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4-H members had some fun during Achievement Day. In this photo 4-H Beef Club member Clairina Paquette poses with Hilary Heifer dressed as Donald Trump.



## ■ **AG**calendar

Farm View's Ag Calendar is free to non-profit agricultural groups, up to a maximum of 40 words. All others are invoiced at \$25 per month. Please note the format of the listings below and submit your item by mail or email, in a similar fashion.

### Sept. 25th to Oct. 3rd: Fall in Love with Maple

A list of participating Fall in Love with Maple maple syrup producers is available on the Ontario Maple website, along with further details about specials and activities for visitors at the nearly 40 locations across the province. Visitors are invited to visit the website at <https://www.ontariomaple.com/fall-in-love-with-maple/> for more information. More details on page 9.

### October 3rd: Anten Mills Artisan and Crafters Fair

The Anten Mills recreation association will be celebrating their 50th anniversary on October 3rd, 2021. Shop for Thanksgiving and Christmas gifts at the artisan fair. Anten Mills artists, authors and crafters will be showcasing their talents.

October 3rd 2021, 1 pm to 3 pm.  
Location: Anten Mills Community Centre  
Horseshoe Valley Rd W, Anten Mills, ON

### October 3rd to 9th: Fire Prevention Week

Fire Departments are asking residents to Let's Get Loud by testing your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms today and every month. Details on page 17.

### October 11th: Thanksgiving

A day to remember and celebrate how fortunate we are and to be grateful for our families, friends and food on our tables. When out shopping remember your local Food Bank.

### October 15th: News and Advertising Deadline

The advertising and news deadline for the November issue of Farm View is **Friday, October 15th.**

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## Huron Tractor Announces 2021 Scholarship Award Winners



Huron Tractor is pleased to announce the winners of the 2021 Huron Tractor Scholarship Program:

- Jessica Brock of Staffa, ON, enrolled in Food and Agricultural Business at University of Guelph.
- Mira Carter of Clinton, ON, enrolled in Bachelor of Science in Agriculture - Animal Science at University of Guelph.
- Dakota Dawdy of Iona Station, ON, enrolled in Agriculture Diploma at Ridgeway College.
- Cole Snobelen of Ripley, ON, enrolled in Agriculture Diploma at Ridgeway College.

Winners were presented with a \$1500.00 scholarship cheque at Huron Tractor, Exeter, on Thursday, August 26.

The award recipients were selected at the discretion of an independent scholarship selection committee, with consideration to factors such as grades, eligibility, and essay submission information. Candidates had to be enrolling for their first-year into a full-time, undergraduate and/or graduate Agricultural program at a recognized post-secondary educational institution.

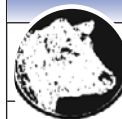
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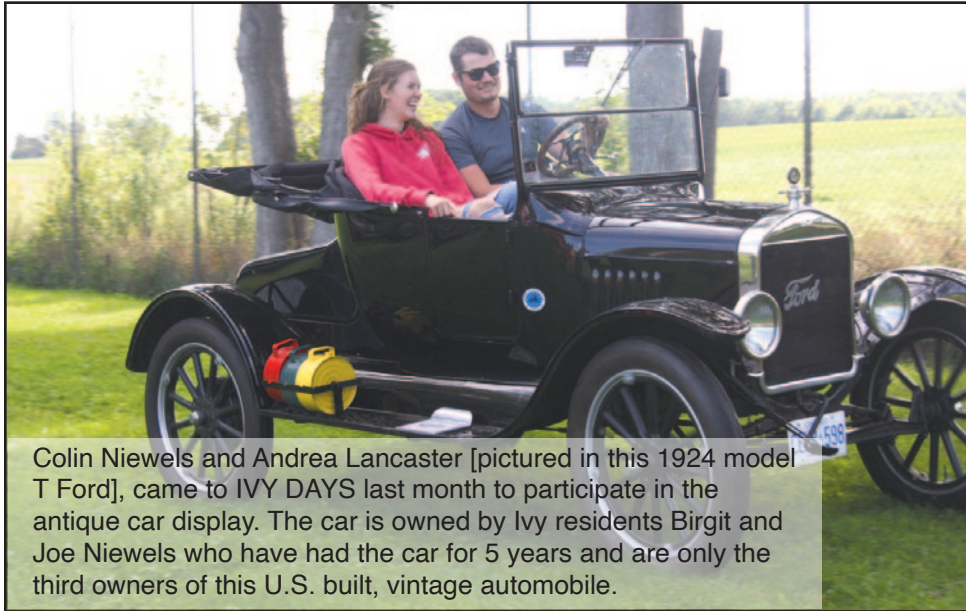
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## THANK YOU IVY!

### Several hundred attend Orange Lodge presentation of 2021 Family Days



Colin Niewels and Andrea Lancaster [pictured in this 1924 model T Ford], came to IVY DAYS last month to participate in the antique car display. The car is owned by Ivy residents Birgit and Joe Niewels who have had the car for 5 years and are only the third owners of this U.S. built, vintage automobile.

Story and photos by John Beischer

Last month the Ivy Orange Lodge presented a very successful and well attended Family Days event for those living in and around this small hamlet in the heart of Simcoe County. Activities took place at the community hall and at nearby Victoria Park. Lodge members fed hundreds of visitors at a free BBQ from 11 am to 1 pm., serving hamburgers, hot dogs and local corn.

An antique car and farm tractor display was popular with both young and old attendees. Many owners of these vintage collectables remained with their vehicles throughout the day to share information and stories with interested bystanders. Local vendors provided specialty items for sale. St. Jude's Anglican Church presented a garage sale in front of the hall. Homemade apple pies were very popular. Area kids enjoyed a balloon artist entertainer as well as old fashioned races and games. Prizes were awarded.

The Essa volunteer fire department provided equipment displays and demonstrations to the delight of everyone. Other activities included a silent auction, raffles and much more!



### On the Cover

Hilary heifer dressed as Donald Trump and 4-H member Clairina Paquette pose for a photo during Achievement Day.

— Photo by Scott Cullen

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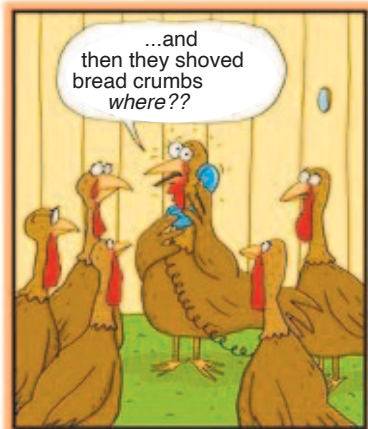


**FROM THE EDITOR**

I left writing my editorial until the last possible moment hoping to report some change in leadership of our country. However that is not to be this time around. I hope all of you will continue to voice your concerns to your local representatives. Every voice and opinion can make a difference. And in the wise words of our eleven year old son "Make the best of the situation" in the meantime.

With that in mind I am grateful to live in Canada, more specifically in rural Ontario. I can walk outside my home without fear of being bombed or attacked. I am fortunate to have a job that helps provide for my family. I am blessed to have family and good friends who lift me up every day. These are just a few things on my mind as we get closer to Thanksgiving. I hope all of you have a few similar sentiments as we celebrate the season of giving thanks.

I think I can safely speak for all the Farm View readers when I say thank you to the men and women who commit themselves to a life of farming. Thank you for the tireless, hard and demanding work you do to provide food and nourishment for our families.



*Happy Thanksgiving everyone!*  
*Roslyn*

**Grain Farmers of Ontario unveils details for 2022 March Classic**

Grain Farmers of Ontario, the province's largest commodity organization, representing Ontario's 28,000 barley, corn, oat, soybean, and wheat farmers, is unveiling details for the 2022 March Classic – Sowing the Seeds of Opportunity, Innovation, and Tomorrow.

The March Classic remains a premier event for the grain industry in Canada. Each year the event brings together hundreds of grain farmers, agriculture industry supporters, government, and more.

This year, Grain Farmers of Ontario plans to host an in-person event with live streaming of speakers for farmer-members and others who wish to attend online. The March Classic 2022 will welcome Sonny Perdue, the 31st United States Secretary of Agriculture from 2017-2021, to discuss Canada-U.S. agriculture relations and more. Once again, the March Classic will host the U.S Farm Report for the first Canadian live taping with host Tyne Morgan, after a successful Canadian panel discussion at the 2021 Virtual March Classic.

"The importance of grain farming in the world continues

**Essa Historical Society Embarks on "Barns Project"**

*By Richard Blanchard*

The Essa Township Historical Society is embarking on a project to catalog the many barns in the township.

With advancing age and declining use of these barns, many of them have been torn down in recent years.

"We hope to create an archive of photos of these structures which formed such a large part of the landscape of the township for so many years" said the society president Richard Blanchard.

Anyone who wishes to contribute to the project is asked to send photos to [essabarns@rogers.com](mailto:essabarns@rogers.com). They should be shot in a larger format and include the location by lot and concession numbers. A brief description of present ownership and any historical details about the barns age or other history would be appreciated.

The society would also appreciate photos of any barns in the township that have been torn down.



to grow, especially in light of the economic recovery Canada needs to focus on, food security, and the need to ensure that food production remains sustainable. The 2022 March Classic will explore the opportunities that will shape tomorrow for grain farmers. We are thrilled to plan an in-person event and look forward to connecting with people," said Victoria Berry, manager of communications.

The 2022 March Classic is celebrating the future, by sowing the seeds of opportunity, innovation, and tomorrow. Farming is about tomorrow – feeding the people of tomorrow and ensuring our farms are sustainable for the future. Every day, we sow the seeds that prepare the world, and our farms, for tomorrow. From new opportunities to new innovations that keep our food system secure for tomorrow.

The event is being planned as an in-person event, Grain Farmers of Ontario will adhere to public health guidelines and mandates on attendance limits and safety protocols.

More information, can be found at [www.gfo.ca/March-Classic](http://www.gfo.ca/March-Classic) or by calling Grain Farmers of Ontario at 1-800-265-0550 x308.

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will grow in the streets."**

*W.J. Bryan*

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## New Horizons - Ontario's Agricultural Soil Health and Conservation Strategy



By Leah Emms  
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Soil conservation and soil health are hot topics lately. OFA is continuing to support OMAFRA, commodity organizations and The Ontario Soil & Crop Improvement Association to bring more attention to this very important issue. Did you know that the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs created a provincial soil strategy? The document is called, New Horizons- Ontario's Agricultural Soil Health and Conservation Strategy. It

contains four areas of focus and lists goals, objectives, and actions. Those four areas are Soil Management, Soil Data & Mapping, Soil Evaluation & Monitoring and Soil Knowledge & Innovation. For your reading enjoyment here is the link to the document. <http://www.omafr.gov.on.ca/english/landuse/soil-strategy.pdf>

Soil Health is defined by Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada as, "the soils ability to support crop growth without becoming degraded or otherwise harming the environment."

No-till practices slowly gained acceptance in the 1990's and are now considered normal operating practices on many farms in the province. I can see that, practices such as cover crops are gaining acceptance as a tool to not only protect the soil from erosion but also improve the health of the soil. In 2017, the Ontario Cover Crops Strategy was developed as a resource for farmers and highlighted the benefits cover crops can provide but also acknowledged some of the challenges that farmers were having when trying to adopt this new practice. This report can be viewed at <https://www.ontariosoil->

[crop.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Ontario-Cover-Crop-Strategy\\_May-3\\_Final-v3compressed.pdf](http://crop.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Ontario-Cover-Crop-Strategy_May-3_Final-v3compressed.pdf)

The good news is that most of the Conservation Authorities in our area have programs available that provide grants to farmers that want to implement cover crops into their soil management plan.

In Peel Region, the Peel Rural Water Quality Program provides grant money for the seeding of cover crops on 50 acres. For more information visit this link. <https://www.peel-region.ca/planning/paawg/prwqp.htm> or contact one of the program co-ordinators.

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The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority provides funding for the cost of seeds for cover crops up to \$2000. For additional information visit this link. <https://www.lsrca.on.ca/Pages/Manage-Your-Soil.aspx> or call and speak with one of their program co-ordinators at 1-800-465-0437.

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority's Healthy Waters Program also provides grant opportunities but I could not see a category for cover crops. Although, they do provide a 30% grant on no-till and conservation tillage equipment up to \$2000. More information is available at this link, <https://www.nvca.on.ca/Pages/Healthy-Waters-Projects.aspx> or calling Shannon Stephens at 705-424-1479 ext 239

The Severn Sound Environmental Association also has funding opportunities available for farmers in North Simcoe. Their Healthy Soils = Health Watersheds Program provides up to 50% of the cost of seeds for cover crops as well as other Best Management Practices grants. More information is available at [https://www.severnsound.ca/programs-projects/public-involvement-stewardship/HS\\_Equals\\_HW](https://www.severnsound.ca/programs-projects/public-involvement-stewardship/HS_Equals_HW) or by

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If you have the opportunity to visit a participating farm in the Ontario Soil Networks Road Show this fall, I encourage you to do so and see the innovations and practices that are happening in your community by your peers. These farmers are keen to share their experiences with you.

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## Fun at the Sunderland Fair

Story and photos by Cathy Hamill-Hill

The Sunderland Agricultural Society did their best to put on a version of a Sunderland Fall Fair that complied with all COVID-19 protocols. It was an outdoor show that included light and heavy horse shows, 4H and Open Beef Cattle show, a Classic Truck, Car and Tractor Show and a Poultry Show. Later in the day, there was a Pet Show and a Horse Pull.



This is Kathryn Purcell of Stouffville who was happy to get back to the first show at Sunderland since the COVID-19 shutdown. She grew up in a "show" family attending horse shows during the Fair season along with going through the 4-H program. Kathryn is seen here with "Fire," a Haflinger that is part of the stable of HBK Haflingers she owns with her Mom and Uncle. Kathryn says showing is "for the experience" and that advice from her longtime horse showing Mom makes all shows fun. Fire and Kathryn had a fun and successful day at Sunderland placing 1st in the Line Class, 2nd in the Haflinger Cart and 3rd in the Ladies Cart classes.

This is Pebbles, the Silkie chicken and her registered veterinarian technician owner, Kimberly Fabiano of Goodwood. Three years ago Kimberly decided to show poultry for the first time at Orono Fair. She had purchased 10 baby silkie chicks from someone with no show history. One of those chicks was Pebbles. Pebbles, on her first show, won best of her silkie class, then best of her breed, then went on to be chosen best Bantam and then took the huge win of Grand Champion which means Best in Show. "I was hooked on showing poultry," Pebbles' owner says adding the next show at Lindsay Fair was just as successful. COVID-19 shut down shows for the next year and Kimberly was so glad to be back showing at Sunderland this year.



This truck is a farm truck from a horse farm in northern California. It was bought new by its first owner in 1959. The truck was passed to the owner's son and then that owner's son. It had 77,000 miles on it when it was bought by auto mechanic and the truck's second owner, Alex Elliott from Sunderland shown here. The truck had rotted wooden floorboards in the cab and it was a dingy brown rusty colour when it arrived to Sunderland. After 1.5 years of "fun" its second owner says, this



1959 Chevrolet Apache was restored and ready for painting. The truck was painted green because this is "my wife's favourite colour," Alex explains.

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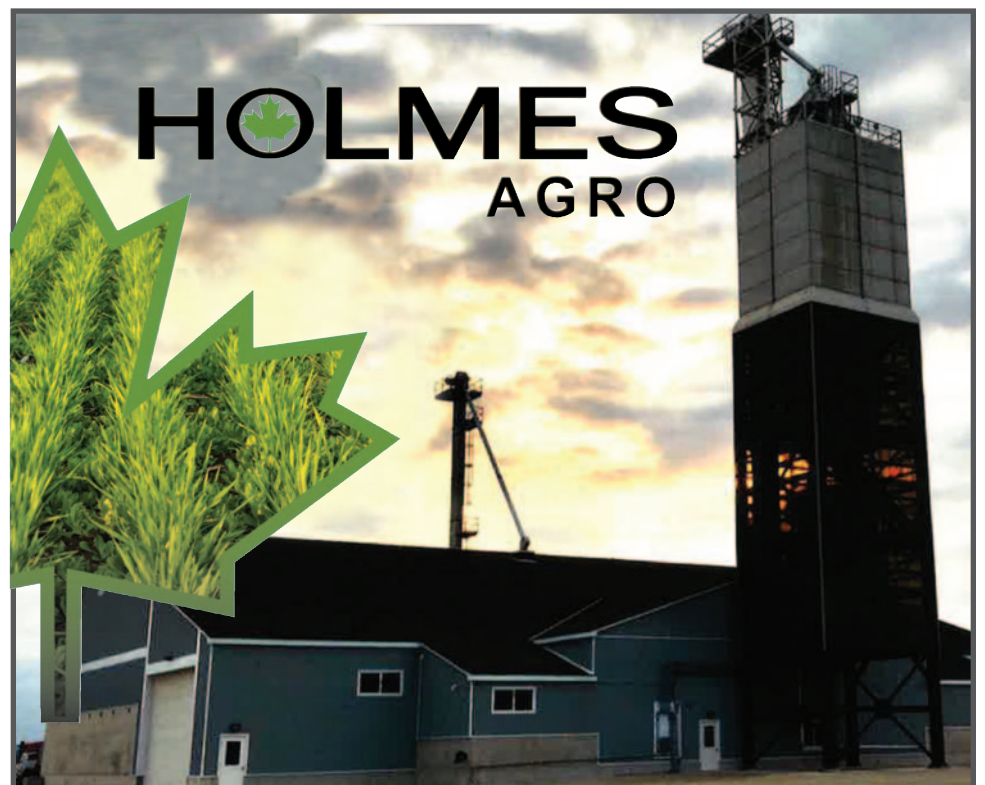
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# News from the Canadian Beef Industry Conference

## Restaurant chain supports Canadian Beef

By Cathy Hamill-Hill

McDonald's Canada sources 100% of its beef for its famous hamburgers from Canadian ranches and farms.

McDonald's was a sponsor at the Canadian Beef Industry Conference and Senior Manager, Supply Chain, McDonald's Canada Nicole Zeni was a speaker about Leveraging Local Solutions to Global Markets.

"McDonald's is the largest purchaser of beef in the restaurant industry. One of the biggest selling beef products in Canada ever was the 'Grand Big Mac' which is made of 100% Canadian beef," she said adding that guests now not only want good tasting food they want to know how that food is raised.

All farmers knew long ago that raising beef cattle is good for the environment. Cattle can thrive on land that is not useable for any other food production. Now, this message is being promoted to the general public to understand that being a beef consumer is actually helping push back climate change.

In a video of a producer that has product purchased by McDonald's, the woman rancher explains that she is carrying on her family tradition as being "stewards of the land." The herd of cattle she owns lives on the same lands that her grandparents used for their cattle. With careful management of the land and cattle, there is a good living to be found on land that can be used in the next generations is the message being given.

Tim Hardman, Beef Director with World Wildlife Fund US was the second speaker. He says it's a "whole new world" now with threats in the form of wildfires, drought and floods all due to the effects of climate change. People in the United States, and likely here in Canada too, are "on average 3 generations away from the farm and have no idea how food gets in the store." He added there are few producers of food compared to the people that are eating this food so it is up to the food producers to tell the story. There is a lot of "good" to tell about the beef cattle industry, he said adding that land used by cattle is "good for nature" and it's "good for the cattle" to be out grazing. The story of beef is one that is worth sharing publicly.

McDonald's agrees that the beef story is worth sharing. "Guardians of the Grasslands" is a feature produced by McDonald's that shines a light on its beef producers on the CRTC program.

The CRTC program is Canadian Roundtable for Sustainable Beef (CRSB). CRSB is a beef industry certified program. The program allows cattle producers and processors to prove sustainability and providing transparent claims to consumers and the public about being sustainable to the environment. McDonald's purchases from CRSB ranches and farms.

Producers that are interested in this program can find out more at: <https://grsbeef.org/>

## Telemedicine is the new way to help farmers

By Cathy Hamill-Hill

Dr. Elizabeth Homerosky is a board-certified specialist in beef cattle practice through the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners. In 2019, she became a partner in Veterinary Agri-Health Services in Airdrie, Alberta. She was a speaker at the "Boy-Innovation- 'While I've got on you on the phone, Doc...'" session at the recent online Canadian Beef Industry Conference. She was joined by Dr. Tommy Ware, a member of her team that graduated from Mississippi State University in 2019 that shares her interest in cow-calf and feedlot production.

Dr. Ware explained that "telemedicine" was promoted by COVID-19's social distance benefits. "Its effect was reducing 'windshield time,'" he said explaining that driving for hours to come to a farm to diagnose something that could be seen via telemedicine was found to be a great saver of time and resources.

Telemedicine involves today's cell phones. Instead of calling the vet to the farm, a picture or a video captured on the everyday cell phone can be sent to the vet instead for the vet's expertise to deal with the problem.

Dr. Homerosky showed a real life example. She said two producers said they were concerned about a "wobbly calf." One calf stood up but plunged back down, unable to stay on his feet during the video. The other calf that was black in colour staggered when he walked. They were both accurately described as "wobbly." The first calf's history was having scours for two days prior to when the video was taken. The vet was able to diagnosis that this calf was wobbly from weakness- and it needed an intravenous injection to get better. The vet was immediately dispatched to make the drive to the farm. The black calf's history showed no signs of distress prior to the video taken however, it was remembered that its mother was purchased from a sale, unvaccinated. The vet could see the fact this calf had brain damage from Bovine Viral Diarrhea (BVD) and there was nothing sadly except euthanizing left to do.

Another real life example was a producer with a lame bull. The producer suspected foot rot and was treating the bull with antibiotics that normally clears up the issue. The vet asked for pictures of the hoof causing the problem. The producer put the bull in a chute and sent in pictures of the sore foot. It was clear from the pictures, Dr. Homerosky explained, the bull hadn't had foot rot, instead it had dermatitis. A discussion took place with the producer and it was remembered that the bull spent some time inside at another

location prior to going to pasture.

There are few things more upsetting then going out for morning chores- and finding the best replacement calf in the herd lying dead. With no prior symptoms, there is just no way a diagnosis can be made by anyone. The only way to know for sure what went wrong is to do an inspection of the dead body- this is called performing an autopsy. According to Dr. Homerosky, there are available online tutorials to learn this skill. Once the autopsy is performed, pictures can be sent to the vet office so a death cause can be found.

In this real life example, a picture of lungs was shown from the calf that was found dead in a pasture. The lungs were clear. The stomach picture held the key to the calf's death. The calf had a large stomach ulcer and it had perforated causing the death.

Dr. Ware said "animal welfare" can be helped through telecommunication. He said in a real life example a producer sent him a video of a cow walking. The producer was debating to sell the cow to the local auction. From the video, the experienced vet could diagnosis that the cow's bottle jaw and brisket extension were signs of significant heart issues. The producer was advised this cow would not pass inspection and instead, would be condemned.

"A video is worth a 1,000 miles of driving" in many instances he said adding that producers need to consult with their veterinarian's office when purchasing a cell phone and find out if the vet uses an iPhone or an Android phone for the best communication.

Stephen Hughes, Canadian Roundtable for Sustainable Beef certified beef producer from Alberta owns the Chinook Ranch in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains in Alberta. He says he recently used telemedicine to help him decide whether he had a lice problem or not in the herd. Through videos, the vet was able to see that there was not a lice problem- and treatment did not need to happen. The rancher said that, "To hire a vet on a consulting basis means we (the vet and I) work together not in a time of disaster like it usually is when we need to call in a vet. It would have taken you (Dr. Homerosky) 1.5 hours to drive out here so you save all that time. I'm super happy with this new step in our management using the phone."

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## Ontario maple syrup producers launch new fall event: Fall in Love with Maple

The Ontario Maple Syrup Producers' Association (OMSPA) is pleased to announce the launch of a new event in Ontario, Fall in Love with Maple. Running from Sept. 25 to Oct. 3, this event includes participating sugarbushes from nearly 40 locations across Ontario and is a wonderful opportunity for people to get out and see the fall colours in some of the most beautiful locations in the province.

"Fall is such a magical time in the sugarbush, when the leaves change colours, and we wanted to be able to share that experience with others," Leann Thompson, Chair of the OMSPA Maple Weekend working group said. "The success of the spring provincial event, Maple Weekend, tells us that people love to learn more about making maple syrup and celebrate Ontario's maple heritage."

In 2020 and 2021, Maple Weekend was cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns, however, this event in the past has attracted more than 15,000 visitors to rural locations and sugarbushes across Ontario. The fall event is hoped to draw those same visitors to the sugarbush during warmer weather, to take part in an outdoor maple-focused event.

Hosted by OMSPA, Fall in Love with Maple is a celebration of the Canadian tradition of maple syrup production, and features nine days of activities and specials at participating maple syrup producers across the province. This fun, free, family-friendly event will run between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. \*Participating sugarbushes may

limit their participation to specific week-ends or days and visitors are encouraged to check the website before heading out.

Visitors to participating sugarbushes during this nine-day event can expect to experience the stunning foliage that permeates maple sugarbushes, where the leaves transition from green to brilliant shades of gold, orange, and red. The event will feature guided or unguided trail walks, outdoor activities, and chatting one-on-one with the maple syrup producers who make this sweet liquid gold.

"We all love to see the fall colours in Ontario," Thompson said. "During Fall in Love with Maple you can visit a new sugarbush or head to an old favourite. You can stop at one location or visit a few in one day or over several, it's all up to you."

For its inaugural year, there will be close to 40 producers taking part in Fall in Love with Maple with participants from the following Ontario regions: Algoma, Algonquin & District, Eastern Area, Grey-Bruce & District, Lanark & District, Ottawa Valley, Quinte & District, Simcoe & District, Southwestern Area and Waterloo-Wellington.

A list of participating Fall in Love with Maple maple syrup producers is available on the Ontario Maple website, along with further details about specials and activities for visitors at the nearly 40 locations across the province. Visitors are invited to visit the website at <https://www.ontariomaple.com/fall-in-love-with-maple/> for more information.



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# South Simcoe 4-H clubs celebrate Achievement Day



Champion heifer and showperson Emma Hulse at right and Reserve Champion heifer and showperson David Kirby.

## Cookstown 4-H Beef Club News Report

By Madeleine Cullen

On Saturday August 21st we had our Cookstown 4-H Beef club achievement day at the farm of Bill and Lynne Gilpin and family. We started the morning bright and early washing, drying, clipping and grooming for the show events to come. The members all got changed into their show clothes and the showmanship classes started. We had three age categories for the judge to place. Emma Hulse was the Grand Champion showperson and David Kirby was the Reserve Champion showperson. The judge Casey van Kessel then placed the heifers in the confirmation classes. A Hereford heifer shown by Emma Hulse was the Grand Champion and a Simmental heifer shown by David Kirby was the Reserve Champion. For the first time, the show also had a costume class, there were many great costumes and one of the heifers even wore a saddle. We had a wonderful achievement day and all the members worked very hard. Congratulations to all the members who completed the club! A big thank you to our leaders Elizabeth & Bill Gilpin for making this 4-H season awesome, you persevered through online meetings and Covid-19. Thank you to all the family members of the Gilpin family for generously hosting the achievement day. Thank you to the Cookstown Agricultural Society for supplying the ribbons. Thank you to Casey van Kessel for judging the classes.

## Cloverbud News Report

By Elise Patton

On Tuesday September 14th we had Cloverbud Achievement Day at leader Devon's place! First I showed everyone my bunny Parsley. Next we enjoyed pizza and cupcakes. After that, we showed pictures and told what we did this summer! There were pictures of making experiments, composters and working with animals! For our fun activity we painted pumpkins and got to take home a giant pumpkin too! Thank you to leaders Tamara, Marieke and Devon. You were fantastic leaders that made my and other members summer terrific!



In the photo above to the left is Champion cockerel named "Austin" and member Alyssa Bray. In the above photo to the right is Champion pullet named "Ash" and member Jessa Bray.

## South Simcoe 4-H Poultry Club News Report

By Madeleine Cullen

The South Simcoe Poultry club held their achievement day Saturday September 11th at Greg and Nadina Bray's farm. What an amazing day. The leaders went over the covid 19 rules and regulations to start. Gerald Donnelly from Mono Mills was the official judge and was amazing with all the members. Gerald is a heritage poultry and waterfowl breeder and is well known in the poultry and waterfowl circles. We all had a great time as each member showed their bird to him and answered numerous questions. He named a Champion and a Reserve Champion show person. He also placed the Champion Cockerel and the Champion Pullet. He gave each member a showmanship mark, exhibit mark and loads of praise and encouragement. Maya Bray presented Gerald with a gift basket of maple syrup products and a thank you card signed by all the members. Thank you to the Cookstown Agricultural Fair Society for supplying the ribbons. The members all applauded Gerald and are hoping to tour his farm next year in person. All the members toured the Bray farm after the show and released the turkeys to pasture. What a sight that was to witness but was more fun to be a participant.



Learn To Do By Doing

## 4-H Cookstown Mini Horse Club

By Isabella Cullen

The Cookstown Mini Horse Club held their achievement day at the Essa Agriplex on Friday August 27th. It was a perfect weather day for being outside. The leaders went over the covid 19 rules and regulations that needed to be followed before activity began. The show started around 9 a.m. with the introduction of Judge Judy Gaspard. There were 3 classes of showmanship and then the Grand and Reserve Champions were named. The 4-H members, judge and course officials walked the obstacle course and had their opportunity to ask questions before the event began. The members participated and placements were given. The members then viewed a demonstration of the ball and pylon event before participating in the ball and pylon event. Placements were given. The judge was thanked by the members and the small group of spectators applauded. The members cleaned up their outside tie areas and the rink of any garbage. The club might have one more in person get together before the end of September.



Shown above is Rachael Dykstra Champion Mini Horse Showperson and her mini horse named Ginger.



In the photo to the left is Danya Orr Reserve Champion Mini Horse Showperson and her mini horse named Charlie.

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## Cookstown 4-H Achievement Day Results

### Cookstown Beef Club Showmanship

#### Junior:

Morgan Gilpin

#### Intermediate:

1. David Kirby

2. Ben Gilpin

#### Senior:

1. Emma Hulse

2. Cordelia Vincent

**Champion:** Emma Hulse

**Reserve:** David Kirby

#### Conformation

#### Jr. Yearling:

1. Ben Gilpin

2. Paige Moore

#### Sr. Yearling:

1. Emma Hulse

2. David Kirby

#### Champion Yearling:

Emma Hulse

#### Reserve:

David Kirby

### Cookstown Mini Horse

#### Showmanship

#### Novice:

Danya Orr

#### Junior:

1. Katiral Faun

2. Amber Folliott

#### Intermediate and Senior:

1. Rachael Dykstra

2. Madeleine Cullen

#### Champion:

Rachael Dykstra

#### Reserve:

Danya Orr

### Cookstown Dairy Club

#### Showmanship

#### Junior:

1. Rachael Lange

2. Emily Tibbitts

3. Arley Cochrane

#### Intermediate:

1. Emi Lange

2. Grace Finch

3. Rebecca Lange

#### Senior:

1. Jack Lange

2. Riley Broad

#### Conformation

#### Junior Heifer:

1. Emi Lange

2. Rachael Lange

#### Intermediate Heifer:

1. Rebecca Lange

2. Arley Cochrane

#### Senior Heifer:

1. Grace Finch

2. Emily Tibbitts

#### Junior Yearling Heifer:

1. Jack Lange

2. Riley Broad

#### Champion:

Grace Finch

#### Reserve:

Jack Lange

Group of three in

#### Interclub

Emi Lange

Grace Finch

Jack Lange

**The Cookstown 4-H clubs would like to thank the Essa & District Agricultural Society for the use of their grounds for our Achievement Day and the Cookstown Agricultural Society for sponsorship.**

## Reports from the South Simcoe 4-H clubs

### South Simcoe 4-H Rabbit Club news report



*By Abby Patton*

On Tuesday August 24th 2021 the Rabbit club met for the last time. We had a special guest: Michelle Breukelman from Wonderland Rabbits. She showed us a few angora rabbits and talked about grooming them. We got to name one of the rabbits. Its name is now Co-co. Then she talked to us about different types of wool. Then we had the business portion of the meeting. After that we played a game that Marianne set up for us. Finally the meeting was adjourned.

### Cookstown & Everett 4-H Sheep Club Report

*By Morgan Gilpin*

On August 18th the Cookstown and Everett 4-H sheep club had their 5th meeting in person at the farm of Grant Cowan. The president started the meeting at 6:30 pm with the club's minutes of the last meeting. At this meeting most of the members brought their 4-H lambs because we had Logan, a local sheep shearer, present to demonstrate how to shear the lambs and shear the lambs for the show. All the members practiced showmanship with their lamb and we also switched lambs with others members so the lambs get used to other handlers. It was a great meeting.

On Monday September 13th the Cookstown and Everett 4-H Sheep club had their 6th meeting online with zoom at 7:30pm. The Vice President started the meeting off with the minutes from the last meeting and then we did a roll call in which the question was what was your favorite thing about returning back to school. Then we discussed our achievement day which is Sunday September 26 at 10:00 am at the Collingwood fairgrounds. We watched a video about showmanship and we had a chance to ask questions about what's expected in the show ring, and what the dress code is for the achievement day, etc. We then played a kahoot game which was made by our youth leader. It consisted of trivia on some of the things we have learned this 4-H year.

### Cookstown and Everett Judging 4-H Club

*By Milana Palmateer*

The Cookstown and Everett 4-H Judging club just received their results from the Region 3 and 4 virtual Judging Competition. All eight members participated in this competition. We had members place in the top five in three of the five age classes. Nick Senick was second in the novice category. Isabella Cullen was first in the junior category. Madeleine Cullen was fifth in the intermediate category. The leaders also participated in this event in the open category. Leader Scott Cullen finished second and Leader Grant Cowan was fourth in the open event. South Simcoe had a great result at this event. What a well planned and organized event! Thank you to all the volunteers involved in organizing the Region 3 and 4 virtual Judging Competition.

### South Simcoe Garden Club 4-H News Report

*By Isabella Cullen*

At the Garden meeting we held on September 1st the members watched a video on flower arranging. Lots of great tips were shared. The lady even made weeds look amazing. Leader Lisa had arranged for a gardener from the Nation Capital Commission to make a presentation to tell us about her career and show beautiful photos

of the grounds her crew keep. Wow is all I could say. We wrapped up with a quiz that Leader Marieke had put together of the years meeting topics. We all did an amazing job with the quiz so we have all demonstrated that we have done a great job of learning to do by doing. Our club members are busy getting ready for our achievement day which will be September 19th.

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## First Georgian Bay festival a success!

Story and photos by Roslyn Watkins



The first annual Georgian Bay Festival saw 2,000 guests come out to enjoy the live music on a beautiful day in September. The festival also offered good eats, a memory lane of vintage equipment and lots of family fun.



Christie Hughes, owner of Feelin' Crafty, was one of 90 vendors on site in the Market Lane of the festival.

## NVCA looking for landowners and volunteers interested in tree planting projects

Want to get involved in greening the Nottawasaga Watershed this spring by planting trees?

Every year, the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) provides grants to help landowners plant between 100,000 to 250,000 trees to help restore the Nottawasaga Watershed.

NVCA is now looking for interested landowners and volunteers to help plant trees for Spring 2022. To be eligible, projects must include over 100 trees planted three to five metres apart. Grants range between 50% -100% up to \$1,000 for eligible plantings. Special funding is available for areas along streams and wetlands and windbreaks. For properties over 2.5 acres, NVCA's forestry staff offers large-scale tree planting services.

The best time to plant trees is in the Spring. To ensure a good selection of species, NVCA recommends reserving trees early in the fall before the year they are planted. Depending on the size of the project, trees can be planted by the landowner, or NVCA staff can help arrange a volunteer group to help for a great day of planting.

"I can't say how much we've been missing our amazing volunteers!" said Shannon Stephens, NVCA's Healthy Waters Coordinator. "Typically, we have over 2,000 volunteers and landowners help on habitat and water quality projects, but the COVID-19 pandemic has greatly reduced the volunteer restoration days. We're hoping to have a great green Spring in 2022 and welcome all our volunteers back."

Interested landowners and volunteers can contact Shannon Stephens at 705-424-1479 ext. 239 or [sstephens@nvca.on.ca](mailto:sstephens@nvca.on.ca) for further details.

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## Cowan Family Farm

*By Grant Cowan May, 2018 from Innisfil Historical Review 2020, Bicentennial Edition.*

For over 150 years, the Cowan family has been farming on the north half of Lot 11, Concession 8. Over several generations, the farm has produced a variety of crops and livestock, including pigs, chickens, and cattle. The farm is currently being operated by the fourth and fifth generations. Over the last several years, it has remained fairly static and is focusing on sheep and lamb production, as well as growing forages and cash crop soybeans and wheat. The sixth generation is developing an interest in the farm and enjoys working with the lambs.

Like all farms, there are several challenges encountered in the day-to-day operation of the farm. Many of these challenges are the same as experienced by prior generations—weather, markets, and pests, among others. However, there are several new challenges that haven't been experienced before, or at least not in this area. These include stiffer government regulations (environmental and animal welfare, for example), urbanization, and less knowledge by the general public of how a farm operates. Another challenge experienced by our family (and I am sure many others) is the challenge of balancing the farm duties around a full-time off-farm job and family commitments. Although there are many challenges, none

are insurmountable with the determination to get things done.

With all the hard work and challenges, one might wonder why we do this. To me, it is the feel and sounds of spring, the sight of new lambs running and playing, the smell of fresh-cut hay, and the colours of crops ripening in the sun. It is rewarding to see nature and the cycle of growing and harvesting and to overcome the above-mentioned challenges. Seeing the results of your hard work is one of the most rewarding experiences. And as I have heard before, farming becomes a part of you and it is hard to imagine not doing it.—

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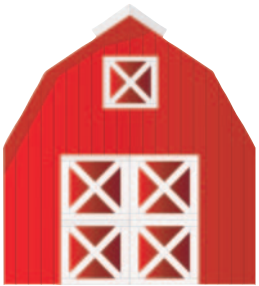
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# After The Chores: Rotten Kid

By Cathy Hamill-Hill



This year there is a doe kid earning her the name “Rotten Kid.”

The plan years back was to exit goats and the number was down to three does. Then, I got sad. I went down the list of what was wrong in my life to make me feel so suddenly sad and found nothing except the plan to sell the final 3 goats at Woodville Salebarn the following Saturday. I pushed back the sale date to “some time” and sad left. I realized then that selling off goats was never going to work for me. Pets that eat hay aren’t reality here so the next plan was to find a buck for those three does. I found D.W. who was a purebred LaMancha, the first ever owned.

D.W. stands for something I’m not admitting here because I didn’t name him- he was named as a young kid because he was a terror in his youth. He was a cute little guy, black with a jagged white blaze on his side. He was a great thinker and we often found him on the freezer we used for grain storage, he would bounce up there and then he would flip the lights on with his nose. We got him off the freezer- and then came back to find the lights back on and D.W. on the ground. He followed us to the house- and then would sneak in behind so fast that we found him halfway up the stairs behind us more than once. He bounced onto the deck, ricocheted off the flower pots and then dashed away to the barn. We couldn’t keep him in a pen and he nearly ended up sold until he reached maturity when he calmed right down.

The buck we have now is a handsome pure white LaMancha named Vacce (rhymes with trace) which is short for Vaccinate. Vacce’s one fault is that he doesn’t produce many doe kids, he gave us none the first year and one this year. The one doe kid looks like she was dipped in caramel.

This kid moved out of the goat pen as soon as she could walk. She went back to the goat pen for meals only and romped through the barn the rest of the time. She was incredibly cute dancing around looking like a caramel apple on four little hooves.

When I found another pot of chewed off red geraniums, I decided to lock this Rotten Kid in the barn. She had acres of grass and forage to nibble on- but instead she chose my favourite flowers instead. I was ticked when I found her chomping down another geranium- and blamed it on Sweetie for leaving the gate open. But, as he pointed out, the gate was closed and Rotten Kid still had a geranium in her mouth. The geranium was put back in the pot- and that kid was marched into the barn. With no shame, the kid went right back to the gate- and slid her hoof under it landing on the ground outside. She slid in a back foot

then she shoved herself hard to pry open the gate just a bit. She slid herself using her feet first, right under the gate emerging in a crumpled heap on the ground outside. She jumped up, shook herself and danced back to my geraniums. I was so mad. Sweetie always says getting mad is a waste of time. He came out of his garage hauling a piece of old fencing- and some power tools to make a Rotten Kid-proof gate.

When the recent holiday pushed goat prices sky high, Sweetie asked “what about selling that Rotten Kid?” I explained this was a herd builder- Sweetie asked if I wanted a whole herd like this one day. By this time, Rotten Kid had mastered the “slide.” The slide is how a goat can follow so close behind you that when you open a gate, it slides in behind you unnoticed. This kid slides in behind us every time to get grain- and then goes from bag to bag as in a buffet. She prefers sheep ration but she enjoys a dash of chick grower and laying mash too. Her second favourite is rabbit pellets.

I had a friend that I call “Uncle Ed” come here to help me with rabbit selection and Rotten Kid made the most of the time. Rotten kid did her slide in behind us- but she had her breakfast before so this time she was bored. She bounced a few times on the feed bags but she found more fun bouncing on the table- and then leaping off. On/off was her new game sending the table’s contents clattering to the floor. Uncle Ed has no jealousy over owning goats after her performance and watching me try to catch Rotten Kid to move her.

Rotten Kid likes to go on pasture but only on dry, sunny, cool, wind free days on certain pastures with the sheep. She races out behind the sheep every day- but races right back if conditions don’t meet her criteria.

I plan to get to change Rotten Kid’s name when she grows up but so far, she’s Rotten Kid. I caught her with my geraniums again on route back from the sheep pasture.

## Connecting every region to high-speed internet by the end of 2025

By Doug Downey, MPP

The government of Ontario is taking the next steps to help bring high-speed internet access to every community by the end of 2025. Recently, the province launched a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) as part of a new competitive bidding process to connect more than 300,000 homes and businesses in unserved and underserved areas.

This new RFQ process is part of the commitment of nearly \$4 billion as part of the 2021 Ontario Budget to meet the promise of connecting every region to high-speed internet by the end of 2025. This is the single largest investment in high-speed internet, in any province, by any government in Canadian history. This makes Ontario one of the few jurisdictions in Canada with its own comprehensive and proactive plan to achieve 100 per cent connectivity.

The new procurement process, led by Infrastructure Ontario, builds on the province’s recently announced investment of up to \$14.7 million for 13 new projects under its Improving Connectivity for Ontario (ICON) program. This investment is providing up to 17,000 homes and businesses with access to reliable high-speed internet. It also builds on a range of other

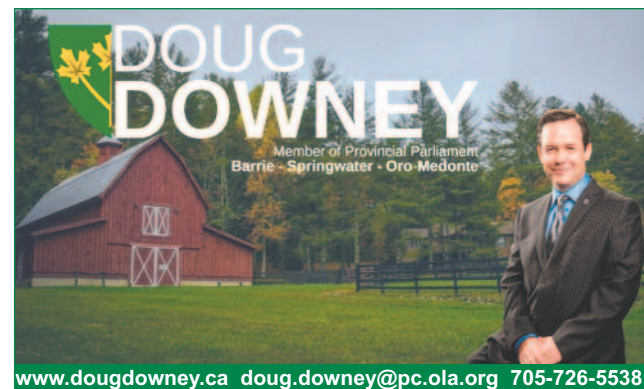
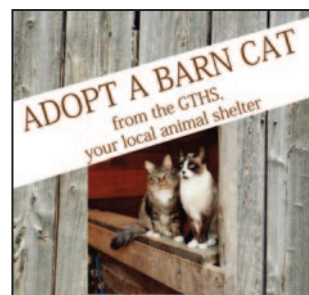
previously announced provincial initiatives that will connect another 70,000 homes and businesses throughout Southwestern and Northern Ontario.

Under the new and innovative procurement process, qualified internet service providers (ISP) will later bid – through a series of reverse auctions – for opportunities to provide connectivity throughout Ontario. The ‘reverse auction’ process will solicit interest from prospective ISPs interested in the procurement process. Details on the process, and of the lots, will be shared with ISPs. In addition, ISPs will submit qualifications on their ability to deliver high-speed internet and will be evaluated for qualification in the next stage of the process.

Interested participants will be provided information on available service areas for bidding that will include geographical maps, approximate number of underserved

areas and unserved premises to be connected, as well as an estimate reserve price (i.e. maximum available subsidy).

The RFQ process is currently scheduled to close on October 14, 2021. Interested participants had the opportunity to submit questions to Infrastructure Ontario between the RFQ launch, which was September 9 to September 22, 2021. In the coming months, the government plans to announce the results of the reverse actions, along with additional details on how it will help ensure every region in Ontario has access to high-speed internet by the end of 2025.



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## Crop walk in North Simcoe: analysis of the root systems

By Cathy Hamill-Hill

North Simcoe was the host of the third in the series of Crop Walks presented by the Georgian Soil and Crop Improvement Association.

This crop walk featured soil root pits dug in a corn field with heavily compacted soil. Each pit was dug in a different management zone for this year's crop. In the pits were two OMAFRA staff, Soil Scientist Dan Saurette, Land Resource Specialist; and Alex Barrie, Soil Management Engineer. The two experts provided an analysis of the root systems and soil structures seen in the pits.

The event featured Bev Agar, President of North Simcoe SCIA, Andy Van Niekerk, Georgian SCIA provincial director, and Matt Ververs, who masterminded this plot and event. The site was located in Elmvale. Six tillage practices were done pre planting, to compare how they would compare against each other beneath the heavily compacted soil. Observation from Soil Scientist Dan indicated that this area was a lake bottom, and that it would have been beneath water thousands of years ago. "The clay deposits that show bright orange prove this was a lake bottom and we know this type of land runs from here (in North Simcoe County) right down to Prince Edward County (in eastern Ontario). Engineer Alex pointed out that the top four inches of this soil profile was "very compacted to the point that it was made into a patio slab right across the field," he said.

The first pit was planted green into cereal rye that was terminated after planting. Although in the stand, population was not ideal, it was impressive beneath the soil to see what the natural root "tillage" had accomplished. It was in the end, the most even, and had the best soil tilth of all the sites. Seed depth at planting did not make it to the moisture which affected this plot, and the no till plot.

No till was the next plot. This plot had a high worm presence with many evident "worm holes and worm middens" which is what I like to see in a field," commented Andy. Engineer Alex commented that "the depth of the (corn) root was at least 60 cm into the soil as it was searching for moisture." He also added that "you want to see your roots holding


on and traveling throughout the soil, which means it is better able to draw nutrients into the plant. The more roots means the more location available to do the business of growing." He said the negative about this site however was that it was easy to pull out the plant. It could have used more deep rooted main roots, but they could not get down due to compaction and no tillage.

The third root pit saw a fall pass of a deep ripper set at 18 inches and on 30 inch centers. This pass did prove to fracture the soil at depth, but still left very large soil aggregates. This helped for root penetration between the shanks. Vertical root mass was improved but with the high HP and extra fuel burned, this practice is not ideal for entire fields, and may be better suited for specific issue areas in a field. Andy suggested using a stand of alfalfa for 3-4 years and let it do the tillage for you.

Plot four, featured a fall pass with a shank strip till unit that applied fertilizer in the fall beneath where the corn seed was to be planted in the spring. It saw a "spring fresher" pass with vertical blades to soften the seed bed and warm/dry the strip before planting. A corn stalk here was easy to pull out, and showed a good root system. Soil Scientist Dan commented, "The aggregates here are smaller and more manageable."

Plot five was a spring strip till, four blades instead of a shank. Here, when a corn stalk was pulled out, there was more of a root ball, but it was a shallow root system. "We can see there are shelves in this soil, like steps. The roots here gave up past the first shelf and started to travel sideways- but the corn looks like it did well," observed Engineer Alex.

The last plot was a single spring pass of a vertical till disk, running at approximately 3 inches. Andy commented, "I'm not a fan of this because it runs the risk of the residue pinching the seed, because all that residue is in that top 2.5 inch depth." In the pit, the risk was realized. It was "found that roots did not even get down past last year's crop roots. The chunks here are so thick and hard we cannot even break them up," Engineer Alex concluded.






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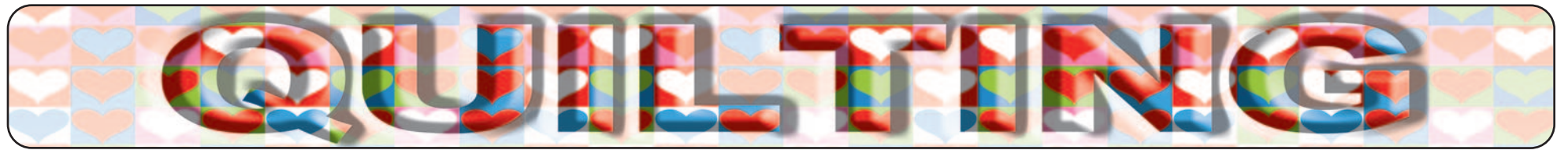
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## Severn River Inn was known for its Haunted Hospitality

Guests of the former Severn River Inn felt as though they were transported back to an earlier, simpler time. The Inn was so peaceful that over the years some 'guests' seemingly refused to check out.

The Severn River Inn was – and perhaps remains – the afterlife home of at least two ghosts. One is a little girl, often mischievous and playful, sometime sad and lonely.

### Village stories

by Andrew Hind

The other is a former proprietor, most likely the inn's founder, who continues his daily duties unaware of the fact that he is no longer part of our physical world. The ghost of the little girl was the most active of the out-of-time pair. Owners reported playful taps on the shoulder, or tugs on the coat while raking the leaves in the yard. The sounds of a children playing could sometime be heard in the back staircase.

The antics of this spectral child kept the staff entertained, and occasionally frustrated. Objects would frequently go missing. A special knife used in the kitchen disappeared and was never seen again, as did a piping bag used for decorating cakes. Whispering voices were heard, furniture moved around, and lights went on and off on their own accord.

While this ghostly half-pint was never seen, the same could not be said of the former proprietor. Once, a staff member went into the basement, only to find herself standing face-to-face with an 'old-fashioned gentleman' who had a handlebar moustache and wore the clothes of a nineteenth century shopkeeper. The woman fled upstairs and refused to ever go into the basement alone again.

Many believe this gentleman was the building's original owner, James Jackson Jr., who built it back in 1906 after a fire that ravaged most of the small village, including his first inn, the 40-room Lakeview Hotel. Jackson ran the Severn River Inn until his death in 1942. Others suggest it may even be his father, James Sr., who settled the land in 1858 and raised a home that evolved into a store and post office on the exact spot that the Severn River Inn would occupy.

Whichever Jackson he may be, the ghost has only been seen a few times over the years, but he made himself heard

frequently. One night, the chef and one of the owners were alone in the building when they heard footsteps upstairs. The floors creak, so the sound of footsteps was unmistakable. They listened as the footsteps repeatedly crossed the floor, went up and down the back stairs, and then suddenly stopped after the door of an upstairs bedroom was slammed. Understandably, neither woman volunteered to investigate the mysterious noises.

It's not just the owners and their staff who had run-ins with the supernatural. Guests likewise witness strange things at the inn. One autumn night, a married couple stayed at the inn after having spent the day driving the backroads of Muskoka, enjoying the spectacular fall foliage for which the region is famed.

In the middle of the night, the woman, Olivia, slipped from the bed to use the bathroom. When she returned she found the room freezing cold with its curtains dancing in the moonlit window. Olivia initially thought her husband must have opened the window for some air without realizing how chilly it was outside. But when she crossed the cold floor, she found the window securely closed. Nor was there a draft that would explain the numbing chill or the flowing curtains.

Olivia jumped back in bed to hear the pitiful sound of a young child crying. "It sounded like a little girl, so sad and lonely, and there was something about it that terrified me," she remembers.



Moments later, Olivia became aware that someone was in the hallway beyond the door. She heard the soft cushioned sound of light feet walking down the carpeted corridor, stopping outside the door to her room. Olivia lay paralyzed by fright, eyes fixed on the door, praying that darkness would hide her from whatever lurked just beyond. She was sure that at any moment the knob would turn, the door would slowly swing open, and the deathly image of a long-dead child would stand framed in the doorway.

She breathed a sigh when the footsteps continued down the hall and disappeared. Had she not been afraid to breathe, Olivia would have screamed with relief.

The Severn River Inn was so warm that it was hard for guests to pull themselves away when their stays were over. Perhaps the same applied to spirits as well? Maybe the ghosts inhabiting Severn River Inn simply refused to check out from the comfortable inn. Are they still there since it was converted to a residence? Only the owners know...

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## Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety! Fire Prevention Week, 2021

By Dennis Gannon

Fire Prevention Week in North America this year runs from October 3 to 9th and the theme this year is Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety. Fire Departments are asking residents to Let's Get Loud by testing your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms today and every month. Show yourself and your family testing your alarms and post it to your social media channels. Challenge your family and friends to do the same. Use the hashtag, #getloud.

This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety! works to educate everyone about the different sounds that smoke and carbon monoxide alarms make. Knowing what to do when an alarm sounds will keep you and your family safe. When an alarm makes noises – a beeping sound or a chirping sound – you must take action.

Do you know what your smoke alarm is telling you with those beeps? Testing alarms produces a beep, the continuous sound of alarms is an emergency. If equipped, replace the batteries if the alarms do not sound when the test button is pushed. If the alarms still don't sound, replace the alarms. It's the only way that they will work. Testing your alarms monthly is the best way to ensure they are working correctly

and that you and your family can be alerted in the event of a fire. Knowing the different sounds your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms make can save you, your loved ones, and your home.

Take immediate action if your smoke or carbon monoxide alarms sound. If the alarms beep or sound continuously then it is an emergency and everyone must leave the home immediately. If your alarms chirp, replace the batteries or alarms immediately.

Smoke alarms have a life expectancy of 10 years and must be replaced at the end of their time. Carbon Monoxide alarms usually last between 7 and 10 years. There is always a replacement date on the units and you should follow the manufacturer's instructions.

It is also important to have a Fire Safety Plan so that everyone knows what to do and where to meet in the event of an emergency. If you haven't developed one, now is the time to do it and practice it with your family today.

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# Save the date Grey Bruce Farmers' Week 2022!

It goes without saying that the past many months have been difficult! Looking to the remainder of this year, and into 2022, there is continued uncertainty as to what the impacts from the variants of COVID-19 will bring! There is no doubt that in-person gatherings are sorely missed, and we all certainly crave to be in Elmwood, sitting down to a hot roast beef meal among friends. But, until that is safely possible, the Grey Bruce Farmers' Week (GBFW) committee, with the support of their Premier Sponsor FCC, have made the decision to deliver, for the second year in a row, "the best virtual conference possible" in January 2022. GBFW has been there for local producers and beyond for 55 years. It will continue to be there in its 56th year but delivered online only. Some may ask why this decision was made at this time. To co-ordinate this online delivery to its fullest potential, the committee decided to choose this path now, rather than it being a rushed Plan B closer to January. GBFW is recognized as one of the most well-organized conferences in Ontario. By pivoting to virtual now, coordinators can ensure that that reputation is maintained.

Without the limitations of long-distance travel, and wintery

weather, GBFW is available to anyone, from anywhere. Additionally, without the requirement for speakers to travel, the conference can draw from a broader pool of presenters – Sheep Day will feature a veterinarian from the UK. There will still be industry updates, producer mingle periods, speaker Q&As, producer panels, and of course, the top-notch educational content that is expected of GBFW.

Our Virtual #GBFW21 was incredible, and we learned a lot! So, we will build upon the strengths of our first ever virtual conference, to tweak and create an even better Virtual #GBFW22. An example of one of our adaptations is that our first day, Jan 4, will be Check Your Tech Tuesday (CYTT). This will be an opportunity for everyone to get comfortable with the platform, make sure their technology works, check out the sponsors and supporters, and listen to some dynamite speakers! Anyone with a ticket for any of the days will get a complimentary ticket to CYTT.

To find more information about Grey Bruce Farmers' Week 2022, including speaker profiles, daily agendas, sponsors, exhibitors, and how to register, please go to the website, [www.gbfcw.ca](http://www.gbfcw.ca).

Lastly, don't forget to mark the GBFW22 dates on your calendar – you sure won't want to miss them!

Check Your Tech Tuesday – January 4th, 2022

Beef Day – Wednesday, January 5th, 2022

Dairy Day – Thursday, January 6th, 2022

Goat Day – Friday, January 7th, 2022

Sheep Day – Saturday, January 8th, 2022

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Between now and January, the GBFW Committee hopes that everyone remains safe and healthy! They look forward to seeing familiar names and faces, and new ones, during the #GBFW22 virtual conference.

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