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## April 5th: Virtual Mental Health Literacy Program "In the Know"

Virtual Mental Health Literacy Program for farmers and the agricultural community "In the Know" free to attend. Presented in partnership with York Federation of Agriculture.

Register for this two part session with Danielle Luciano [dluciano@cmha-yr.on.ca](mailto:dluciano@cmha-yr.on.ca).

**April 5th 10 am - noon and 2 pm - 4 pm.**

## April 15th: News and Advertising Deadline

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

## April 25th: Agricultural Hall of Fame Nominations

Do you know a farmer in Simcoe County that deserves to be recognized by the Agricultural Hall of Fame? If so, please send an email to [monpiero@bell.net](mailto:monpiero@bell.net) to request a nomination application. All **applications must be in By April 25th 2022.** If you have any questions, please contact Paul at [monpiero@bell.net](mailto:monpiero@bell.net).

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The Canadian Dairy XPO returns to in-person for 2022.  
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# Keeping safety top of mind during Canadian Ag Safety Week and beyond

By Larry Davis, Director, Ontario Federation of Agriculture

The importance of safety on the farm can never be understated. These are vital conversations that need to be prioritized every day of the year. Whether you're out on the roadways or working in the barn, it's important to ensure that you, your family and your employees practice farm safety.

Each year, the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA) designates one week in March to raise awareness on the importance of practicing safety on and off the farm. As we recognize Canadian Agricultural Safety Week March 13-19, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture wants to highlight the tremendous number of resources our farmers can access to ensure care and protection around the farm remains top of mind this planting season and beyond.

The importance of farm safety cannot be overstated, especially during the busy planting and harvesting seasons. While farmers across the province are working tirelessly to plan and prepare for the upcoming growing season, we'd like to remind all farmers of proper farm safety procedures to practice in your daily routine.

Road safety has always been a top priority for OFA. With increased numbers of farm vehicles and equipment hitting the roadways soon, we ask that our members remember the rules of the road and take the time to put safety first. Not only do we want to ensure the safety of our farming community, but we also want to make sure the motorists we intersect with get home safe to their families.

When driving on roadways, be sure to have your farm equipment on the paved portion of the road – not the shoulder. We also remind members to stay alert and focused while operating any sort of vehicle on the road. Keep off your phones and avoid situations that cause distractions. For farm equipment, be sure there is a visible slow moving vehicle (SMV) sign on all pieces of machinery, including tractors, combines, self-propelled vehicles, sprayers and any implement being towed. Furthermore, keep your maximum speed to 40km/h and take the time to check twice and signal well in advance when turning on and off busy roadways for drivers who may be anxious to race past.

This year, to continue raising awareness on the importance of understanding and respecting SMV signs, OFA intends on creating a promotional campaign to be shared with federations to further educate their communities.

Along with road safety, OFA encourages members to take the time to educate themselves, their families and employees on adequate on-farm safety practices. CASA has created several online resources for farmers looking to brush up on everyday safety procedures specific to farm businesses. These practical, hands-on resources can help keep everyone safe from planting to harvest.

Another beneficial resource available to farmers is Feeding Your Future's Ontario Agriculture Worker Safety and Awareness Certificate. This introductory training course was developed to help educate agri-food employees on farm safety practices. The course is packed with basic safety and creates the opportunity for new workers to understand on-farm hazards. The course also includes a module on the proper use of hand and power tools commonly used in agri-food businesses.

Along with basic safety knowledge, the certificate program also offers training modules focused on mental health and wellness in agriculture. Expanding awareness of mental wellness in an agricultural workplace and providing resources to get help is extremely important for new workers.

When talking about on-farm safety, mental health is just as important as physical safety practices. That means to keep everyone safe on the farm also means checking in on the emotional and mental well-being of family members and employees. Ensure that you are putting mental wellness first – when you're tired, learn to take breaks and rest. Practice self-care by making time for the activities you enjoy and spending time with loved ones. Self-care might seem selfish, but it is proven to help reduce burnout and ensures you show up ready to give tasks your best effort.

OFA is encouraging all our members to use these online resources and practice farm safety every week. Let's all do our part to ensure families across the province have a safe and successful growing season.



## On the Cover

In the cover photo are from left to right Todd Dowd, Canadian Bison Association Director; Mark Shouldice, 2022 Ontario MAPLESEED Pasture Award Recipient; Ray Robertson, Manager, Ontario Forage Council; and Terry Nuhn, President, Ontario Forage Council

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As the weather warms up I immediately head out to the yard and start planning (day dreaming) where the next garden is going to be. This year I'm going to try my hand at a cut flower garden inspired by Tanya at Charwen Farms. After chatting with Tanya last month I picked up a packet of Zinnia seeds at Stayer Town and Country. I'm looking forward to doing the research on what else would be succesful. I'm also excited to get our vegetable garden growing and have been inspired by Cathy's coverage (page 7) of the webinar 'Designing Edible Landscapes' that was presented by Grey Ag Services.

Before the gardening begins though, there is lots of time to enjoy Maple 'season'. Maple weekend is April 2nd and 3rd. To get everyone's taste buds going, you will find bits of maple trivia throughout the paper.

Our cover photo this month is 2022 Ontario Pasture Award winner Mark Shouldice of Big Rock Bison, their story can be found on page 6. We also have the story of Laurent

(Woody) Van Arkel. Woody was selected as the 2022 Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA) Soil Champion. His story is on page 11.

The results of the "What do you Farm?" survey are in! Thank you to all of the participants. I enjoyed reading your letters and learning more about you, the readers! I've included a few of the letters on this page to share with you. And sorry Diana, even though you wrote in and 'farm' dust bunnies I was required to disqualify you as you are my sister. The winners of the gift cards are Lisa from Stayner, Nicola from Alliston, Theo from Uxbridge and Ted from Cannington.

Before signing off for this month I'd like to wish my brother in law, Aaron, a very Happy Birthday on April 12th! From all of us, we wish you a wonderful day to celebrate!

Take care everyone,  
Roslyn Watkins

Creamy Lemon Dill sauce for Fish on Good Friday

Recipe and photo by Roslyn Watkins

This simple lemon dill sauce will have your home smelling like your favourite Italian restaurant in no time.

We served it over the trout from Springhills fish farm with quinoa, brussel sprouts and beets but it would pair beautifully with salmon as well. Switch out the heavier veggies for your favourites; asparagus, tiny potatoes, broccoli, carrots, cauliflower, the options are endless. It is absolutely delicious, and if you are like me, bathe your vegetables in it too!



Ingredients

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| 2 Tbsp salted butter                    | 1 Tbsp dijon mustard |
| 3 cloves garlic, minced                 | 2 Tbsp lemon juice   |
| 1 Tbsp flour                            | 1 Tbsp fresh dill    |
| 1/4 cup dry white wine or chicken broth | 3/4 cup heavy cream  |
| 1/2 cup chicken broth                   | zest of 1 lemon      |
- Melt 2 Tbsp of butter over medium heat. Once melted, add the garlic and sauté for 1 minute. Add 1 Tbsp of flour and cook for one additional minute.
  - Slowly add the white wine (or broth) to the pan while constantly stirring. A thick paste will form. It's important to add the wine slowly and stir enough to ensure that the paste is smooth and free of clumps.
  - Next, slowly add the chicken broth using the same method. Bring the liquid up to a simmer and simmer for 1 minute. This will cook the flour and thicken the sauce.
  - Reduce the heat to low. Mix in the dijon mustard, lemon juice, dill, and heavy cream.
  - Cook until hot, but remove the sauce from the heat before it begins to bubble.

LETTERS

Hi Roslyn,  
I have enjoyed reading a few recent editions of Farm View (picked up at Peavy Mart Alliston and Foodland Cookstown). I read them cover to cover as they opened up a whole new world, "farming". I recently moved to Alliston (in town) from Toronto. I always lived in "the city" and reading your newspaper enlightens me on many aspects of farming of which I was not aware. Reading your calving article was a bit like a second language! I will have to google to find out more. I enjoy the column by Cathy Hamill-Hill as she tells homey stories which give insight into daily farm life. The Hoarding article was one of the best hoarding articles I have read. "Preparing for Transition Planning" was excellent and applicable to most life situations. I hope you continue the series.

I commend you on the well written and informative articles and wish your newspaper much success in 2022 and on.

Sincerely,  
Nicola

Hi Roslyn,  
Diana always posts on Facebook when your latest issue comes out and then I read it online then.

I enjoy the whole paper. I don't read all the articles but I love Aunt Hazel, the word searches and the recipes. I read the 4H articles cause all my kids were in 4H in their teen years as was I. I look to see the calendar showing fairs etc coming up to take the grandkids to.

You are doing a great job with the paper. It's informative but fresh. You appear to be a natural. I also enjoy your references to family. That's nice.

Hope you and your family are all well. I think of you often especially when I think of your Mom and my David.

Love, Linda

Hi Roslyn  
I received this great paper by Canada Post. I enjoy most articles. They have useful information, tips and good format and also any contacts for businesses. Wish your Dad could report occasionally on what he is up to, he has great comments that I miss reading. Years ago I used to grow grain crops. As getting older and retired, rent crop land out. We basically raise some layer hens, grow veggies, Grow pumpkins to sell. Tinker with /repair some old tractors, equipment. Cut grass, cut firewood, etc. There is always something to maintain on a farm.

Bob, Orton

Hi Roslyn,  
I receive the paper via mail. Thank you. Me and my wife own since 1986 a 90 acre farm in the Uxbridge Township. I raise Sheep, have raised in the past draft horses.

As a cash crop I sell hay to Horse farms in my neighbourhood. I have followed items from Cathy Hamill and your recipe. Historical stories of our region are also of interest. Write up of Farm enterprise are interesting.

Lest not least the paper has a useful function to soak up water/dirt from the boot tray.

Thank you  
Theo, Uxbridge



The 5 n's and John Beischer, former publisher, enjoyed a great dinner celebration at Steeler's Restaurant and Pub in Elmvale. Dinner was compliments of MP Doug Shipley and the BSOM snow sculpture contest. Pictured from left to right are Lillian, Roslyn, John, Shawn, Harrison and Trenton.

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## Bison Producer Recipient of Ontario Pasture Award

Mark & Heather Shouldice of Big Rock Bison near Shallow Lake in Grey County, are the recipient of the 2022 Ontario Pasture Award. The award sponsored by MAPLESEED, and the Ontario Forage Council, was presented in March. For their environmental and pasture improvements and management, the recipients will receive \$250 and a bag of forage seed.

The Big Rock Bison operation includes 140 bison and are on pasture twelve months of the year. The 150 acres of pastureland is set up with 9 paddocks to practice rotational grazing, allowing sufficient time for pasture to rest, re-grow and recover before the bison go back on that paddock.

Mark says, "The bison stay out 12 months of the year in a low stress environment, with room to roam and be social. They are built for and thrive in the winter, but we do have to sacrifice pasture for wet / mud season, so typically the bison move out on fresh pasture May 7th and this is when we stop feeding hay for the season."

Mark comments, "They are committed to sustainable and regenerative farming practices that have a positive impact on the land and the bison, while producing both a nutritious and delicious red meat protein." For pasture health and vitality, Mark says, "We try to prevent pasture from getting grazed below 4" in forage height, in order to maintain maximum growth and health and prevent erosion due to rain and/or wind."

The Shouldice's believe that healthy pastures and soil creates a diverse and strong ecosystem, which has a positive impact on climate change. As Mark says, "Healthy pastures = healthy bison = healthy meat = maximum profit."

In reviewing this nomination, Scott Fisher, Sales Manager (Western Ontario) with MAPLESEED said, "I find it exciting and encouraging, that land stewardship is front and centre across all portfolios of meat production."

Ray Robertson, Manager of the Ontario Forage Council commented that even though this applicant is truly unique in the area, it demonstrates the economic and environmental benefits of a well-managed pasture operation.

The deadline for applications for the 2023 MAPLESEED Beef Pasture Award is November 30, 2022. For details, call the Ontario Forage Council at 1-877-892-8663 or visit either the Ontario Forage Council website at [www.ontarioforagecouncil.com](http://www.ontarioforagecouncil.com) or Beef Farmers of Ontario at [www.ontariobeef.com](http://www.ontariobeef.com)

## Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

I am on a journey.

It's not one that I saved money to go on or even planned to take.

But here I am, walking this winding road called DEI Training. You might be asking, what does DEI stand for? Diversity, Equity & Inclusion. This training opened my mind and self-awareness on how I identify to my power and privilege as a white person. It is important to me that I share a bit of my training experience with you.

Here is an example of an exercise the group of over 120 training participants took part in.

It helped me to close my eyes to envision the scene in my mind as it was read aloud. You are sitting in the middle of a bus. Ahead of you is a businessperson working on their laptop. Behind you is pair of teenagers sharing a bag of potato chips, beside you is an elderly couple holding hands. So, what did you see in your mind? Was that businessperson a man? Was he white? What about those teenagers crunching away on potato chips? Were they people of colour? How about that elderly couple? Were they a same sex couple? Did anyone on your bus have a physical disability? Was anyone speaking a language other than English?

No one on my bus was a person of colour. The businessperson was male. The teenagers were blonde girls. The elderly couple were Caucasian also. No one had a physical disability. No one was speaking anything other than English. This exercise truly delivered on my unconscious biases and self-awareness.

Even the way we address people at functions and events will have to change. Instead of addressing a crowd as "Ladies and Gentlemen" we will change that to "Welcome Friends" to

be more inclusionary. Instead of referring to a group of people as "guys" we might switch that up to say "folks." A simple change like these examples might seem easy but, we must consciously think about how we can exhibit more inclusionary behaviours.

OFA and other commodity organizations are taking the first steps towards improving our awareness on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion to combat racism, oppression, and bigotry in our society.

I will endeavour to continue walking this winding road even if it is an uphill journey for a time.

A Gandhi quote that is applicable for me currently is "An ounce of practice is worth more than tons of preaching."

Wishing you all, pleasant weather, good health, and no equipment failures as you head into the busy planting season.



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## Designing Edible Landscapes

By Cathy Hamill-Hill

Everything in the garden can be eaten, at one point through the Ontario growing season in Ben Caesar's garden. He was so impressed with "edible gardening" that he began his own business "Fiddlehead Nursery" to fill the niche market in edible plants for Ontario's gardens. He sells plants, trees and shrubs and most of these are perennials.

Caesar was a speaker at the "Designing Edible Landscapes" webinar presented by Grey-Bruce Ag Services that are in affiliation with the extremely popular Grey-Bruce Farmer's Week.

Caesar was not a gardener when he was approached in 2003 to help plant a field of nut trees. He never considered this possible in Ontario. He says, "My friend Ahren Hughes introduced me to permaculture and inspired me to start growing my own perennial food plants. Ahren Hughes runs Blackshire Gardens near Neustadt." Permaculture is the conscious design and maintenance of agriculturally productive ecosystems which have the diversity, stability, and resilience of natural ecosystems, very much like a natural woodland.

Most edible landscape plants are perennials- and he stressed that "the yield that we get from our perennials is not the same as with the annual plants in the traditional garden. I have a traditional annual garden along with my forestry garden and that is what most people have."

When planning the forestry garden, the key is to "maximize collaboration and eliminate competition" among plants, he said explaining that forestry gardens can be planted "on any scale, in many acres or a few plant beds within an existing annual garden. Some plants take a lot from the soil while others give a lot to the soil so the fertility balance must be found to maximize success.

"The perennial plants sequester (store) nitrogen into the soil. It drops leaves in the fall and it holds nitrogen in the plant where it stays year after year," he said adding that the Black Locust Tree is an example of a nitrogen storer. "The Black Locust tree has the best edible flowers. The flowers are edible for just two weeks but they are so good being crunchy and tasting like vanilla. They are easy to collect and they can be used for mixing with bread crumbs and an egg to make a patty," Caesar reported.

A shrub that puts nitrogen into the soil is Autumn Olives. "Autumn Olive leaves are delicious when they are early and small. They taste much like raspberries. They are a pollinator plant and are good for wildlife," he said.

Ground covers are the first layer of the forestry garden. "Ground covers keep all soil covered. It acts like a mulch keeping the moisture in the soil and it won't let weeds get through. There are lots of edible ground covers like Mint. Mint comes in different kinds like "Chocolate Mint." Mint is delicious for teas and in salads," Caesar said.

Forestry gardens naturally attract a lot of insects- and

insects are good for the garden. "Insects pollinate and keep pests under control. Insects will take care of problem insects and unless there is a huge explosive population of insects in the garden, it's best to let the garden take care of its own insects," he explained.

There are many plants that are available for edible gardens in Ontario. Caesar shared his expertise listing Sweet Cicely as "juicy, sweet and tastes like licorice." This plant grows much like a fern. Milkweed Pods from the milkweed plant are edible "when the pods are two inches or smaller. Cook them as a vegetable, they taste a lot like broccoli," he said.

Garden Sorrel soup is a delicacy in France- and the plant grows with ease in Ontario. "The seedless variety of the sorrel has a lemony taste and is good for sandwiches, salads and stews. It's one of the best edible crops for a sunny area," he said.

In Japan, the Hosta that is grown in Ontario in many shade gardens is used as a vegetable. In the spring, hostas can be eaten when they are very young. "Cook the hosta for 5 to 10 minutes and add in some olive oil, they are much like broccoli."

To get more tender edibles, consider using a "blanch pot" which is simply placing a pot over top of the plant. The plant will reach out to try and find light making the plant "search for light, making them more tender and milder and be ready for harvest earlier and will be pale in colour," he said.

Planting edible plants is not only environmental friendly, it also gives food security to the gardener.



### Handles to hold

Did you know that maple syrup bottles have little handles on them because they originally came in five-pound containers that needed handles to carry them? When the bottle size was reduced, the handle was kept because people associated the handle with that product.

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## Innisfil Seed Library

**Locations: Lakeshore and Cookstown Branches, Innisfil ideaLAB & Library**

*Story and photos provided by Sharlene Dinsmore and Bridget Indelicato*

In March 2016, Innisfil resident Bridget Indelicato approached the Innisfil ideaLAB & Library with a proposal to start a seed library at its Lakeshore Branch. A seed library allows users to “borrow” seeds free of charge to grow in their home gardens and then harvest and return seeds to keep the seed library sustainable season after season. With over 30 seed libraries popping up across Ontario at that time, it was a good moment to bring Innisfil into the fold. As it happened, the library had been considering starting a seed library but needed a community, member-led volunteer to run the initiative. Here is Bridget’s story.



Shown in the photo above is Bridget Indelicato, Innisfil Seed Library Founder

“When I got the green light to go ahead, I worked towards developing the Innisfil Seed Library with a launch date of May 14, 2016, at the Lakeshore branch. Starting with my horticultural group connections, gardening friends, my own seed stock, and with a few weeks to prepare, I rallied troops to donate seeds and help pack them at several seed-packing parties. The response was wonderful and generous, and we kicked off our launch with a bang. I can’t thank my donors and volunteers enough. With the library as our partner, we were able to get the materials we needed to house the seeds—envelopes and containers primarily. And, of course, their incredible support and outreach capabilities helped to get the seed library known and regularly used.

I also develop a roster of workshops throughout the growing season to help empower seed growers and enhance the experience of “growing your own.” Since 2016, we’ve held successful workshops facilitated by me and some gracious guest presenters. Topics have included seed saving and growing (of course!), food security, wild foraging, growing garlic at home, and water conservation. You can also find us from time to time at other locations, like the Innisfil Farmers’ Market or the annual Spring Extravaganza in Cookstown.

I continue to run the Innisfil Seed Library and its programs as a dedicated volunteer in partnership with the library be-

cause I am passionate about all things seedy and truly enjoy seeing my community learn and get as excited as I do about growing seeds. Since spring 2017, we’ve held successful annual Innisfil Seedy Saturday events at the Lakeshore Branch in partnership with the library and the Innisfil Garden Club, and in 2017 we launched a second seed library branch at the Cookstown branch. And each season we have a growing collection of donated seeds and local “returns” from seed harvests.

Our group of dedicated, passionate volunteers in Innisfil and surrounding areas has also grown, and we are indebted to their continued efforts. I am proud to see that this project has enriched the lives of the Innisfil community through the collective experience at seed-packing events, as well as workshops and events like Seedy Saturday. My ultimate dream is to have a completely locally adapted seed collection in our seed library. Imagine a diverse collection of seeds suited to Innisfil’s growing conditions! That would be pretty cool, wouldn’t it?

Borrow seeds to grow throughout the growing season while supplies last at the Cookstown and Lakeshore branches of the Innisfil ideaLAB & Library. We also accept seed donations anytime. In partnership with the library, we are offering a series of virtual and in-person workshops in April and June, and registration is required to participate. Join us April 9 and 13 for the live webinar “Planting from Seed to Seedling,” and the in-person, hands-on workshop on June 15 and 18 in the Lakeshore branch courtyard for “Growing Food in Containers & Small Spaces.” Get registration details and find out how to borrow and donate seeds at [www.innisfilseedlibrary.ca](http://www.innisfilseedlibrary.ca).”

—Bridget Indelicato, Innisfil Seed Library Founder, May 2016



A great selection of seeds available from the Innisfil Seed Library.



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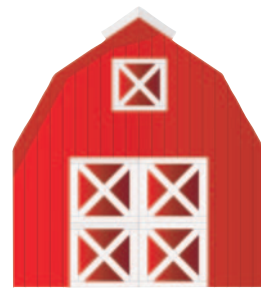
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## Accounts from retired Farm View Publisher, John Beischer

*Responding to Bob's email....*

Hello Bob and family.

Thank you for your letter to my daughter [publisher, Farm View] last month, asking me for an update on my activities and plans for the coming summer.

I am grateful for your interest and happy to provide you and other readers with my outlook for the year ahead. I left the publishing business in 2020 after a 45 year career publishing daily, weekly and monthly publications in Southern Ontario, plus hundreds of specialty publications relating primarily to Agriculture. It was a wonderful experience and I will treasure those years for a lifetime. I am so very grateful [and proud] that my daughter was in a position to purchase and continue the publication of Farm View into the years ahead. Unfortunately, newspapers, both weekly and monthly, are failing/closing due to the advancement of social media. But a monthly newspaper like Farm View is flourishing because it addresses a target audience that provides an opportunity to reach potential customers that consider the products and services offered to be genuine, trusted and beneficial to the growth of their business.

Readers, through email and letter correspondence, affirm the wonderful accomplishments my daughter has made since my departure. They also confirm that the infrequent contributions I have made these past 24 months, and those of my oldest daughter Diana, have been appreciated by many readers. I suspect that both of us will continue to contribute to the editorial and news content of Farm View well into the future, whenever invited to do so.

While most readers will recall, my wife [Jill], and I had planned to sell [Farm View] and retire from the publishing business in 2019. Jill passed away suddenly in May of that year.

Fortunately my children, my extended family and Jill's wonderful family of sisters and brothers all helped me through this period and together we were able to move forward.

My plan at that time was to take the motorhome that Jill and I had just purchased, and drive it to BC to visit family and friends. Or, drive East to the maritime provinces where we both had relatives and friends in Nova Scotia, PEI and Newfoundland. I even planned a trip to Naples Florida to visit a wonderful sister-in-law where Jill and I had visited several times in the past.

Then Covid hit and travel was restricted.

Now the restrictions have lifted and travel is possible. BUT! Now gas is nearly 2 bucks a litre and I can't afford to drive the motorhome around the block, let alone to either of our coasts!

So here is my compromise; I plan to drive the motorhome an hour north of Barrie to six mile lake provincial campground and park my motorhome and jet boat there for the month of June. I will return to Utopia to feed my cat and pack the car for a trip to Florida for the month of July. After visiting in the Orlando and Naples area, I plan to visit the Florida Keys ending at Key West, the home of such wonderful writers as [Papa] Hemingway, Tennessee Williams and Robert Frost to name a few.

I am grateful for the friendships these past many years. I pray for all of you and trust that God is keeping you well and safe as we move into a post-covid period.

I also hope that by the time this April issue is available to readers, the Russian aggression against Ukraine has come to a humanitarian conclusion.

Sincerely,  
John

## Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture Update

As 2022 has begun, the Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture has already been quite busy. January began with an information session about the Municipal Component Review (MCR) process that many counties are currently undergoing, including the County of Simcoe. Our Board of Directors continue to be involved in the process with the county. We encourage all farmers and their families to learn more about the MCR process and what it can mean for their farms. The best place to find more information on the MCR is to check out the County of Simcoe Website <https://www.simcoe.ca/Planning/Pages/MCR.aspx>.

The Board of Directors chose to mark Canada's Agricultural Day (February 22, 2022) by donating to 8 local food banks. As pricing has increased at the grocery stores; we all understand the need to access food is becoming greater. Each food bank will receive \$500.00 to assist with improving food security for the people in Simcoe County.

The SCFA has also launched their own Instagram page; as another means to keep people informed. You can find us at <https://www.instagram.com/simcoecountyfedofagriculture/>. Here you will find out

what the SCFA is currently up to as well as information on webinars, courses, and other presentations that would be of interest to those in our farming community.

It is that time of year again that the SCFA Scholarship is available to students in Simcoe County that will be entering an agricultural program at an approved post-secondary institution. For more information check out our website or Instagram page. <https://forms.gle/9bi3ihurVgV2KoSs9> will take you to our google form where you can fill out the application form. You can also contact the office at [simcty.fed.agriculture@outlook.com](mailto:simcty.fed.agriculture@outlook.com) for a copy of the application or if you have any questions. The deadline for applications is June 25, 2022.

We know that spring is right around the corner and we wish all of our farming families a successful planting season ahead.

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## News from the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association

### Grain Producer, Warren Schneckenburger, Heads Up OSCIA for 2022



The 2022 slate of Provincial Directors for the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA) was introduced in early February at their virtual annual meeting. Taking the reins as president for the one-year term is Warren Schneckenburger from Dundas County who has repre-

sented the Eastern Valley Region.

OSCIA, founded in 1939, is a unique not-for-profit grassroots farm organization. Over 50 county and district associations encompassed by

11 designated regions make up OSCIA's network of members. Their diverse membership of about 4,000 has a significant presence in all agricultural areas of the province and across all major sectors. OSCIA is farmers actively seeking, testing, and adopting optimal farm production and stewardship practices and their number one applied research priority is soil health. As a leader in agricultural stewardship program delivery for more than 34 years, OSCIA works with producers to support environmental stewardship activities in agriculture through education-based programs and cost-share funding opportunities.

Alongside his parents Arden and Rhonda, Warren and his wife Christine operate Cedar Lodge Farms, a cash crop farm in south Dundas County. Warren and Christine are the third generation on the farm where they produce corn, soybeans, winter wheat, and edible beans. Warren and Christine also have three young daughters: LiliAnne, Emilia, and Catherine.

Warren is no stranger to being recognized for his dedication to soil health, environmental stewardship and progressive production methods and was named Innovative Farmer of the Year in 2019 by the Innovative Farmers Association of Ontario. Over the past ten years Warren has implemented many strategies for soil conservation, including improving crop rotation, implementing strip tillage and no-till practices, applying controlled traffic farming and planting cover crops. With his primary focus on soil health and compaction mitigation, Warren's efforts are reportedly paying off.

Warren has been involved in Soil and Crop for as long as he can remember. From being a member, to holding director roles within the local, regional, and provincial boards. Warren recognizes the value of good land stewardship and has noted that many of the changes incorporated at Cedar Lodge Farms are reflective of the OSCIA mission statement "...to facilitate economic management of soil, water, air, and crops..."

"I feel very humbled to be elected the 84th president of OSCIA, an organization with incredible history and importance to Ontario agriculture," states Schneckenburger during his in-coming Presidents remarks at the OSCIA 2022 virtual annual meeting. "I have learned the importance of grassroots through my involvement with Dundas County SCIA over the last 20-years, and it is this sort of engagement that gives value to our members; building on a common goal creates a sense of community that will continue to draw members into our organization".

"Membership value isn't hard to find within OSCIA., The successes of the OSCIA Tier Two projects are an excellent example of this," comments Schneckenburger. "I urge you and your local SCIA to build up and engage with your members again, continue with on-farm research, set up a crop tour, a twilight tailgate meeting, get re-engaged. OSCIA is known and respected for sharing information and encouraging others to do the same."

The OSCIA annual meeting was split into four 2-hour sessions throughout the day and featured both live and pre-recorded presentations. Video recordings of the presentations are available on the OSCIA website for members to access. Topics of technical presentations included grazing cover crops, best practices for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from nitrogen fertilizer, carbon sequestration and emerging carbon markets.

"Our board is made up of a dynamic and passionate group of farm leaders," comments Schneckenburger when discussing the OSCIA Board of Directors "I am confident that the collective knowledge and experience of this board will work diligently to provide the resources and opportunities so that all of our local and regional associations may continue to succeed year after year. This is what Soil and Crop is all about, building, learning, and improving."

#### The 2022 provincial Board of Directors are:

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Warren Schneckenburger, Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association President for 2022

### Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association Set to Deliver the On-Farm Climate Action Fund to Ontario Farmers

Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA) is pleased to have been selected by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) as a recipient organization to deliver the federal Agricultural Climate Solutions – On-Farm Climate Action Fund (OFCAF) in Ontario. On February 22, Canada's Agricultural Day, AAFC announced OSCIA as one of 12 agricultural recipient organizations across Canada that will be delivering OFCAF over the 2022 and 2023 cropping seasons. Funding will support Ontario's producers in their ongoing progress adopting beneficial management practices (BMPs) that reduce greenhouse gases (GHGs) and store carbon, specifically for in-field nitrogen management, expanding cover cropping, and implementing rotational grazing practices.

To support projects in the 2022 growing season, OSCIA is planning for a late-spring application intake. Funding will be available to eligible farm businesses to cost-share implementation of a wide array of BMPs to support emission reductions. Examples include professional agronomic planning services, N-fertilizer application equipment upgrades to improve N placement, and cross-fencing materials to support rotational grazing. Producers should watch for programming details to be released by OSCIA in the coming months.

As experts in the delivery of educational workshops and peer-to-peer learning opportunities, OSCIA recognizes that BMP demonstration and access to professional advice play a key role in farmers' successful long-term adoption of new practices. The program in Ontario will couple cost-share support for BMPs with in-kind support for participation in Knowledge Sharing

Events (KSEs), to be offered in a variety of formats by OSCIA and other like-minded organizations in Ontario. These KSEs will provide participants with knowledge from the latest research, first-hand experience from their peers and access to information networks supporting co-learning opportunities long-term.

Cash crop farmer and OSCIA President Warren Schneckenburger is pleased with how the new program will support the already significant efforts Ontario's farmers are making towards climate change mitigation. "As an organization committed to seeking, testing and adopting optimal farm production and stewardship practices, OFCAF is a logical extension of the current opportunities our Association offers Ontario farmers." Regarding the KSE element of the new programming, Schneckenburger recognizes the role it will play in promoting adoption. "As a big proponent of peer-to-peer learning, OSCIA has developed a unique model that will encourage industry networking and integration of new learning opportunities into farmer's decision making when accessing funding through OFCAF."

Another new element of the On-Farm Climate Action Fund at the federal level, is a commitment to supporting diversity and inclusion. To better understand how marginalized farmer groups can be served by this programming, OSCIA has hired the Ecological Farmers Association of Ontario (EFAO), an organization committed to better meeting the needs of farmers and members who are currently underrepresented in the industry. "Young farmers, women farmers, farmers with disabilities, Black farmers, Indigenous farmers and food providers, farmers of

colour, small-scale farmers, 2SLGBTQ+ farmers, and new Canadian farmers often experience additional and unique barriers to enter and succeed in our sector. EFAO is very pleased to be a partner on this program to help ensure that farmers from equity-deserving groups are supported to access and benefit from this funding." Says Ali English, EFAO Executive Director.

"Our experience in delivering Ontario's Environmental Farm Plan and the many achievements of our programming through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership and various Species At Risk initiatives, have positioned OSCIA very well to succeed in OFCAF delivery," says Andrew Graham, OSCIA Executive Director. Founded in 1939, the OSCIA is a unique not-for-profit whose diverse grassroots membership has significant presence in all agricultural areas and across all major sectors. With over 34 years of stewardship programming delivery and producer education experience, the OSCIA is well-positioned to support Ontario's farmers in their adoption of climate-friendly best management practices.

Funding for this project has been provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada through the On-Farm Climate Action Fund. The Fund is part of the Government of Canada's Agricultural Climate Solutions initiative under the Natural Climate Solutions Fund (NCSF). The NCSF is implemented by Natural Resources Canada, Environment and Climate Change Canada, and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

To get up-to-date information on upcoming intakes, join the program's email list at <https://www.ontariosoilcrop.org/mail-list-subscribe/>.



## News from the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association

### Southern Ontario crop farmer, Laurent (Woody) Van Arkel recognized for soil health advocacy

In February Chatham-Kent farmer Laurent (Woody) Van Arkel was selected as the 2022 Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA) Soil Champion. The award, given annually to recognize a strong soil advocate, was presented at the recent OSCIA annual general meeting.

The southwestern Ontario farmer, who grows corn, soybeans, wheat, sugar beets and sunflowers, and finishes hogs, has been looking for ways to reduce tillage and feed the soil's biology for close to 40 years - and he's always ready to participate in research and share his thoughts with others, whether online or in person.

"Woody's passion for soil health and his drive to continually look for new and better ways of doing things make him a worthy recipient of the OSCIA Soil Champion Award," says OSCIA President Warren Schneckenburger. "Through his willingness to share his soil health experiences openly, he has become a valuable source of information for other farmers who are working to improve soil sustainability on their own farms too."

For the last 10 years, Van Arkel has farmed with three goals in mind: disturb the soil as little as possible, leave the ground covered as much as possible, and keep a living root system in the soil as much as possible. He strip-tills corn and sugar beets and no-tills wheat, soybeans, and sunflowers.

Manure from the pigs is applied after winter wheat, followed by a cover crop. For the last three years, he's been using perennial cover crops between his row crops as part of one of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Living Lab projects.

Van Arkel believes there are three changes over the course of his farming career that have had the most impact on his soil's health: GPS guidance for his tractor that has enabled him to adopt precision planting, switching to no-till for his soybeans, wheat and sunflowers, and strip-tilling sugar beets and corn.

In addition to the Living Lab project, Van Arkel also volunteers his time to the Innovative Farmers Association of Ontario and the Ontario Soil Network and frequently speaks at meetings and events in Canada and the United States. He's also active on Twitter, where he showcases his farming practices and experiences with his almost 6,500 followers.

"Soil health and soil sus-



Pictured above 2022 Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA) Soil Champion, Laurent (Woody) Van Arkel.

tainability have been important to me for the last 20 years," Van Arkel says. "It's an honour to be chosen as Soil Champion and nice to be recognized for what you're doing."

Nominations for the 2023 Soil Champion can be submitted to OSCIA any time up to November 1, 2022. Visit [ontariosoilcrop.org](https://www.ontariosoilcrop.org) to learn more.

OSCIA is a unique, not-for-profit grassroots farm organization whose mission is to facilitate responsible economic management of soil, water, air and crops through development and communication of innovative farming practices.

### Cost-share funding to support species at risk habitat on Ontario farmland available in 2022

The Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA) is excited to announce the Species at Risk Farm Incentive Program (SARFIP) is back for 2022 with funding support from the Government of Ontario. SARFIP provides funding to farmers and agricultural landowners interested in adopting habitat creation, enhancement, and protection Best Management Practices (BMPs) that support species at risk (SAR).

Farmland is host to some of the over 230 SAR identified provincially, meaning farmers play an essential role in maintaining healthy habitats for many at-risk plant, fish, and wildlife species. Cross-fencing for rotational grazing, watering systems for livestock, native tree planting, improved stream crossings, native grassland plantings, and invasive species removal are examples of projects to support these habitats through SARFIP.

Projects that provide indirect and direct benefits to SAR are eligible for 45 per cent or 60 per cent cost-share funding, respectively. An additional 15 per cent cost-share is available for direct benefit projects where applicants agree to enroll in SAR-Watch, a monitoring program that measures the impact of SARFIP projects on the ground for species at risk.

The application intake opened on March 14, 2022, and funding will be awarded to eligible projects until fully allocated. Applicants can receive up to \$20,000 per farm business and must have a valid Premises Identification Number and 4th Edition Environmental Farm Plan to be eligible for the program.

"Ontario farmers manage millions of acres of cropland, woodlots and wetlands, which are important habitats for species at risk. OSCIA is pleased to offer farmers the opportunity to support these habitats alongside their farming practices through programs like SARFIP," said Warren Schneckenburger, President of OSCIA. "The Environmental Farm Plan is the perfect compliment to SARFIP because it allows farmers to evaluate how their operation is meeting their farm's stewardship needs and identify opportunities to take action."

For more information on eligibility criteria, the application process, and program deadlines, or to sign up to an upcoming EFP workshop in your area, visit <https://www.ontariosoilcrop.org/oscia-programs/sarfip/>

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#### Maple tapping squirrels

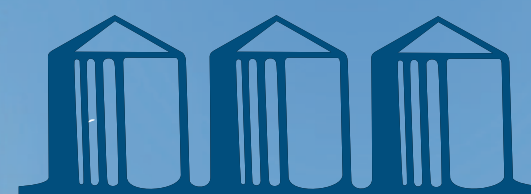
During sugar season (otherwise known as "spring" to soft southerners) the North American squirrel often uses its huge front teeth to tap sweet, maple sap. The Indigenous North Americans noticed this and used hand-axes to get in on the action themselves. When someone eventually tried cooking with the sap, it boiled down, and the rest is sweet history.

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# So you think you want to Farm? Webinar series presented by Farms at Work

By Cathy Hamill-Hill

Farms at Work presented a free two part Webinar series titled “So you Think you Want to Farm?”

Nature's Bounty is a popular apple orchard near Port Perry that is home to apple trees, a flock of sheep and fall crops of pumpkins and squash. The manager, Rob Alexander, was hired with no previous farming experience.

A marketing/communications professional working in the high towers of Toronto found an ad that caught his attention in “Farmlink” looking for a manager. Alexander admitted he had to actually look up what it would mean to work at an orchard and watched a lot of Youtube videos before applying for the position. He now has several years of experience and does many jobs at Nature's Bounty including tree planting, operating equipment, hiring employees, promoting the business' pick your own operation and arranging school tours. Further, he is in his second term of Chair of the Durham Farm Fresh Marketing Association.

Alexander said that it's quite the feeling, especially on a Friday night, not be tied up in traffic on his route home. “I traded GO transit and office towers for orchard rows,” he said. He added that the owners of Nature's Bounty have been huge supporters of his career change and he is very grateful to them for having this exciting opportunity.

One of the big changes to farm life is the “seasonal” aspect which can mean up to 80 hours a week in the busy season of harvest and pick-your-own to barely 30 hours a week in late winter that is spent mostly pruning trees.

Some of the positive aspects of farming is the “entrepreneurial aspect” he said as there is so much opportunity for continuous learning and trying new things. There is a closeness from the network of apple producers that he appreciates who all work together in the big picture.

“It's not all apple blossoms every day,” Alexander said explaining that there are struggles in farming that people have to be ready for. “A bad year is bad, and often it's the weather that you have no control over as the reason,” he added.

The economic side of apple farming means that “six weeks is really the income for the rest of year” he said explaining the apple harvest has to budget carefully to carry for the rest of year. Another challenge is the market prices which is, like the weather, out of the farmer's control.

A struggle the last few years has been in sourcing necessary labour. “Getting the help you need, when you need it is a challenge. Farmers also work on the farm and undervalue their own time investment often,” he said adding that farm work is “hard and time consuming.”

For advice going into farming, Alexander said find a mentor to “teach you what they know” and “do your research, know what you are getting into before you get fully into it.”

“You need to love it (the business of farming) and/or

know why you are doing it,” he concluded.

Justin Bell has two full-time jobs, he works as a financial lender specializing in agriculture covering a territory from Newmarket to Kingston and he is an organic dairy farmer milking 40 cows on his farm near Peterborough. He entered into dairy farming through the New Entrant Quota Assistance Program through the Dairy Farmers of Ontario. His presentation on Day 2 was titled, “So you want to Finance a Farm?”

A dynamic speaker, he used real life examples to show how a farm can be purchased today.

Bell said the first step is to make a full business plan that “proves to my bank what I was doing with their money and how I planned to pay it back,” he said. He added that his family are farmers but there was no space in his family's farm for his plans so he “had to branch out on his own.”

Today, it is a reality to assume that a farm would cost at least 1 million dollars. For a 1 million dollar farm, there would have to be \$250,000 which is the minimum 25% found. Bell said there are several options open to get this down payment including using equity of a currently owned property. To begin his farm, he borrowed against a property owned by family members that agreed to help him out to get him started.

With interest at 3.5%, payments on a 1 million dollar farm would be set for borrowing meaning the \$750,000 would equal to \$3,750.00 per month or \$45,000 a year. He said that banks will “work with the farmer offering monthly, semi annual and annual payment options as they realize that the bulk of the income might come at once during the harvest season for some operations like grain farmers.”

“The bank typically looks at 1:20 ratio meaning that for ever dollar loan there is to be \$1.20 in income. For that \$750,000 loan, the bank needs to see \$54,000 a year in income,” he explained.

Off-farm work is the most used form of income for start-up agricultural operations. For a \$50,000 income, the bank would count that income to be only \$40,000 factoring in income taxes, living expenses such as insurance and land property taxes and paying credit card debt and lines of credit. “You must know all your expenses,” Bell stressed.

Farm income counts as “income” if there are other farms out there doing the same thing successfully. He said he had no issue finding a comparison for his operation as dairy farming is common. He advised anything outside the “normal box” like a farm dedicated to growing asparagus would need to do a full detailed plan to prove to the bank of the income it would generate. He stressed, “use low numbers for income as unknowns like the weather can greatly impact those numbers.”

He gave a real life example of a new farm that had 100 acres set to grow soybeans. In the first year, 40 bushels to

an acre could happen at at \$14 a bushel for 100 acres that would yield \$56,000. The farm has no equipment yet so on the expense sides with estimates only used at \$15 an acre for tillage, \$25 an acre for planting, \$12 an acre for spraying and that happens twice, \$45 an acre for harvesting. There are also \$4,000 for property taxes, \$2,500 for insurance, \$6,000 for seed, \$5,000 for fertilizer, \$1,100 for crop insurance and \$4,500 for sprays. The full estimate expense total is \$34,000. The yield at \$56,000 minus the expenses at \$34,000 equals the profit of \$22,000 which the bank would accept then as projected income.

The person with the \$50,000 income which was accepted at \$40,000 plus the project proven income of \$22,000 is \$62,000 which is enough to qualify for the \$750,000 loan as it needed “only” \$54,000.

Advice for the new farmer is to cut the risk by purchasing crop insurance. “Weather has a huge impact in the bottom line, there are risk management tools provided by Agri-Corp in Ontario,” he advised.

## Worth a Chuckle... and life lessons

by Aunt Hazel

A group of seniors were sitting around talking about all their ailments while drinking coffee. "My arms have gotten so weak I can hardly lift this cup of coffee," said one. "Yes, I know," said another. "My cataracts are so bad, I can hardly even see my coffee." "I couldn't even mark an 'X' at election time, my hands are so crippled," volunteered a third. "What? Speak up! I can't hear you!" Shouted another. "I can't turn my head because of the arthritis in my neck," said a fifth senior, to which several others nodded weakly in agreement. "My blood pressure pills make me so dizzy!" Exclaimed another. "I forget where I am, and where I'm going," said another. "I guess that's the price we pay for getting old," winced an old man as he slowly shook his head. The others nodded sadly in agreement. "Well, count your blessings," said a woman, "thank God we can all still drive!"

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Under the Statute Labour Law, property owners were required to make themselves available to maintain any road that fronted their lots. The amount of time a farmer was expected to perform such work varied depending in the assessed value of their property, but it ranged from a low of two days and as high as 12. No tools were provided – farmers were expected to bring their own shovels, rakes, picks, axes, as well as teams of horses or oxen.

Statute labour was never popular; farmers had more than enough work to do already without additional tasks being thrust upon them, and so they reluctantly did the very least required of them. That's assuming, of course, they even bothered to show up. Many tried to shirk the duty entirely if they thought they could get away with it. And for a time, they often could – there wasn't much oversight.

Things changed for the worse when the provincial government passed all responsibilities for road construction and maintenance down to township in the 1880s. The extensive network of roads that had been built across the province over the previous eight decades was now passed down to townships with little in the way of infrastructure or revenue that they enjoy today. It was a recipe for disaster.

Without adequate funds and lacking staff, townships were forced increasingly relied upon statute labour to keep the roads passable. Generally, neither the workers nor the local Path Master (a township official appointed to oversee the work, and typically just a farmer himself) knew anything about road con-

struction. Unsurprisingly, it wasn't long before roads, often rather primitive in rural areas at the best of times, were in a sorry state. In the summer, ruts and rocks became the nemesis of wheels and axles. In wet weather, many were washed out or became muddy quagmires the consistency of oatmeal. Instead of facilitating travel and commerce, rural roads became an impediment to both.

Fed up citizens began pushing their local councils to find a solution. Councils, in turn, pressured the provincial government.

The wheels of government turn slowly, and in the meantime rural suffered.

Though it took some time, the provincial government finally listened. In 1900 the first Commissioner of Highways, which included colonization roads in his portfolio, was named. Two years later, the Highway Improvement Act was passed, which set aside money to assist counties in road construction and maintenance programs.

For the first time, townships had adequate funding to hire skilled contractors armed with new machines that were revolutionizing the process of roadbuilding.

By the 1930s, statute labour had pretty much run its course over much of Ontario. And yet, it remains on the books in many townships across the province – rarely

employed, but still technically in the toolbox of local officials.

Based on how unpopular the Statute Labour Law was in the 19th century, it's impossible to imagine it being invoked today.

**Village stories**  
by Andrew Hind



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# Next Level Agronomic series presented by Holmes Agro

By Don Beaulieu

As technology in our industry continues to improve, Holmes Agro continues to offer the latest news in this regard. Recently, the Next Level Ag Series was presented as morning and afternoon sessions. During the introduction, Jeff Holmes expressed the desire for “growing profits with responsible stewardship”. Keeping farmers up-to-date with the latest information on coverage, markets and technology is aimed at that goal.

## Spray coverage

The first segment of the programme was led by Dr. Jason Deveau (The Spray Guy) of Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs with input from Dr. Tom Wolf (The Nozzle Guy). Optimal spray coverage has obvious links to improved crop protection and thus, yield.

In discussing Wolf’s trials with Adzuki (comparable to soy beans) Deveau explained the use of test papers to measure foliar fungicide coverage at the top of the canopy, mid-way down and at ground level. These test papers were analyzed using Dropscope digitization, a Brazilian technology allowing detailed mapping/graphing of the results.

## Fertilizer markets

Josh Linville presented to us from his hotel room in Orlando, Florida, as he was attending the Annual StoneX Conference was happening there. Linville is the Director of Fertilizer for StoneX.

He immediately spoke to the fast pace of changes saying “The world market for fertilizer is changing so quickly, anything I would’ve made yesterday is honestly out of date by today”. Linville also reminded us that world issues are always factoring into fertilizer markets. There is concern of a shortage of fertilizer due to current conflicts in Europe and we should brace for shortages and high prices.

## Precision Ag

Graham Burton, Precision Ag Manager with Premier Equipment was the third speaker of the first day’s presenta-

tions. Focusing on current technology, that which can be applied in your field now.

He began by talking about sensors on harvester spouts which can test for dry-matter, starch, proteins, sugars, and moisture. These sensors can be adjusted to assess manure... no more dipping into your tank and sending it off for testing. With this tool the speed of application can be determined live in the field. This was just the start of his presentation of exciting advances.

Exciting technology included determining yield by weight instead of bushels; See and Spray technology along with innovative boom capability and; Autonomy.

## Interest rates, economy

From Farm Credit Canada, Principal Economist Craig Klemmer spoke to the topics of interest rates and the global economy as related to inflation and disruptions. The theme for his segment was “Understanding the impacts of inflation on your business”.

Klemmer noted that Canada’s economy is strengthening, inflation is “hot”, the labour market is strong and there are supply chain challenges. Gas and oil prices, unemployment rates, wages, bonds yield curves, cost of borrowing, value of the dollar and more were discussed.

## Soil fertility basics

Aaron Stevanus, Technical Sales Manager (Eastern Canada) with The Mosaic Company talked about the importance of crop nutrition. He began by explaining “The Law of the Minimum”, which is: “Crop yields are reduced when one or more nutrients are lacking in the soil, even though an adequate amount of other elements are available”.

Micronutrients were reviewed; their benefits and drawbacks based on quantity and distribution method. Balanced crop nutrition and its effectiveness was shown and included a number of products on the market.

Historic return-on-investments were compared to current numbers.

## Canada fleabane & Waterhemp

Dr. Peter Sikkema of the University of Waterloo provided an update on the situations with a couple of particularly difficult weeds, Canada fleabane and waterhemp. Ontario farmers contend that glyphosate-resistant Canada fleabane is the number-one weed management issue in this province. The life-cycle and habitat of fleabane were presented, as well as factors allowing it to become distributed across the province.

Successful controls were shown in text plots, which included aggressive tillage.

After a thorough lesson in Canada fleabane, Sikkema moved his topic to multiple-herbicide resistant waterhemp. One of the first pieces of information was how to identify waterhemp (a longer, narrow leaf, with a wavy edge) from redroot pigweed (a broader leaf and smoother edge).

Major reasons waterhemp has become such a problem are trends to reduced tilling methods. Being a dioecious plant, waterhemp can take advantage of genetic diversity. It has evolved multiple herbicide resistance. Waterhemp is a competitive plant with a rapid growth-rate, high fecundity, prolonged emergence and seed dormancy.

Sikkema provided a thorough look at these issues with plenty of tests and results on corn, soybean and wheat including several rotations.

After an hour of detailed information, he ended his presentation with “At some point we need to stop looking to herbicides as the solution to a problem created by herbicides”, a quote from Dr. Andrew Kniss of the University of Wyoming.

Each of these sessions included a question-and-answer segment where viewers of the live presentation could ask questions of specific interest to their concerns.

Will Kell closed the afternoon session by thanking Holmes Agro customers, suppliers and sponsors of this series. Recordings of the morning and afternoon sessions are available for viewing on YouTube and the Holmes Agro page.

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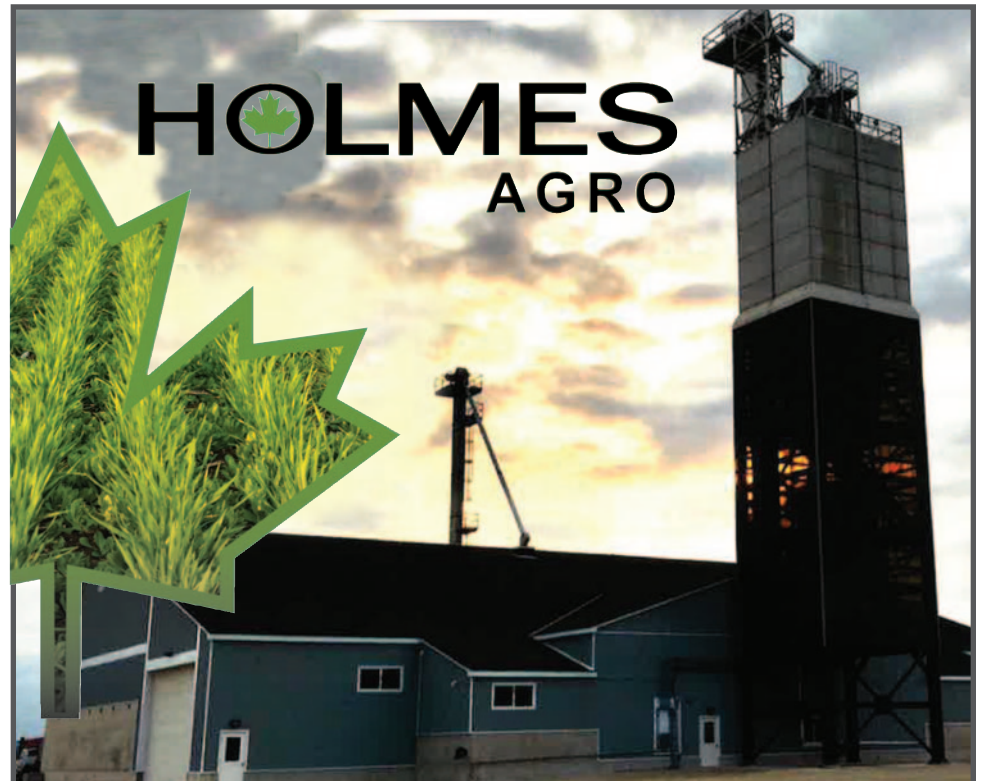
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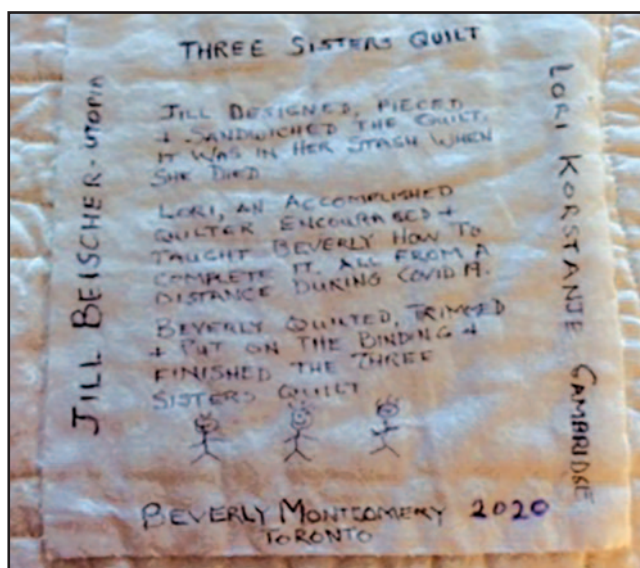
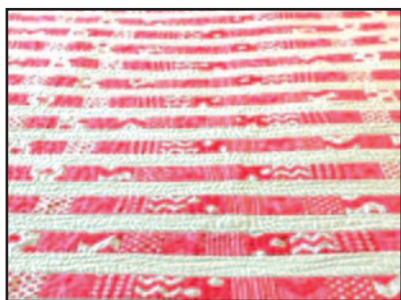
Story and photos by Beverly Montgomery

After our sister, Jill, passed away in 2019, one of my other sisters, Lori, and I had the chance to go through Jill's stash and choose one of her unfinished projects to take home. I found the pink and white top and Lori encouraged me to take it home and finish it. Trouble was, I didn't know how and Covid 19 struck. After many hours remembering happy times with Jill and getting advice and more laughter from Lori, I finished my quilt. Jill & Lori passed "the quilting bug" to me. My quilt label tells the story.....

"Jill designed, pieced and sandwiched the quilt. It was in her stash when she died.

Lori, an accomplished quilter encouraged & taught Beverly how to complete it. All from a distance during Covid 19.

Beverly quilted, trimmed, put on the binding and finished the three sisters quilt."



## Fabulous fleece and fibre festival

By Marie Sternberg

Organizers Sheila Klugescheid and Marie Sternberg are delighted to announce that things are proceeding full steam ahead with Sunshine Fibre Fest 2022, scheduled for Saturday May 7 at ODAS Park in Orillia from 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tickets are available at the door, and in advance online at Eventbrite. Proud media sponsorship is provided by Harrowsmith, and the first 50 entrants will get a free magazine.



The first Sunshine Fibre Fest was held in 2019 to great acclaim and will be a similar format this year. A fleece and fibre festival, this event includes vendors from all over Ontario and beyond, and demonstrations of many fibre crafts including spinning and a crank-style sock knitting machine. Everything from various raw animal fibres (including wool, qiviut, alpaca and angora) to hand-dyed and natural coloured fleece and rovings and handspun and commercial processed yarns will be available for the fibre enthusiast. Traditional rug hooking kits and supplies and cross stitch kits and quilting supplies will be featured too. Whether you are an experienced crafter or a

beginner, there will be lots for you to enjoy.

Building one hosts over 20 vendors, along with lunch and snacks available (including vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options) from the fabulous ladies

in the kitchen at ODAS Park. Another 10 or so vendors will be in the barn along with fibre animals for you to meet.

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## South Simcoe 4-H Vet Club report

By Madeleine Cullen

The first vet club meeting was held on zoom at 7:00pm on Monday February 22, 2022. We started the meeting with the 4-H pledge and proceeded with roll call. Roll call was to introduce yourself and why you decided to join this club this year. We moved on to our guest speaker Caitlin Crane, a vet at the 404 emergency animal hospital in Newmarket. She has been a veterinarian for 16 years, 7 of them as the lead emergency vet in Newmarket. She gave us a PowerPoint presentation and virtual tour of the facilities and equipment used during emergency procedures. She explained the differences between an emergency vet and a regular practice vet. She finished her presentation with 2 case studies. After our guest speakers presentation, we voted on our executive. Isys Degeus is our president, Brooklyn Downey is our Vice President and Morgan Gilpin is our Secretary. Since then we have had our second meeting, also on Zoom. At our second meeting, we visited Olds College in Alberta on a virtual tour hosted by Alyssa Brace. Members got to see the Olds College on-campus farm and learned about the many different veterinary opportunities on campus. We finished the meeting with another case study, on a 19 year old sport horse who injured herself in the paddock while her owner was on vacation. We discussed the benefits of the open wound injury occurring in the winter as opposed to the summer, and learned about her step by step process to recovery! Overall, the past two meetings have been great and I can't wait to learn so much more about veterinary medicine!



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## South Simcoe 4-H Adventure Club report

By Abby Patton, Press Reporter

Are you ready for an adventure? The South Simcoe Adventure Club is back this year and better than ever! Our first meeting was held on Feb 23rd 2022 on zoom. Isabella Cullen is the President of this club along with Lolo Cowan as Vice President, Gwenyth Jutzi as Secretary and myself, Abby Patton, as Press Reporter. The theme of our first meeting was around survival and what you would need to pack in a bush bag. A bush bag is something that you can pack ahead of time so you can grab it and go in an emergency. It includes things like a hat, a bar of laundry soap and of course duct tape! We are busy planning other adventures which could include kayaking, zipline, or fishing! This is an exciting club with members full of great ideas!

## Fire Safety tips for people with Disabilities

By Dennis Gannon

Many of us either have, live with or know someone who has a disability. They may be cognitive or physical in nature and may not be visible to many. Fire safety is for everyone and may pose more of a challenge for those with a disability but with careful consideration and following these safety suggestions a safe environment can be achieved.

Smoke alarms provide early warning in the case of a fire. The piercing and sometimes annoying beeping alerts the occupants to safely evacuate the area. For the hearing impaired there are alarms that have strobe lights and as well there are vibrating pads that can be installed on a bed. Consider working with a neighbour and install an outdoor siren or strobe light so that they can be alerted that assistance is required. Testing the alarms monthly and changing the batteries on a regular basis will ensure the smoke alarms are working properly.

Sleeping arrangements should also be looked at. Having a sleeping area on the ground floor and near an exit can make leaving the building quicker in the event of an emergency. It also can assist first responders should they need to assist with evacuation.

Having a fire safety plan assists everyone living in a residence. Develop a plan taking into consideration the abilities of those residing in the residence and practice it on a regular basis. For those who use mobility assistance devices such as walkers or wheelchairs, check that the exits to be used can have the device get through the doorways. If required make the necessary changes such as ramps or increase the size of the doorway. Every plan should have two ways out and contain a meeting place away from the building where emergency services can be called and meet the occupants.

Keep a charged phone near the bed along with the address of the location. In an emergency situation seconds count and being able to clearly advise emergency dispatch with all pertinent information will make a difference. Remember that when using a cell phone or web based telephone line the number and location of the caller may not be immediately available.

A service animal is an important family member and companion. To assist emergency responders consider placing a non-adhesive decal

to a window near the entrances so that rescuers know that there are animals inside and how many. If the service animal is left at home consider keeping them near entrances and not in bedrooms so that they may be found quickly and rescued. Some animals can be prone to anxiety from smoke alarms sounding. This may be increased when the owner is not home. There are suggested training plans that will assist the pet and their master available by searching the internet. Two quick suggestions are familiarizing the animal with the sounds of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. That can then be accompanied by teaching them a command that goes with the sound.

It is important not to isolate yourself. Share important contact information with a family member, friend or trustworthy neighbour. Have them assist you with developing the plan and testing it out. That can also include your local fire department. Most fire departments pre-plan locations and challenges that they may encounter at a particular location. That information will ensure that an appropriate response occurs and that responders know what to expect.

Fire safety isn't a burden and by taking simple steps such as those above the results to an emergency response can be positive.



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## After The Chores: Flower growing problems

By Cathy Hamill-Hill



cleaning the rabbit barn was “all mine” since I didn't have much to do either when the world suddenly stopped. He amused himself by deciding to build a small “greenhouse.” The total cost for this was \$4.00, he used everything he had scrounged over the years except for a few new bits of hardware. The only real cost was the greenhouse plastic and that meant an exciting trip over an hour away so that nearly qualified as a vacation in those times.

The “market garden” that first year paid for the seeds and a little extra. We have yet to spend that “income” as nothing for sale has been worthy of the huge amount of work Sweetie put into that first year. He had such a good time though. One of the biggest issues was getting the “stand” stocked and the customers interested at the same time. Sweetie grew the traditional stuff that was all harvested at the same time so the stand went from empty to full which is poor for building a customer base.

It was a disappointment to find that asparagus takes years to establish before getting a crop so that was crossed off the list as a quick spring starter. It was my Mom that suggested growing flowers. Sweetie wasn't one bit sure he wanted to grow flowers but I made a case pointing out all the money I shelled out buying flowers every year. When Sweetie saw the prices of flower seeds, he was seeing \$\$ signs.

Last year was Sweetie's first “flower year.” The first issue was to find geranium seeds. In my view, the “only” colour of geranium is RED. He went to many stores and finally found RED geranium seeds. He was disappointed when he realized that the geraniums should be planted in early January to be in prime bloom by May for Mother's Day. He planted in March and the geraniums were cute bundles of green leaves by mid spring. Even baby geraniums are something to see, their deep green leaves also smell so wonderful. I was quite excited to see the flats of these happy baby geraniums go into the greenhouse. A new heater and a new thermostat went along with the geraniums prompting plans of the best “market garden” season yet.

Sweetie stomped into the house one weekend morning after a cold night in the spring. He was so mad. His crop of baby geraniums were nearly all killed in the green house along with a bunch of other stuff. The thermostat had malfunctioned causing the heater not to go on and all the flats were nothing but green mush except for a rare tough survivor. The “flower” season meant about six plants, not even enough to put up the stand.

This year, Sweetie was “sure” he had a plan. In the corner of the kitchen are two patio doors but no patio so Sweetie built a walk-out window to the south and filled it with shelves. He planted a lot of RED geraniums and had flats of them to put in the south window in the kitchen. The geraniums were even better than last year, they were heavyset bundles of deep green leaves in their little pots all ready for Mother's Day blooming. Sweetie carefully watered them and was rewarded with happy plants. He kept the doors open to the kitchen so the heat of the house heated that space, no danger of thermostat malfunctions. I like heat so the house is set all the time at 70F.

I watch news like normal people and follow “my shows.” I follow news carefully and am quite addicted, it takes considerable restraint not to watch news all day when I'm home. The news then was all about the Russia/Ukraine conflict and the resulting price of crude oil. Gas prices were skyrocketing so that means saving fuel use when we can. I was barely awake as I had watched a bit too much news this night- and while I was getting biscuits to put a sleepy Isaac to his bed, I noticed the two patio doors in the kitchen wide open. I decided, in my sleepy news haze, that I should SHUT those doors to conserve the heat in the house and save a bit of processed crude oil.

The next afternoon after Sweetie got home from his work and I was just home from my off-farm work, I heard a screech from the kitchen. He had opened those two patio doors to find FROZEN and very dead geraniums on the bottom shelves.

I confessed my wrong. True to his name, Sweetie took a sweet attitude and went out and bought a whole bunch more geranium seeds and calmly listened to me saying sorry about one hundred times- and counting.

Flower growing has a lot of obstacles to overcome including spousal addictions.

Sweetie is an aspiring market gardener. He never guessed what his biggest problem would be for this year.

It was the pandemic and the month off from work that prompted the market garden idea. By day two of his work closing, Sweetie was bored. I told him

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# Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies celebrate their 175th Anniversary

For over 175 years, the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies (OAAS) has been adapting to change, and this past February was no exception. Despite the many challenges of organizing an in-person event, approximately 500 delegates attended the OAAS Annual Convention and Annual Meeting in Richmond Hill.

The OAAS was pleased to have been joined by Minister Lisa Thompson, at the Official Opening, bringing greetings and congratulations on behalf of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA). She spoke of her continuing support for the OAAS and their Agricultural Societies.

The highlight of the Convention was the launch of the "OAAS 175th - Central Canada Exhibition Association Scholarship" at the Official Opening. The OAAS, in partnership with the Central Canada Exhibition Association (CCEA), has created a scholarship program recognizing youth who have been actively involved in their home agricultural societies and fairs.

Scholarships will be \$2,000 each and the first scholarships will be granted in the fall of 2022. Additional information regarding the application process will be released this spring.

Mark Lamoureaux (Past President) and Lynda McCuaig (1st Vice President), on behalf of the Central Canada Exhibition Association, presented a \$200,000 donation to the newly created scholarship fund.

For 125 years the Central Canada Exhibition, located in Ottawa, provided a venue for many generations of exhibitors to showcase their livestock, produce and handicrafts. When it became evident that the CCEA could not carry on due to many circumstances, the sad decision was made to dis-

solve the Association. It was decided by the trustees of the CCEA that a legacy should be provided to the rural youth by providing bursaries/grants to further their careers. It seemed only fitting that the descendants of those exhibitors should benefit. Money from the sale of CCEA property has been given to all the fairs in OAAS District # 1; the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies; and various rural or-

ganizations throughout Ontario for that purpose. The Central Canada Exhibition will live forever in the memories of those that experienced it and now with bursaries to further education help build a better Ontario. The OAAS continues to recognize the importance of youth involvement in our agricultural societies to ensure future volunteers, members, and directors. In addition to the scholarship, the OAAS has developed a new program to assist agricultural societies to enhance the participation of youth in their organizations, events, and activities.

The OAAS Convention once again offered delegates the choice of over 40 educational seminars and round-tables as well as entertainment, family showcases and the Tradeshow.

The Convention concluded with the first hybrid OAAS Annual General Meeting with a large number of delegates representing agricultural societies from across the province in attendance either in person or via Zoom. The morning opened with a presentation from the University of Guelph and RBC about the new "Foundations in Agricultural Management" program. The OAAS was pleased to have been joined by Senator Rob Black, bringing greetings, congratulations, and pledging his continued support to the OAAS and their Agricultural Societies.

- Introducing the 2022 OAAS Executive:
- Liz O'Gorman-Smit, President, Russell
  - Glen Syme, 1st Vice President (District 2)
  - Heather Owens, 2nd Vice President (District 3)
  - Beth Howell-Vervaecke, Past-President

For more information on the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies (OAAS) and our Ontario Agricultural Societies and their fairs, visit [www.ontarioagsocieties.com](http://www.ontarioagsocieties.com)  
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Central Canada Exhibition Association presentation of \$200,000 donation to the newly created "OAAS 175th Central Canada Exhibition Association Scholarship." Pictured from left to right are Vince Brennan, OAAS Manager; Beth Howell-Vervaecke, President; Lynda McCuaig, Central Canada Exhibition Association 1st Vice President; Mark Lamoureaux, Central Canada Exhibition Association Past President; Heather Owens, OAAS. — Photo by Jim McCuaig

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**Tractors/Combine/Skid Steer:** JD 7410 4WD tractor, cab, dual hydr, front fenders, rear wheel wts, (6)front wts, 16.9-26 F 460/85R38 R, 3872hrs; JD 6110 4WD tractor, 640 loader, cab, dual hydr, 13.6x28 F, 16.9x38 R, 8250hrs; JD 2955 2WD tractor, cab, dual hydr, 18.4x38 R, 8285hrs; JD 9500 combine, straw chopper, bin ext, 30.5xLx32 F, 5200hrs; Gehl 4635 skidsteer, material bucket, bale spear, manure bucket, 1974hrs; AC WF tractor, 1946, not running, not seized, has PTO. **Mach/Equip:** JD 922 flex head, 22', new guards & sects; Kuhn pull type rotary rake; NH 195 manure spreader, top beater, end gate, tandem, 540 PTO, hydr drive; JD 630 MoCo discbine, 9'10" cut, impeller, hydr swing; Case IH 5300 Soybean Special, 21run 7", fertilizer, grass seed, press wheels, packer hitch, track elim, double disc; Bach Run header wagon 22'; JD 467 MegaW-de round baler, net wrap & twine, 4x6; Ford 12' disc; Kverneland 5 furr x 16" semi-mount plow; 12' packer, hydr lift; Wilrich 20' tandem cultiv, wheels on wings, harrows; 25' mesh floor all steel hay wagon, truck tires; 25' round bale wagon, 12-ply tires; (2)gravity boxes, 1-Bruns 400 bu & 12 t undercarriage, truck tires 1-Market Box 350 bu, 10 t Horst undercarriage; Farm King 8"x51'auger; 15' chain harrows & drawbar-heavy; (2)augers 4"x14'; 4" sweep auger for 19' grain bin; hay dryer, 7.5hp motor; and much more! **Farm Rel:** Portable round tub; cattle chute & auto headgate; 12' headgate; Champion roller mill, double roller, 10x10 & discharge auger; (7)H feed bunks, 6ft; feeder wagon; (3)2-galv(100& 200gal), 1-blk rubber(150gal). **Straw:**(35)bales, 4x5, wheat & barley straw, stored inside.

**Lunch Booth****Washroom Available****Preview: Friday April 15th, 1-6pm****Order of Sale:** Wagonload; Shop/Farm Rel; Mach & Tractors **Start: 10am, Tractors at 1pm**

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## AUCTION SALE

### Auction Sale for Jim Conley Saturday April 30th, at 10:00am



#### 21145 Winston Churchill Blvd., Caledon, ON

from the town of Erin come north on Wellington 124 and follow the curve heading east to Winston Churchill Blvd (or west from the Village of Caledon on 124). Turn and come north 8.5km to sale on east side of road. OR from the west end of Orangeville take the Riddell Rd. 109 by-pass to the townline. Then come west 4.5km and follow around the curve to head south onto Winston Churchill (no light or sign). Continue for 1.2km to sale on east side of road. **\*\*PARKING ON SITE\*\***

**Tractors/Skid Steer:** Kubota M4-071 Deluxe 4x4, 23hrs, hyd shuttle, 6 ft wts, 360/70R20 F, 420/85R30 R, 2 hydr; NH TS110 2WD, 1738hrs, cab, shuttle shift, 16 spd, 10.00-16 F, 18.4x34 R, 4 hydr; Kubota M7040SU 4x4, M26 loader, 1052 hrs, hydr shuttle, 12.5/80-18 F, 16.9-28TG-01 R; 2 hydr, hydr bucket release, 6' material bucket; NH T4 105, 4WD, loader, cab & A/C, power shuttle, rear wheel wts, 14.9xR24 F, 18.4xR34 R, loaded tires, 2nd remote, 1476hrs; JD 318D skidsteer, material bucket, 1612hrs; 753 Bobcat skidsteer, material bucket, manure bucket, aprox 1400hrs, enclosed cab, heat & A/C; 633 Intl loader tractor, hydr loader, hay prong forks, 2WD, 12.4/11-36 rears - good rubber; Case 530 tractor, runs good; Wheelhorse 10hp lawn tractor-no mower.

**Sidebyside/Trailer & Horse trailer:** Kubota RTV-XG 850 SideKick, hyd dump, 100hrs, gas, 4WD, elec fuel injection, elec power steering; 5'x10' utility trailer, steel frame, wood deck, single axle, ownership; Rice 2 horse trailer, front unload, tandem axle, ownership. **Mach & Equip:** Kuhn GF 222T pull-type hay tedder; NH 1409 9' discbine, hydr swing; Kubota RA1042T tandem, pull type, rotary rake; NH 680NH tandem manure spreader, double beater, plastic floor; NH 644 round baler, 4x5's, twine only; Case IH 5100 seed drill, 16 run, markers, grain/fert/grass seed, single disc, trip lift, rib tires; NH 273 Hayline sq baler with chute; Wallenstein WX320 log splitter, hyd, 3pth; 26'skeleton bale elev & elec motor, on wheels; 12' Int 45 cultiv with harrows; 10' JD disc; 4 furrow Kverneland semi-mount plow BA5NR; 14' Kongskilde 3pth cultiv; 12' 3pth cultiv; 7 shank Graham plow; 16' wood flat rack hay wagon; NH 450 7' 3pth sickle mower; King Kutter 5" post hole auger; Agro Trend 30905 snowblower, single, hyd chute; Hawkesville 120gal, 30' boom, 3pth, sprayer; Vicon 3pth fert spreader; Marwood buzz saw, 3pth, PTO; buckets (Fluney 6' stone fork, Horst 5' manure, Add-A-Grapple hyd grapple-fits on pallet forks, HLA pallet forks, HLA dual bale spears); 3 furr Case plow; 2 furr horse drawn Cockshutt plow(A); 6' scraper blade; 7ft scraper blade; 2 person horse cutter(A); 3' buzz saw blade; Art's Way 3096S snowblower, 96"cut, hyd chute; lots to see here! **Farm Related/Shop/Misc/Antiques:** (A) Two-W cattle squeeze & auto head gate; bale basket; 4" augers (20",16",12"); 6"x12' auger; Shaver 3pth post driver; asst fencing equip; asst water troughs; Gehl 16" grind all PTO hammermill; Vac-A-Way seed cleaner; Harvest Handler 5"x20' conveyor; roll page wire; Walco 3pth box wt; Better Built 100gal slip tank & Fill-Rite 12V pump; qty snow fence posts, qty wood posts; wagon snagger; asst hand tools/hardware; torches; drill press; gas press washer; Hobart Handler 140-wire feed welder; chainsaws(Echo CS620PW, Echo CS501P, Stihl 041AV, Homelite XL); Coleman Powermate 10hp, Maxa 5000, ER plus portable generator; Canox Redcat 11NT CC/CV, AC/DC 8000W generator-welder, 128hrs; BE Agri-Ease estate sprayer; lg live trap; sm gas stove; wood stove; Sugar kettle; 3 wood chicken crates; horse cutter(A); hogs head whiskey barrel-very lg(A); cross-cut saw(A); buck saws(A); wood pulleys(A); 5 dr dresser; 3 dr dresser; Ultra-matic bed; 4 dr dresser; 3 drawer dresser & mirror; double bed(A); (2)wash stands(A); dresser & mirror(A); wicker cradle(A); (2)trunks(A); rocking chairs(A); spindle bed(A); single bed; cedar chest(A); trunk(A); (2)chest freezers-11cu ft; (40 approx)ERTL tractors -JD, Int, MH, Ford, with boxes; (40)approx signs - mixed tractor brands; and much much more!

**Lunch Booth**

**Washroom Available**

**Preview: Friday April 29th, 1-6pm**

**Equipment well maintained, stored inside. You don't want to miss this sale.**

**Order of Sale:** Wagonload, Household, Shop/Farm Rel, Machinery & Tractors

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## AUCTION SALE

### LIVE AUCTION SALE FOR PETER & CAROL VANDERPOST

**EM. #5427 8TH LINE ESSA TWP**

**DIRECTIONS:** come east of Alliston on Hwy 89 approx 7 km to the 8th line of Essa turn north 2 km to sale on east side. **NOTE** Em #5427 is the farm paved laneway to the field for parking.

**TUES. APRIL 12TH AT 11:30 AM**

**NOTE NO MISC BE ON TIME**

**VIEWING ONLY MONDAY APRIL 11th 11 AM - 3 PM**

**Tractors** White 8310 - 4 WD tractor w/cab 3 ph 3 sets of remotes, Firestone 14.9 R 30 FR, Firestone Rear On 16" rim R-1 c/w Quicke Q 970 loader & 7' bucket, radio, A.C. not working, approx 125 hp 4395 hrs; **White Field Boss** 2-105-4 WD w/cab, 16, 9-24 FR 18.4.38 rears, hyd. remotes, 3 ph approx 8000 hrs, 105 hp.

**Bulldozer** Komatsu D32E w/cab, track dozer, 6 way blade, 4440 hrs. Skid steer steel tracks come off Gehl 7800.

**Tillage Massey Ferguson** 820 -22' wing disc; **Bush Hog** model 1435 - 14' wing disc; CP40 Packer Farm Hand, 15' hyd.; **Mckee** cultivator w/finger harrow 22' hyd lift; Pony harrows, 20' wide; Seed Drill **Int 5300** 21 run dble disc, grass & grain box, rear hyd hookup, serial # JAG0419890; **White** 508 4F, SM plow;

**Hay Equip.** N.H. 1411 - 11' discbine, hyd swing ser. # 592079; N.H. 311 sq baler c/w thrower ser # 682315; **Franzgard** SR 320 rake, 8 bar pto; **round bale wagon** steel frame holds 12 4'round bales, w/imp tires; 4 bale throw **wagons** wood floor & sides, 18' long w/Martin gear 9.5L 15 SL tires; **N.H.** 456 - 7' cut pto trail mower; 2 Turnco **wagons** approx. 200 bu;

**Trailer** 2003 Load Trail Gooseneck model GN2, 25' x 8' flat deck w/foldup beavertails & centre steel folds w/TA, LT 235 x 85 R 16 tires; **Supertilt** dump trailer hyd, 6 1/2' x 10'

**Misc** 6' 2" stone fork; rd. Bale feeder; 1 sq bale feeder; 23' x 40" culvert; 3 ph pto buzz saw; Douglas Finishing mower 7 1/2', 3 ph pto; Delaware 300 gal sprayer, approx 38' pto & hyd pump; Westfield wc 6" x 40' grain auger; Forage King wc 44' sq tube bale elevator; small augers & small square tube elevators

**Terms** Cash, or known cheque with proper ID only. M/C, Visa, Debit (if available), e-transfer. Neither the owner Nor Auctioneer will be responsible for accident or property loss. Washroom Available. **NOTE** approx 2 hr sale. Please be on time. NO misc.

**Bob Severn Auctioneer**

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### LIVE AUCTION SALE FOR DAVID PARKER

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**EM. # 6272 EAST GARAFRAXA - WEST GARAFRAXA TOWNLIN**

**DIRECTIONS** Come west of Orangeville or East of Fergus on the Orangeville Fergus Road to the East/West Garafraxa Townline turn south for 1 mile to sale on west side

**MON. APRIL 25TH @ 10 AM**

**4 Tractors + Buckets** New Holland T5060 - 4 WD tractor w/deluxe cab, air radio, remotes, 3 ph, 42017 - R24 fronts, 450/85 R 34 rears, 3,999 hrs show approx 100 hp; New Holland TN75, 4 WD tractor OS w/roll bar, remotes, 3 ph, 280/85 R 24 fronts as new, 16.9.30 R-1 rears as new, c/w Quicke Q720 ldr, tach shows 1520 hrs (does not work); Case 4494 - 4 WD w/cab, 1000 pto, 4 remotes, bareback, air not working, 18.4.34 duals all around; Ford 6610 S dual power OS w/roll bar, power steering, remotes, 3 ph, new 18.4.30 rears, 3000 hrs showing; Reist bale grabber; 3 prong bale spear; 3 ph bale spear; Horst pallet forks; 5' QA home-made stone fork; set of 18.4.34 duals;

**Combine** John Deere 7720 Titan II - 2 WD w/cab, 24.5 32 tires, clean, approx 1800 hrs.; J.D. 643 - 6R corn head, J.D. 216 - 16' flexhead w/Crary Air Reel; J.D. header wagon;

**Tillage Equip.** Int. 4500 - 28' w/c wing cult w/level bars; Weber 14' w/c cult 21 shank w/level bar; White 272 30' wing discs w/Hinikes harrows (22" disc); 12' Maybridge harrows; White 548 - 5F SM plow; Glencoe II shank chisel plow; R.T. wheel packer 24' w/outriggers;

**Planting** Case IH - 5100 - 18 run dble. Disc drill; J.D. 7000 - 6 x 30 corn planter w/monitor; Vicon 45' - 750 gal sprayer T.A. w/hyd orbit drive;

**Haying Equip.** New Holland 648 silage Special baler w/bale commander unit; New Holland 311 sq. Baler; N.I. 5 bar side rake; N.H. 488 - 9' haybine; flat 8 bale sled; 35' Allied w/c hay elevator; 5 - flat rack hay wagons new tops 16' to 22' all good;

**Grain Handling Equip.** Bruns 400 Bu w/Horst 12 ton chassie, 11 R 22.5 tires, safety chains; Bruns 400 bu w/ Martin 12 ton chassie, 10.00 - 20 tires both w/tongue extensions; 200 bu grain box w 8 ton Martin gear (used for fertilizer); Farm King grain cleaner w/fill auger & motor; Kilbros 150 bu grain wagon w/8 ton Martin gear; Buhler/Farm King 8" 51' w/c auger; Brandt 8" 40' w/c auger; Versatile 8" 40' w/c auger; Farm King 6". 32' w/c auger; small grain augers & hoppers;

**Misc.** McMillian post hole auger; 6' rotary mower; 3 ph wood box; Jackall Fenderur DeBors hyd. Wood splitter; 8' dble auger snowblower, hyd Shute; Carbide Go Cart 150 cc reverse w/roll bar; homemade 6' grader blade;

Fuel Tanks 500 gal single wall hyd. pump; 200 gal. dble wall hand pump; Misc Lincoln AC 225 welder; 2 sm welding tables; Karcher power washer; Case IH 3000 PSI power washer; Poulan rototiller; Husquvarna chain saw; power brush w/spare sweeper; Cald-well aeration system; hot water boiler; baler twine; alum extension ladder; 2 - 40' radiant tube heaters; space heater; table saw; band saw; 2 - 100' garden hose; 10:00 - 20 tires and rims; tongue & groove cupboard; bedroom suite; bicycles & some household furniture & wagon of misc.

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