called the meeting to order.

John welcomed Paul Lynch, representative for South Simcoe Soil & Crop Association.

Minutes: Moved by Josephine Martensson-Hemsted, seconded by Ty Jelinski, that the minutes of the SCFA January 9, 2020 Board of Director's meeting be accepted as circulated. Carried.

Financial Report: Moved by Bonney Smith and seconded by Josephine Martensson-Hemsted, that the financial statements be accepted as presented. Carried.

Clayton Harris submitted his first term results; second half of scholarship will be mailed to him.

Correspondence:

- Simcoe Centre West Women's Institute requested support for Women's Day—granted.
- AgKnowledge Forum 2020—March 4, 2020 at Gibson Centre, Alliston from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

REPORTS:

OFA Field Staff: Leah Emms - highlights include:

- "Act Now" website is still active. A suggested letter to be sent to municipalities asking for support of the Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2019 is included. Note: this was sent to all municipalities.
- Save on Efficient Lighting Upgrades
- 2020 County funding—1,592 members in Simcoe County
- Food Freedom Day
- County Federation Forecast Survey & Meetings
- Proud to Lead—2020 Involve Fund
- Soil Survey & Drainage Act Review Webinar

County of Simcoe: Don Allen

- Farm Class Tax Ratio report will be received by County Council on Feb 11, 2020
- Attended a meeting concerning Stakeholder Engagement in Conservation Authorities
- Springwater Township—Backyard Chickens—recommended option 2 which develops a pilot project with specific parameters
- Horseshoe Valley Recycling Plant—due to changes in garbage collection in the county, Materials Mgt. Sites plans are changing.

NVCA Ag Liaison Committee:

- AGM—Jan 24—Colin Elliot elected Chair, Hugh Simpson Vice-chair
- Ontario Farmland Preservation and North Simcoe Soil & Crop to have representation on the committee

PAC: John Morrison

- County Concerns: cost of energy to rural Ontario; natural gas expansion; bank closures in small, rural communities; Bill 156; road safety; consumer engagement.

Simcoe County Economic Development Strategy Update:

- John Morrison, Dan deBoer and Jim Partridge participated in the conference call.
- Issues brought forward: elected representatives and staff with agricultural knowledge; infrastructure needs; high-speed internet availability; need for 3-phase power; reduce red tape; land use and labour needs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Food Freedom Day, February 8, 2020: John Morrison for Colin Elliot

- February 7—presentation at Elmvale Food Bank at 11 a.m. to the following food banks in Simcoe County: Barrie Food Bank, The Sharing Place Orillia Inc., Elmvale & District Food Bank, The Good Shepherd Food Bank of Alliston Inc., The Salvation Army Midland Corps, Trinity United Church Collingwood. See photograph below.
- Elected officials and media to attend.

Farms Feed Families: Bonney Smith

- Schools are booked; commodities not confirmed; meeting upcoming for committee.

Keep Kids Safe: Dan deBoer

- To be held at Huron Tractor on April 4 or 18, 2020 with 7 sessions for the children
- Consider safety advertising through Canadian Network Broadcasting

OTHER BUSINESS

Commodity Representatives:

- Difficult to determine reps from commodities on the SCFA

Board—request names if known.

OFA Involve Fund:

- \$500 available upon application for various projects to be completed by July 31, 2020
- Application for preparation of a brochure to focus on SCFA: who, what, where and why we exist for distribution at various events
- Ad hoc committee appointed: Karen Telford, Bonney Smith SWIFT (Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology)
- Wardens of SW Ontario formed SWIFT to lobby government for funding to expand broadband internet services. They received \$19.4M for the counties of Norfolk, Wellington and Lambton to support broadband projects.

Resolution to OFA:

- Moved by Josephine Martensson-Hemsted, seconded by Karen Telford, that the resolution from SCFA taken to OFA Convention in 2017 as "...Be it resolved that upon election to the positions of President or Vice-President, that those Directors be assigned the position of Director-at-large and that the impacted local Federation, that has essentially lost a Zone Director, be instructed to elect a new person to fill the position of Zone Director for that particular zone" be brought forward. Defeated.

OFA Workshop—Needs of County Federations:

- Wed. Feb. 12, 2020 at Bond Head Community Centre, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- John Morrison, Dave Ritchie, and Bonney Smith to attend on behalf of SCFA.

South Simcoe Soil & Crop: Paul Lynch

- Association has few members involved; looking at options.

Adjournment: On motion by Ron Hewitt, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.



Pictured here, gathered for Food Freedom Day at the Elmvale Food bank, are Paul Maurice (SCFA) along with MPP Doug Downey and six recipients representing Elmvale & District Food Bank, The Good Shepherd Food Bank of Alliston Inc., The Salvation Army Midland Corps and Trinity United Church of Collingwood.

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LAST MONTH'S FEATURED TRACTOR

Last month's vintage tractor was a John Deere, Model L, built between 1942-1946. First identified by Joe Sawyer of Gilford. Also correctly identified by Joe White of Innisfil and Bob Janozeski of Orton, Ontario.



The basics of Food Freedom Day's significance & purpose

This year, Food Freedom Day in Canada was February 8. Food Freedom Day, which was coined and calculated by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA), and marked the date the average Canadian will have earned enough income to pay for their grocery bill for the entire year. It takes 39 days for the average Canadian to earn enough money to pay for their food for the year.

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture calculates Food Freedom Day by taking Canadians' total expenditure

on food and beverages and dividing it by the total Canadian household disposable income to create a percentage. CFA then determines what this percentage of the year is, by day. In 2019, Canadians spent 10.9% of their disposable income on food and beverages, which equates to 39 days, or February 8th.

Food Freedom Day also serves as an annual reminder that as Canadians we are fortunate to have access to an abundance of fresh, healthy, safe and affordable food choices.

VINTAGE EQUIPMENT CONTEST

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Good luck!



Essa Historical Society recognizes treasurer's work

At a recent meeting of the Essa Historical Society, President Richard Blanchard (left) presented a certificate of achievement to Elenore Helmore for many years of service as treasurer to the organization. Secretary Olive Lee (on the right in the photograph) thanked Elenore for her dedication.

Interested residents of Essa Township are invited to attend a meeting of the Historical Society at their monthly meeting on the last Saturday of each month, at the Thornton library. For more information you can contact Olive Lee at: teddylee1@rogers.com.



The Essa Historical Society recognized Elenore Helmer for her work as treasurer for the club for 4 years.

How to market your product

The Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario, Holland Marsh Growers Association, Simcoe County EDO and Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture in partnership with Notawasaga Futures are pleased to support our local agricultural community by hosting the annual AgKnowledge Forum. This year's forum will be held Wednesday, March 4th at the Gibson Centre for Community, Arts and Culture in Alliston.

This year's speakers will be retailer Vince's Market, distributor 100km Foods as well as local farms

represented by Cookstown Greens, Breedon's Maple Syrup and Sheldon Creek Dairy. Speaking on the restaurant industry we will hear from Cravings Catering and the Globe.

This year's event starts at 8 a.m. with a breakfast featuring locally sourced products and will end at 12:30 p.m. This is a free event.

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Addis Grain Ltd., 2020 Marketing Meeting

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WHEN: Tuesday March 31, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. 1 p.m. Please RSVP for lunch numbers, call (705) 720-0431 or email andrew.addisgrain@gmail.com

WHERE:

Addis Grain Ltd., 274 Third Line South, Oro-Medonte.

GUEST SPEAKERS: Tammy Young is a Grain Merchandising Consultant with White Commercial Corporation. She also runs her family's grain business "Les Young Farms" in Cargill, Ontario. Her hands-on experience in the grain business makes her a highly valuable resource on all aspects of grain marketing.

Steve Kell has worked in the Ontario grain and feed industry for the past 28 years in all phases of the industry, as a farmer producing grain, as a country elevator operator managing conditioning, storing and shipping grain, and as a merchandiser, hedging and trading commodities. Steve's primary interest is working with producers in evaluating markets and developing marketing plans to optimise returns for their business. Steve farms in Simcoe County, just south of Barrie and is a frequent contributor to Farmers Forum newspaper.



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Bill 163 puts Food Day Ontario on the calendar

Ontarians will now have a day dedicated to local food—Food Day Ontario—thanks to a private member's bill proposed by MPP Vincent Ke. Bill 163, Food Day Ontario (Food Day Canada in Ontario) Act, 2019 was introduced to the legislature in December 2019 and completed second reading at Queen's Park today.

This new act proclaims the first Saturday immediately before the August Civic Holiday as Food Day Ontario (Food Day Canada in Ontario). Adding Food Day Ontario to the calendar recognizes the hard work and dedication of everyone involved in our provincial agri-food sector – from farmers and food processors to chefs and cooks at home.

“Congratulations to MPP Vincent Ke for driving this initiative to recognize the importance of agriculture and food to our province,” says Keith Currie, president of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA). “Promoting local food and our agri-food sector will strengthen and enhance Ontario's economy overall. Food Day Ontario also serves to another focal point to promote food literacy and food access, both important aspects of improving the overall health of our province.”

Ontario grows and produces the most variety of food in our country – more than 200 different farm and food products. Food Day Ontario (Food Day Canada in Ontario) is expected to recognize and encourage more Ontarians to buy local and support our farmers, rural communities and their local economies.

“Ontario's diverse and innovative agri-food industry feeds our population, fuels our rural communities and drives the provincial economy, contributing more than \$47 billion to our province's annual GDP,” says Currie. “Ontario farmers and food processors produce safe, nutritious, high quality

foods and dedicating a day to the celebration of food will serve to raise awareness and encourage Ontarians to choose to buy and appreciate our local bounty.”

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) is the largest general farm organization in Ontario, representing 38,000 farm families across the province. As a dynamic farmer-led organization based in Guelph, the OFA works to represent and champion the interests of Ontario farmers through government relations, farm policy recommendations, research, lobby efforts, community representation, media relations and more. OFA is the leading advocate for Ontario's farmers and is Ontario's voice of the farmer.



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Keith White elected Chair of NVCA at annual general meeting

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) held its 60th Annual General Meeting (AGM) last month. Keith White, Councillor for the Town of Essa, was elected as Chair, Mariane McLeod, Councillor at the Town of Collingwood was elected as Vice-Chair, and George Watson, Councillor at the Town of Wasaga Beach accepted his role as Past Chair.

"For the last 60 years, the NVCA has been protecting people, property and the environment by providing important and specialized technical services to our watershed," said Councillor Keith White. "The NVCA continues to play a critical role in managing this watershed as we face unprecedented pressures from population growth and associated land development, all the while adjusting to the realities of climate change.

"I look forward to working with our member municipalities, county part-

ners, provincial and federal governments and all other stakeholders, as we continue to support integrated watershed management."

In her nomination speech, Councillor Mariane McLeod said she doesn't bring a ton of experience to the role of the Vice-Chair, but will bring the work ethic of a farm girl, curiosity of a journalist and the enthusiasm of a fly fisher to the work of the NVCA.

"I can offer no guarantees about the stand I will take on issues that have not yet been identified," said McLeod. "But I do guarantee I will relentlessly advocate for the continued existence and reasonable mandate of conservation authorities in general and the NVCA in particular."

Jack Imhof, keynote speaker for the AGM, delivered a strong message about the importance of integrated watershed management. Conservation authorities are in a unique position to increase the

functions of the watershed and to build resiliency so that we are able to cope with future extreme weather, drought and flooding brought by a changing climate. NVCA staff also produced a video about how various departments at the conservation authority work together to achieve integrated watershed management.



Keith White

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Dufferin Soil and Crop Improvement Association Annual feed and seed show and meeting

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This year saw another well-attended and informative meeting at the Amaranth Town Hall as the Dufferin Soil and Crop Improvement Association held their annual meeting and show.

Guest speakers provided a bevy of detailed information on a variety of pertinent topics. Lois Sinclair, the Regional Programme Lead for Ontario Soil and Crop addressed the attendees after the Call-to-Order.

Mike Cowbrough of Weed Management, Field Crops at the University of Guelph enlightened members on some specific issues.

Cowbrough has been the Weed Specialist in Field Crops for the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs since 2002. His work focuses on providing tools and resources to help Ontarians manage weeds. He obtained both BSc. (Agr) and MSc. Degrees at the University of Guelph. In addition to his role with the Ministry, Mike also has Adjunct Faculty status in the Department of Plant Agriculture at the University of Guelph. He resides on the family farm north west of Guelph with his wife and



Mike Cowbrough

daughter.

Following Cowbrough, the ever effervescent Peter Johnson tackled the topics of wheat and climate change. Johnson is an agronomist with Realagriculture.com. Known in the biz as Wheat Pete, he addressed some current research news and the outlook of climate change with regard to wheat.

After lunch and awards to the seed show participants by John Drumond of Floradale Feeds, the speaker line-up got back underway with Bert Tupling of Tupling Farms Produce Inc.

A lively panel discussion was lead by Deb Campbell,

a crop management specialist with Agronomy Advantage. Campbell obtained her BSc (Agr) with a major in Agronomy and an emphasis in soil management from the University of Guelph. She then went on to complete her Certified Crop Adviser certification in 2000. In the past 2 years Deb added to that certification by successfully completing the 4R Nutrient Management Specialty and the Resistance Management Specialty.

Campbell is also a director at the local Grey County Soil and Crop and is first Vice for Grey Bruce Farmers Week. She has also previously served on the Board at AgScape. She lives and



Peter Johnson



Deb Campbell

works west of Dundalk, Ontario.

Representing the Grand River Conservation Authority was Jen Detter. She explained initiatives and assistance to mitigate unintended environmental consequences and illuminated the role of the GRCA.

Following the guest speakers the official portion of the annual meeting got underway.

As always during this annual event, there was a supplier showcase and lunch provided by members of the Community of Christ Church.

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Ontario agri-food sector calls for immediate solution to Canadian rail disruption.

Dear Prime Minister:

Once again, a crisis is emerging in rural Ontario as a result of interrupted rail service. We, the undersigned, represent farmers and agri-business that live and work in rural communities across Ontario and we are writing to you to ask that you find a solution **immediately** to the disruption of rail service.

We recognize and acknowledge that Indigenous Canadians have fundamental issues that must be addressed in order to achieve full reconciliation. However, it will be through thoughtful, honest and sincere dialogue that such an outcome will be attained. Protests that have the potential to paralyze the Canadian economy are not helpful to that process.

The agri-food sector is the most significant driver of the Ontario economy—generating \$48 billion in GDP and employing over 837,00 Ontarians. In addition, hospitals, homes, farm families, farm animals, farm businesses and the food processing sector throughout rural Ontario are all at risk.

The rail stoppage is affecting everyone who relies on rail to provide essential goods and services to their community. Eastern Canada is facing propane shortages needed to meet heating requirements. Container movement of soybeans has ground to a halt. Ethanol plants have stopped accepting corn deliveries as there is no mechanism to move the ethanol out by rail. 70% of Canada's pork production is exported with the vast majority of that moving by rail to export position and this interruption is an immediate and severe economic impact. It will take weeks to recover from the days of disruptions that have already taken place. Medicine, heat for hospitals and homes, food and other supplies need to reach communities that rely on rail for the transportation of these essentials.

We need your help, now, we are asking you to find an immediate solution to the current disruption in rail service and work with us to develop solutions that will stop continual disruption to rail service in Canada.

Sincerely,

Joe Hill, President, Beef Farmers of Ontario

Ed Benjamins, Chair, Chicken Farmers of Ontario

Clarence Nywening, President, Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario

Scott Graham, Egg Farmers of Ontario

Norman Beal, Chief Executive Officer, Food and Beverage Ontario

Markus Haerle, Chair, Grain Farmers of Ontario

Ryan Koeslag, Executive Vice President/CEO, Mushrooms Canada

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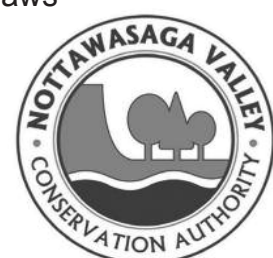
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Samuel and Elizabeth Lount raised 7 children in their Holland Landing home

All too often when we look back at war in a historical context we think only of the men who fought the battles, planned the strategy, and made policy. But women were very much involved in warfare as well, even if their roles have been sadly overlooked. Just ask Elizabeth Lount, who found herself dramatically caught up in Ontario's 1837 Rebellion.

Elizabeth was born in 1793 in Oakland County, Michigan, to Daniel and Achsah Hollinshead. In 1807 she married Samuel Lount and together they raised seven children in their Holland Landing home. Samuel was one of the leading figures in the community; in addition to being a blacksmith, farmer, and surveyor, he was a politician in the Reform Party and a close associate of the revolutionary William Lyon Mackenzie.

Samuel Lount came to the conclusion that change in Ontario—where power rested in the hands of a small elite—would only come about through a violent overthrow of the existing political system. Events came to a head in early winter of 1837, when Lount led an army of farmers down Yonge Street in support of an uprising initiated by William Lyon Mackenzie.

As it turned out, the rebellion was quickly put down by government forces, and instead of returning home victorious Lount was forced to hide out in the woods as a fugitive, leaving Elizabeth and their young children at the mercy of vengeance-seeking loyalists who considered him a traitor. In the days immediately following the December 7 Battle of Montgomery's Tavern Elizabeth was twice confronted with

angry mobs who threatened her life merely because she was married to one of the rebel ringleaders.

The first occurrence took place a mere day or two after the uprising was crushed. When Moses Hayter, a family friend and the Barrie jailer, checked on the well-being of the Lount family he found Elizabeth cowering in fear, having learned that a mob was on its way to burn the home and throw herself and her children out into the cold.

Hayter armed himself and awaited the vigilantes at the door.

"Do you call yourselves Englishmen?" he challenged the mob of twenty or thirty men, each carrying flaming torches. "I am an Englishman from the city of London, was an usher to the Duke of Wellington, where I was taught to know no fear in a just cause. I must sacredly declare that before you enter this house, with the intention of burning it down over the head of a defenseless woman and her children, you will have to walk over the dead body of an

Englishman, but not before I will take good account of at least one of you!"

The mob hesitated as if unsure what to do. Whether moved by his speech, or simply afraid of facing an armed man instead of a helpless woman, the vigilantes seemed to lose their lust for vengeance. Slowly, in singles and pairs, they turned for home. Elizabeth Lount was safe—at least for the moment.

A few days later, Elizabeth again found herself in peril. Neighbor Stephen Howard received word that another armed mob was marching to burn Lount's home and arrest his fam-

ily. Howard sent his 13 year old son with a sleigh to collect Elizabeth and her children, then spirit them to an isolated barn for their safety. Unfortunately, they hadn't gone very far before they were overtaken by hell-for-bent loyalist riders and taken into captivity at McLeod's Tavern, in Aurora.

When Stephen Howard learned of their capture he raced to Aurora and, after much negotiation, managed to secure their freedom. Elizabeth never did receive the bulk of her confiscated belongings, however.

Things continued to go from bad to worse for Elizabeth Lount. Shortly afterwards, she learned that her husband had been captured as he tried to flee across Lake Erie in a row-boat. Samuel and another rebel leader, Peter Matthews, were charged with high treason. Her heart surely sank when she heard that Chief Justice Sir John Beverley Robinson, who presided over the trials, believed that "some examples should be made in the way of capital punishment," and convicted the men to be hung.

Rather than wallow in misery, Elizabeth found the strength to fight for her husband's life. She got 8,000 people to sign a petition for clemency, including many loyalists who believed the sentence too harsh, and personally pleaded her husband's case before Upper Canada's Lieutenant Governor. Sadly, it was of no use. The government was determined to use Lount and Matthews as examples of the price of rebellion.

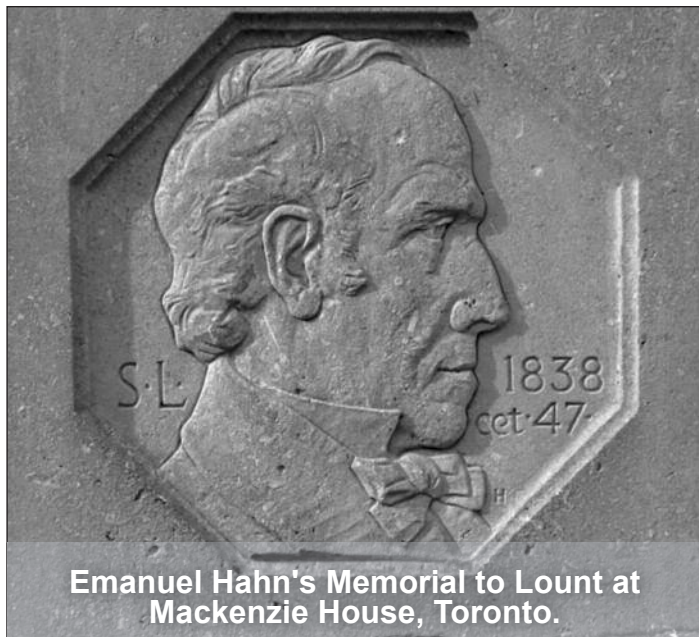
They were led to the gallows on the morning of April 12, 1838.

When the trap door opened and Samuel plunged to his deaths, a part of Elizabeth died as well. She fled Canada for the United States where she died in 1878, still mourning the loss of her husband.

Village stories

by
Andrew Hind

— 1837 —
Rebellion



Emanuel Hahn's Memorial to Lount at Mackenzie House, Toronto.

Changes coming to drainage act

Last month, OMAFRA closed the consultation period on its Drainage Act Discussion Paper. The paper proposed changes intended to "reduce burden, streamline approvals and address stakeholder concerns while maintaining environmental standards."

This discussion paper is the first step toward opening up legislation and modernizing the Act, and the CFFO has written in support of the three proposed enabling changes.

The first change would be to introduce new protocols that will reduce project delays. Under the Drainage Act, projects usually require approvals from several agencies, including conservation authorities and government departments.

Under this change, the Minister of Agriculture,

Food and Rural Affairs would have legislative authority to adopt technical protocols that simplify drainage project approvals. One example is the DART Protocol (Drainage Act & Section 28 Regulations Team), developed to help with approvals for drain maintenance and repair. CFFO supports this change, provided the protocols are developed through consultation with stakeholders.

The second proposed change is the introduction of a streamlined process for making minor improvements to the drainage system. Details are still vague at this point and OMAFRA is seeking recommendations on what should actually constitute a "minor improvement."

The final proposal is to enable a simple process for recording changes to drain design

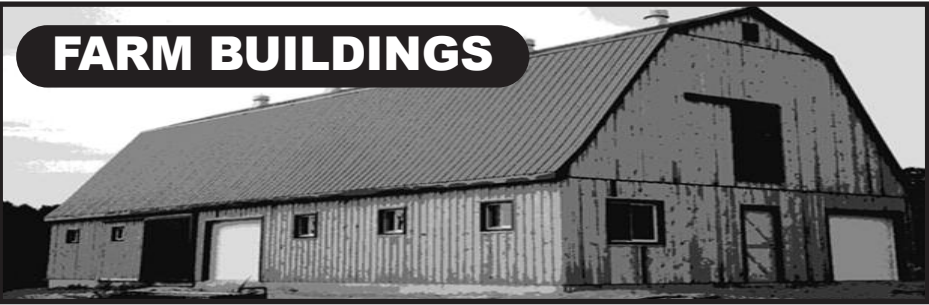
during the construction process. Currently, there isn't a way to officially record changes made during construction due to site conditions in the engineer's report. Drainage superintendents rely on engineer's reports for maintenance and repairs, so when the drain on the land is different from the drain on paper, problems can arise—including for the landowner. CFFO supports OMAFRA's efforts to correct this situation.

We look forward to future consultation with government and, as always, we'd appreciate hearing from our members. If you have ideas for modernizing Ontario's Drainage Act, please contact the CFFO.

—Suzanne Armstrong

Director of Research & Policy for the CFFO.






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There was also a silent auction and a 50/50 draw. Special thanks to Mayor Sandie McDonald, Deputy Mayor Michael Smith and Councillor Keith White who, along with many other volunteers, helped with the serving and many oth-



Local author Joyce Emeyes (left) visits with local resident Floy Catt while enjoying the spaghetti dinner. Joyce donated one of her books to the silent auction.

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Show was held in 1994!

The show is held at the Pyramid Centre, 317 James Street South, St. Marys. The dates for this year's show - April 23-25th. The Main Hall showcases the full size quilts that our members have made

since our last show as well as a large Merchants Mall. The End Zone features lap quilts and throws, baby quilts, wall hangings and other quilted items. We will also have a display of quilted garments! The Multipurpose room will be

home to our large Boutique which will have a variety of items our members have made and donated as well as fabric, patterns, books, magazines and notions. Our guests love to stop by for a browse! The Quilt Show Challenge can also be found in The Multipurpose room.

We have a lovely tea room where you can enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a piece of pie or a nice lunch after taking in the show.

Our show usually attracts between 1200-1500 Guests. This year we are thrilled to be welcoming two bus loads of gals keen to see our show!

We look forward to seeing you at the show!

—submitted by: Linda Bartlett

Quilters' Guild Meets

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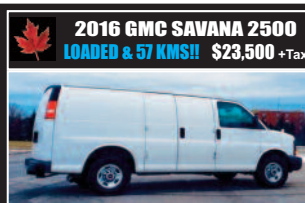
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There are many worthy potential recipients in Simcoe County. Please Consider making a nomination and contact me if you require nomination forms, nomination criteria and information.

For nominations that were submitted and not accepted, you are invited resubmit it if more research was done and more information was gathered. Remember, the Selection Committee can only assess the information on the form. **The deadline for receiving applications is April 30, 2020.**

On behalf of the Directors of SCAHF I would like to emphasize that new nominations are always welcome.

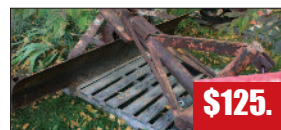
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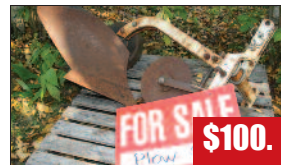
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Worth a Chuckle... and life lessons

by Aunt Hazel

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During a show at Caesars Windsor, American stand-up comedian Jeff Foxworthy said:

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