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## October 4th to 10th Fire Prevention Week

Fire safety article on page 9.

## October 12th Thanksgiving

A time to reflect, to be grateful, to be Thankful.

## October 15th News and Advertising deadline

The deadline for news and advertising in the November edition of Farm View is Thursday, October 15th, 2020.

## October 22nd SCFA Annual General meeting

Please see the ad on page 8 for details.

## October 31st Halloween

Check with your community to see if alternate COVID-19 activities are available for Halloween.



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## Worth a Chuckle... and life lessons

by Aunt Hazel

It was mid-October and a man was waiting for his wife at the checkout at a Walmart supermarket. He noticed that someone had left behind their broom. When no one came to claim it, the man went outside to search for a couple he remembered seeing at the cashier's desk. The man spotted them getting into their truck and hurried over. 'Excuse me,' he said to the young woman, 'but did you by any chance leave your broom inside?' 'No,' she retorted quickly and with a smile, 'we came by truck.'

**News from the pews...**

- **St. George's Anglican Church**  
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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**

## Devotional Corner

### When looked at by God, what does He see?

By Kathleen Greidanus  
Retired Priest



Do you ever have ideas that linger in your mind for a long time but they are so impractical that you don't do anything with them? I started having just such an idea in the Spring of this year - I thought I would like to get another horse. I already have a mare and a little donkey, so why would I need another horse? Well, there is an empty stall.

Each time I drove into town I passed the farm of a local horse dealer whose stock changed frequently. I noticed one animal in particular that caught my eye and even stopped to get some information, but for once, practicality overcame childish wants. Why would someone who is no longer able to ride want another horse?

The months passed and I thought about maybe getting a rescue horse. Life unfolded and with no effort on my part just such a horse fell into my lap. A friend told me about a Thoroughbred gelding that needed a home and he was free. Before she finished the sentence I said, "bring him here." I guess I should have run that past Don out of courtesy if nothing else since he supplies all the hay.

A short time later Monty was delivered. He is a five year old race horse that ran six races and finished last each time. At a quick glance he is beautiful - 16.2 hands (for you non horsey folk that is big), bay with an exploding white star on his forehead and one white back hoof. Since his expulsion from the track he had passed through many hands and had not always received the best care. His hooves were a mess and he is a bit sore in the front end. Someone thought they could make a quick buck (no pun intended) with him by making him into a jumper. He had descended the ladder until he had been rescued from the meat market.

His arrival prompted me to clean the inside of the horse barn to an extent that I haven't done in years. I was exhausted but there was a spring in my step that had been noticeably absent for a long while. My little herd was now comprised of a geriatric Arabian mare who thinks the donkey is her foal and a brokendown racehorse that lacks any kind of competitive spirit. Monty just wants to be loved.

The first few days involved a lot of squealing and herding of the donkey by the mare. Monty was happy just to eat grass and then eat some more. Going to the barn had a new purpose for me. I was living my own Black Beauty story - the once beautiful horse that was down on his luck would come back to his former health and live a happy life.

One morning when I was in the barn Monty looked me dead in the eye and I saw not a horse down on his luck but a sentient being that needs love and care. Is that what God sees when He looks at us? Like Monty, there are parts of me that are a mess, physically, emotionally and spiritually. I look to God to love me anyway. The Lord is my only source of salvation. Where would any of us be without the hope that comes through Jesus?

I will let you know how the journey goes between us - a discarded horse and a retired priest.

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# BILL 156 helps to PROTECT THE FARM

By Cathy Hamill-Hill

The Ontario government has stepped forward to protect farm animals, the food supply, farmers and others with Bill 156, The Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2020 (Act).



Ernie Hardeman

In a reply to Farm View for comment, Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs said, "The Government heard from farmers who no longer felt safe in their homes and who expressed concerns with the increasing frequency of on-farm trespassing. That is why we took action through this legislation to better ensure the safety of our farmers, our food and our farm animals from the risk of trespass activities."

All farmers know that the farm is not just a collection of livestock and buildings. The farm is home. Everybody should feel safe at home.

One of the biggest enemies of today's farmer are those who do not understand farming. This lack of knowledge causes these individuals to want to end all farm practices. This group of people are known collectively, as "Activists".

The Activists are often a group of people with cell phone cameras, signs and loud voices all banded together against the farmer and the farming life. Activists have been known to arrive wherever farm activity takes place. They have stormed into barns that have restricted access for biosecurity health reasons- and they have been known to approach livestock on trucks outside of

processing facilities. Large Fairs have had to deal with Activists who break into highly prestigious livestock sales and shows. The Activist movement has become a real problem to today's farmer.

Although the farmer isn't the only one who suffers from the actions of Activists. The farmer is the first link in the food supply. The livestock at the processors have followed strict protocols to reach this point in the food supply chain. Activists who tamper, even at moderate levels, can cause a great deal of damage to the food supply system. Livestock also become frightened when a group of loud strangers come into barns causing the animals great stress. Animals under stress reduce production and growth causing hardship for the livestock producer. The current COVID-19 pandemic has proven that a local food supply is essential as imported food channels can be impacted quickly for reasons nobody can predict or fix easily. Farmers need to be able to work minus disruptions of unwanted trespassers to their farm to keep that local food supply working well.

The Ontario government has stepped in to help to protect the farmer with Bill 156. Now there are strong laws that state, in part, that no person shall enter in or on the animal protection zone on a farm without the prior consent of the owner or occupier of the farm, animal processing facilities or other prescribed premises which farm animals may be kept or located.

To break Bill 156 has serious consequences. A person who is found guilty of breaking Bill 156 can face fines up to \$15,000 on the first offense and with the next offense penalties can go up to \$25,000.

## Rural Internet Access a Necessity in the New Economy

By Clarence Nywening for the Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario

Closing the gap between urban and rural high-speed internet access in Canada is a must, and the pandemic has added a new urgency to the cause.

An explosion in online commerce during the pandemic was especially felt in the Ontario farming community. Early on, there was a tremendous spike in online demand for fresh, local food. People were either afraid to go to the grocery store or couldn't find the products they wanted. So, farmers being farmers, several took up the challenge to start selling directly to consumers.

There are many stories about how beef, chicken, vegetables and other kinds of food were made available online – by contactless delivery of course.

But access to high-speed internet is spotty at best. The Canadian Radio, Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) has set target speeds of 50 megabits per second download and 10 megabits per second upload for broadband services. While more than 85 per cent of Canada has service that meets that criteria, only 40 per cent of rural communities do.

Better rural internet access would not only help sell food online. Think precision agriculture with GPS, virtual meetings and online schooling.

There is also a trend that's emerging showing more city people moving to the countryside. Some are tired of being cooped up in the small spaces that a city affords and many more are now used to working from home. That means more and more people will demand to have the services that they were used to in town.

It is encouraging that there is much happening in terms of closing the gap.

Before the pandemic hit, the federal government announced in its 2019 budget that it would invest \$5 to \$6 billion in rural broadband over the next 10 years. In June, the Ontario government announced \$150 million to improve access in "rural, remote and underserved parts of the province."

In August, the CRTC announced the first round of projects funded through its five-year, \$750-million Broadband Fund. That's also aimed at providing more access to high-speed internet services.

As we inch toward a new, more digitally-oriented world post-COVID-19, it's good to know that rural Canadians – including farmers – will hopefully enjoy the same level of internet access that our urban neighbours do.



## On the Cover

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**OPINION****FROM THE EDITOR**

This month I will begin on a personal note. The beginning of another school year has always been hard for me. When our first child was born 15 years ago my husband and I made the choice for me to leave work and raise our family. I know that was a heavy financial burden to bear at times for Shawn, but not one day went by that I wasn't grateful to be home with our kids. Each year at the start of September I find myself grinning and waving at the school bus with tears pouring down my cheeks. Even though due to COVID we have been together since March, this year was no different.

Another change in our family routine has made me appreciate the time with the kids even more. This past summer Lily began her first job. Lily is now working part time at Nicholyn Farms. A beautiful farm store located right in our community.

The start of another school year always brings back a wonderful memory of my mom. I was in grade one and it was either a meet the teacher night in September or an end of school celebration in June. Either way, I remember it was HOT outside. While my mom was getting ready to go the event I was going through the beautiful outfits in her closet. I found my favourite red dress and asked if she would wear it. She smiled and said yes, just for me. It wasn't until many, many years later my mom told me that was one of her favourite dresses too. Her favourite Christmas dress that is! It was made from very heavy, sparkly material, but my mom wore it that day even though she was a little embarrassed to be over dressed and probably over heating.

The October issue of Farm View has many interesting stories. On the subject of family you may want a tissue to read Cathy Hamill-Hill's 'After the Chores'. I'll admit it wasn't easy proof reading her column this month through watery eyes.

Don Beaulieu reported on his first virtual farm show and has written an interesting article about the pros and cons, mostly pros.

We also have a great story about a new business called Farm 2 Door, they offer alternative ways for more farmers to reach more consumers. I'll tell you first hand the Chaga Chai Kombucha from Collingwood is delicious.

It is also Fire Prevention Week October 4th to 10th, there are many safety tips in this issue that apply to us all. And of course, to celebrate Halloween we have a spooky story from Andrew Hind.

I wish all of you a wonderful and safe month of October. Celebrate Thanksgiving and take the time to be grateful for all you have even through this pandemic. Times are challenging in vary degrees for everyone. Be patient and supportive with one another, smile with your eyes and spread positivity as much as possible.

Blessings from our home to yours,  
Roslyn Watkins



Lily Watkins serving ice cream to her two favourite brothers, Harry and Trenton, at Nicholyn Farms.

—Photo by John Beischer



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and your cities will spring up again as if by  
magic, but destroy our farms and the grass  
will grow in the streets."**

*W.J. Bryan*

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## Understanding tax programs in the farming industry



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The fall season is upon us once again. It's hard to believe, that only three and a half months are left in 2020. I am reminded of the joys and utter frustrations of fall harvest due to weather. It looks like this fall might be tipping towards frustration, as I see that a frost warning message has popped up on my phone today.

This month, I would like to touch on an issue that has come across my desk more and more. It has

to do with two interconnected programs that are administrated by Agri-Corp. The Farm Business Registration Program (FBR) is the program in which all farm businesses in Ontario must register if they annually gross \$7000 or more of farming income. Proof of farming income is your yearly tax return showing farm income activities that are defined by the Canadian Revenue Agency. Once you have applied for and received your Farm Business Registration Number it is linked to the farm property you own and rent. If you rent properties, the property owner has likely asked you to sign and provide your FBR on the Tenant Farmer Declaration form.

This is where, we enter the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Program. In order to have the "farm tax rate" applied to properties you own or rent, it is vitally important to renew your FBR each year to maintain those properties in the program or you risk the property slipping back into the residential property tax category. Farm property taxes are based at a maximum of 25% of the residential tax rate. The house and one acre of land are taxed at the residential rate. The farm buildings and land are taxed at the farm rate.

Agri-Corp has five (5) exemptions available for the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Program.

- Tenant Farmer Declaration
- Income Exemption for Start-up Farm Businesses
- Income Exemption for Business Structure Change
- Income Exemption for Not a Normal Production Year

- Income Exemption for age, illness or death of a spouse

Let's dive into Income Exemption for Business Structure Change, as this is quickly becoming one of the top issues I am dealing with this year.

Most of the farming community is under the impression that their Farm Business Registration Number would be easily transferred to a new corporation or new business partnership. It is important to remember that the FBR program is regulated by the Farm Registration & Farm Organization Funding Act. The act defines that FBR numbers are provided to a specific business entity that have qualified with proof of achieving the \$7000 or more of gross farming income. A new business structure requires a new Farm Business Registration Number. The challenge is the timing of obtaining the new FBR number and the switch over to the new business structure. This is when a conversation with Agri-Corp needs to happen sooner rather than later. In most cases, you would be directed to complete the application form for the Income Exemption for Business Structure Change. This would bridge your farming business switch over. Your new business would be exempt of achieving the gross \$7000 until the approved time. That might be one year or several depending on your situation. I want to recommend that you do not cancel your existing FBR until you have discussed the business structure change with Agri-Corp staff. This is because your existing FBR number is linked to the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Program. Cancelling your FBR triggers a sequence of events that is impossible to stop. Agricultural property owners that rent to tenant farmers start to receive letters from the municipality indicating that the tenant no longer has a valid FBR number and that their property could slip back into the residential property tax category. This would be a 300% increase in property tax!

My advice is to talk to Agri-Corp representatives long before you are ready to transfer to your new business structure. The aggravation and sheer frustration that I have witnessed by farmers who have recently got caught up in the web of Business Structure Change, Farm Business Registration Numbers, and Farm Property Taxes has shown me that Agri-Corp along with the General Farm Organizations need to do a better job of communicating the timelines involved in the undertakings of Business Structure Change. I hope this is one step towards better communication.

I wish all our loyal Farm View readers a harvest season this fall that goes smoothly, is safe and prosperous! Happy Thanksgiving.

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## Thanksgiving Safety

The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially at Thanksgiving. Kids love to be involved in holiday preparations. Safety in the kitchen is important, especially on Thanksgiving Day when there is a lot of activity and people at home.

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

### Did you know?



Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment.

Have activities that keep kids out of the kitchen during this busy time. Games, puzzles or books can keep them busy. Kids can get involved in Thanksgiving preparations with recipes that can be done outside the kitchen.

Why did the farmer run a steamroller over his potato field on Thanksgiving Day? He wanted to raise mashed potatoes.

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## Farm 2 Door: Farmers helping Farmers

By Cathy Hamill-Hill

Farm 2 Door located at 169 Balm Beach Rd E in Tiny, is a brand new business all about bringing healthy food to consumers while supporting local farming at the same time.

One of the business founders, Evain Maurice says, "we are Farmers helping Farmers" adding "we work with good REAL food." Evain owns BelleRoots Farm where he grows vegetables.

At Farm 2 Door BelleRoots Farm produce is being turned into interesting variations of pickles by Chef Cailen who is now living in the Barrie area. Prior to COVID-19, Chef Cailen was working in Europe at high end food establishments. This day, the young Chef is preparing meal kits using sustainable wild rice sourced from Kapakasing. "I can give Chef Cailen 3 ingredients and every time he comes up with recipes," Evain says explaining today's meal kit idea.

Provincial rules state you must have a licensed kitchen to prepare and package food. Evain says he could not make and sell pickles from his home therefore the licensed kitchen at Farm 2 Door fulfils that requirement. This is just one example of how essential this kitchen is to the Farm 2 Door business.

The public is invited to shop in what looks like a barn with décor of barn boards making it feel welcoming. The store has gleaming clean freezers, coolers and shelves. Available here are high end healthy products such as dried mushrooms from Fungicopia, a business that is based out of Innisfil owned by Cody Saunders. Fungicopia is all about mushrooms that are considered a super food for human health. The business includes products from foraging for wild mushrooms across Canada in a sustainable way.

Another aspect of Farm 2 Door is participating in online local sales. From a bright, easy to use, fast online website, people can order and pay for items. These items are packaged and delivered to the customer. Delivery service is local and scheduled three days a week at this time. The service is exploding in popularity with about 75 orders going out each delivery day. There are two delivery drivers needed and sometimes three to get the orders all done. Products range from baked goods like butter tarts and fruit pies to vegetables such as fresh kale. The website for ordering is: [www.farm2door.ca](http://www.farm2door.ca)

Farm 2 Door is about linking the farmer to the public market, without the huge life commitment that comes along with the more common ways of marketing. Farm markets and festivals can be quite time consuming. Evain said he has a lot of good memories and met some wonderful people working the 3 markets he attended up until this season. He explained that to have a strong presence at a market means being loyal in attendance and most markets are on weekends. For years he was unable to attend weekend events in his family and friends' lives as he was working at the markets. "Some farmers that have products now at Farm 2 Door no longer attend markets, and they cannot believe the freedom after all the years of being busy every weekend through spring to fall," he said.

The storefront space is only part of the big plan for Farm 2 Door. The building is rented not only for the excellent spacious location on a high traffic highway, but also because there is a huge asset at the back. Behind the big building is a flat open field. Evain, who admits he and his wife Rachel,



Evain Maurice showcases some of the products available at Farm 2 Door.

—Photo by Roslyn Watkins

have plans popping in thier minds nearly constantly, are planning that field to be a new market garden for next year. There are also thoughts of having community space for people to try their hand at gardening and to host some hands-on gardening education for children.

Farm 2 Door is likely one of the few good things that came out of COVID-19. Evain and his wife Rachel were looking at unemployment when the pandemic fully hit. His wife is the founder/owner of BelleRoots spa and she was closed down by provincial rules. Evain had a greenhouse full- and no Markets open to sell the produce at. Rachel is also a highly skilled artisan bread maker. The enterprising couple bravely started a home delivery service and when it became too busy to operate from their home, they realized they needed more space and help.

Evain, who grew up in the area on a dairy farm, noticed the former butcher shop located on a busy highway ten minutes from his current farm was for rent. He even

worked there when he was in high school. He approached the building's owner and got a few looks of disbelief because this was March, the start of the pandemic. By this time, he and another local farmer, Bart Nagel had come up with a business plan. Bart is the owner/founder of Bulbs of Fire. Bart's business is well known in the high end gourmet food community. The landlord, Julian Crisol agreed to renting out the building to the enterprising farmers because he too is interested in good real food. Julian is the owner of Mayon Fine Foods that make the Taro Chip, which is an all-natural snack with health benefits made from taro roots. Taros are much like sweet potatoes.

There are about 30 producers on board now with Farm 2 Door. The emphasis is on local however, products from the rest of Ontario are considered if they meet criteria and cannot be found locally. Any farmer with a product they would like considered to be sold at Farm 2 Door is invited to email at [info@farm2door.ca](mailto:info@farm2door.ca)



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## Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture **Annual General Meeting**

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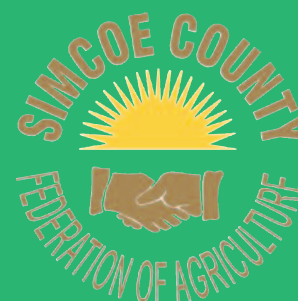
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# Fire Prevention Begins in the Kitchen

By Dennis Gannon

In 1871, a devastating fire occurred in Chicago, Illinois. The fire is claimed to have started at about 9:00 p.m. on October 8th, in or around a small barn belonging to the O'Leary family. The story surrounding the origin of the fire blames Mrs. O'Leary's cow, who allegedly knocked over a lantern, setting the small barn on fire. The fire grew with great intensity and lasted for approximately 3 days with the unfortunate loss of 300 lives, destroyed 9 square kilometres of homes and businesses and left 100,000 people homeless. In 1911 on the 40th anniversary of this tragedy, the first National Prevention Day was sponsored by the National Fire Marshals Association with the purpose of keeping the public informed about fire safety. This became an international event when Ontario, in 1916, proclaimed the first National Fire Prevention Day in the province and outside the United States. Canada was a leader with the first Fire Prevention Week declaration by the Governor General in 1923, two years before President Calvin Coolidge made a similar declaration in the United States. Since that time, Fire Prevention Week has occurred during the week on which October 9th falls.

While Fire Prevention Week occurs annually, fire prevention should be practiced daily in all of our homes. In fact, most fire departments spend much of the month of October stressing fire prevention. Each year a new theme is determined for Fire Prevention Week and this year it's "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!"™. According to the Ontario Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management, unattended cooking is the number #1 cause of fires in Ontario.

Cooking happens almost daily in most homes and it has to be done in a responsible manner to ensure it's done safely. Everyone shares the responsibility to protect their family and themselves from fire. One simple way to do so is to remain in the kitchen while cooking. Frequently it is the act of answering the door or telephone that leads to a devastating fire. One moment of distraction can lead to a lifetime of sorrow.

There are some very simple steps to keep our families safe while in the kitchen. They include:

- Always stay in the kitchen when cooking and turn off the stove if you must leave the kitchen.

- Keep a proper fitting lid near the stove. If a pot of oil catches fire, slide the lid over the pot and turn off the stove. Do not move the pot. Never throw water on a burning pot.
- Keep anything that burns - plastic utensils, dishcloths, paper towels - a safe distance from the stove.
- Cook responsibly. To prevent cooking fires, you must be alert. You will not be alert if you have consumed alcohol or drugs.

- Wear tight-fitting or rolled up sleeves when using the stove. Loose, dangling clothing can easily catch fire.
- Keep young kids one metre away from the stove. Turn pot handles away from the stove's edge so they can't be easily knocked off.
- If you burn yourself while cooking, run cool water over the wound for three to five minutes. If the burn is severe, seek medical attention.

The kitchen will also be a busy place during Thanksgiving as we celebrate with family. It is also a time when we can let our guard down while in the kitchen. The following tips will make it a time to remember:

- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey, and check on it frequently.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- Use a battery operated candle when decorating.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- And finally, the most important safety tip is to ensure that your smoke alarms are working.

Every home in Ontario must have a working smoke alarm on every storey and outside every sleeping area. Smoke alarms have a 10 year life so they must be replaced every 10 years regardless of whether they work or not. A simple push of the test button may save your life.

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### Clear the Clutter!

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### Stand By Your Pan!

**Unattended cooking** is the leading cause of home fires. Always **stay in the kitchen** when you cook.



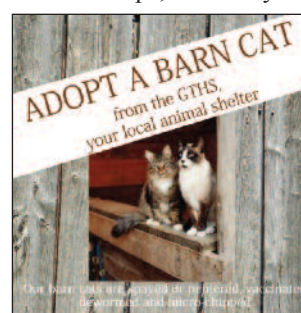
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# The Story behind Kevin Barker Auctions “Auctions with Action”

By Cathy Hamill-Hill

Kevin Barker Auctions Ltd is founded and owned by Kevin Barker, a friendly, successful longtime experienced auctioneer specializing in agriculture and rural life.

Kevin began, as a youngster, tagging along with a local auctioneer and decided this was the job he wanted to have. He said, “I liked the auctioneer industry. I like working independently but also working with different people being part of their lives.”

The young man went to get official training and became a graduate of Reisch Worldwide Auctioneer's College in Mason City, Iowa, USA. Soon after, he became a regular at the popular Woodville Salebarn under the ownership then of the founder, the late Norman McIntyre and his family. Mr. McIntyre believed strongly in giving people a chance and young auctioneer graduate Kevin got a lot of experience with the “miscellaneous sale” outside, which ranged from high end farm equipment to wagons full of everything from rusty old lanterns to boxes of farm magazines. Kevin also gained experience at the original Ontario Stockyards at St. Clair and Keele in Toronto selling livestock. When there was a retirement announced by Mr. McIntyre, Kevin, along with some others, purchased the Woodville Salebarn. Today, Kevin still has a business interest in the Kawartha

Lakes Community Sale Barn Inc. Kevin often works here auctioning livestock and has helped the location grow to be one of the busiest auction barns in Ontario.

Kevin Barker Auctions Ltd expanded to purchase a farm on Highway 35 outside of Lindsay. This location is quickly gaining popularity as a site for sales to be held of farm/construction machinery and equipment sales. Further, this is the location for new western style panels and feeders for sale.

When “Kevin Barker Auctions” has a farm sale, there are massive crowds and having 1,000 people attending is common. Farmers book long in advance to get Kevin Barker hired to conduct farm sales because he has become such a popular trusted choice at often a time of great change in farmer's lives. It has taken Kevin three decades to have such a dedicated following and it has placed him in high regard in the farming community.

Farm sales now though with COVID-19 mean the big crowds cannot happen according to provincial legislation which, at this time, permits gatherings of 100 people outside. This means that only the smaller, more controlled farm real estate auctions can take place because having 100 people there or less is average. “I want to keep us all safe and keep us within the (provincial) guidelines,” Kevin says.

COVID-19 has grown the Online Auction Sales held by Kevin Barker Auctions Ltd and now these sales have followers from across Canada and the USA, Kevin reports. Online sales have some benefits such as the seller being able to keep the item at their property and not need to transport before selling it. Online sales work by people signing up to get their bidding numbers. The sale is held over a week so there is lots of time for people to do research on the items up for bidding before they need to place bids online. The items are shown in either pictures or a short video. There is a “soft” close giving a short window of time for the final bid to be put in.

Kevin Barker Auctions has been an advertiser in the Farm View for a long time. Kevin says that the Farm View “is the best bang for our (advertising) buck” because Farm View readers are farmers and those that work in agriculture. He says that other publications usually have a 2-3% readership that live in rural locations which means only a small interested audience. Having the Farm View delivered to his biggest clientele means that advertising is well received and followed. “Farm View is well run and I appreciate the work done there. It is good to see agriculture being supported today.”

## Alicia Spence: Recipient of the Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture Scholarship



Over the years at Elmvalle District High School., Alicia has taken on leadership roles and contributed to the school and the community. Alicia has been an active leader and member of the Student Athletic Association for three years, dedicating her time and efforts to organizing fundraisers, planning winter carnival and arranging the Athletic Banquet. During the Fall of 2019, Alicia joined her Peer Leadership classmates in organizing “Grade 9 Day” events, preparing and delivering a “Respect Presentation” at Wyevalle Public School and making “feel good” signs to put up around the community. Alicia has been an enthusiastic member of

several school sports teams, such as basketball, volleyball, hockey, slow-pitch and also representing her school at OFSSA in track and field each year. Alicia has made an effort to contribute to her school and broader community by actively organizing and working for many hours on the Blizzard float, which was built at her family farm for the last four years. Alicia enjoyed marching and cheering loudly at the annual Elmvalle Fall Fair, but was also very busy showing 4-H cattle or volunteering at the SAA booths. Alicia has proudly volunteered (eg. a Springwater March Break Camp) and worked (eg. coaching Springwater ball hockey, Rounds Ranch (April - October) in the great community of Elmvalle. Alicia is looking forward to the co-op placements which are part of the five-year program at Guelph U. which will provide Alicia with a variety of opportunities to explore agriculture business. She hopes that one of the co-op placements will lead to a job of interest. Alicia would like to work in the agriculture industry, but also would like to stay local in Simcoe County, so she can continue helping out on her family's dairy farm. Possibly, Alicia may become a co-owner of “Spence Farms” one day!

Good luck Alicia!



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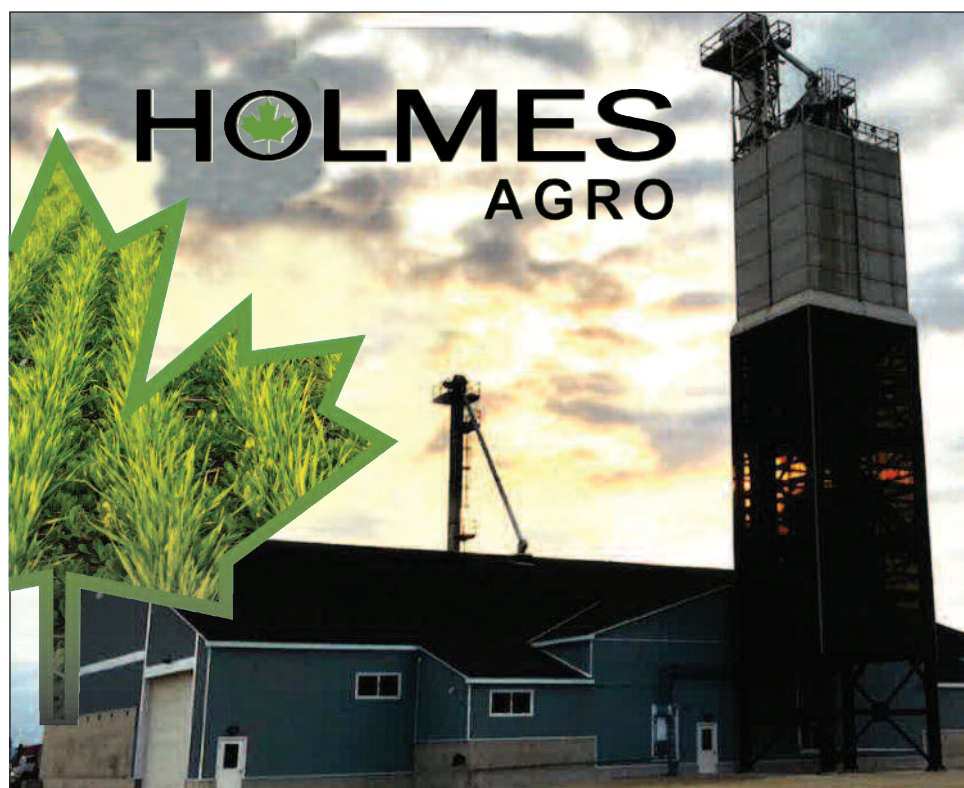
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## Clean Fuels Standard Misses the Mark on Biofuels

Grain Farmers of Ontario, the province's largest commodity organization, representing Ontario's 28,000 barley, corn, oat, soybean, and wheat farmers, today has deep concerns about the current Clean Fuels Standard (CFS) proposed by the Canadian government, is opposed to the criteria for land use, and asks for transparency around carbon numbers and any certification processes.

The CFS currently contains restrictions on land use, which will discourage farmers from planting and growing biofuel crops. The restrictions do not take into account the sustainability efforts that farmers already take, or the competitive advantage that will now benefit other countries selling corn and soybeans into Canada for biofuels.

"Farmers today already use less land to grow more. Our farmer-members are constantly evolving their operations to be more sustainable, meaning we can help to provide the grains needed for true carbon emission reduction practices across the country in a sustainable, renewable way, but not if we are continually restricted by a government that is not making decisions based on scientific analysis," said Markus Haerle, Chair, Grain Farmers of Ontario.

Over the last 30 years, grain farmers have increased land use efficiency by 39 per cent and reduced their climate impact by 45 per cent in corn production alone.

Grain farmers in Ontario produce most of Canada's corn and soybeans – both important grains in ethanol and biodiesel production.



Ethanol is proven to reduce carbon emissions by almost 40 per cent in vehicular emissions – one of the largest culprits of GHG. Any regulations that make it harder for farmers to produce crops for domestic biofuels use are actually detrimental to the goals of the CFS.

"Our growing practices have been assessed and deemed sustainable by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. We are shocked to see a regulation that will damage our ability to trade freely and negatively impact our own domestic markets. Instead of embracing the hard work farmers do to grow crops for the green economy, the proposed Clean Fuels Standard will penalize farmers," Haerle continued. "The potential impacts to the rural communities we farm in, and support, are very concerning to us."

The CFS puts needless regulatory burden on farmers and the important role that Ontario-grown corn and locally produced ethanol plays in reducing carbon emissions. The CFS also diminishes the potential of Ontario agriculture in assisting with a post-COVID-19 economic recovery.

Grain Farmers of Ontario urges the government to:

Exclude the land use criteria in the CFS as unnecessary red tape that will negatively impact the ability of Ontario farmers to drive ethanol production, which ignores the tremendous work that farmers have done and continue to do to improve their environmental footprint.

*Grain Farmers of Ontario is the province's largest commodity organization representing Ontario's 28,000 barley, corn, oat, soybean and wheat farmers.*

## A SCFA update from John Morrison

Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture, (SCFA) held their Regional meeting Sept. 3, 2020. John Morrison and David Ritchie were elected as the Policy Advisory Council (PAC) members to the OFA Board, with Paul Maurice being the alternate. Bonney Smith, Dorothy Lange and Paul Maurice were acclaimed as delegates to the OFA Convention. We can have three more delegates; if you're interested, notify the SCFA office.

Our Annual General meeting (virtual) will be held Oct. 22, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. The financial statements for 2019-2020 will be presented and directors from the four Simcoe County zones will be elected. If you're interested in standing as a director, again, notify the SCFA office. See ad with instructions to register for the AGM on page 8 in Farm View.

A Roundtable Discussion hosted by MP Bruce Stanton and including 6 other MP's was held September 1st with area farmers making presentations. Larry Giffen of Giffen Farms gave a presentation on the cost of the Federal Government Carbon Tax. Steve Kell spoke on the ramifications and costs that would result

if the proposed Federal Government Clean Energy Bill were implemented. Steve's presentation highlighted that this could eliminate the ethanol industry in Canada. Rob Wright addressed the issue of the CUSMA Trade Deal decimating the dairy industry; John Hemsted spoke of the problems facing the sheep industry; and Dave Milsap examined the beef situation. Overall, the MP's gained awareness of the difficulties facing farmers today by the action, or the inaction of the present federal government. I want to thank Dave Ritchie, Colin Elliott, Paul Maurice and Leah Emms for making this session possible.

I want to congratulate Alicia Spence of Elmvalle - the recipient of SCFA Scholarship. She will be attending the University of Guelph. Good luck in your

chosen career.

We are investigating the possibility of holding an Ag. Precision Day; to help farm operators become more comfortable with agricultural technology and to explore what the future holds. Driver-less tractors could be the next major development.

We are also hoping to host a workshop on how to use futures in our commodity marketing plans. I have contacted an instructor from Humber College who is quite familiar in the use of futures as a marketing tool.

If you are interested in attending either of these two workshops, please notify our SCFA office. We were hoping to hold them sometime in the new year. Place and time to be determined.

Happy Harvest  
John Morrison



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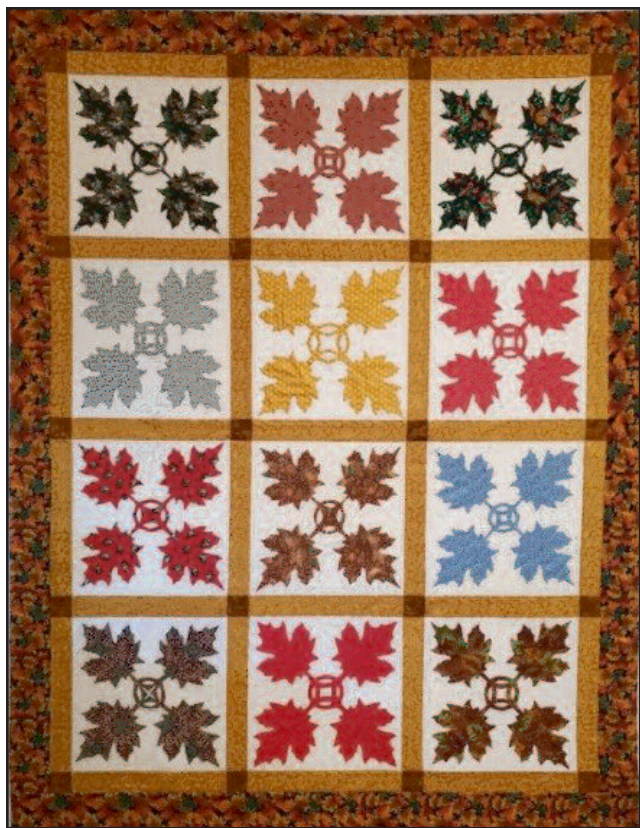
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# QUILTING

## Quilting Guilds adapt to new regulations and find new ways to hold meetings



Most quilting guilds have adapted to the social restrictions of the Covid-19 pandemic by staying in touch with each other through email streams, curbside and backyard visits. Guild meetings are held by Zoom as most quilt teachers with trunk shows have adjusted their workshops and lectures to virtual presentations. One anticipated event at a guild meeting is the Show & Tell event which has adapted to a virtual Show & Tell. Members are asked to send photos of their quilted projects for a PowerPoint slide show and as their work is shown each member can say a few words about their work. The Dufferin Piece-makers Quilting Guild, like many other guilds, has a Community Outreach Program and has found ways



This summer Quilting Corners Guild made a presentation of 14 quilts to Quilts of Valour – Canada. Accepting the quilts on behalf of QoV are Mary and Fran. Senora, Community Outreach Rep for QCG, presented the quilts created by our creative and generous guild members. QoV are presented to members and their families of Canadian military who have been injured or fallen in the line of duty. We are now working on quilts for the next donation in December.

–Story and photo by Senora Baldry

to continue filling this Community need. Individual members sew quilt tops from their own stash of fabric or from the guild's donated stash. We have a few members who own long arm quilting machines and so they volunteer to quilt the tops which are then passed on to members who do the binding... "many hands make light work". From time to time our guild will receive donations of fabric, unfinished quilts and blocks. One recent donation included a set of 12 maple leaf appliqued blocks that were signed and dated 1993. A guild member assembled the blocks with sashing, cornerstones and a border. The finished project is shown above.

On September 16th, a beautiful and sunny day, the Wednesday Afternoon Stitch & Share group met, pictured at the right. It was the first in person meeting since March. The meeting was held in a member's backyard, observing social distancing and wearing the masks that we made for ourselves.

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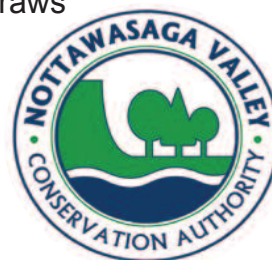
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## After the Chores: Shared Custody

By Cathy Hamill-Hill



Hummer and I have shared custody of baby llama Pandee.

Tragedy struck here last month. It was against my logic that I called in our local Cannington Vet Services for a sick Lizzie. I knew that the value of Lizzie with her hate for people and no guardian abilities was low however, Lizzie loved her baby Pandee. Little Pandee was tight against her side even on the final day of Lizzie's life.

The vet was honest when I asked if Lizzie was going to pull through this on a second visit that was seeing no improvement at all. My logic was long gone and I would have spent hundreds of dollars more for a just a glimmer of hope to give Pandee the Mama Llama that he deserved. Dr. Jen though was courageously honest and answered my question with a firm "no". It was an instant mutual decision for euthanizing to take place. While the vet worked, I locked a confused Pandee in the barn and tried to plan out this sad situation. The first move was to get Hummer out of jail and put him in the front pen. Pandee was only 29 days old when he lost his Mama Llama.

The deadstock hauler was the next to come here on this sad Saturday. Pandee was now frantic. The deadstock guy was very understanding and listened to my sad story carefully because I believed he truly did care. I was thinking that this guy, Bennie, and Dr. Jen made a horrible day a little easier to get through. Bennie's truck was massive and he, in his gentle kind way, declared he could get the truck through a space where I doubted. While Bennie somehow got the massive truck in to the paddock, I went to the barn to console Pandee and talk to Hummer.

Hummer seemed to understand that I was distraught. The big llama put his head over the gate and let me talk to him looking up at him into those big eyes. I had no grain this time but he never moved. I told him that he and I would have shared custody with Pandee. Dr. Jen said Pandee could live on kid goat milk replacer and thankfully I had Pandee now drinking by bottle. I told Hummer he would have to take care of all the llama things to teach Pandee because I didn't know what to do.

The first thing Pandee did on seeing Hummer in the new pen was dive under him looking for milk. Pandee was pushed away as Hummer sidestepped him and hummed. Pandee was right back just seconds later when Hummer got mad, he LOUDLY hummed and stomped down his back foot and gave Pandee an angry look. Pandee has never been around that area of Hummer since.

I was worried at first that big male llama Hummer would not like baby male Pandee but Hummer is a gentle soul. I have seen Hummer many times with baby newborn lambs huddled under him, lost and cold when they are born outside between my checks in the winter time. Hummer decided immediately that he would care for Pandee. While they don't sleep tight against each other, Hummer watches over Pandee and if the little llama is out of his sight, Hummer will call him back. Hummer is a natural born guardian, baby llamas included. Often Pandee stands tight against Hummer leaning against him, Hummer just stands patiently not moving.

Pandee is my new reason to get chores done on time. He will brush back and forth like a cat until I feed him his bottle while humming non-stop. He is certainly the easiest "bottle baby" I ever had as he's waist high. He refuses warm milk and instead likes his bottle cold. He likes hugs especially but he gets kisses too.

Pandee is my shadow. He follows me all over the property and has to be shut in the paddock by the barn with Hummer -or I would have a baby llama in the house. I have often found him with his little nose pressed against the back door of the house waiting for me if Sweetie opens the barn door first. Pandee has the run of the barn and when he feels threatened, there is a big entry in Hummer's pen that is just the right size for Pandee.

Llamas have a natural instinct to choose one area to be their bathroom. Hummer has chosen his indoor pen for his "collection". Now, little Pandee is starting his own bathroom, just outside the pen right in front of Hummer's bathroom. Little Pandee seems to be wanting to grow up just like Hummer.

I do not know the future of Pandee and if he will be able to stay here with Hummer for longterm however, we are living for each day, one day at a time. This morning I was greeted by a loud hum from Hummer and a little hum from Pandee who was anxious to have his morning bottle of milk.

## Business closure

By Roslyn Watkins

It is with great sadness I share the news that George Christopher Ayers passed away in September 2020. Chris was a long time advertiser with Farm View, but not only that, he was a good friend to both my parents, John and Jill Beischer.

At the annual Ivy and Utopia Church picnics Chris would socialize with my parents. Always taking the time to listen.

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# Club reports from South Simcoe 4-H

## South Simcoe 4-H Garden Club Press Report

By Sarah Dowdall

On Thursday, August 20th, the South Simcoe 4-H Garden Club had its 5th meeting. The meeting was filled with many amazing activities that included roll call, achievement discussion, a game with kitchen items, Pick your Poison game, Name as Many game, and naming of plants.

The roll call asked to show a carved zucchini, blueberry freezer jam, or vegetable kabobs with vegetables from your garden. Next, we discussed the achievement day expectations and plans. Afterwards, Leader Mariane showed her carved zucchini and her zucchini was a whale!! On the whale there was the 4-H logo and there were spots to put either

candles or flowers. My favourite parts of the meeting were the fun games. The first game we had to go to the kitchen and pick random items that matched with Leader Scott. The second game was the popular Pick your Poison; there were two options and we had to pick one to eat. The final game was to name plants and flowers.

The meeting was great! I had lots of fun and I'm sure that the other members did too! I can't wait for our achievement day and the next meeting. I hope it will be as great as this meeting! In the meantime we are to keep working on our garden journals as we must hand them in at the end, on the achievement day in September.

## 4-H Cookstown Judging Club press report

By Jessica Faust

The Judging Club had a meeting on August 12th 2020 at 7pm. In the meeting we prepared for the region 5 virtual judging competition which was to be our achievement day as well as us giving reasons on dairy and beef classes. We reviewed dairy cows, beef and a little bit of eggs. We talked about the cuts for classes that we provided at the last meeting. Did you know that cuts should be a minimum of 6 and should not exceed 15? Most of us didn't know that. The

meeting was then adjourned. The virtual judging competition was held from August 19th to the 23rd. Our club members all participated at the event. Nick Senick from our club placed second in the Novice class. Our club also competed at the Region 3 and 4 virtual judging competition. Our leaders both placed in the top five in the open category with Marianne Norton being the winner of the category. This club had a lot of fun and learned a lot as well.

## 4-H Cookstown Living Well Press Report

By Jessica Faust

The latest Cookstown Living Well meeting was held on August 17th 2020 at 7pm. At the meeting we learned some kick boxing moves. Actually a lot of moves. Andrew one of our leaders lead us. It was a big

workout. After that we talked about our random acts of kindness assignments and the what the topic will be for the next meeting. The meeting was then adjourned. The next meeting will be held in September with a hike.



Lauren Cowan and her lamb Royal taken at the Cookstown and Everett 4-H sheep club achievement day. Lauren is the news reporter for the club.

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## Farmers feel railroaded by new crossings regulations

By Max Martin, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Rural property owners could be left bearing the brunt of the costs to upgrade railway crossings on their land to meet new regulations, despite the tracks being owned by independent companies, some farmers say.

Impending changes to Transport Canada's Grade Crossing Regulations are drawing concern from rural residents, who might be forced to pay part of the expenses associated with upgrading the railway crossings that fall between their land.

"I'm concerned about the potential cost to landowners to access their property," said Chris Van Loon, a farmer near Watford. "In my opinion, it should be at the cost of the rail company to provide us with safe access to our property."

Under the updated regulations, which are designed to improve safety, all private and public grade crossings must meet the new standards by Nov. 28, 2021.

There are two railway crossings on Van Loon's land on which he grows field corn, bean and wheat.

"I have to deal with a lot of government regulations that are put in place on my farm, and I have nobody to share the cost with," he said. "These companies are privately held, and if a government mandates new safety regulations for them, (the cost) should come out of the people using the rail."

Railway lines that run through private properties are generally owned by private rail companies, with the land on either side often owned by a farmer.

Grade crossings are installed to allow the farmer access to their land on either side of the tracks.

"Farmers are already made to pay to access their land," Van Loon said. "If they want a new crossing, it's all paid for by the landowner."

Landowners enter into agreements with railway companies, which outline things like maintenance and safety precautions, along with cost-sharing. Both parties may choose to file agreements with the Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA), an independent tribunal and regulator.

Transport Canada said who pays for the new upgrades will be determined by these agreements, with the cost likely shared between the railway and landowner.

But a spokesperson for the CTA said there are many private rail crossings in Canada without written agreements.

"If the property owner and railway company cannot agree on the division of costs, the Canadian Transportation Agency can authorize crossings and determine who is responsible for paying for them. This can include altering or rebuilding crossings," the spokesperson said. Both the CTA and

Transport Canada said private railway companies will contact landowners about individual crossing situations.

The federal government provides some funding under the Rail Safety Improvement Program, with up to \$6,000 available for private owners.

In the meantime, Van Loon said he's contacting government officials and working with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) in hopes of finding a compromise ahead of next year's deadline for upgrades.

"Farming is a tough business on a good day, and this has just suddenly come out of the blue," said Crispin Colvin, director of the OFA. "Nobody disputes the safety aspect ... (but) the concern is how much cost is this suddenly going to be."

There are about 9,000 private and 14,000 public railway crossings in Canada.

Jim Crane, a former roadmaster with 36 years in the railway industry, said there's "no question" there will be a financial burden to property owners to upgrade the crossings. "It's not right at all."

While the new regulations focus on grade crossings, Crane said even landowners who have had tracks ripped up on their property – like on his West Elgin farmland – experience ongoing uncertainty, with unclear regulations as to what landowners can do to access either side.

"It's a grey area," he said.

For those facing the looming crossing upgrades ahead of next year's deadline, Colvin said many unknowns remain, like when the work will be done and how much they will be billed.

Max Martin "It would be nice if there were more discussion between groups like the OFA, the rail lines and Transport Canada to see how we can make this work for everyone safely and cost-effectively," Colvin said.




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# Online farm show offered advice, information and insight

A new form of farm show proved to provide the same quality of expertise we are used to. Canada's Digital Farm Show provided a bevy of learning opportunities via recorded sessions on a grand variety of pertinent topics.

## Advantages of online

Perhaps an advantage of this format was the ability to review sessions or watch them at a personally more convenient time than which they were scheduled.

Being able to review a session of particular interest allowed the participant/audience to double-check or write down critical numbers or other details without missing other information.

At first blush, sessions about balers or planters and such may be greeted with the expectation of "sales pitch". This was not the case. Each manufacturer explained the features their machinery offered, allowing the farmer to determine if that particular product suits their farm situation. Such sessions were an opportunity to get an overall view of what is on the market, from the most modern, electronic/computer assisted to the more mechanical,

large units to small units.

To be able gather information from so many sources in one location (possibly your own easy chair) is what farm shows are all about. Simply seeing the latest technological advances is intriguing.

Most presenters were not likely familiar with addressing a camera but managed to do a surprisingly good job, with visuals showing exactly the part or system being explained. A Kudos to the editing team are in order.

## Adapting to online

No doubt, many participants longed for face-to-face interaction; seeing associates; running into each other by chance and starting up conversations. Catching up on news, is a big part of these shows. There was the ability to chat via the website, of course, but there is something about "in person" that can't be beat. Organizers made it very easy to chat with one

another, even set up appointments for specific times.

Question and answer periods are always interesting and perhaps a little less for-

presentation; there was no choice this year. The essence and benefits of the programme remained intact, as touched on above, with some benefits.

"It think we're doing a much better job, together, to connect with consumers and build that public trust".

Currie addressed the farmers' outlook on public trust by recognizing farmers are very proud of what they do and are uneasy with someone (activists, lay people) telling them how they should be doing it. They take that sort of challenge seriously.

The public has always had a high amount of trust in farmers. Currie has seen a slight shift, in that farmers continue to be trusted, but are questioned on what they do.

Currie explained: "Social media has opened up a lot of conversations and opportunities for potential negativity. It also opens up opportunities for that connection that we need to have with the public..."

90 percent of Canadians have very little knowledge about modern food production, stated Jamieson. Sug-

gesting we speak to the public in a language they understand (leaning to social media), Jamieson pondered how to address a public that likely has a concept of a "1940s or 1950s model of food production".

It was recognized that most negative communication toward farming comes from a very small percent of the population. "They are very good at connecting on an emotional level to the consumer". Telling the stories behind the people, rather than explaining the technology and scientific facts was suggested. It is a difficult tightrope to walk, evoking emotion while including some talk of the technical advances and in-field environmental endeavours taking place now, including transport and food safety.

Story-telling is cited as a way to engage the public. The CCFI is researching and acting on the most recent studies of the public's view of the food industry.

Attendance at sessions seemed to be on par with live events. A total count was not available at press time.



— By Don Beaulieu

## Retaining public trust

John Grieg, editor of Farmtario publications moderated an interesting discussion about public trust, with Keith Currie of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture & the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, and John Jamieson of the Canadian Centre for Food Integrity.

Jamieson explained public trust as people having trust in the way we produce and handle our food supply, "...how it ends up from being produced on a farm to being on the plate..." He continued, regarding all the farm organizations out there,

mal than the actual presentation. No doubt this aspect of a live presentation was also missed by many. Again, there was reasonable electronic means to chat.

One pitfall of some presentations is with slide show visuals containing text too small for the entire audience to be able to read; Online rendered that problem right out of the mix.

For a new manner of holding a show and for that matter, of attending a show, the organizers did a marvelous job.

Generally, much of the social aspect was compromised due to the online

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# Kubota Canada Ltd. Launches the Community Hero 2020 Challenge

Kubota Canada Ltd. (KCL) and the Canadian Football League (CFL) partner together for the third consecutive year to launch the Community Hero 2020 Challenge.

Now in its fourth edition, the Community Hero Challenge is an opportunity to highlight and commemorate individuals making a positive impact in their communities across the country. With over 100 entries last year from towns like Pugwash, Nova Scotia and Alida, Saskatchewan, Kubota and the CFL aim to strengthen local bonds and showcase people who help and support their towns.

Previous contest winners like Robert Morse (Quebec City) from last year's Community Hero Farm Edition were rewarded with exclusive Grey Cup trips and experiences to host cities. Despite the impact of COVID-19 and uncertainty, Kubota and the CFL believe there is still a way to show gratitude and appreciation for hardworking heroes making a difference.

For this edition of the Community Hero, three winners will be selected by a committee composed of Kubota and CFL's executives. The chosen Community Heroes will receive a CFL x Kubota Special Edition Broil-King Regal PRO BBQ set. These high-quality BBQ units are ideal for a family get together.

"There are plenty of heroes in our communities that

deserve our thanks. So this year more than ever, Kubota in partnership with our friends at the CFL, is very proud to provide the opportunity for people who have a positive impact on others to be nominated and recognized through our Community Hero program," said Rob Allison, Brand Director for Kubota Canada Ltd.

To enter Kubota's Community Hero 2020 Challenge, individuals may nominate their hero at [Kubota.ca/communityhero](http://Kubota.ca/communityhero) by filling up the form and following the instructions listed. Contest runs from September 8 to October 9, 2020 11:59 PM EST. The winners will be announced on October 23, 2020. The challenge is open to Canadian citizens only.

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**HELP WANTED****HOLMES  
AGRO LTD.****Professional Applicator**

Holmes Agro is an agricultural crop inputs retailer, supplying products and services in the areas of fertilizer, crop protection, seed, and agronomic advice, with locations in Stayner, Redickville, Orangeville and Flamborough.

Our **Mission Statement** is to provide quality service, products and agronomic information in the area of crop inputs, to help our customers be efficient and profitable, while being recognized as leaders in the agricultural industry.

Holmes Agro requires a **full-time** person to fill the following position **Professional Applicator** at our Stayner and Orangeville locations.

The successful candidate will have the following **qualifications**:

- A positive attitude and a dedication to personal improvement and skill development
  - Exceptional time management and organizational skills
  - Attention to detail, self-driven, initiative and team minded
  - Willing to work seasonably long hours in spring and fall
  - Agricultural background and an AZ or DZ license are required
  - Candidate should possess strong mechanical skills, millwrighting skills an asset
  - Customer service oriented with a professional and personal manner
  - Willing to work in a fast-paced environment both as an individual and part of a team
  - A passion for the business of agriculture and the opportunities that lie ahead for the industry
  - Confident with current computer technology and various software platforms
  - Confident and comfortable with operating farm equipment and delivery trucks
  - An understanding and willingness to perform preventative maintenance on equipment, in order to keep equipment operating efficiently while minimizing downtime
- The position will involve the following responsibilities:**
- Work with the agronomy team to provide solutions using technology which will generate a return on investment for our growers and the company
  - Participate in and promote a positive team environment
  - Operate the company's dry fertilizer application equipment in a professional manner using all available technology to deliver product both timely and accurately leaving the customer with a positive experience.
  - Maintain equipment in such a manner to optimize efficiency and accuracy as well as minimize downtime

We offer a unique culture & team atmosphere, competitive wages, pension & benefits plan.

Please submit your resume in confidence to Archie at Holmes Agro (Ph): 519-941-0450, (Fax): 519-941-0931 e-mail: [archie@holmesagro.com](mailto:archie@holmesagro.com)

**HELP WANTED****HOLMES  
AGRO LTD.****Driver/Equipment Maintenance Lead**

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Holmes Agro requires a **full-time** person to fill the following position **Driver and Equipment Maintenance Lead** at our Stayner location:

The successful candidate will have the following **qualifications**:

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- Attention to detail, self-driven, initiative and team minded
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- Candidate should possess strong mechanical skills, millwrighting skills an asset
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**The position will involve the following responsibilities:**

- Safe operation on delivery trucks for bulk and packaged products (Fertilizer, Seed and Crop Protection) within an 80, mile radius.
  - Lead maintenance activities for Stayner facility to ensure that all rolling stock equipment is maintained in a professional and cost affective manner.
  - Use accurate record keeping to ensure all equipment is maintained to a high standard.
  - Assist when required at the facility. Duties may include filling tote bags, operation of forklift to load and unload shipments and deliveries
  - Maintain equipment in such a manner to optimize efficiency and accuracy as well as minimize downtime
  - Daily Inspection and Maintenance of delivery unit
  - Provide a high level of customer service
  - Maintain good Housekeeping in Plant and Yard
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**OBITUARY**
**GEORGE CHRISTOPHER "CHRIS" AYERS**  
**October 17, 1943 - September 2, 2020**

AYERS, George Christopher "Chris"

Passed away on September 2, 2020 at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto at the age of 76 years. Loving Father of Geoffrey (Christine), Warren (Sally), Margaret (Simon), Eric (Colleen), and Roxane (Benny). Dear Pappars of Brooklyn, Elijah, Zane, Nate, Desi, Rachael, Samantha, Emma, Rebecca, and Valencia. Brother of Susan, Cathy, and Sheila. Chris has been laid to rest at the Ivy Presbyterian Cemetery, Ivy.

Donations may be made to St. Michael's Hospital would be appreciated by the family.

<https://stmichaelsfoundation.com/donate/>

**FOR SALE****Farm Equipment**

**Chisel plow, Morris CP712**, 12 shank, wide sweeps, 12 ft Allis Chalmers 2000 plow, four furrow, auto reset \$2200.00

**Reist 9 ft snow blower**, double auger, 540 pto, heavy gear box, hyd hood, \$2200.00

**IH55 chisel plow**, high clearance, 10 shank, new tires, curved shovels, double spring \$4900.00

**Hestan 7020 harvester**, good shape 2 row corn head, hyd hood, 540 pto \$3600.00

Call Dan Seifried, Harriston  
**519-338-2688**

**FREE ADS**

**11 Muscovy ducklings For Sale.** Hatched on August 15 & 16, 2020. Alert & active, healthy and already eating out of my hand. Unable to tell gender yet. \$5.00 each. Call **705-322-3363 Elmvalle area**

**Looking for someone to take Jersey bull calves and Jersey cross calves** upon availability. Call **905-775-2887**

**Wheel Chair:** Excellent condition, used for 4 months. Asking \$550. Call **705-424-1316**

**Tractor enamel paint** \$20 each gallon. Case Red and MF Grey. Call **519 855-6813**.

**Fleetguard filters** new Lube LF3883 and Fuel FF5078 \$30 each. Call **519-855-6813**

**Wanted Eaton's Christmas Catalogue** 1970's era. Call **705-440-3567**

**2007 Massey-Ferguson** model 533 tractor 44HP diesel 697 hrs.C/w attached Meteor 6' snow blower, manual chute, new in 2015 will sell separate. Call **705-725-9326**

**2000 9510 John Deere** combine for sale. 2800 separator hour, four wheel drive, lateral tilt. Good condition. Two owners. Call **705-341-9142**

**Motor bike carrier** 2 inch hitch mount \$85. Call **705-726-5308**

**FREE ADS**

**Used hydro poles**, various lengths and thickness. Call with your requirements. We are located five minutes from St. Jacobs. Call **519-699-9366**.

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY!** If you are celebrating a sale event next month, or a family get-together, do it in style with a full size [6 foot] Santa to attract attention. And continue to use it at Christmas for many years to come. \$50. Call **705-726-5308**

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**AUCTION SALE****LIVE AUCTION SALE**

FOR ARLENE GOODFELLOW  
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**FRIDAY OCTOBER 9TH AT 10 AM**  
EM.# 4915 – 2ND LINE  
NEW TECUMSETH (SCHOMBERG)

Directions West of Schomberg on Hwy 9 – 1/8 mile to the first set of lights, turn north on New Tecumseth Sdrd. 20 approx. 1 mile to the 2nd Line of New Tecumseth turn west first farm on the left (long lane please drive in)

**Simcoe Cty. COVID 19 regulations in effect. 100 person max.**

Farm Related 8 – 12' diamond gates; 1 – 9' diamond gate; 2 round hay feeders; 10 wire gates; 2 – 7 strand roll wire fence; 7' stone fork; manure fork; mobile pallet lift; plywood; qty. of 4 x 8 sheets chipboard; lumber; fanning mill; cement mixer; bale twine; chicken wire; wooden chicken crates; qty. of John Deere parts, lights, steps, oil, filters, tops links;  
Garden Tractor Etc. J.D. LT 155 mower w/38" deck; J.D. 110 mower w/36" deck & cult; Snow Flite 8/24 snowblower; 3 wheel elec. cart; push mowers; Stihl FS90R weed eater; Stihl MS 170 chain saw; sprayers; Murray 6.0 hp mower; Raleigh bike; Master Craft rolling tool box; Maxair 12.5 hp 150 gal. upright air compressor (as new); Lincoln 225 welder; 2 bench drill presses;

Collectibles Guelph Stove Co No 80 stove; large anvil; Collingwood & Bolton cream cans; barn trolley; ant. picture frames; 7 tongue & groove old house doors; 10 old panel doors; set of sloop sleighs; horse cutter; 6 dr. ant. chest; B T pump; coal scuttle; pine feed box; p.b. rocking chair; hand made wood ladder; Santa sign; coal iron; crocks; old tin man; cast iron pots; fry pans; cast tool box; 28 lb horse weight; plus a number of unclaimed OPP items, Dewalt, Makita, Milwaukee, power tools misc. etc.; Plus wagons of misc.

Viewing for the above sale will be Thursday Oct 8th 11 am – 4 pm only.

NOTE 25 John Deere tractors & machinery will be sold at a later date. They will NOT be available for viewing. Terms Cash or known cheque with proper ID only. M/C, Visa, Interac. Neither the Auctioneer, owner nor Estate will be responsible for accident or property loss.

No lunch booth. Bring your own. Washroom available.

**Seyvern Auctioneering**  
**Bob Seyvern Auctioneer**

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**AUCTION SALE****Auction Sale  
Equipment Consignment Sale**

**Saturday October 24th, 10:00am**

554447 Mono-Amaranth TLine, Mono, ON Go west through Orangeville on Hwy 9 to County Rd 16 (Veterans Way at Greenwood Cemetery), turn north 5 miles to farm on East side. OR From Shelburne go east on Hwy 89 for 2 miles to Mono-Amaranth Townline, turn south & go 5 miles to farm on East side.

**We are Accepting: Tractors, Machinery, Equipment, Farm Related, Shop**

**Note:** Please contact auctioneer if you are wanting to consign any equipment/items

**\*\*Watch the website as items will be added regularly\*\***

Auctioneers: Kevin McArthur (519) 942-0264

Scott Bessey (519) 843-5083

[www.theauctionvertiser.com/KMcArthur](http://www.theauctionvertiser.com/KMcArthur) - full listing & photos

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary  
Ernie and Kay Parker  
September 23, 1960*

Congratulation to our parents as they celebrate  
60 years of Marriage.  
All our love, Janice, Tracy, Shelby, Jill, Alan, James,  
Amber, Josh, Sarah and Preston.

**FOR SALE**

**Mary Lucky's  
2021  
NATURE  
PHOTOGRAPHY  
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**USED  
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Dimensions  
5' x 5' x 1 1/4  
inch thick.  
48" x 42" x  
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Thanks,  
Bob

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**Call Kevin 705-878-2947  
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*Share your special occasion or  
announcement.  
Contact information on page 4.*

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**Happy Birthday Diana and  
Brianna!**  
**Hope you both have a birthday that  
is as special and wonderful as you  
are.**  
**Lots of love from your family!**

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Trailer: Heavy duty, 2 x 5200 axles, GVWR 9900lbs, 16' length, 79.5" inner width, heavy duty ramps . . . . . \$4,000.00

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