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Hosted by the Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture. This virtual event takes place on **Tuesday, March 30th, 10 am - 1 pm**. Pre-registration required by March 26th. Visit www.simcoecountyfa.org for complete details.

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April 15: News and Advertising Deadline

Advertising and news deadline for the May issue of Farm View is **Thursday, April 15th**.



*Easter celebrations delight.
All that is beautiful, blessed
and bright!
Happy Easter everyone!*

Worth a Chuckle... and life lessons

by Aunt Hazel

Retirement

Question: Why are retirees so slow to clean out the basement, attic or garage?

Answer: They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to store stuff there.

Question: What do retirees call a long lunch?

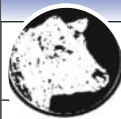
Answer: Normal.

Question: What is the best way to describe retirement?

Answer: The never-ending Coffee Break.

Question: What's the biggest advantage of going back to school as a retiree?

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Devotional Corner

Remember God's love for us all

By Kathleen Greidanus
Retired Priest



After a lot of personal debate I have decided that this will be my last column. It has not been an easy decision but now that it is made I know it is the right one. I have been writing for this paper since 2013 at the invitation of John Beischer. I suppose it is because I'm Irish (and yes I have kissed the Blarney Stone) and a preacher, that I always have something to say whether others want to hear it or not.

Throughout the years I've written about personal lows such as waiting for Don to have brain surgery and highs such as the birth of a grandson. I have shared things I've experienced during travels through twenty one countries as well as experiences I've had closer to home. You've learned of my insatiable love for animals and all things rural. However, I hope the thing you will remember most from my writing is my love of God and God's love for us all.

This month we will celebrate once more the mystery of the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Such a celebration is in no means limited or demeaned by not being able to have a large public gathering due to Covid restrictions.

As a priest, I have encountered more than my share of skeptics who have mocked me for believing in the Resurrection. Skeptics would concede that Jesus was a great story teller or even a healer, but rise from the dead, that was taking the story too far!

As a former student of science every part of my rational brain tells me the Resurrection could not have possibly taken place. Yet in my heart and in the centre of my knowing I believe it did! Part of the reason I believe is the change it made in the lives of those who knew Jesus so well before his death. For example, though Peter had spent three years with Jesus witnessing the miracles and hearing the teaching he was still able to deny Jesus, not just once but three times, on the night of Jesus' arrest. After Peter's experience of the Resurrection he turned from being cowardly to being one who wouldn't be quietened by even the highest authority in the land. The Holy Scriptures are full of characters whose lives were changed by the Resurrection.

My life has been totally changed by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, what about you? Though I will never understand the Resurrection it doesn't matter - I don't understand computers and gasoline engines either. In the Resurrection I have hope and faith in a world that so often serves up helpings of despair and faithlessness. I am always willing to tell about the reason for the faith that is in me. Just email or telephone me.

In closing, I thank the many of you who have taken the time to email me about different faith questions or to share comments. It is wonderful to meet you when I preach at different churches or visit in the farm context. Thank you for reading what I have had to say. May the Lord bless you as you have blessed me.

Shalom,
Kathleen

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OFA engages on federal priorities with provincial counterparts



By Mark Reusser, Vice President, Ontario Federation of Agriculture

Each year, farm leaders, industry stakeholders and government officials gather together to discuss key issues and priorities impacting Canadian agriculture at the Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA) Annual General Meeting. This year's event, although virtual, offered the chance to highlight Canada's agri-food sector, its contributions to the national economy and opportunities for economic growth.

As a Director for both the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) and CFA, I am always astounded by the similarities farmers across the nation share. CFA's virtual AGM created a wonderful medium for



farmers with geographical and political differences to come together to learn that many of us face similar hardships. The AGM provides an opportunity to highlight these key issues and the chance to understand the unique needs and differences of each province. This understanding allows us to work together as a united front to evoke positive change for Canada's agri-food sector.

OFA is proud to be an active member of CFA, and work collaboratively to enhance the business of farming and produce prosperity for farmers nationwide. Annually, OFA board representatives participate in the meeting as delegates to engage in conversations on key priorities and vote on resolutions affecting the Canadian agri-food sector.

This year, OFA took the opportunity to bring six young farmers and local leaders from across the province to join the organization at the annual meeting. It was a fantastic opportunity, not only for OFA, but

also for the young farmers involved as they had the chance to observe, engage and get a better understanding of OFA's involvement on issues at the federal level. Identifying young leaders in the agriculture community is extremely important, and I believe that it's our responsibility to cultivate potential leadership when it is present.

The agriculture industry thrives on strong leadership and OFA continues to prioritize succession planning and recruitment. We actively recruit individuals that showcase those skills and qualities to participate in meetings, campaigns or advocacy activities at the local, provincial and federal levels.

Resolutions are a vital way for delegates to advocate for sector improvements and vocalize needs. This year, OFA brought forward three resolutions pertaining to Private Grade Crossings, the Fisheries Act and the need for incentive programs for soil health and sequestration.

We were very happy with the outcomes of our resolutions, as it was a big win for our organizations. CFA delegates voted to have

OFA's Private Grade Crossing resolution referred to a committee; OFA's Fisheries Act exemption resolution was carried with 98.51% in favour; and OFA's resolution on soil and sequestration incentive programs also carried with an amendment to reflect both the current and successor policy framework. We received positive outcomes with respect to our resolutions and believe their future implementation will greatly benefit our farm families and their businesses.

Another main priority for our organization is farmer mental health. Annually, CFA awards a recipient with the Brigid Revoire Mental Health Award. We were pleased to see that Deb Vanberkel, OFA's nominee, had been awarded this honour and recognized for her tremendous work on mental health. Vanberkel has been a champion for farmer mental health and is one of the founders of the Farmer Wellness Program, which is promoted in multiple eastern counties. The Farmer Wellness Program, which launched in February of 2019, was created to support the mental well-being of farmers by providing access

to initial counselling sessions free of charge.

Another highlight of the meeting was seeing OFA's former President, Keith Currie, re-elected as 1st Vice President of CFA. Currie is a proven leader and has been a critical contributor federally and provincially. We know that he will continue to excel in his role and look forward to his future contributions to Canadian agriculture.

As always, OFA appreciates the opportunity to represent the best interests of our membership at the federal level. We will continue to advocate on behalf of our 38,000 farm families and look forward to another year of creating a stronger, united industry that will benefit Ontario farmers.



On the Cover

Roslyn and John share the past year of accomplishments and activities. Read all about it on pages 4 and 11.

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FROM THE EDITOR

Hello everyone, it is hard to believe it's been a year already of sitting in the publisher's seat. One year ago I was putting in 14 hour days learning how to produce my first issue. Over the past months I feel like I've learned some very valuable lessons. One example is that I don't know how to set up the out of office email message and I will never try again. Another is if I think I'm done proofreading, do it at least two more times.

I have enjoyed the past year very much. It is exciting to learn something completely new. From creating ads, producing the paper and selling ad space. "No really, only if you want to. Just keep me in mind." My sales approach still needs work...

Something else I've enjoyed is the occasional letter or email saying "You're doing a good job Roslyn." The reassurance is wonderful! As for the criticism, well, that's why I'm not on social media.

I have also gained much appreciation for families with parents working outside of the home. One of the first things I did one year ago was set out the cookbooks and the dinner sign up sheet. It has been lovely hearing the kids voices call 'dinner' instead of 'When is dinner?'

The two things I miss from my 'stay at home mom' life are having the time to bake and that very momentary sense of satisfaction when the laundry is all caught up.

Seriously though, with ongoing mentoring from my Dad, Lizz and Don, I have been very pleased with my new occupation. Each issue has brought me pride and a wonderful sense of accomplishment.

I hope you enjoy this special issue celebrating my first year as publisher and John Beischer's first year of retirement. I receive many inquiries on what John is up to so I asked him to write an article updating all the readers on his adventures.

I'd like to thank Kathleen Greidanus on behalf of John and myself. I think I speak for everyone when I say how much we have all enjoyed your column over the years. Your insights into ourselves and the world around us have been humorous, touching and very meaningful. We wish you all the best in the next phase of your retirement.

Take care of yourselves and one another,
Roslyn

LETTERS

Dear John:

re: retired couple seek new home, storage [March Farm View]

Thank you so much for your heartfelt words in last month's Farm View outlining our immediate need for a new home, preferably with a storage barn. After more than 30 years renting our present home, the property has been sold and we have to move this Spring. As a retired couple our options are limited. We would like to take many of the antiques we have collected over the years and that would require storage such as a dry barn. As you mentioned in your article, we have considerable handyman experience to help offset rental costs. If Farm View readers can offer any help we can be reached at: 705-737-6162 or 705-728-8459.

Name withheld by request.

Ontario Lamb is ideal for spring dinners

Spring celebrations wouldn't be the same without Ontario lamb. In fact, it is a classic dish for Easter gatherings. While leg of lamb and other lamb roasts may be customary, lamb chops also can fit the bill.

Lamb chops are the star of the show in this recipe for "Les côtes d'agneau grillées avec aïoli (Broiled lamb chops with garlic mayonnaise)" from "The Food of France (Kyle Books) by Sarah Woodward. These chops are best when cooked on the grill, but also can be broiled indoors.



Les côtes d'agneau grillées avec aïoli
Serves 4

8 lamb chops
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
Few sprigs of rosemary, lavender and thyme

6 fat garlic cloves, peeled
Yolks of 3 large fresh free-range eggs
Extra virgin olive oil
Juice of 1/2 lemon

Classically the aïoli is made in a pestle and mortar, but a food processor will do the job admirably. What is essential is that all the ingredients are at room temperature before you start — cold egg yolks will usually make the sauce curdle. Either crush or whizz the garlic with plenty of salt until you have a paste. Now add the egg yolks and pound or purée again. When you have a smooth mixture, start adding the oil, literally drop by drop at the beginning, either whisking in or giving short blasts on the processor. As the mixture starts to thicken, you can begin to add the oil in a steady stream. Exact quantities will depend on the garlic, the eggs and the temperature, but a generous 1 cup of olive oil would be a good estimate. The aim is to end up with a stiff emulsion, which you serve alongside the broiled lamb chops. Finish the aïoli with a few drops of lemon juice.

To make the chops, season the chops well in advance, making sure that there is plenty of salt on the fat, and bring them to room temperature before barbecuing. It is also vital that the coals are only glowing or the fat will burn — so the barbecue needs to be lit well in advance. Alternatively, you can just broil the chops but they will lack some of that special flavor. Just before cooking, throw on the herbs so that the chops cook in their aroma. The chops only will need to grill 2 to 3 minutes per side, depending on chop thickness. Lamb is done when the internal temperature reaches 145 F.

Let stand a few minutes for juicy lamb, and serve with the aïoli on the side.

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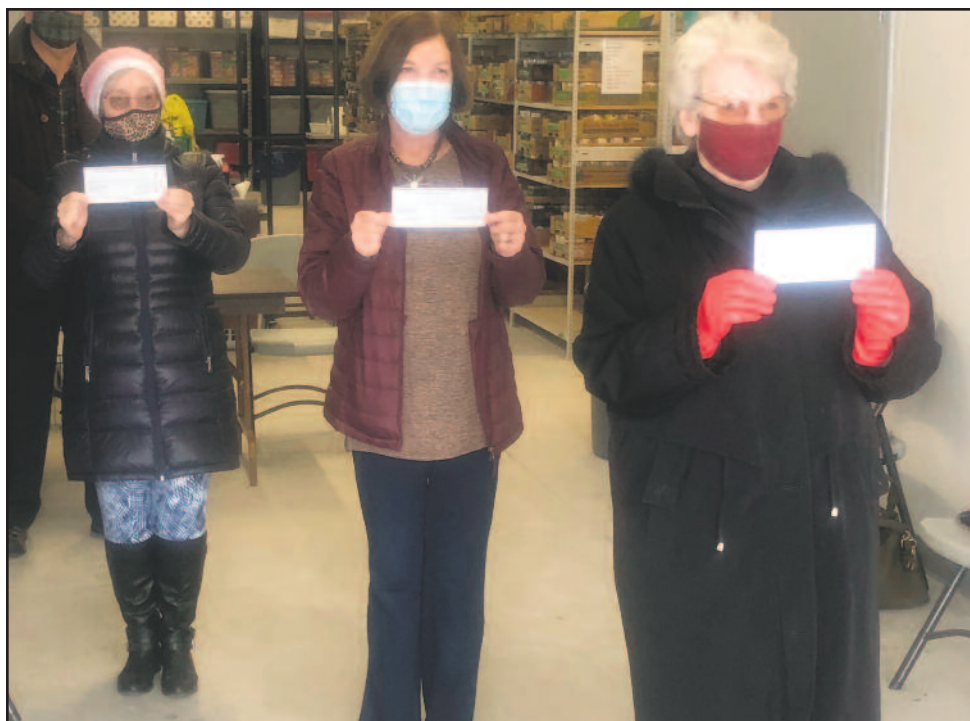
In the photo above John Morrison, President of the SCFA, (far left) presented the South Springwater Food Banks with a cheque for \$4000.00. On hand to accept were (left to right) Heather Morgan from the Angus Food Bank, Robine Hewkes from Our Town Food Bank in Tottenham, Cyndye Pasquarella and Carolyn Khan from the Helping Hand Food Bank in Bradford and Dave Bradbury from The Good Shepperd Food Bank located in Alliston. — *Photo by Roslyn Watkins*

— *Photo by Roslyn Watkins*



Pictured to the left is Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture Vice President Dave Ritchie presenting the North Springwater Food Banks with a cheque for \$4000.00.

Pictured below from left to right are Gail Burns from the Coldwater Food Bank, Deb Mclean from the Elmvale and District Food Bank and Rosey Heatherington from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Penetanguishene.



By Roslyn Watkins

The Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture celebrated Canada's Agricultural Day on February 23rd by donating \$8000.00 to the Springwater Township Food Banks.

John Morrison, President of the SCFA, presented a cheque to representatives of the four South Springwater Food Banks at The Good Shepperd in Alliston. Before the cheque presentation we were given a tour of the new location of The Good Shepperd. It is an incredible new space that the volunteers are very thankful to have.

Dave Ritchie, Vice President of the SCFA, presented a cheque to representatives from the North Springwater Food Banks at the Elmvale and District Food Bank. The Elmvale Food Bank also recently moved into a new location. For more details please turn to page 13.

This generous gift was very well received and will certainly help tremendously as Food Bank demand has been on the rise due to Covid-19.

All representatives stated they are grateful for community support and the volunteers who so graciously give their time to the Food Banks. When asked what is needed most the reply was to shop for donations like you shop for your own family. School snacks and personal hygiene products are always in demand but so are meals for single people with limited kitchen space. For more information on donations and ways to help please visit each Food Banks website or facebook page.

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Clean Fuel Standard – What are the Costs?

By Suzanne Armstrong, Director of Policy and Research for the Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario.

These pandemic times have made us much more aware of what is essential and what we can manage without. As we continue to be asked to keep social distance, one of the few pleasures left to us is enjoying our food. Many people have discovered anew the pleasures of cooking and growing food at home as a result.

We have already discussed predictions that the price of food is likely to rise this year in a previous commentary. But government policy can also have a significant impact on the costs of basic needs. The federal government is currently in the process of developing Clean Fuel Regulations. It is clear that this, too, will add to costs for consumers. In a direct way, this policy will increase the costs for fossil fuels used to heat homes and run personal vehicles. The CFFO is also concerned that this will increase the cost of food.

Food production (which still relies in many ways on the use of fossil fuels), food transportation and processing are likely to see increased costs. The policy will also create disruptions within the agriculture sector, as it creates new costs and new opportunities for different types of farming. This will likely result in lower production for some types of foods currently produced in Canada, while creating higher demand for others.

Increased costs for basic needs do not impact everyone the same. Lower-income households pay a larger percentage of their overall income on essentials like food and heating costs. They have less discretionary income, and often have less control, especially when renting, over the type of heating in their homes. Likewise, those living in rural areas often do not have access to lower carbon or green sources of home heating. Those living in more remote areas will see increased costs for transporting food more than those in well populated areas.

In our submission, the CFFO has asked the government to do an analysis on the likely impact on the cost of food that will result from the Clean Fuel Regulations. We have also asked for adjustments to the policy to reduce the cost burden on vulnerable populations. We

also reminded government that farmers are already excellent stewards of the environment and warned against increased regulatory burden.

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Remembering Blackstock's Fair Tractor Pulling Icon: Joyce Kelly

By Cathy Hamill-Hill

Joyce Graham was born on September 23, 1933 to parents Courtney and Florence (Toms) Graham in Purple Hill, Ontario. She had one younger brother, Harvey. Joyce obtained her B.A from Queen's University. Miss Graham taught school in Maple Grove and Brooklin. In her late 20's, she met a young man from Bobcaygeon that was working in Blackstock named Gerald Kelly.

On July 4, 1964, Joyce married Gerald Kelly and they lived in Blackstock. Mrs. Kelly taught for a while until her first daughter was born. She found a paying job in 1968 as the correspondent of Blackstock and area news for the local newspaper and this job lasted until 2018 though it became a volunteer position. She became involved with the local Blackstock United Church. Joyce mastered homecraft skills and became an accomplished baker specializing in pies and bread. She loved sewing and would make her husband's work pants for his new trade as a carpenter and for her growing family. She was a big exhibitor of her homecraft skills at local Fairs.

Joyce had a young family when she started work as the Secretary of Blackstock Fair which was the beginning of her "Fair life." Guy Scott of Kinmount, local author and longtime member of Kinmount Fair remembers, "You met Joyce at local fairs every year. To Joyce there were four seasons: almost winter, winter, still winter and Fair season." The Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies (OAAS) is the provincial organization representing all Fairs in Ontario. Joyce represented Blackstock Fair on the OAAS Board becoming elected as OAAS District 4 Director. She became an OAAS District 4 Homecraft judge and was a teacher at local OAAS judging schools.

Joyce was not only the Blackstock Fair Secretary, she became the OAAS Secretary on top of this and held this position for 16 years. "She ran the province's Fairs from her kitchen table. She enjoyed the after supper calls, she was there to help everyone. Joyce loved Fairs." John Lester of Lindsay, administrative assistant of Rocklands Entertainment and past Lindsay Fair Manager remembers. John was the the OAAS Treasurer at that time and his mom was the OAAS Convention Co-ordinator. They would travel with Joyce to a lot of OAAS meetings usually held in Toronto. Joyce could not just sit for those travel hours idle so she worked on her latest homecraft project. John remembers, "We got the van to our destination one time in Toronto, Joyce opened up her door and her ball of twine took off down the grade unravelling. Joyce got out fast and started trotting after this ball of runaway twine. We all laughed and laughed. Joyce was so much fun." He added that Joyce didn't like highway travel because she said "we seen all that before" and instead would ask to go along the "backroads" as then she might see something new. She would talk all the way often about her family, she was now the proud mother of 4 daughters, her 4E's- Elizabeth (Peter Peeters), Eleanor, Elaine (Charles

Rivett) and Esther Kelly (Francis Peeters).

In 1975, Joyce's brother Harvey was excited to tell her about a Tractor Pull he had seen. Joyce was a woman of action. She pitched the idea of a Tractor Pull to be held at Blackstock Fair and was the driving force behind getting the annual Tractor Pull event started. She announced the first Blackstock pull and many of them after attending each Pull right up to the final one held in 2019. She further stepped up to be Secretary-Treasurer of the Central Ontario Tractor Pull Association (COTPA) and when it merged, she stayed on as Treasurer of the Ontario Truck and Tractor Pull Association (OTTPA) meaning she served from 1974 until 2018. Paul Harder of Sunderland was the first winner of that 1976 Tractor Pull and was a founder of this area's sport that grew to spread across Central Ontario to the point it is now one of top grandstand attractions at Fairs. He was President of the COTPA in the mid-80's and again with COTPA in 2017 and worked closely with Joyce. Paul remembers, "Joyce called a spade a spade but she was always the perfect lady when doing so. When there was a nickle missing, we sure heard about it and she had to find that nickle. She had good logical sense and kept everything in order without hardly ever using a computer. She did her fair share of announcing too around the local area." Joyce announced tractor and horse pulls for many years and used the microphone to educate the crowd about the sports.

Joyce and her husband bought the family farm in Bobcaygeon. This became the family's "weekend home" and they grew potatoes on the farm. Gerald was also a community minded person and he had a snow removal route for Blackstock that needed the same tractor that also had to work at the Bobcaygeon farm. For about six years, Joyce being the person of action she was, would get all dressed in outdoor clothes, and climb on the tractor driving it to Bobcaygeon from Blackstock in the early spring and then back home in the late Fall. She became an exhibitor of her homecraft at the Bobcaygeon Fair and volunteered at the Fair announcing the parade and horse pulls. Gerald was the horse pull judge.

Tragedy struck on June 19, 1986. That evening the Kelly family's oldest daughters were coming home and a storm's wind grabbed the car. The car flipped. Eleanor, just beginning her life as a university student destined to becoming a nurse, was killed instantly. Even in grief, Joyce was a woman of action opening up her home to other grieving parents who lost children and helped them cope.

Joyce was also elected twice to her local Council. She served two terms as a councillor and also two terms as the local school trustee.

Tragedy struck again in 2011. Joyce lost her beloved Gerald after 46 wonderful years of marriage. Joyce kept up the pace of her busy life though she grieved her husband's death greatly. She continued to judge at Fairs, announce and support tractor pulls, gather and share the Blackstock news, help at her Church, exhibit at local Fairs and support her



Joyce Kelly enjoyed a long, busy life. She is pictured above driving a tractor in a Fair parade in her home town of Blackstock. She enjoyed tractors and was the driving force behind bringing Tractor Pulls to Central Ontario. It was common to hear her clear informative voice across a microphone at Fairs announcing for tractor pulls, horse pulls and parades for decades.

— Photo provided by the family of Joyce Kelly

close loving family that now included grandchildren. One of her greatest moments in her later life was judging homecraft entries at a Fair along with her first born daughter Elizabeth and her first born grandchild, Courtney, all three were OAAS homecraft judges. Joyce was given two service awards for her work at both the Blackstock and the Bobcaygeon Fairs.

Joyce Kelly was 85 years old and had three meetings in the previous two days when her health failed in 2018. She had to give up all her volunteer commitments. She and her family decided she best move into longterm care at Caressant Care in Lindsay. Settled in her new place, Joyce became the Vice-Chair of the Residents' committee and she was the official welcoming committee. She made the best of her new life keeping in touch through the phone with her many tractor pulling and Fair friendships she had made throughout her busy life. As the months passed, she longed more and more to see her beloved Gerald again and to meet up with their daughter, Eleanor.

The Blackstock icon that loved her family first followed equally by Fairs, tractor pulls and her Blackstock community passed away at the Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay on January 23, 2021. She was in her 88th year.

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Agricultural Societies are more than just Fair providers

By Cathy Hamill-Hill

The Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies (OAAS) Annual Convention this year was held virtually. One of the speakers at the Convention, was Tim Carson the CEO of the Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies. Tim was discussing the importance of Agricultural Societies.

Carson began his discussion with everything the Agricultural Society does in a community. This group of volunteers usually get recognized for the annual Fair but there is so much more provided for the community including Tractor Pulls, Parades, Festivals and Farmers' Markets. One of the biggest events known in Canada is the Calgary Stampede, he added.

The objective for the Agricultural Society, according to Carson, is to promote improvements in agriculture and to enhance the quality of life in agricultural communities. In other words, he said, "we empower people."

The economic impact of the Agriculture Society is far more than the admission gate sales. "Outside the gate," he said is important for the community. The Fair or event brings visitors to the area who often leave significant money in the small business community as the visitors dine at local food places, fuel up the car or go shopping before leaving for home. Some Fair visitors stay overnight and purchase accommodation.

Fairs also inspire people to enter the business world by working as vendors of products or "as starting points to become entertainers," he added.

Agriculture Societies are a group of people that work together, for no personal gain towards one goal, to put on an event for the community. This creates a "sense of belonging" and that feeling "is part of being a human, it makes us feel good to connect to others," he said. He stressed that the "community of people" is a special one that often creates lifelong friendships such as "rodeo people" or "4-H people" or "beef cattle people" that share the same interests that come together at the same place.

"Studies have shown that the community sense of

belonging reduces vandalism because people care about each other more and when they rally together they feel connected," he explained.

People that belong to Agricultural Societies are strongly committed to their goal of providing the event. That goal inspires the volunteer like no other job. Carson explains, "Volunteers often work harder at volunteering than at their paying jobs. Volunteers will work to the point of exhaustion but they will keep going to get the event over and after, when they can hardly move, they will say, "Now, about next year...."

Mental health is helped by the efforts of the Agriculture Societies. People gather for events like the Fair supper and sit down and talk to each other. People need the interaction to "feel they are not alone with whatever problems they might be dealing with." The community events also get people away from the screen and out moving. Further, the average day is replaced by the event which is a welcome and healthy break.

According to Carson, Agricultural Societies will be the front line for life after COVID-19. He said, "In my opinion, the Agricultural Societies will be the jumping off point for the next stage of our lives in the community. We will start the process if we can have an in person meeting of 10 people, we will start with a Board meeting." He said adding that COVID-19 recovery will be much like the 9/11 recovery where new regulations that include vaccines will mean life will go on, only differently.

He added that he believes that all Agricultural Societies should consider a strong "buy local" mandate as first priority in COVID-19 recovery. He said that often discussion to purchase needed items is done at a box store at a cheaper cost but the emphasis now should be for "local only." Purchasing local he said will build loyalty and people will follow the example that will eventually lead to a closer community that will benefit all.

The local Agricultural Society is an important part of our community, he concluded.



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Mental health resources being tailored to the agricultural sector



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I want to publicly thank the Farm View for the opportunity they have provided to me to communicate with farmers and the farm community. So many people look forward to the next edition and really enjoy the content. Keep up the great work, Roslyn!

As we enter another planting season, I want to remind everyone not to forget to take care of your mental health. As farmers, we tend to operate in an environment of chronic stress, especially at this time of year! When you feel that stress creeping up, acknowledge it. I understand how difficult it can be to make that first effort to reach out when you realize that your mental health is being affected. Fortunately, there are people ready and willing to listen and provide you the supports you need.

Recently, I was invited along with colleagues from OFA to provide feedback on a new mental health video series being created by Workplace Safety and Prevention Services.

Acknowledging and understanding the stressors farmers face everyday is a challenging task. WSPS has done a fabulous job of creating a resource tool for the agricultural sector.

The Canadian Mental Health Association has also recently announced that they are using a resource tool for our sector that was developed at the University of Guelph. In The Know, is a training tool that local branches of the Canadian Mental Health Association have been invited to use, to better understand the unique circumstances that farmers deal with daily. I was invited to participate in a meeting that introduced the, In The Know resource materials to the local Canadian Mental Health Association staff. This was a wonderful opportunity for me, to network with these professionals and offer to be a resource to them as well.

The good news is that, more and more mental health resources are being tailored to better service the agricultural sector. No one wants you to suffer in silence. Assistance is available. One of the key goals among all of society should be the elimination of the stigma that surrounds mental health. There is support for you. Those professionals that provide that support, are working really hard to better understand the circumstances that farmers live with daily. OFA, commodity organizations, OMAFRA, Workplace Safety & Prevention Services, & Farm Credit Canada all have recognized the importance of bringing a greater awareness to mental health services for farmers.

Here are a few avenues that you may want to explore for further knowledge.

- Ontario Federation of Agriculture - <https://ofa.on.ca/resources/mental-health-resources/>
- OMAFRA Mental Health for Farmers First Aid Kit - <http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/eng->

[lish/about/mental-health.htm](http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/eng-lish/about/mental-health.htm)

- Workplace Safety & Prevention Services. <http://lp.wspss.ca/agri-mental-health>
- Workplace Safety & Prevention Services You Tube short video. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zn09asztbyU&feature=youtu.be>
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Former publisher reflects on first year of retirement

Hello Farm View readers.

My daughter has invited me to summarize my first year of retirement and share these experiences with you.

I am happy to do so as many of you became wonderful friends during the 43 years that Jill and I published this newspaper for the agricultural community. You will find in reading this account, that there is a common thread woven throughout my story; I love things that are old and memorable.

I believe this article would have been entirely different had Covid not coincided with my first year of retirement. Ideally I would have been writing about my planned R.V. trip to the coast. Frequent dinners with family and friends. Weekly visits to the local theatre to see new release movies before they go to TV. And most importantly I would have enjoyed describing my visit to the warm coasts of Florida in order to escape our frigid winter temperatures. Unfortunately that whole wish list had to be put on hold as we had to contend with a world wide pandemic. The most important item from my wish list that had to be put on hold was my planned visit to all the advertisers and newsmakers who contributed to the success of Farm View for the past several decades. I was looking forward to traveling around Central Ontario in Jill's vintage convertible to extend my sincere thanks for the wonderful support that was given to our publication. Hopefully I may be able to make that trip this summer once we have all been inoculated so that I can shake hands and not have to hide my gratitude behind a mask.

But I digress, and my editor has little patience with my going off on tangents. I will now endeavour to recount my first year of retirement as per my assignment.

It has been a wonderful, enjoyable and rewarding experience. I re-discovered my love of books. Having read mostly newspapers and trade journals for the past 20 years, I am now enjoying Grisham and Patterson crime novels. Not to mention historical novels and biographies of news makers. I try to avoid political books in order to maintain my sanity.

This past year of retirement has been fruitful in many ways. Not the least of which has been my introduction to Netflix. Imagine watching movies and serial TV shows without the constant interruption of commercials. What a treat.

The ability to 'pause' the movie while you freshen up the popcorn bowl is great. I'm hooked! I'm glad this was a recent discovery; if I had known about it years ago I would never have been able to meet a press deadline!

Retirement is great for so many reasons; not the least of which is the knowledge that Farm View is in the extremely capable hands of my daughter Roslyn Watkins. I know these sentiments are shared by readers and advertisers because I regularly receive emails, phone calls and letters attesting to this fact. To say I am proud would be an understatement.

I could not recap my first year in retirement without acknowledging my profound sadness that I am celebrating this milestone without my beautiful wife of 48 years. Jill died suddenly in May of 2019. I miss her terribly. I wish it was different but I have come to terms with the fact that my journey must continue without her. Family and friends have made this realization tolerable and I am grateful for their support.



Last summer, with the help of a very good friend, I re-discovered several small lakes in Central Ontario. For the first time I saw them from the water rather than the shore. This was made possible when I purchased a used 5 seater Sea Doo jet boat. It was difficult to find an 'open' boat launch but we did manage to get on the water several times, and I am grateful for the experience. Thanks Perry. At present, the situation this summer does not look encouraging but I suspect we may find some alternatives if necessary. One option is a cottage rental on the Trent/Severn waterway which I will discuss shortly.

Jill and I had planned an RV holiday to either the East coast or the West coast to visit relatives. If Covid permits, I still plan to make that trip this summer. A flip of a coin will decide which direction I point the 33 year old motorhome.

Gardening, landscaping and deck construction have been a lifelong source of relaxation for me during my 43 year

newspaper career. Several projects were started last summer and I am anxious to complete them this summer. I hope building materials will be more readily available this summer. If not, that boat is never far away.

Last fall I was introduced to off-season cottage rental. Something Jill and I had contemplated for many years. I jumped in and discovered that a campfire in autumn was just as memorable as in July. But without the mosquitoes.

I also learned that a kayak will allow you to explore the near shore not accessible by power boat. And a kayak does not TIP as easily as we all imagine. In fact it is entirely safe when handled properly.

Card games, board games and old tunes around the big pine table in the great room is every bit as much fun in November as it is in August. And the fire in the hearth is just as warm.

In September the lockdown was relaxed and we were able to go back to Church and congregate with masks and social distancing. Unfortunately it was short lived. By Christmas we were back to on-line services and the occasional ZOOM meeting to insure the business of the Church continued uninterrupted. Good measures in difficult circumstance. Human contact is important and I miss that more than I ever could have imagined. Church and the wonderful people inside are what makes our society function, and I am so grateful that I am part of the Church that Jill introduced to me in 2005.

Christmas at home [2020] was less than satisfactory. I made the decision early on that a new 'tradition' was required in order for me to get through the season in the absence of Jill. Had the weather cooperated, my outdoor lighted patio 'theme party' might have carried the day. But early winter snowfalls set in and I had to cancel most activities as well as out of town guests. The kids and grandkids made it enjoyable, but I realized that Christmas dinner and the related festivities were sadly missing. Next year I plan to make Christmas the wonderful gathering it was meant to be. Followed by an inspirational Church service.

Christmas was followed by an old fashion winter. That is to say we had a few snowfalls and a windy March.

A few more are likely as we head into spring. I enjoyed the winter immensely. My daughter Diana gave me snowshoes for Christmas last year and I put them to good use numerous times this past winter. I cleared the snow from my pond and skated like Bobby Ore with my hockey stick for a crutch. The most enjoyment I had all winter was snowmobiling on my 1977 Moto Ski. I never went so far that I couldn't drag it back home with the tractor. I made several



John Beischer was photographed enjoying one of many Sunday night skates with a small group of family through the winter of 2020.

– Photo by Diana Robichaud

trails on my property and occasionally went down the trails the Province operates. I never had to tow it home.

Before closing, here are a few additional observations from my first year of retirement:

- kids and grandkids are indispensable when learning to use and maintain electronic and digital devices.

- walking, hiking and snowshoeing are covid friendly activities and are healthier alternatives to just about everything else.

- passwords and ID codes are annoying and mostly unnecessary; if someone wants to break into my hydro account and pay my monthly bill...have at it!

- a few hundred photographs properly stored in an album, far outweigh the several thousand that are hidden away in various cameras and other media.

Spring is just around the corner. I hope everyone in Farm View's readership area has a wonderful and safe season with unexpected rewards for your patience during these difficult times.

Kindest Regards; stay positive, test negative.

John



In the caboose are Harry (left) and Trenton (right) enjoying a late winter tour by Grandpa, John Beischer.

– Photo by Roslyn Watkins

The Wood Cook Stove

By Tom Glover, President, Georgina Historical Society

When I visit the various buildings in the Georgina Pioneer Village different items seem to reach out to me and bring back memories.

In the Mann house the old wood cookstove sitting in the kitchen is one such item.

In fact I would like to nominate the wood cook stove as the most versatile appliance ever to grace the farm kitchen. Used not just for cooking and as a source of heat, the wood stove had many more uses then that.

In our home the wood stove served not only as the primary source of heat for cooking and warmth, but also as a water heater, clothes dryer, toaster, food warmer, dehydrator, humidifier, alarm clock, foot warmer, incubator and much more.

When you came through our kitchen door you were welcomed by the crackling of the wood fire and the smell of a roast or baking coming from the oven.

A tea kettle would be simmering on the back of the stove, ready to be slid over to the burner to produce a quick cup of tea.

At meal time the stove top would become a flurry of activity, three or four pots of potatoes and vegetables, meat in the frying pan or maybe a roast in the oven and bread and pie in the warming oven above the stove.

At breakfast time a lid would be removed from the stove top and replaced with a grill. We would then make toast and enjoy it topped with homemade jam or maybe Bee Hive Corn Syrup.

Popcorn made on the stove top was another treat for long winter evenings.

At the one end of the stove was a water reservoir. Warm water always available for household cleaning and hand washing.

Below the warming oven peeled apples were hung on a string. Once dried they could be carefully stored and last for

months.

On the wall behind the stove were a row of coat hooks. The work clothes and coats were hung there so they would be warm and dry when the men needed them for work.

There was enough space for a clothes rack to be placed around the sides and back of the stove. Laundry would often be brought in wet or frozen from the clothesline and hung around the stove to dry.

My father would rise early in the morning and start the fire in the old stove. The last thing he did before going out to do the farm chores was open the damper all the way to encourage a roaring fire. This is when the wood stove became an alarm clock in our house. Hearing the roar of the fire mother would have to race to the kitchen to turn the damper down and prevent a stove pipe fire. I think it might of been my father's way of ensuring there would always be breakfast ready for him when he returned from the barn.

The oven quite often served as an incubator in our farm home. Baby chicks, piglets, lambs and even a calf, all were saved by the warmth from the cook stove's oven.

In our family the cook stove's oven served as an incubator not only to animals.

My dad's cousin Olive was born in 1892. She was a tiny premature baby and her twin sister died at birth.

The doctor did not hold out much hope for the tiny infant, and the parents were told to keep the baby warm and hope for the best. They put her in a six quart basket and placed her on the oven door. The wood stove incubator did its job and Olive not only survived but lived a full and long life of eighty eight years.

Perhaps what I remember most about the wood cook stove is my father sitting in the rocking chair by the fire reading the newspaper or my grandmother in her home sitting there knitting.

The wood stove is a symbol of home and all that belongs there.


These are but a few of the old wood cook stove's many uses, I am sure you also have a lot of memories.



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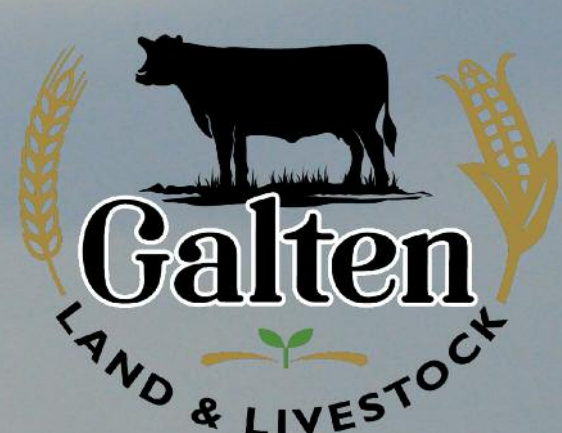
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Elmvale and District Food Bank excited to show off new location

Story and photos by Roslyn Watkins

Recently I had the privilege of a private guided tour of the Elmvale and District Food Bank's new location with volunteer Deb McLean. Deb is incredibly excited to finally be able to begin to show off the new location. The Elmvale Food Bank moved to 62 Yonge St N on November 18, 2020. Due to Covid-19 restrictions they are still waiting to have their grand opening. In the meantime I hope I can share with you the excitement and appreciation of this new building that is felt by all the volunteers.

From the outside the new building is a beauty, designed and built by Murcott Design Build, located in Springwater Township. Upon entering the building one can see how much care and attention to detail went into the build. From the incredible lighting to the layout making it easy for volunteers to sort and stock donations as well as assist their many clients. This building also has a separate room for the "approved kitchen." A food bank with an approved kitchen is able to accept bulk donations of meat and cheese as examples. They can cut and separate whole chickens, large packs of ground beef or large blocks of cheese to re-pack and distribute. The Chicken Farmers of Ontario donate chickens to this Food Bank twice a year. The new building is also equipped with commercial/industrial fridges and

freezers that store all the dairy, meat and vegetables.

The Elmvale and District Food Bank has a different procedure for clients than some. Instead of handing out pre-packed bags of groceries, they offer a grocery check list to clients. There is a separate front room for clients to fill in what they require on the checklist. Then a volunteer will 'shop' the products stocked in a second room to fulfill the clients order. The third room is the largest and that is where donations are sorted and stocked on well labelled shelves. There are currently 42 volunteers who perform various tasks such as date checking and sorting food, picking up supplies like dairy, vegetables and meat, packing groceries and interviewing clients. As with all Food Banks, demand has been steadily increasing. In 2020 The Elmvale and District Food Bank served 852 people (320 families) and provided 69 Christmas hampers.

The new location is greatly appreciated by all the volunteers. The previous location in the Elmvale Community Hall did not offer the storage that the new building provides. The store rooms in the hall were separated and the largest one was 26 stairs up. That is a lot of work for the volunteers to be sorting and stocking then handing out the donations. They were fortunate to have help from the Elmvale Firefighters, the Junior Farmers and the Elmvale hockey teams over the

years. A perfect example of how this community really pitches in. Members of The Elmvale and District Food Bank continue to be amazed by the community support in the new location. Steve Loftas from Innovative Automation approached asking what he could do to make the process easier for all the volunteers. Shelving was the answer. Steve's team got busy and donated the shelving seen in the photos below. These shelves enable volunteers to easily stock food, keep track of expiry dates and see what products are getting low. They are also fortunate to receive packed bags of groceries from the Elmvale Foodland. The staff at the Elmvale Foodland contact Deb McLean regularly to ask what items are required the most and that is what they place in the pre-packed Food Bank donation bags in their store. Other community members also help out by donating. Such as the beautiful jars of 'liquid gold' from Lalonde's maple syrup, to the Christmas stockings, the Easter baskets and Easter chocolate bunnies for older children, as well as the citizen who packs back packs with all the supplies required for children in grades one through to the end of high school.

The joy and appreciation was evident on Deb's face through the entire tour. Deb stated at the end of the visit that she is "So excited to show off the building. To show what the community has built."



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Spring Clean up Fire Safety

By Dennis Gannon

The snow has melted and the temperature has risen. As we look around our property we see limbs, twigs and branches that have fallen over the past winter. The wind has also blown the leaves not gathered up as well as other debris onto the lawn and property. It's time to clean up and get the yard and property ready for another season of outdoor living. But are you aware that in the Spring firefighters throughout the province in large and small communities face one similar type of fire that you can avoid? With warmer winds blowing, the top portion of grass and fields dry out quickly. While the ground below may be wet or damp, grass and vegetation fires can rapidly develop spreading swiftly and covering a large area, even acres. The result is firefighters sometimes coming from neighbouring communities to assist and extinguish the fires. These damaging fires often are a result of the burning of the winter debris in barrels or open fires. Most municipalities regulate open air burning through a permit system. Municipal by-laws regulate the time, size and conditions when controlled fires are allowed. Typically open air burning is not permitted within a specified distance from structures and when wind is expected to be over a prescribed speed. The by-law also usually outlines the type of container used and the physical size of the fire allowed. There can be severe financial consequences when a fire occurs and the conditions are not followed. The municipal by-law generally contains a penalty portion which can range upwards of thousands of dollars depending on the services required. So before you clean up the yard and light the fire, contact your local fire department, obtain the required fire permit and follow the instructions. You may be saving yourself some hardship and allowing your firefighters the opportunity to respond to other emergencies that they may be called to.

Spring also is a great time to do some other housekeeping. First and foremost check your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. A monthly check is easy to do and will ensure your family safety. Get rid of newspapers, flyers and cardboard that may have accumulated over the winter in the garage or carport. Recycling is the best and fastest way to make a potential hazard safe. Is your property number clean and visible for emergency responders? Many municipalities have installed a roadside property number. It's not only for the delivery person but for you in case of an emergency. Make certain that it is straight, in the proper location and not obscured. Examine outdoor electrical outlets and other electrical appliances for animal nests and to ensure proper wiring. Consider keeping 100' of garden hose with an attached nozzle connected and ready for use. Check your fire extinguishers and if you don't have one think about purchasing one. A working fire extinguisher may stop the spread of a fire during the early stage of a fire. Properly store household chemicals and never mix cleaning agents. Chemical reactions can occur when mixing chemicals resulting in toxic and deadly gases. In the kitchen pull the refrigerator out and vacuum or dust the coils on the back. Clean coils prevent overheating and allow the refrigerator to work efficiently. Look at and clean the filter above the stove. Windows should be checked to ensure they open and close properly and always keep stairs and landings clear for safe evacuation in event of an emergency. Finally, practice your family fire escape plan so everyone knows what to do in case of an emergency. For more fire safety information or questions about open air burning, contact your local fire department.

Farm View's website gets a makeover

By Roslyn Watkins

I had been thinking off and on lately that I would like the Farm View newspaper to have a website update. But then I got busy with other things and the website was put on the back burner. Until one day I was speaking with Neil Brown from Brown Eden Limousin on the phone and afterwards took a moment to look them up online. When I saw their website design, I thought "This is it! This is exactly what I would like." Fortunately for me, the website designers name was easy to find. I contacted Mary Sullivan of Germars Design and we began the process. Mary was lovely to talk to, understood what I was looking for and was incredibly helpful through the whole process. Mary asked the right questions to get me to realize what I wanted and what would work for the new Farm View site. I hope you all enjoy the new features of the website as much as I do.



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New programs begin in the South Simcoe 4-H clubs



Jordan Williams is pictured above using a drill to tap a maple tree. Jordan also created an outdoor boiling station to boil the sap, shown below.

Maple Syrup 4-H Club

By Abby Patton

On February 27th, the South Simcoe Maple Syrup 4-H Club met on Zoom for their 2nd meeting with a full screen of attendees! Leader Greg Bray took us out into the bush by video to show us the trees and how to tap them. He talked about how to locate where the tap should go and how to install it. It was amazing to see the sap running out right after he tapped it! We could almost taste it! After that Leader Nadina shared a slideshow about how to identify trees by their: bark, leaves, shape, fruit eg maple keys, buds and location. This is the start of a busy season for Maple Syrup producers! If you have not gotten your taps out yet - it is time to get started!

4-H Chess Club

By Nick Senick

Hey, check this out!

In the South Simcoe 4-H Chess Club we have been learning lot's about chess. During our first meeting we were introduced to each other and we learned the basics of chess, including what each piece does. In our second meeting our leaders introduced us to an online chess program called Chesskid.com and we were paired up with another Chess Club member to play an on-line chess game. At our third meeting the role call was to dress up as your favorite chess piece and tell the rest of the group why this piece is your favorite. I dressed up as the king because I like

how it is the most valuable piece on the chess board. At the fourth meeting our leaders Scott and Mae set up a virtual chess tournament on Chesskid.com for us to play the other members in our club and practice this format. This is what we have been working on so far in the South Simcoe 4H Chess Club.



Two sisters enjoyed playing chess after the 4-H chess club meeting. Pictured left to right are Nicole and Milana Palmateer.



4-H Judging Club

By Isabella Cullen

The Cookstown and Everett 4-H Judging Club had their first meeting on Zoom Wednesday February 24th. The Leaders Trish Downey, Grant Cowan and Scott Cullen talked about the judging scorecards and how to use it. We were shown how to fill in the placement card. We talked about how to organize your reasons and make comparisons. We each went and got two items of our choice and compared three things about each trying to use proper terms when saying the comparisons. As well we were shown the score sheet that the judge uses to score you on saying your reasons. Did you know that if you read your reason from notes that you made you get a lower mark than if you can say your reasons without using your notes? At our next meeting we will judge eggs, sheep and dairy cows.

4-H Veterinary Medicine Club

By Milana Palmateer

We started the South Simcoe 4-H Veterinary Medicine Club February 22nd 2021. We got to talk to a few guest speakers including Kirsti Clarida, Tara Kleyn and Dr. Christie Ryan. We learned about how to give injections to animals, different infectious diseases, what type of medical situations that are emergencies, intramuscular and subcutaneous. We have learned about large animals, and what not to do in medical situations. In these four meetings we've learned a lot from our guest speakers and leaders.

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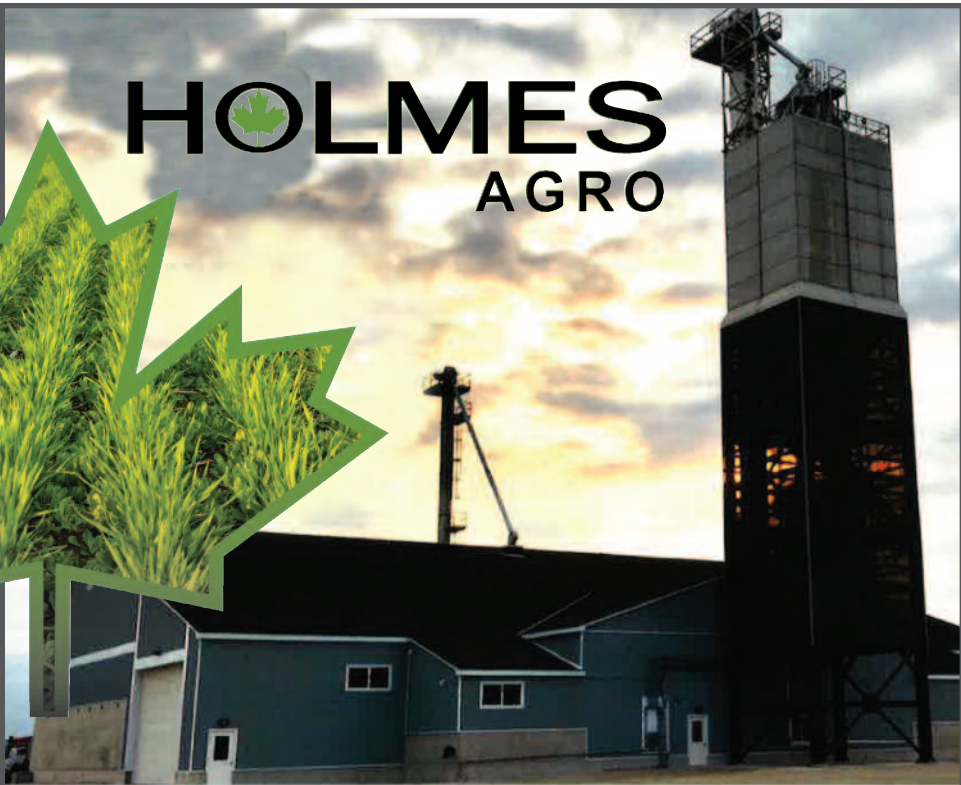


Pictured above the Mavor family receives the beautiful memorial quilt. To the left is one of Jeff's children, Joe, enjoying a snuggle.

Story and photos by Donna Wice

I was honoured to be part of a process to create a memorial quilt out of shirts which were worn by Jeffrey Mavor, a former student of mine and a Ramara pilot. In August of 2019, Jeff was tragically killed at the age of 44 in a totally unpredictable airplane crash, leaving his wife Kathy and 5 children, ages 5- 15, to mourn. After an assortment of shirts were carefully taken apart, Elizabeth, the oldest daughter, and I consulted about colours, design and size. I headed home to Innisfil with my bundle of material. Over the next few days, I couldn't walk far away from the pile. And soon it was shaping nicely with updates and photos sent to the family to check it out.

The completed quilt and a matching pillow case were handed over to Kathy, Elizabeth and Grace Mavor on Boxing Day, 2020. Amid masks, hugs and tears, a new form of many loved shirts returned to their Bluebird Street home.



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Lambton County farmers win award for nitrogen application innovation

David and Roger Buurma's patience and ingenuity in the shop to perfect a low-cost solution for side-dressing nitrogen in corn has won them the 2021 Don Hill Legacy Award.

The Lambton County grain farmers have perfected an easy-to-use rubber hose dropping system that enables efficient, accurate nitrogen delivery into a taller corn canopy using the 120-foot boom on their self-propelled sprayer.

The award is given annually by the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA) to recognize a recipient who has applied on-farm innovation and ingenuity to effectively address an identified environmental risk associated with soil, water, air, or biodiversity on their farm.

"This innovation reflects the spirit of the Don Hill Legacy Award - it's a simple, low cost and effective solution to an environmental challenge on the

farm," says OSCIA President Chad Anderson. "Don had a passion for the Environmental Farm Plan and its ability to enable on-farm innovation and problem-solving."

The Buurmas picked up on work their father had started with streaming Urea Ammonium Nitrate (UAN) 28% onto corn using a self-propelled sprayer after having had good results with the technique in his wheat crop. They needed a solution to avoid crop damage from the liquid fertilizer splashing onto the plants and minimize nitrogen loss into the atmosphere through volatilization.

They mounted rubber hosing onto the spray nozzles of their 120-ft boom sprayer and dragging these over the soil into taller corn. The sprayer's GPS unit ensures accuracy and at a travel speed of five to eight miles per hour, applications can be finished quickly and

precisely.

Travelling up and down fewer rows in each field at a faster speed using their sprayer means they're finishing up their nitrogen application about 75% faster compared to using the standard, pull-type side-dress equipment. The total cost of their sprayer retrofit was approximately \$400.

The Don Hill Award, which comes with a \$1,000 cash prize, was established in 2019 in memory of past OSCIA president Don Hill. Hill was passionate about the Environmental Farm Plan and finding simple yet creative solutions to environmental challenges faced on the farm.

Do you have an ingenious farm-built solution to an environmental challenge? The submission deadline for the next Don Hill Legacy Award is December 1, 2021. Visit www.ontariosoilcrop.org to learn more.

Worth a Chuckle... and life lessons

by Aunt Hazel

One sunny day there was a little boy sitting on his step eating candy just as fast as he could unwrap it.

A man passing by saw what the boy was doing and stopped to say, "Young man, all that candy isn't good for you and will spoil your dinner."

The little boy said "I don't know about that but my grandpa lived to be 102 years old."

The man replied "Wow, you mean by eating candy?"

The little boy said "No, by minding his own business."

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After The Chores: Waiting And Worrying...

By Cathy Hamill-Hill



Growing up, I loved baby season. I would memorize the dates of does being due and start the countdown about two months early. My world then, I realize now, was simple- and privileged. I didn't appreciate the fact that I lived with an animal midwife that worked for free. My Dad was a school bus driver and a full-time farmer. The only time he wasn't on call for being a midwife was when he was with the school bus. Even waking him up at night was okay.

My Dad, who no longer lives on this side of the sky, was average sized but he had massive hands that didn't match the rest of him. He was a born farmer despising school as it got in the way of the farm. We grew up on an inherited farm which meant no mortgage or rent but that also meant the farm was passed down plenty used from the previous generations. Vet calls meaning vet bills were reserved for full out emergencies- and delivering baby animals did not qualify because Dad honestly didn't need any help.

So many times I would check a doe goat that was in the kidding pen and find her in full labour. I learned when an animal needed help but that is all I ever did. My next step would be to just go find Dad thinking I had saved the day. Dad would get off the tractor or put down his fork he was using to move corn silage out of the silo- and race over to the goat pen. He would look and mutter, "It has to get out." Take off his gloves- and kneel in the straw. Next thing those big gentle hands were pulling on a hoof while the other was gently coaxing into the right place. He never failed once to bring an animal into the world. Then, he would stand up, wipe his hands off on his coveralls- and then put on his gloves and go back to his job with "the next one will likely be easier but if not, I'll be in the silo."

While Dad had no issues with delivery of a baby animal, he stopped there making me learn the rest. I was expected to get the babies started. When we learn something at a young age, it often becomes a natural skill. Getting a baby animal to take that first bottle is something I can do. Mom was rather wishing I wasn't so good at this once when my Dad, in desperation, came to the house with a stubborn calf in his arms. He asked me to bottle feed the calf its first milk that he somehow got from the mother beef cow into a bottle. Sure enough, I could get that calf to suck back the milk- and everybody was happy except for Mom who didn't appreciate the kitchen being covered now in straw and barn boot footprints. That skill came in handy this year for bottle feeding a motherless llama.

Sweetie sure proved he has learned the job of observance of the barn. He told me that there was a dead kid in the pen! Larry was excited which was a bad sign. My worst fear, a dead kid meaning I had missed a birthing and the poor kid died because I wasn't there. I was home for this full day. How could I miss a doe that close to birth? What would my Dad have said to being this stupid? I was on my usual full self-hating fearful tirade when I got in the pen. I went to the heap of brown fur and with gloved hands, picked up the poor little kid- but it was NOT a kid. I told Sweetie this fact in pure joy. The heap of fur was actually an unlucky mink that crossed the old barn cats path we figured out after we did an online search.

Again, I just recently had another round of being terrified again with the same pen of goats. This time I spied a dark bundle in the corner of the pen. I should have known that Larry was calm- and Larry is never calm when there is a baby. Nothing Larry loves more than licking off new babies, his loving Lab heart makes him race to the barn when there are new babies on site. I forgot all about Larry logic when I spied that dark bundle. With my heart beating fast, I lunged to the pen to see what was going on. This time, the flat grain pan had somehow twisted upside down against the pen wall looking from a distance to someone that is thinking the worst to look like a crumpled kid. All this worry over an empty grain pan made me feel stupid again.

It is certainly true we miss someone the most when we no longer have them in our life, and I sure miss my Dad this time of year when baby season is close.

Maple Weekend cancelled for 2021, maple syrup still available for purchase from Ontario producers

The Ontario Maple Syrup Producers' Association (OMSPA) is disappointed to announce that Maple Weekend has been cancelled for 2021. The event, which takes place the first weekend of April each year, sees more than 15,000 visitors visit participating sugarbushes in Ontario.

"We are very sorry to cancel Maple Weekend for the second year in a row," said OMSPA president Frank Heerkens. "Unfortunately, the spread of COVID-19 has made it so we cannot safely host the weekend this year. OMSPA and our members are committed to ensuring we are conforming with health advisories and are doing our part to combat the spread of the virus."

As the first agricultural crop of the year, maple syrup producers are following all COVID-19 guidelines for safe production practices and continue to produce a wonderful, made in Ontario product for customers. This year will mark the second year in a row in which the syrup season was impacted for

maple syrup producers.

Maple syrup production will be starting in most parts of Ontario in early March, once temperatures remain above zero during the day, and fall below zero at night. In spite of the current pandemic situation, producers will be working hard to produce a safe, quality product that will be used on tables year-round in Ontario.

Maple syrup and maple products will continue to be available at sugarbushes

across the province throughout the sugar season. Members of the public are encouraged to reach out to their local sugarbush to confirm if they are offering in-person visits, curbside pickups, or online sales. An interactive map of maple syrup producers, along with nutritional information and recipes, is available at www.ontariomaple.com.

"Our producers are working hard to make maple syrup this year, and many of them rely on visits to their sugarbush to sell their products," Heerkens said. "Many producers have moved their stores online and are happy to make arrangements to ensure syrup makes it into the hands of customers, safely."

OMSPA is in the midst of planning a new event for fall 2021 that will run between Sept. 25 to Oct. 3. It will encourage Ontarians to visit participating sugarbushes across the province to celebrate the fall colours and maple syrup production in Ontario. More details for this event will be available in the near future.



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The famous Globe Hotel of Rosemont

Village stories

by Andrew Hind

The inn was a building of extreme importance to early Ontario settlements, ranking ahead of even churches, general stores and schools. Inns were much more than latter day hotels; they were taverns as well and provided a place for camaraderie, public meetings, entertainment and even trials and church sermons in lieu of more appropriate locales. They were generally in the center of town and in the case of crossroads settlements, right on the corner of the intersection. Both literally and figuratively, the village inn was the heart of the community.

Rosemont was originally settled by Irish Protestants in the early 1830s, hardy farmers willing to give it a go in what was then Ontario's frontier. Much of the land at the time was covered with red pine forests, a wood valuable for use as ship masts for the Royal Navy. In due course, the forests were thoroughly cleared.

The timber industry lasted less than a decade, and farming was only marginally successful. Yet, Rosemont grew in size and prosperity thanks to the increased traffic that passed through on a regular basis. A post office opened July 1, 1861 and at the time, the village was actually significantly larger than Alliston, with a population of several hundred.

The Globe Hotel was perhaps Rosemont's most successful business. The first owner we can identify was Alfred Coulson of Toronto, who built the hotel sometime around 1890. Irishman Thomas Henderson purchased the business in 1866 for \$1300 and, alongside his wife, would guide it through the balance of the century.

In its original design, the Globe Hotel has a dining room, a bar room, and 16 guest rooms. Competition between it and the three other village hotels was fierce and local tradition tells a story that highlights this rivalry. A fire broke out in a neighboring hotel sometime in the 1860s. Mrs. Henderson, a hard-as-nails businesswoman stood watch over the water pump in front of her hotel, warding off would-be firemen with a shotgun to prevent it from being used to save the rival establishment.

The Globe Hotel boasted a 16-foot bar, polished extensively with beeswax over the years. The bar resides today in Alliston's Museum on the Boyne. Purchased by the museum board in 1961 from the Globe's then owner, Jean Law, for the token sum of five dollars, the bar is a centerpiece of the exhibit. Museum curator, Rachelle Clayton, recalls a bit of folklore regarding the bar itself.

"The same proprietress who held the town hostage used to get rid of her more drunkenly clientele by shooting buckshot at them through the bar," she says. "If you look close enough, the marks can still be seen." She probably had good call to use it, as The Globe quickly developed a rough-and-ready reputation. Drunken brawls become so frequent the entire village gained a reputation as being booze-soaked. "We would like to know where our once quiet little village is drifting," wrote the *Economist*, the local paper of the day, June 1, 1890. The air is full of wars and rumors of wars, and if such conduct continues, we shall have to organize a corps of police to maintain law and order. Friday night of last week was one of

the wildest that has ever been experienced here. All through the night could be heard the sounds of brawling and fighting."

Changes were afoot, for both the hotel and the community. First, Thomas Henderson died in 1891 at the age of 70, leaving his wife to carry on alone. Then, over the next few years, the crazy revelry that had caused so much concern began to settle. This was in no way a result of Henderson's passing, but rather a reflection of an evolution in the community. By the turn of the century road travel had generally been eclipsed in importance by railways, a death knell for many crossroads hamlets - when the railroads bypassed Rosemont, routing through Alliston instead, the result was inevitable. Alliston prospered, the railroads spurring on development at an unprecedented pace in its brief history. Traffic through Rosemont, meanwhile, dwindled and the community atrophied. People began to leave in droves.

This change in fortunes also saw a change in ownership, with the aging Mrs. Henderson selling out to John and Jean Law in 1902.

Despite the determined nature of the Globe Hotel's proprietors, it could not succeed in the environment of the day. Eventually it closed, to be reopened at a later date as a general store and boarding house. Again, the building fell vacant and remained in such a state for decades until rescued once and for all in 1970 when Stratford actor William Needle saved the historic building from the ravages of rot, weather and vandalism by reopening it as a restaurant. And so it remains today, despite changes in ownership over the years.

The Globe Hotel stands at the intersection of Hwy. 89 and the 18th Conc., on the southwest side. Not much of its exterior has been altered since its heyday in the 19th century and the infamous pump can still be seen near the front door.



New protein ingredient plant will focus on global opportunities with home-grown inputs

Recently Protein Industries Canada announced a partnership that will develop and commercialize high-quality, made-in-Canada, non-GM soybean protein ingredients.

Canada Protein Ingredients Ltd. - Ingrédients Protéiques du Canada Ltée (CPI-IPC), DJ Hendrick International, Agrocrop Processing, Semences Prograin and Synthesis Network have partnered to produce clean label protein ingredients from Canadian grown soybeans.

The \$27.3 million project will result in an innovative proprietary process to produce high-quality and highly sought-after soybean protein ingredients and soybean oil that comply with non-GM and Organic labelling standards. Canada Protein Ingredients (CPI-IPC) will process the crops at a brand-new, first-of-its-kind facility in Canada, expected to break ground in the next 18 months.

"The project being announced today is a clear example of how the Protein Industries Supercluster is supporting the plant-based protein industry, creating new opportunities for industry and providing more options for consumers in Canada and around the world," said the Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry. "The Supercluster is playing a key role in connecting the right partners, who together have the potential to access untapped opportunities in the plant protein market."

"As worldwide demand continues for high-quality protein ingredients, Canadian farmers and processors are rising to the occasion. Today's announcement is a big first step to putting exciting new Canadian-grown soybean products on the market. This collaboration shows the results we are achieving with the Protein Supercluster, helping to position our agriculture sector as a global leader of innovation," said The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

Semences Prograin will develop and test new non-GM soybean varieties optimized for Canada's growing conditions, while DJ Hendrick International and Agrocrop Processing will assist in developing, testing and marketing the new end products to international markets. This will add increased value across the Canadian agri-food value chain; farmers will receive premiums for growing specialty crops, and food manufacturers will benefit from a local source of plant-based protein ingredients that currently can only be imported.

"Helping Canada rise from being a commodity supplier to a world-renowned supplier of plant-based ingredients is part of Protein Industries Canada's mission," CEO of Protein

Industries Canada Bill Greuel said. "This project is yet another step we take in that direction. Harnessing the potential of new crop varieties developed and grown in Canada generates more opportunities across our entire value chain, from farmers to food manufacturers."

Plans for the upcoming processing facility are currently at a site selection stage. Once completed, the commercial plant will process 25,000 MT of crops per year, with the potential to increase capacity and expand to other crops, following the growing demand for clean-label plant-based protein products.

A total of \$27.3 million is being invested in the project: approximately \$20 million committed by CPI-IPC and the consortium members will be met by \$7.3 million from Protein Industries Canada.

"This investment enables Canada Protein Ingredients to meet growing global demands with completely made-in-Canada products," said CPI CEO Jim Millington. "There is currently no soybean protein isolate or concentrate manufacturing capacity in Canada, despite soybeans being a major crop for farmers. CPI is poised to commercialize Canadian science, further process Canadian soybeans, and respond to a global market hungry for plant-based protein."

"At Prograin, we define innovation as the successful connection of our leading Non-GM food grade genetics and the agronomic expertise of Canadian soybean growers. The CPI-IPC project provides this opportunity" says Alain Létourneau, Prograin's CEO. "The CPI-IPC process provides the opportunity to market the "made-in-Canada" food ingredients – not just the whole bean. Further processing in Canada was one of the pillars of the Barton Report released in 2016. We look forward to supplying Canadian farmers and CPI-IPC soybean varieties that will make this project a success."

"We are excited to partner with CPI-IPC and Protein Industries Canada on this initiative. Being protein processors ourselves, we have seen the growth of the industry firsthand and we are looking forward to marketing the CPI-IPC soy protein ingredients to our customers and using it in our brands as well. We are thrilled to be part of the exciting ecosystem that Protein Industries Canada is fostering," says Vishal Vijay, Director of Agrocrop Processing Ltd.

This is the 17th technology project announced by Protein Industries Canada. Together with industry, Protein Industries Canada has committed more than \$347 million to the

Canadian plant-protein sector. They are currently accepting Expressions of Interest (EOIs) for both their Technology and Capacity Building programs.



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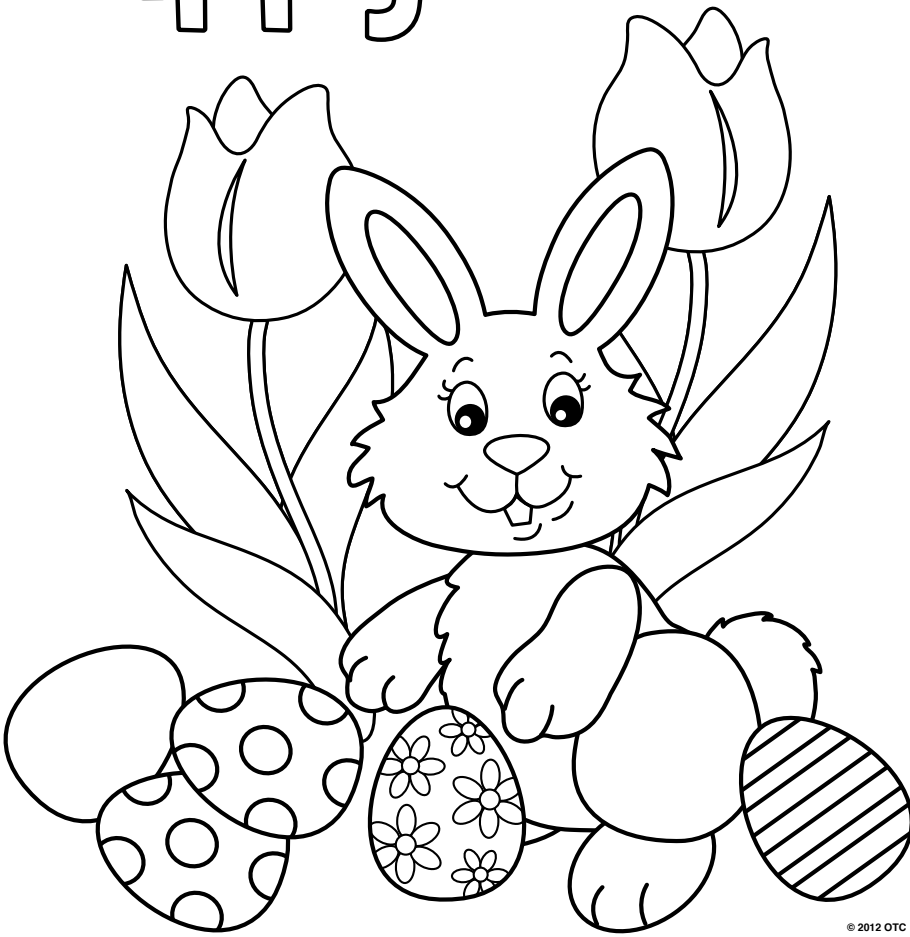
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- Why was the Easter Bunny so grumpy?
Because he was having a bad hare day.
- What kind of beans grow in the Easter Bunny's garden?
Jelly beans!
- How do you make rabbit stew?
Make it wait for 4 hours.
- What kind of music does the Easter Bunny like?
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Provincial Vaccine Booking Portal Now Open

By Doug Downey

The roll out of the three-phased vaccination distribution implementation plan has begun in Ontario. Beginning with our most vulnerable populations in December 2020, our vaccination plan has focused on the residents and workers in Long Term Care facilities, ensuring they are protected, and reducing the risk of outbreaks. This stage of the plan is well underway, with over 1 million vaccines administered, and 279,000 Ontarians fully immunized. This includes 88% of all Long Term Care residents.

With the arrival of 194,500 doses of the AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD vaccine, beginning on March 10th, over 325 pharmacies began booking appointments to start to administering the vaccine as part of a pilot program in three public health unit regions: Toronto, Windsor-Essex, and Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox & Addington. Further expansion to other public health units and pharmacies will continue as vaccine supply increases.

To ramp up capacity for vaccination, the province is also working with primary care professionals to offer vaccinations in primary care settings and community locations such as physician offices, in collaboration with Simcoe Muskoka Public Health Unit, as of March 13, 2021. Primary care providers will not be taking appointments by request, but will be contacting eligible Ontarians aged 60-64 directly to book an appointment. They will offer AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD vaccine only.

On March 15th, the Provincial Booking System for COVID-19 Vaccines went live, allowing for vaccination appointment bookings at mass immunization clinics, starting with individuals aged 80 and older. Those eligible residents (born in 1941 or earlier) who wish to make an appointment can visit www.ontario.ca/bookvaccine, where they will be guided to the provincial booking system, or to their local public health unit to make an appointment. Pre-registration is also now available for those in Phase 2 of the distribution plan.

For any individuals still in possession of a red and white

health card, or for those who require assistance with booking, please contact the Provincial Vaccine Information line at 1-888-999-6488.

With vaccine supply stabilizing, and over two million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine expected from the federal government before the end of March, the province will enter Phase Two of its vaccine rollout next month. Between April 2021 and July 2021, up to nine million Ontarians will be vaccinated.

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What is it? Answers

Thank you to everyone who wrote in, called and emailed. The most responses declared the item in question to be a hay knife, there were also suggestions that it is a Froe, for splitting and making cedar shakes.



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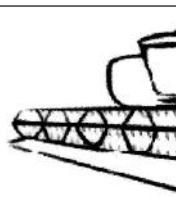
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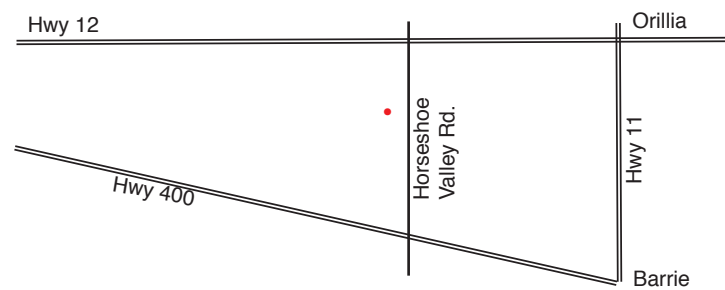
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