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The advertising and news deadline for the March issue of Farm View is **Tuesday, February 15th**.

Feb 15th: Dufferin Soil and Crop Improvement Association Virtual Annual Meeting

Dufferin Soil and Crop Improvement Association Virtual Annual Meeting **Tuesday, February 15th 9:30 am to 12pm**. Full details in advertisement on page 19.

Feb 23rd: AgKnowledge Forum

AgKnowledge Forum Accessing Agriculture Resources and Technologies.

Wednesday, February 23rd 10:00 am to 11:30 am.

Contact martin@nottawasaga.com for more information or visit <https://nottawasaga.com>.

Feb 23rd & 24th: Beef Farmers of Ontario Annual General Meeting

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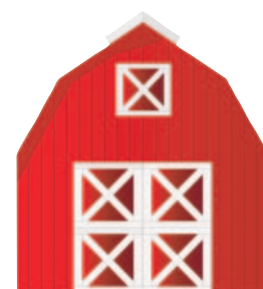
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North Simcoe GRAIN Project Summary 2021

Story and photo provided by Luke Langman

It has been said that a farmer must be an optimist or they wouldn't still be a farmer. This is true of a group of farmers in the Elmvale area who continue to raise crops in support of the North Simcoe G.R.A.I.N. Project. GRAIN stands for Grain Raised Aiding International Needs and all the money raised goes to help hungry people around the world through the Canadian Food Grains Bank.

The 2021 growing season brought its challenges with a dry spring but the timely rains in July filled out the crops and we had a successful year.

Income
Personal donations \$12,650.00
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Money Raised to Relieve Hunger in 2021 \$67,502.39

A huge THANK YOU to all of our supporters. BJS Farm Supply provided all the crop care spray and Veolia Water donated three loads of fertilizer pellets. David Spring planted the wheat, Justin Jarick spread the fertilizer, Langcrest Farms had land in the project and harvested the wheat, and Addis Grain trucked the wheat to market. The Kapetyn family donated one load of corn through Floridale Feed. Our treasurer Morley Minty continues to crunch the numbers and help organize. Roger Spence is our production manager who continues to plan and farm the crops including plowing, spraying and fertilizing.

We bring the sad news of the passing of our founder, co-ordinator and promoter of this project Sam Langman. He brought much energy and passion to this hunger relief effort through church visits, the interactive booths at the Elmvale Fall Fair and the donuts at harvest. As the need arises, we will continue to build on the past. In it's 22 years the North Simcoe GRAIN Project has raised \$1,431,000 and with a 4:1 match by the government this number means that \$7,155,000 has gone to increase food security around the world. Please contact us if you would like to contribute.


Luke Langman
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On the Cover

Calving Tips reported by Cathy Hamill-Hill from the Grey Bruce 56th Annual Farmers' Week, see page 10.

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While working on the February issue I have been pleasantly overwhelmed by many kind, positive and encouraging comments and emails from readers and advertisers alike. I received a beautiful phone call from an advertiser and I'm hoping he will put his words to paper so that I may share them with you in the next issue. Even if he doesn't, I'd like him to know how much that phone call meant to me. Thank you everyone for the encouragement and letting me know I'm on the right track for carrying on in my Dad's (former publisher) footsteps and upholding the reputation of the paper he built.

On that note, Cathy Hamill-Hill had a wonderful idea to find out what you, the readers, would like to read more of. Please turn to page 8 and participate in the survey "What do you Farm?"

I would like to draw your attention to a new advertiser in the ag directory. Colin's Small Engines information can be found on page 21. Colin was a previous advertiser with my Dad and has returned. If you have the need for small engine maintenance or repair, please give him a call.

In this issue Cathy gives us excellent coverage of the

Grey Bruce Farmers' Week and the Ontario Agricultural Conference. Both were very well run events and we look forward to more reports from these events in the March issue.

Former publisher, John Beischer, has written an article on the origin of the Quilting page. I encourage all quilters to submit their stories, I would love to print them. Tell us how you got 'the quilting bug.'

*As always, take care of yourselves and one another,
Roslyn Watkins*

LETTERS

Dear Roslyn, I so enjoy reading every article. Pandee makes me smile. Cathy Hamill-Hill writes a fabulous humorous family life column. History, 4-H, livestock, crops, recipes, it covers it all. Thank you so much for continuing this excellent farm paper.

Best regards
Dorothy Ann Wilcox
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Grain Farmers of Ontario 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, has opened registration for its 2022 March Classic: Sowing the Seeds of Opportunity, Innovation and Tomorrow to take place in London, Ontario.

The 2022 March Classic will be held on March 22, 2022, at RBC Place in London. The event will be in-person, but speakers will also be live-streamed for those who are not able to attend.

The stellar lineup for the 2022 March Classic includes:

Jody Wilson-Raybould, leader, author, and former Member of Parliament.

The first Canadian live taping of The U.S. Farm Report with host Tyne Morgan.

Sonny Perdue, the 31st United States Secretary of Agriculture.

Canadian comedian and the Internet's favourite (unproven) Dad: Stewart Reynolds, also known as Brittlestar as the entertainment feature for the evening banquet.

"We are excited to be able to see everyone in person again. We know it's been difficult to not be together very much over the past couple of years, but the March Classic is the perfect event to bring us back together again," said Victoria Berry, Manager, Communications, Grain Farmers of Ontario. "We are also proud to announce our incredible speaker lineup, which will shine a spotlight on diverse topics

for our attendees – from leadership to trade and political relationships, to grain markets, and beyond."

The March Classic has been the premier event for the Grain Farmers of Ontario since 2010.

"We would like to thank all of the farmer-members, exhibitors and sponsors for their loyal support of the March Classic throughout the years," said Crosby Devitt, CEO, Grain Farmers of Ontario. "Without your support it would be impossible to create this amazing legacy event, that helps bring our farmer-members and the industry together."

Registration is now open! Attendees can register for the 2022 March Classic by visiting www.gfo.ca/MarchClassic. Those who register early will be entered to win a tool prize valued at \$150 in the January early bird draw.

COVID-19 Reminder: Grain Farmers of Ontario places the health and safety of all participants and staff as a priority. The current COVID-19 environment means that Grain Farmers of Ontario will have to be very flexible and may need to adhere to changing requirements with little notice. We will be constantly monitoring requirements and restrictions for changes and act accordingly. Those attending in-person must be fully vaccinated and will be required to show proof of full vaccination before entering the event premises. Safe physical distancing and masks indoors may be required for those who attend. Please visit our website for up-to-date information www.gfo.ca.

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Ontario Agriculture Conference

Show me the money

By Cathy Hamill-Hill

The session “Show me the money” presented by the Ontario Agricultural Conference 2022 was a discussion about how to make supplemental income from an existing traditional soybean/grain farming operation.

Three experts, Dr. Brady Deaton, a Professor and McCain Family Chair in Food Security in the Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of Guelph and from Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), Chief Economist Steve Duff, an adjunct professor of agricultural economics at the University of Guelph and John Molenhuis, the Business Analysis

and Cost of Production Specialist with OMAFRA for the past 21 years. The session was moderated by Dr. Ian MacDonald, the Applied Research Coordinator for the Field Crops Unit of OMAFRA since 2000.

John Molenhuis presented a chart showing the expected revenue, operating cost and profit per acre for hay, corn, soybeans and winter wheat at this point in time. The top revenue, according to the chart, comes from hay at \$1,147 per acre with operating costs at \$811 and a profit of \$336. He clarified this was high quality hay sought out by the biggest markets. The biggest range came from the woodlot, profit ranged from \$37 - \$503 with operating costs ranging from .52 - \$840 per acre.

Huff explained that he is also a crop and beef farmer in Northumberland County. “The costs for hay production is 1/3 for the harvest. There is unique equipment aspects for hay production. It would depend on scale of the hay operation, with 50 acres affording the harvest equipment would not happen.”

Dr. MacDonald added, “Capital costs for hay includes specific equipment like a hay baler and hay dryer which are both expensive items. A combine can do everything for harvest for winter wheat. Using the existing capital is a consideration too.”

Molenhuis pointed out the value in rotating crops such as hay or winter wheat can be seen in the future with “yield bumps.” Bumping up the yields in crops following the rotation has been seen in trials to “an increase of yields of 3% in corn and 7% in soybeans.” He added at current crop values, that increase is significant.

Dr. Deaton further suggested that crop farmers with multiple parcels of land could focus on “the landlord side” of the business and rent out properties for other uses such as

managing a woodlot.

Woodlots are often forgotten as sources of possible revenue. Huff explained that farmers need to consider how to “manage their land portfolios but people are creatures of habit, people don't often think outside the box,” he said adding there is a whole new emergence of land owners. These new landowners are not farmers- but they own farmland that has production value.

Molenhuis explained there is a big range in woodlot management because “there are a lot of options including maple syrup production, fuel wood and timber sales. The 52 cents capital cost per acre is hiring a logger to come in and the logger takes off the harvest. The \$500 an acre shows this would be done for a supplement to an existing grain operation and not the main income. Many farms have woodlots that are not even considered as a revenue source.

Small farm properties are not often being bought by those in the farming community. “A lot of people from Toronto now own farmland. They don't want to see it plowed up and put in grains or beans. They like to see it looking natural- but they don't want it idle,” Molenhuis said adding that these landowners might accept a longterm lease for growing high quality hay.

Establishing a reputation in the farming community as to how a farmer uses the land can be important, he said explaining he had a relative that decided to sell his farm. “He sold his farm to the person who rented his land because he liked how he cared for the land. People want to see the value of the land. Land sitting idle shows it's not valued.”



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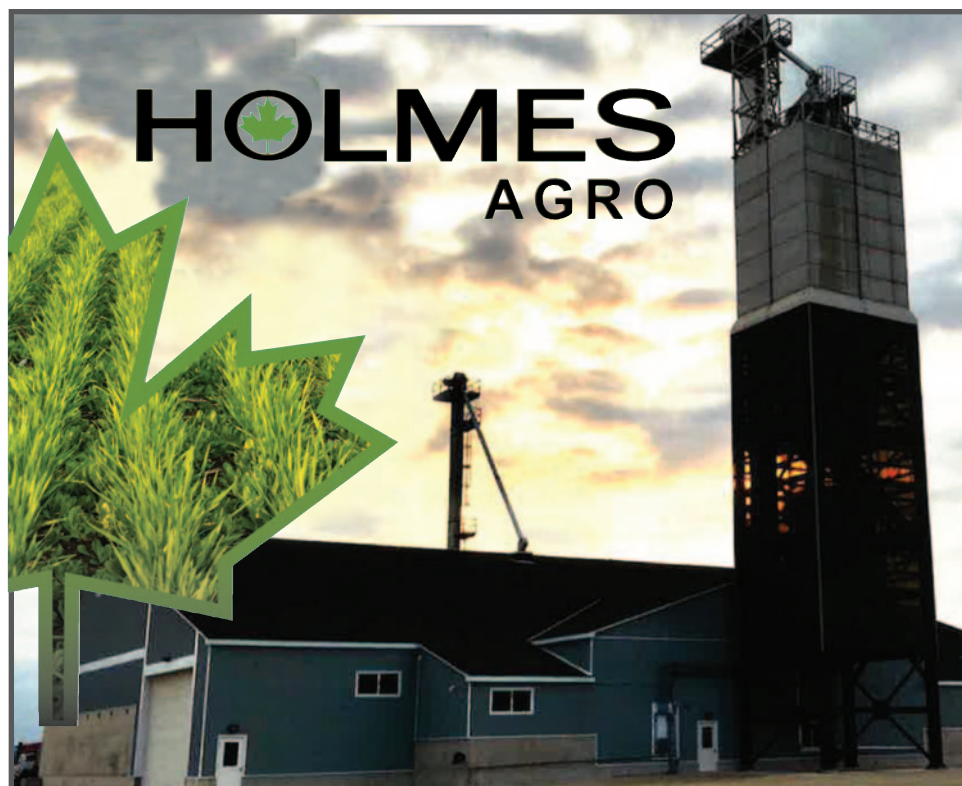
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Ontario Agriculture Conference

Wild weather terms explained by an expert

By Cathy Hamill-Hill

Weather is the big unknown in every season of the farmer's life. Session 16 titled "Wild Weather!" from the Ontario Agricultural Conference 2022, was all about explaining the terms we hear in weather forecasts.

The presenter for this topic was Jerry Shields, a Meteorologist specializing in Emergency Management and Critical Decision Weather Support

The last time Ontario was in a "polar vortex" was in February 2021. The Polar Vortex causes flash freezes and extended periods of colder than normal temperatures. While this term is not heard often, it's been around for over 100 years, Shields says explaining, "the polar vortex is a large circulation of low pressure and cold air that forms every year in the atmosphere in the north and south Poles."

In the winter, Ontario has a specialized snowfall warning system. He explained that there is a difference between "snowfall warning" and "snowsqualls" and "blizzard." The snowfall warning means that 15 cm of snow or more will fall within 12 hours or less. The snowsquall warning means that again, there is a predicted minimum of 15 cm of snow to fall in 12 hours or less but with the addition of winds that will reduce visibility to less than ½ kilometre for 3 hours or more of time. By far the worst for winter travel is the blizzard warning. Shield says, "a blizzard warning means winds of over 40 kilometres or greater causing widespread reductions in visibility of less than ½ a kilometre to blowing snow for over 4 hours.

Storms coming in for the winter often fall into two categories, "The Alberta Clipper" and the "Colorado Low." The Alberta Clipper is a fast moving low pressure system that usually begins in Alberta, just east of the Rocky Mountains. This system moves to the Great Lakes in under 3 days. "Alberta Clippers generate small-scale, short-lived weather events with 8-15 cm/4-6 inches of snow in a 3-6 hour period," Shields explains adding that sharp winds can be added in which can cause blizzard warnings to be issued.

A second category is the "Colorado Low" which is a low

pressure system that forms in Colorado or New Mexico. This system moves across the Great Plains and into the Great Lakes. "Colorado Lows often give mixed precipitation to Ontario, this is the freezing rain event with heavy snow after. These events produce heavy precipitation from Winnipeg to the Atlantic coast," he said.

In the summer, the worst impact to farming for longterm has to be the "heat dome." This term started in 2012. "Heat dome is extreme (hot) temperatures, often with temperature records being broken," Shields says explaining, "it's a high pressure system with a lid on it like a convection oven. Heat circulates within this system and it can't escape. Temperatures range from 30-40 degrees celcius and nights only drop down to the mid 20's." He said the impact for farming from a heat dome is drought and extreme heat stress for all involved, the farmer having to work in such heat along with the crops and animals.

After a time of extreme heat, there is often mention of funnel clouds and tornadoes. "A funnel cloud is a tornado that does not touch the ground. A tornado is a wind rotation that does touch the ground," he explained clarifying that a "water spout" is a tornado over water. A tornado can "cause devastating losses to crops and infrastructures" but it covers usually a small area. A "watch" means it could happen but a "warning" means it's happening and take cover now. Shields stressed that warnings for tornadoes can't be predicted long in advance so "there is very little warning to when they are going to happen."

The big weather picture is the El Nino-Southern Oscillation which has three different regions, El Nino, El Nina and a phase between the two. El Niño and La Niña are climate patterns in the Pacific Ocean.

These three patterns effect the weather in North America. Currently, North America is in El Nina. El Nina is considered the cooler of the two and has more snow and cold which effects the soil crop protection, Shield says adding, "this is also where the storm potential is."





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Election Season: What Does Government Need to Hear from Farmers?

By Paul Bootsma, Field Services Manager for the Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario

Here at CFFO, we are heading into our annual Policy Tour this winter, meeting with members across the province to get grassroots perspectives on certain topics. With the provincial election set for this spring, now is a good time to ask our members what government needs to hear from Ontario farmers. Our members will be asked to look ahead and identify what we'll need to keep agriculture & food production secure for the future.

In many ways, agriculture has done well over the past number of years. During the pandemic, the industry was able to continue to do its work. The government deemed food production essential and supported farmers. With a combined effort, the supply chain will continue to correct itself.

So, what then are some of the top issues for agriculture? Energy costs and carbon pricing come to mind quickly, but also preserving farmland, especially when we see such a push for both housing and development. How much farmland or open space should be given for new transportation routes?

Labour is another crucial part of food production, not only on the farm but also all the way to the dinner plate. Many different jobs are required in the process, from trucking,

processing and sorting at distribution facilities to retailers and restaurant staff. Securing a reliable workforce will be important for the industry.

Canada is seeing a decrease in the percentage of young people that make up the working population, due both to demographics and the pandemic. As the average age of workers increases, the potential for searching the globe for workers is becoming a reality.

Another topic of concern is food waste in Canada, which has impacts on both the environment and on food security. With Canadians throwing out over \$1,000 worth of food every year, many solutions can be found within the home, but there is much more that can be done to reduce waste.

The Policy Tour will be hosted online and will coincide with our district annual meetings for 2022. During these sessions, members will also be able to discuss local issues that affect them on the farm.

Be sure to join us to discuss how election topics relate to your farm, your region and the province as a whole. As an accredited farm organization, the CFFO looks forward to working with the government following the election.



"What do you Farm?" survey

Farm View wants to hear from you! We have access to many conferences, tradeshows and presentations each year. We would like to know which topics you would like more of, or less of. If we have a large population of readers that are chicken farmers, we will try to provide more coverage on chicken farming, as an example.

Please take a moment or two to tell us where you are from and "What do you Farm?" As well we would like to know how you receive the paper, by Canada Post, paid subscription, from a local business or do you read each issue online? And also, what are you enjoying in the newspaper? Is it the coverage of conferences, Village Stories, Innisfil Historical articles, 4-H? Or Aunt Hazel's column, the word search and occasional recipe? I had a reader tell me how much his brother's kids look forward to the word search. I had left the word search out of an issue last fall and the kids were disappointed. His feedback was very valuable to me, now I know to make sure to include it.

Responses will be gathered in three categories and a winner drawn from each. Prizes will be awarded. The three categories are; responses sent by mail, by email and on Facebook. Please be sure to include your name and complete address.

The survey will be open until March 10th and winners will be notified of their prize. Results of the survey will be published in the April issue of Farm View.

I look forward to getting to know all of you better and finding out what interests you, the readers!

Roslyn Watkins *Publisher, Farm View Newspaper*



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CFFO Policy Tour 2022 Keeping Agriculture on the Agenda

The Ontario election is on the horizon. What are the top issues for agriculture? Will it be energy needs and carbon pricing? Will it be protecting farmland in the face of demand for housing and infrastructure? Will it be finding workers to fill jobs along the food value chain, from farms to trucks to processing to restaurants?

What does government need to hear from farmers?

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OFA reminds Ontario's snowmobile community to be responsible and respectful of farmland

By Ethan Wallace, Director, Ontario Federation of Agriculture

Another Canadian winter is upon us, and with the arrival of fresh white snow, it's the perfect opportunity for Ontarians to get outdoors and enjoy their favourite winter activities. My family jumped on the bandwagon last year and began snowmobiling, which has been a great sport to get involved in. Spanning more than 30,000 kilometres, Ontario has an extensive trail system across the province which offers the chance to experience the countryside from a different view.

Local snowmobile clubs consist of passionate and dedicated volunteers working hard to groom trails, expand the network, and provide a fun experience for all riders. They build and maintain relationships with local farmers and landowners to ensure the continued use of their land for the enjoyment of everyone. While trail systems benefit the economy, the farmer receives no financial compensation for allowing access to their land.

However, social media has already highlighted incidents of trespassing and property damage due to snowmobile riders disregarding trail signs. The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) would like to remind all riders of the responsibility to respect surrounding land and stay on the existing trail network. Having access to these trails through farm and rural properties is a privilege, not a right. It's important to be respectful and remember there would be no continuous trail system without permission from farmers and rural landowners.

The Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC), in collaboration with the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), has also recently put a call out reminding all riders to ride responsibly, make smart choices and ensure the safety of themselves and others along the trails.

We encourage snowmobilers to visit the OFSC website regularly to ensure the trails they're riding are open and well-groomed. Riders can find the province-wide trail map at ofsc.on.ca/trail-map. The reason is because experience shows there is a direct connection between poor trail conditions and increased trespassing on farmland and rural properties. When trails are closed, riders become increasingly impatient and ride them anyway, which not only worsens the condition of the trail but further delays the reopening as well. Making a conscious decision to bypass an ungroomed trail or cut corners is not a reasonable excuse for riding on farmland and causing potential damage. Riders abusing the local trail system run the risk of losing the privilege for the entire community.

Going off the trail and onto farm property causes significant issues for several reasons. To start, the snow does an excellent job at hiding everything. Crop damage is very



possible if riders enter a field of a vulnerable winter wheat crop. Furthermore, it can be extremely dangerous to enter land that may have an unseen catch basin, buried furrow, or stone piles which has the potential to be catastrophic for equipment and riders.

As a result, some farmers lose patience with disrespectful riders and revoke permission to access their land. This jeopardizes the future of an expanding trail system. As a trail rider, it is frustrating to think about those who are ruining this activity and experience for others. As someone who also rents land that is a part of the trail network, I am disappointed in the lack of initiative taken to keep trails clean. Riders should have the sense and respect to pick up their garbage and leave the trail as they found it.

It is also important to consider the impact these actions have on local snowmobile clubs. Farmers gain no compensation for damage to crops, equipment or land and often, snowmobile clubs will take ownership for irresponsible riders and offer compensation to landowners. Riding clubs deserve a lot of credit due to a limited budget. In turn, this compensation cuts into trail grooming and expansion to improve conditions for the future. In addition, trail permit cost increases can also result.

The OFSC has been committed to spreading awareness and communications about safe and responsible trail riding. Last year, the organization's "Friends don't ride with friends" campaign aimed to educate and encourage members not to ride with people who trespass, disrespect landowner property, risk the safety of themselves and other riders or jeopardize the trail system.

It's great that more people have been getting out on the trails due to the COVID pandemic, but there is a responsibility that needs to be acknowledged to ensure the security of this sport in the future. I encourage all riders to be safe and respectful this winter season, while enjoying the views of this province through the lens of our extensive trail network.

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Grey Bruce Farmers' Week BEEF Day: Calving Tips

By Cathy Hamill-Hill

Four cattle producers were part of the Beef Day calving tips session.

Earl Cameron has a cow/calf operation located in the Bruce Peninsula. He has a mostly red Angus/Hereford crossbred herd of 150 producing cows. Cameron raises all his replacement heifers and share bulls with his Dad and Grandfather who are also in the beef cattle business. Cameron works as a Livestock Evaluator for North and South areas of Bruce Peninsula as well. He farms with his wife and two young children.

This operation has a different approach to calving. "We do outdoor calving in April through to mid-June," he said. First time heifers calve separately in an area with a small barn that is used only as a calving pen if necessary. The second time calving cows are penned in an area with trees for shelter. The third and fourth time calving cows calve at a different farm outside. The mature cows have another area of their own. He explained that the calving is done on "clean, healthy dirt" where the cattle have not been wintered."

At two days old, Cameron catches "sometimes using creative ways," each calf. He then tags them and gives the necessary shots that include esel and vitamins, castrates, dehornes and does a full inspection of the calf's health.

Calves are marketed locally at the Wiarton Calf Sale because he says, "Selling local is important to me."

Cameron says his first tip for calving is "bull selection should include calving ease. And don't keep cows with problems like bad feet, get rid of the cow when you see a problem because the problem is just going to get worse later on. He also believes in vaccinations as "preventative medicine." Preventing a problem starts with not letting a problem start."

Wanda Snobelen, another speaker at the conference, grew up on a beef farm in Bruce County and still farms there herself, growing cash crops and beef cattle. She specializes in selling purebred Charolais breeding bulls under the WSS herd name. Snobelen sells about 30 breeding bulls a year. She began with cattle in 4-H and those 4-H project heifer calves began the herd she has today which has 110 producing cows. The calving season starts in the middle of January and goes into February.

This operation calves indoor in a pole barn with two "Cow" cameras that have an automatic feature of being able to zoom in and move about remotely. "Unless another cow is directly in front of the cow calving, I can zoom in with the camera and see if the birth is normal- or not," she said adding, "I could not get through a calving season without those cameras."

Cows with new calves aren't moved until the calf arrives because "the fluids from calving make the small pens too wet" she said adding that "moving the cow while calving delays the calving process." Calves and cows are put into pens with self-locking head gates so the cows can be easily handled, if necessary.

When the calf is between 24-48 hours old, it is weighed. "Any bull calf over 110 pounds is made into a steer and so is any bull calf that had a birth that was normal using a jack. We only keep bulls that will not cause problems to their future herds," she said adding this is when the calves are also tagged and given their first shots.

Snobelen says her tips for calving are "nose checks."

"Checking a young calf's nose will tell you if it's up and sucking and feeling good, a toasty warm nose tells you that. A cold nose means the calf is not doing well. Another tip she says is to "get the calf dried off because it (birth fluids) will not dry off, it will freeze instead." Snobelen suggests using a blower, calf coats or move to heated box or room if the weather is cold.

She markets her cattle privately selling both breeding bulls and bred heifers. Her other sales outlet include the Bruce Peninsula Pre-Sort Sale in the fall.

Ron Hare operates a family farm on 300 acres that includes cash crops and exporting hay to Florida. He has retired from a career in the financial world and now farms full-time near Meaford. Hare currently has a 25 producing cow herd that is Simmental/red Angus based. His first time heifers are bred Angus and all others are bred Charolais. He has a terminal Charolais bull and sells all the calves each year. The cows are bred for winter calving in the barn. For herd replacements, he purchases Simmental/red Angus F1 heifers that are bred Simmental/red Angus.

Cows have to go out for exercise to get hay, salt, mineral and water. At calving time in Ron Hare's operation they are monitored by six cameras, two are inside and four are outside. The cameras feed into the laptop, phone and iPad.

There are 7 calving pens in the barn, all with self-locking headgates. When the calves are born, they are sprayed with iodine "the old fashioned way," Hare says adding he tags the calves and gives each one Selenium, vitamin E and has ID tags installed that match the same ID number as their mother. Calves are vaccinated in September and weaned in October and sold the last week in October at the Calf-o-Rama Reputation Sale in Keady.

This year, the plan is to introduce garlic to the mineral, "I will be adding garlic to the mineral in April. Flies don't like garlic so this might cut down on flies this year, at worst, there will be no flies near the mineral feeder."

His calving tips are to "keep up with vaccinations. If you keep cows well, they will be good to you." Hare also advises, "The cameras are a help but nothing is as effective as being present if there is a problem. I take something I see on a camera as an alert only that I must go check it out," he said.

Dr. Tammi Ribey is both a livestock veterinarian at Paisley Veterinary Services and a beef producer. She and her family operate a cash crop and purebred and commercial Angus operation with 60 purebred and 20 commercial cows. The herd calves from January to March. The operation is in older buildings that are set up that one person alone can do a great deal by herself with a system of gates. There are purebred bull sales meaning each bull calf is weighed at 24 hours old and if it exceeds 100 pounds or its birth involved a jack, it is made into a steer. Select purebred heifers are sold at local Purebred sales. Calves are sold at local sales.

Dr. Ribey said her calving tips as a producer are, "Genetics. Easy calving bulls on heifers.

Buy or grow heifers that are able to calve and have cows with good udders with right sized teats. 2 and 2 Rule, if the cow or heifer hasn't calved in two hours, you must check her and if a calf is not sucking in two hours, give it colostrum."

Dr. Ribey says as a vet, she has this advice, "count to 3, count to see 2 feet and a head OR 2 feet and a tail. Do not overcrowd the calves and have a place ready for bad weather or a disease outbreak." She added, "Epinephrine is a smooth muscle relaxer...it allows for easier manipulation of the calf during birthing. Talk about it to your vet."

The public question and answer period had each producer give the biggest challenge of today for beef production. Three speakers said the extreme weather and Dr. Ribey said it was "the cost of land and the cost of production. There is not a lot of extra (financial) room in farming now."

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Grey Bruce Farmers' Week DAIRY Day: Preparing for Transition Planning

By Cathy Hamill-Hill

Only 8.4% of farmers have transition planning completed. This fact was shared by one of two presenters, Maggie Van Camp. Van Camp is BDO's National Agricultural Practice Development Leader, a well-known former agricultural journalist as senior editor of Country Guide and CEO of a chicken farm near Blackstock.

Andrea DeGroot, the second presenter, is a business advisor for Farm Credit Canada (FCC) who specializes in agriculture transitions. She and her husband own and operate a family hog and crop farm outside Stratford.

A transition plan is basically passing down the farm and the farm's business to the next generation over a period of time. Transition planning is now more important than ever, according to Van Camp, "because, thank God, people are living longer so multiple generations are working on the farm. Farming is way more complicated now than it used to be. And the value of the farm and the farm business has never been this high before," she said.

FCC has developed forms for the exact purpose of the first steps needed, to develop a Family and Business Organization Chart.

"You and the senior partners of the farm business need to list 'who is in the family and who is in the business'" advised DeGroot. She said to list the "common names and the legal names. We have had many discussions about 'John' in a family when that person was legally 'Robert John' for example," she said. Next list where each of the family members currently live and what their occupation or skill set is. Add in any children and spouses and their skill sets.

The next step is identifying who in the family does what in the farm business "The son-in-law that works part-time doing electrical work on the farm needs to be added here," she advised.

"Snapshot what the business is today," DeGroot summarized adding, "it's a who does what on the farm today."

Farm Asset Catalogue is the next critical step. Here, every

thing that one owns is listed starting with the farm property and its legal location. "The original price of the farm and the current price should be listed along with all equipment used on the farm. Add in who owns the equipment. Do the same for livestock," DeGroot said. Van Camp advised that "it's the who owns what list. This is helpful for future tax planning."

Besides the farm business, the transition plan owner needs to list all their net worth. "You are not just your farm," said Van Camp adding she has often seen people forget they have other assets like RRSP's, investments, personally owned vehicles, recreational properties like cottages.

With all the assets listed, it's time here to list all the debts first of the business and then of personal debt like credit cards or personal lines of credit.

DeGroot advises this is the place to list all the "emotional or heirloom assets under \$5,000 value" as in jewellery or furniture. Van Camp added that in her family there are antique tractor seats which have high emotional value that she certainly wants to see passed on.

DeGroot said it's essential that "a will is done by a lawyer for anyone aged 18 years or over. Everyone over 18 years needs a will," she repeated several times.

"Every change in your life from getting married to buying a new farm, means getting the will reviewed and updated," she said adding that a will is a critical part of getting assets to the next generation as per your own choices.

"With this pandemic, be sure you have power of attorney and health directives that are from within the province right now so they can get to you," Van Camp advised.

Besides having a will, everyone needs a "Because I love you List," Van Camp explained. This List covers all the personal stuff like passwords to your GPS and banking, hidden keys, the name of the financial planner and contact details, she explained adding this list is important in case of an emergency, at any time.



DeGroot said the next step is the "Living Budget" which is the cost of living today- and the cost of the future. "Are you planning to live off or on the farm- and what kind of benefit is the farm expected to provide for you?" she says adding that health care considerations should be factored in too.

Farm Financial Check-up is next and here, Van Camp explains, "look at the five year profitability trends, look at the past five years and see where the income is going. What the bottom line is, does this farm have enough income to support two (or more) farm families?" She added, "Look at the debt capacity, the next generation will have debt like never before, it's important to know how much debt can be handled."

The final step is to "dream big," Van Camp says adding this is where the wish comes in for what the future will hold as in what the retiring person wants to do in the next years.

Having all of these steps completed will save money, DeGroot says "if an accountant or lawyer is hired to find out all this information it will cost way more than doing it yourself. All this information will be required to do a transition plan regardless," she said.

"Transition planning is not a spectator sport, you have to participate, you need to start," DeGroot concluded.

The next step in Transition Planning with the same two presenters will be done in-person on March 23rd at Grey Ag Services. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Information at info@greyagservices or call 519-986-3756.

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“At the present time, I have about 400 acres in onions and 400 acres in soybeans. These two crops allow me to follow a consistent rotation pattern.

Currently, my staff consists of six to eight full-time employees. I hire two teams of Mexican workers each season, one crew for harvesting and another for packing. Several years ago, I had a new bunkhouse built for my workers, creating larger and improved kitchen and sleeping facilities.

With high speed fibre optics now available, a sophisticated computerized onion-packing system was installed. This is linked to the manufacturer, who operates out of the Netherlands. This system monitors the packing machines, which weigh the onions, discarding any that are under- or oversize. The palletizer, which stacks the onion bags and “cello wraps” them, dramatically reduces the manpower needed.

Loblaws, the largest Canadian food retailer and my main customer, ordered 75 percent of my 2018 crop. This represented close to 30 million pounds of onions shipped to one Canadian market. The remaining 25 percent were handled by local food terminals.

One of my recent purchases was a Challenger MT700 track tractor, which cost \$400,000. Its superior technology allows for tractive efficiency over a wide range of soil conditions. I have ordered a second one with an even wider wheel base. Also, I added a German-made Fendt tractor. This tractor features rubber tires that are specially designed so that when the tire PSI (pounds per square inch) is reduced, the weight is spread over a wider base, thus reducing soil compaction

There are much greater regulatory demands placed on farmers—food and safety regulations being one example—and there is certainly a lot more paperwork. I work closely with a food and safety consultant to stay on top of changes. An annual audit reviews the varieties of seeds planted, pesticides used, spray records, storage locations, dates packed—all to increase traceability.

I purchase all my crop protection products through the Co-Op. But again, this changes as well. For example, a fungicide was removed from the approved list—without other viable options being introduced.

Agribusiness is always changing. I find myself constantly adjusting to these demands.” — from an interview with Boris Horodynsky, January 2019 – Innisfil Historical Review, 2020: Bicentennial Edition

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- Creating a better understanding of our past and its value to life today and in the future.
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Photo above: Boris Horodynsky (left) is shown in November 2018 presenting a cheque for one million dollars to the Rizzardo Health and Wellness Centre. “We all need to do our part to bring health and wellness options closer to Innisfil,” he says. Also in the photo is then Mayor Gord Wauchope.

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Johnnie Fox: A Little Man with a Big Story

Spring 2022 will see the publication of my book *Lewisham: Foundations in the Forest*, which details the rise and fall of a Muskoka ghost town. The farmers who established this village – and they were all farmers – came from all parts of Ontario in search of realizing their dreams. Most failed. One who didn't was the indomitable Johnnie Fox

Village stories

by Andrew Hind

"Johnnie Fox, Johnnie Fox, four feet in his sox,
Yet he ruleth the Lewisham nation;
Though small, he is fiery, And smarter than "Iry"
(Ira Davy)
Which the same is a good commendation."

Lewisham was home to many colorful individuals, but perhaps none more so than John Fox Jr. A man short of stature (though perhaps 'four feet in his sox' was a bit of an exaggeration), he nonetheless had

towering ambition and played an importance in the community out of proportion to his height.

Johnnie Fox was the son of John Fox and Mary Hunter. The elder Fox was born in Ontario in 1828, the product of a United Empire Loyalist family that fled the young United States after the American Revolution. He wed Scotland-born Mary and originally settled in Owen Sound, where the first three of eight children were born, including John Fox Jr. in 1857. John and Mary moved around a fair bit. They took their family moved to Stayner while Johnnie was still a young child, by 1875 were in Nottawasaga, and then in 1878 the couple headed north for Lewisham, in south-east Muskoka. John Jr., 21 years old, followed along to claim land of his own and make a mark.

For John and Mary, hopes that Lewisham would represent a happy and prosperous future were somewhat illusory. Like all settlers, they found the land harsh and the soil barren, making it difficult to coax enough crops from the field to both feed the family and turn a profit. Worse, young Frederick, their second youngest child, died of croup on April 15, 1881, aged 6. Then, exactly a decade later, John passed away on September 20, 1891.

John Jr. had a more positive experience in Lewisham. As a boy he had proven himself to be unusually bright and confident, overcoming his physical limitations through intelligence and sheer determination. Instead of focusing his energy on farming, he instead opted to build and operate a steam-powered sawmill. As a self-taught engineer with an aptitude for mechanics, it was a role for which he was ideally suited. Soon, men double his age were coming to Fox to sell logs or seek employment.

In 1882, 25-year-old John Fox married Ada Emma Cooper, the 22-year-old daughter of Thomas and Emma Cooper, founders of nearby Cooper's Falls. Two years later, in 1884, their first child, Martha, was born. Twins followed in 1886; Matilda came into the world on June 2, and her brother reluctantly joined her three days later after what must have been, for Ada, a grueling labour. Six additional children swelled the family.

Not satisfied with merely running a sawmill, John Fox took over the store and post office contract in 1898. It fell to Fox to make his way to Cooper's Falls three times per week to pick-up and deliver mail. While the ride was lengthy and could be uncomfortable in inclement weather, at least Fox was guaranteed of a warm welcome and meal at the other end: the postmaster of Cooper's Falls was his father-in-law, Thomas Cooper. Whether Thomas had any role in getting John the postal contract is unknown, but it seems likely he used some influence to sway the decision.

Shortly after the turn of the century, John and Ada caught 'Prairie Fever.' Seeking better fortunes, they packed up their belongings and headed west to the Saskatchewan. John ended his days in Portland, Oregon, where he died in 1931.

His name stood tall in Lewisham long after he passed.



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After The Chores: Glasses and Tea Kettles

By Cathy Hamill-Hill



Growing up, my Dad was always around the barn all winter. He never had the option of “heated” anything in the barn and he spent much of his time thawing out water pipes and water bowls. He carried a tea kettle with him constantly- he was either going to plug it back or carrying a steaming kettle on route. I thought he looked ridiculous- and there “had” to be a better way. I kept my mouth shut though because he was kind enough to thaw out my water tap usually first for my goats.

When we moved here, the plan was to have no more frozen water in the barn. That plan ended the first day it was -10. Sweetie tried all kinds of ways to keep the taps from freezing and it was my Dad that pointed out the entry for the water to the barn was a northwest corner meaning nothing was ever going to work in winter. The next plan was for Sweetie to set up a steel tank that would hold 90 gallons in the barn. The tank has a tap- and that tap constantly froze. Sweetie tried all kinds of gadgets to get that tap unthawed fast- and one day my fear brought of a barn fire made me tell Sweetie to please put his all the gadgets away. I asked for... the tea kettle.

Now, in the winter, I'm in the barn carrying around a tea kettle. My Dad's method of thawing is 100% safe, there cannot be a barn fire started by boiling water even on dry straw. One of the reasons my Dad looked so ridiculous before is exactly my look now- having steamed up glasses.

This is my first winter wearing glasses. I need distance glasses for the first time ever. I knew something was wrong with my vision but having the eye doctor say “your eyes are so much OLDER then you” was hard to accept. Cataracts apparently are fixable but one has to get to that fixable point first. I'm not at fixable yet so glasses now are essential if I want to see anything clear past the end of my elbow. Going to the barn minus glasses is not a good idea.

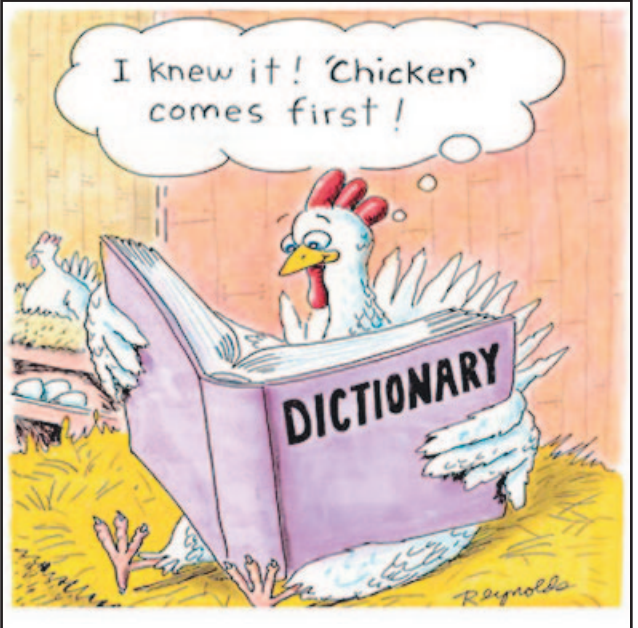
With my glasses on, I noticed a sheep in poor condition. I went in the pen and examined this sheep closely. I checked eyes, nose, mouth and tail- and everything looked fine. Bright eyes, clear nose, pink mouth and clean tail but this sheep looked terrible, all hunched over and looking so sad. I learned about raising goats from a mentor now gone from this side of the sky named Marcy. Marcy believed that TLC as in tender loving care was one of the best fixes for ailing livestock and its price was right. So I grabbed that sheep and we went out of the pen for some TLC. TLC for sheep is spelled: grain. I put some grain in a bucket and was hoping

for the reaction I got, the sheep gobbled it right up. I figured out next chore time what was wrong with that sheep, it was timid. When other sheep pushed in, this sheep just moved back. My sheep are pushy. This timid sheep was getting pushed right out of the grain. Polite sheep sure do enjoy TLC.

Isaac the little red pup likes glasses- and he stole my spare pair of glasses and by the time he finished chewing on the lens, I could see less with them on. I decided I better “save” my other pair as I sure can't drive without glasses now. I go to the barn minus glasses and open the sheep door to get out the timid sheep for TLC time. The sheep pops out and the grain is offered. My new pair of glasses arrived quickly and I realize that I now have TWO sheep that are now wanting to be fed grain separately. One fully pushy and healthy young ewe lamb somehow got in que for getting grain.

The timid sheep is doing so much better now that its turn is no longer being shared by the sneaky other one. Untraining a sheep is impossible. Sweetie opened the sheep pen gate and was trying to get the sneaky one in with the rest but she just went around in circles refusing to go in the pen. When she gets her grain finished, she then happily goes back into the sheep pen. The timid sheep has just realized, after three weeks, that I do chores TWICE a day. So the timid one hears me come in the barn and races to the gate to get TLC while the rest of the sheep are still waking up.

I wear my glasses now in the barn to avoid any more TLC-wanting sheep getting in line. I wish my Dad was still here with us and I could tell him how I appreciated him thawing out those water taps for me years ago while wearing steamed up glasses in the barn.



South Simcoe 4-H Maple Syrup Club news report

By Isabella Cullen

Some 4-H members from 2021 South Simcoe Maple Syrup Club have already been about the bush running maple tree sap lines and getting ready to go for another great year of making Maple Syrup with the 4-H South Simcoe 2022 club. New members aged 9 to 21 are welcome to join. The 4-H South Simcoe organization will have a Rally night on Friday, February 11th online. Visit the 4-H South Simcoe website to get more details about 4-H South Simcoe. The 2022 South Simcoe 4-H Maple Syrup Club officially starts in February after rally night.



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Editor's note: January's courses are not listed here as they will be complete prior to printing.

Course 5: Winter Jamin', with Martha Rogers, Master Food Preserver, Cornell University Extension. This webinar will be offered on Thursday February 3 2022 from 10-11:30 am. Course Fee: \$15.00.

Course 6a: Strip Tillage, Part 1: Getting Started into Strip-Till, with Ryan Benjamins of Benjamins Agronomy Services, Michelle Durnin of Agri-Solve Inc., and moderated by Ben Rosser of OMAFRA. This webinar will be offered on Thursday February 3 2022 from 1-2:30 pm.

Course 6b: Strip Tillage, Part 2: Managing Fertilizer in Strip-Till Systems, with Ben Rosser of OMAFRA, and Jonathan Zettler of Fieldwalker Agronomy, and moderated by Jake Munroe of OMAFRA. This webinar will be offered on Thursday February 10 2022 from 1-2:30 pm. Course fee for Strip-Till Parts A & B inclusive is \$25.

Course 7: Beekeeping for Beginners and Bee-yond, with Janine McGowan M.Sc., Owner & Operator of Our Bee Lab - Community Apiaries. This webinar will be offered on Monday February 7 2022 from 1-4 pm and on Wednesday March 9 2022, from 7-9 pm, and Course Fee: \$15.00.

Course 8: Calf Housing Considerations, with John Van de Vegte, and Marlene Paibomesai both of OMAFRA. This webinar will be offered on Wednesday February 9 2022 from 1-3 pm. Course

Fee: \$15.00.

Course 9: Planning the Management Cycle for Small Ruminant Producers, with Delma Kennedy of OMAFRA. This course will be offered as a webinar on Thursday February 10 2022, from 7:30-9 pm, or in-person at Grey Ag Services on Wednesday March 30 2022 from 7-9 pm. Course Fee: \$15.00. Participants should specify which date/format they would like to attend when registering.

Course 10: Small Ruminant Fecal Egg Counts, with Dr. Chris Buschbeck of Markdale Veterinary Services. This webinar will be offered on Wednesday February 16 2022 from 7-8:30 pm. Course Fee: \$15.00.

Course 11: Keeping Pigs and People Safe from Diseases, with Laura Eastwood and Jaydee Smith of OMAFRA. This course will be offered in a hybrid format - participation is welcome in person at Grey Ag Services or virtually through Zoom, on Wednesday March 2 2022 from 7-9 pm. Course Fee: \$15.00.

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Course 13: Managing Annual Forages, with Jake Munroe and Christine O'Reilly of OMAFRA. This webinar will be offered on Thursday March 3 2022 from 7-8:30 pm. Course Fee: \$15.00.

Course 14: Improving Garlic Quantity and Quality with Travis Cranmer of OMAFRA. This webinar will be offered on Tuesday March 8 2022 from 7-9 pm. Course Fee: \$15.00.

Course 15: Cow Calf Info Session, with Steve Duff, Senior Economist; John Molenhuis, Business Analysis Cost of Production Specialist and James Byrne, Beef Cattle Specialist - all of OMAFRA. This course will be offered in-person at Grey Ag Services on Thursday March 10 2022 from 9:45-2:30 pm. Course Fee: \$30 and includes lunch.

Course 16: Designing Edible Landscapes, with Ben Caesar of Fiddlehead Nursery. This

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Course 17: Silvopasturing with Sheep, with Sheep with Carrie Woolley. This webinar will be offered on Tuesday March 22 2022 from 7-9 pm. Course Fee: \$15.00.

Course 18: Transition Planning Prep: Are you Ready? With Maggie Van Camp and Andrea DeGroot, both of BDO Canada. This course will be offered in-person at Grey Ag Services on Wednesday March 23 2022 from 1-2 pm. Course Fee: \$15.00.

Course 19: How to Have the Garden You Want! With the Grey County Master Gardeners. This course will be offered in a hybrid format - participation is welcome in person at Grey Ag Services or virtually through Zoom on Thursday

March 24 2022 from 7-9 pm. Course Fee: \$15.00.

Course 20: Horse Night with Dr. Tee Fox, and Dr. Marika Van Schaik, both of Markdale Veterinary Services. This course will be offered in-person at Grey Ag Services on Tuesday March 29 2022 from 7-9 pm. Course Fee: \$15.00.

Course 21: Pressure Canning with Martha Rogers, Master Food Preserver, Cornell University Extension. This webinar will be offered on Thursday March 31 2022 from 10-11:30 am. Course Fee: \$15.00.

Course 22: Getting Started with Records for Small Ruminant Producers with Delma Kennedy of OMAFRA and Erin Massender. This course will be offered in-person at Grey Ag Services on Thursday April 7 2022 from 7-9 pm. Course Fee: \$15.00.



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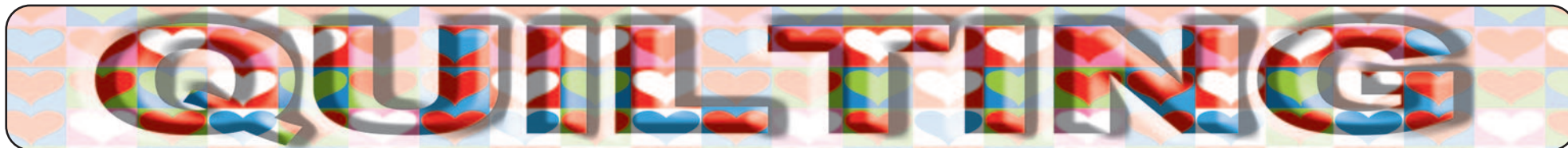
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The origin of the Quilting page

By John Beischer

During our family's Christmas dinner last month, my daughter and Farm View publisher, asked me how the quilting page in this newspaper came about. I wasn't entirely sure so I volunteered to look into it. Roslyn suggested that perhaps her readers would be interested in the origin of this popular feature and before I knew it I had been conscripted into writing another article.

The first task was to dig into the archives which are conveniently located [still] at my house, and determine when the first article appeared under that familiar banner at the top of this page. I'm fairly certain that Roslyn could have located that first issue by searching electronically; I on the other hand chose to invest several hours going through dusty banker boxes which are home to 45 years worth of Farm Review and Farm View copies. After reading dozens of issues, in particular Village Stories [still my favourite feature], I determined the first Quilting page appeared in the May 2013 issue. It featured the Provincial Grand Champion quilter from Victoria County. It also contained a very humorous 'cut out' called the Quilter's last Will and Testament which had been submitted by one of my late wife's favourite quilt stores, Country Concessions in Cookstown.

In June of that year the newly established 'quilting page' began a series of articles profiling local quilt stores. The first one featured the Sewing Machine Factory Outlet. Owner Michelle Zambii grew up in the sewing industry in Toronto working alongside her parents. She brought her expertise to Barrie and called her store Simcoe Sew and Quilt. Jill enjoyed shopping in Michelle's store in the Cedar Pointe Business Park in Barrie's West end. I hope Michelle's business has survived all the Covid closings these past two years as Jill was very fond of her and her entrepreneurial spirit.

Shortly after the quilt page began appearing in Farm View, a local resident of Midhurst offered to write a regular article for the page because she too was an avid quilter and a talented writer. Brenda Stride covered dozens of events where quilts

and quilting stories were the focus of her articles for the next 6 years. Her partner John Beaulieu, a photographer, provided wonderful photos to accompany Brenda's stories.

At the top of this page is a colourful banner that 'flags' this feature for the readers. This striking image in the form of a quilt pattern was the creation of Farm View's graphic designer Lizz Smekal. Lizz retired from Farm View in 2019 and resides with her husband in Barrie.

The quilting page has had a few sponsors over the years, but none as consistent as the Retreat at the Farm advertiser that appears on this page every month. This rural business offers a 100 acre farm nestled near the town of Shelburne where quilters can enjoy a large workroom and a fully fitted kitchen. Jill and her sisters and others in their various quilting groups enjoyed this retreat several times.

While Jill's quilting hobby encouraged me to begin a feature in Farm View, it was our readers who regularly provided contributions and suggestions for articles that gave us the impetus to continue it for the past 8 years. While Brenda, Lizz and I have all retired, Roslyn assures me that she plans to keep the feature going as long as the readers and contributors and advertisers will support it.

People have often asked me what was the first quilt Jill made? When I first met Jill [1968] she was already sewing dresses for herself and later on for our 2 daughters, but I wasn't sure when she made the transition from sewing to quilting as a hobby. Roslyn however, knew exactly the time frame and shared this story: when she was in Mrs Money's grade one class at Baxter school, Roslyn and her class mates were invited to make drawings on a special blanket supplied by the teacher. It was ruled to resemble quilting squares and each student filled in their square with a drawing. At the end of the year Mrs Money gave the blanket to Jill who then added the appropriate backing, trimming and stitching to make it into a quilt. Many years later Jill made similar quilt blankets for each of her four grandchildren, each one featured

illustrations by their kindergarten classmates.

Do you have an interesting story about your hobby? If your hobby is quilting, consider sharing it with the readers who search out this page every month. Be sure to include a photograph or two and send it to farmview@on.aibn.com.



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Create a chocolate charcuterie board

By Roslyn Watkins

Thinking ahead to Valentine's Day I was inspired by my sister's creativity for their Christmas Day dinner. Diana arranged a beautiful fondue dinner for her family to enjoy and I loved the idea of having a relaxed, elegant meal while enjoying the company of family. With this in mind I started to brainstorm what to do for Valentine's Day. It didn't take long for this chocolate charcuterie board to pop up in my search.



Charcuterie boards traditionally feature a variety of cured meats, cheeses, bruschetta, olives, nuts and dried or fresh fruit. Borrowing from that idea, I plan to create a sweets-based charcuterie board that's sure to please.

The chocolate charcuterie board can be entirely sweet, or a mix of sweet, savory and salty offerings. Some ideas I found for a chocolate charcuterie board include:

- chocolate truffles
- chocolate-dipped fruits
- chocolate-covered pretzels
- chocolate bark
- melted chocolate fondue and assorted dippers
- Classic chocolate candies
- Assorted nuts like almonds and cashews
- Fudge squares
- Homemade turtle candy
- Chocolate nut rolls
- Dried fruits, such as figs and dates
- Graham crackers or butter cookies

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Just as you would for any charcuterie board, choose an attractive wood board large enough to hold all of the desserts. Arrange the chocolates and other foods with an eye for presentation. Use fresh berries or mint leaves to fill in any gaps and add a little extra flair to the arrangement. If desired, think about pairing chocolate and sweet elements with traditional charcuterie offerings like cured salami, brie cheese, hard cheeses, crackers, and chutneys.

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Hoarding...Fire Fighting Nightmare

By Dennis Gannon

Hoarding, what is it? Hoarding can be best defined as collecting or keeping large amounts of various items in the home due to strong urges to save them or experiencing distress when discarding them. Many rooms in the home are so filled with possessions that residents can no longer use the rooms as designed. The home is so overloaded with things that everyday living is compromised. Examples include tunnels through rooms, no access to facilities and bedrooms not being used for sleeping purposes.

What causes hoarding? Hoarding is described as a mental disorder that can be genetic in nature, triggered by traumatic events, or a symptom of another disorder, such as depression, obsessive compulsive disorder, or dementia. Studies have found that hoarding usually begins in early adolescence and gets worse as a person ages. It is more common among older adults.

Why is hoarding a firefighting nightmare? A fire or even a medical call where there are hoarding issues create unique challenges for firefighters. Exits may be blocked causing limited or no access, piles of items can fall further blocking access or causing injury and the weight of items in the rooms could severely compromise the building resulting

in a collapse. Hoarding makes fighting fires and searching for occupants far more difficult.

Cooking fires are a leading concern for firefighters. In a home where hoarding is present it is of more danger. Fre-



quently combustible items are on or near the stove and a fire can spread quickly. The use of portable heating devices occurs more often in hoarding situations as regular heating sources may be blocked or disconnected. Placed too close

to combustible material or should they tip over a fire could quickly spread with horrific consequences. Pests and rodents are often found in hoarding homes and may cause damage to electrical equipment.

How can you help a person who hoards? When talking to a person who hoards, focus on safety rather than the clutter. Be empathetic. Match the person's language. If they call it hoarding, then you can call it hoarding. Help the residents make a home safety and escape plan. Stress the importance of clear pathways and exits. Practice the plan often. Exit routes may change as new items are brought into the home. Make certain that there are working smoke alarms and test them monthly. There are many sources that can be accessed to help get the assistance needed for hoarding situations. 211 Ontario lists many resources by community. It is also beneficial to contact the local fire department. They may be part of a local hoarding coalition and can offer assistance. Prior knowledge of the situation will be beneficial for the firefighters should there be an emergency call to the location. Working together safety can be achieved for both the resident and firefighters.

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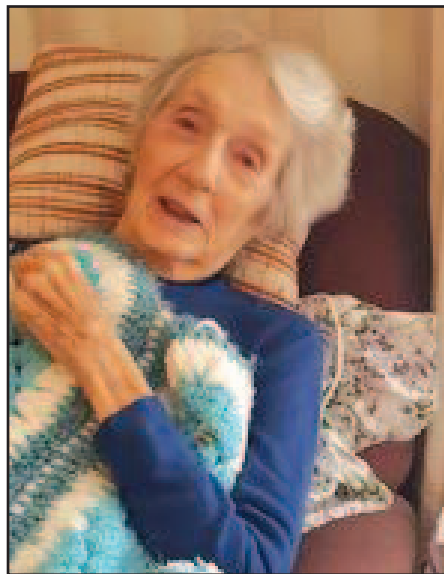
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Gertie Kerr celebrates her 100th birthday on January 25, 1922



Gertie Kerr celebrates her 100th birthday on January 25, 1922.

Born in Toronto, she spent her formative years on farm in the King City area. Later, Gertie and her husband farmed near Snowball. She spent most of her life in the King City, Aurora and Newmarket areas before moving to Barrie in 2020. Gertie credits her long life to treating people well and being loved by others and by drinking chocolate milk almost every day.

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