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Worth a Chuckle... and life lessons

by Aunt Hazel

Sunday school teacher:
Tell me, Johnny. Do you say prayers before eating?

Johnny:
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In Memoriam



Jill Beischer
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"Everything Mom"

How did you find the energy, Mom
To do all the things you did,
To be teacher, nurse and counselor
To me, when I was a kid.
How did you do it all, Mom
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— Written by Joanna Fuchs

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Ukraine invasion has far reaching impacts

By Cathy Hamill-Hill

The Invasion of Ukraine by Russia started on February 24th and is sadly not showing any signs of ending yet. The invasion has caused the largest refugee crisis since World War II. Both Russia and Ukraine are considered the “bread-baskets” of Europe and both are key players in the global markets. This Invasion has impacted the world.

The Canadian Agri-Food Policy Institute (CAPI) presented a webinar with experts to explain the effect from the Russian invasion of Ukraine to Canada's agriculture.

Ted Bilyea, Distinguished Fellow, CAPI explained that it is important to note where the global food supply was before the Ukraine invasion even took place. The global food supply was in no normal position before Russia began all this. One of the big concerns is edible oil.

“Malaysia's benchmark crude palm oil prices increased 45% this year because of a COVID-19 labour shortage, weather, aging trees and increased restrictions in expansions,” he said adding that “there was also a much reduced canola crop in Canada.” The canola crop was impacted by the drought of last summer. Again, drought is to blame for the “major reduction to Brazil's soybean crop coming in now” he said.

Bilyea explained that there aren't a lot of grains stockpiled and “for the last five years there have been declines of stock-piles.”

“The major exporters account for 1/5th of global inventories and with world consumption expected to total 781 million tonnes, that would feed the world for 27 days,” he said.

It is too early to tell what is going to happen to the crops in Ukraine and Russia, explained Shane Knutson, President, Polywest Ltd. Knutson has a 24 year career in international business and he has worked in Ukraine and Russia for close to 2 years.

“Right now the farmers in Ukraine and Russia are doing what farmers here are doing, getting equipment ready for seeding time. They have 95% of the crop now planted as it's winter wheat. The corn and sunflowers are planted in end of

April and May.”

The biggest concern right now is the fact that the Black Sea is closed due to military traffic. The Black Sea port system moves about 90% of the harvest for both Ukraine and Russia. There are about 61 million tonnes of grains that need to get exported per harvest.

“Ukraine exports 12% of the total grains across the globe,” he said.

Sunflowers are the official flower of Ukraine- and are a leading crop. Knutson explains, “Ukraine is one of the largest producers of sunflowers. There are 17.5 million metric tonnes of sunflowers produced. Half of these 17.5 million are crushed and 85% of them are then exported. Globally, Ukraine trades 16 million tonnes of edible (sunflower) oils across the globe and has a 49.6% share of the global market.

Russia's grain crops are 70% wheat and “that is in the ground now” he said adding, “Russia grows about 120 million metric tonnes of wheat and they export 45 million tonnes. Russia exports about 17% of the Global market for wheat. Now, though it is uncertain if Russia can find markets for that crop with the worldwide reaction to the Invasion of Ukraine.

Adding the 12% of the Ukraine grains export and the 17% from Russia that is normally exported, Knutson stresses that is “close to 30% of the world's wheat crop when added in together.” He commented, “The price of wheat is shooting up now.”

The cost of a bushel of wheat was \$6.59 on February 22nd, 2021. On February 22, 2022 the price was \$8.44. The price spiked on March 7th to \$12.94. The price on April 15th was \$10.97.

Look for more coverage of the effects of Russia's invasion of Ukraine next month: Impact on Livestock Farming and Sustainable Options for the future.

On the Cover



Kelly Maloney, far left, is the agriculture voice in Kawartha Lakes. Kelly has been the Agriculture Development Officer for over 15 years. She was on the planning committee for the Spotlight on Agriculture event and was the Chair for the Awards portion of the evening. To her right is Senator Rob Black who was the enthusiastic guest speaker for the event that had over 400 guests. Read the full story on page 9.

— Photo by Cathy Hamill-Hill

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Roslyn Watkins
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Happy Spring everyone! A season of fresh starts and in relation to new beginnings I would like to introduce the new monthly column by Soul Sisters Celebration. I know the majority of

are working. Say you saw it in the Farm View!

I'd also like to wish longtime advertiser realtor Veronica McNamara all the best as she recently embarked on a new journey and has joined the Peggy Hill Team.

And of course a very fond farewell to one of Farm View's greatest supporters, MPP Jim Wilson. From all of us in the agricultural community we wish Jim the happiest retirement and a huge thank you for being a constant advocate for the farming community.

Farmland Preservation is certainly a hot topic this month. Beginning with Mr. MacDonald's open letter on this page to the reports from the CFFO and the OFA. The OFA report on page 8 highlights how much can be grown/farmed on 175 acres. It is certainly enlightening to say the least. I hope our elected officials to-be are listening to the concerns that are being brought forward.

The month of May also brings Mother's Day celebrations. Mother's have 'children' of all kinds, especially in the farming world. I had the pleasure of meeting Connie who cared for and nursed a baby goat after its mother abandoned him. Her inspiring story can be found on page 18.

Happy Mother's Day to all for a job that is neverending, tiring and always rewarding.

Take care of yourselves and one another,
Roslyn Watkins

us missed the spiritual column that Reverend Kathleen provided each month for many years. Please welcome sisters Reverend Erin and Reverend Kelly who will be providing us with spiritual guidance each month. Their column can be found on page 9 of this issue.

I am also very happy to introduce two new advertisers to Farm View readers. I had a very knowledgeable meeting with Rob Noordegraaf of Insta-Panels learning how this economic method of under floor insulation is far superior to other methods. Please have a look at the ad on page 7 for more details. We also have Calibre Contracting joining the Farm View advertising family. Excellent service and craftsmanship. The photos in their ad on page 20 say it all. As always, when you contact a Farm View advertiser please let them know their advertising dollars

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D. Robichaud
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LETTERS

An Open Letter to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario and The Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

Short sighted tunnel vision, vested interest greed in land use in Ontario has turned our most basic resource of Southern Ontario Farmland (agricultural soils) containing most of the best in Canada, into a profit scheme, rather than a resource to economically feed the human population.

Thoughtless urban sprawl by the former Wynne government placing solar panels on productive farmland is permanently polluting this foodland.

Trudeau's immigration chicken and egg economy and capital gains taxation system is also helping to contribute to farmland pollution in Southern Ontario. Urban Sprawl land use planning must stop, including your government's 2020 Greater Golden Horseshoe plans. Intensification in existing cities is required to avoid the overbearing infrastructure cost and salt and petroleum pollution associated with urban sprawl.

New cities are needed in Northern Ontario on non-agricultural lands, where land costs are negligible compared to Southern Ontario. These cities would be connected to Southern Ontario by high speed rail. Environmentally friendly, endless local water power should be utilized.

Annexation speculation for urban sprawl fuels the great destruction of surrounding farm resource land to the point where farms in Southern Ontario are really not affordable except to leapfrog farmers, speculators and investors who can afford it.

Considering any known as 'vacant' parcels of farmland as building sites must stop. It is actually agriculturally developed. Any new lots larger than say an acre in already designated areas must be outlawed as

wasteful. The Canadian Census of Agriculture does not take into account the agricultural land currently used and already designated for non-agricultural development, and is therefore incorrect.

Crop farmers are encouraged to plant cover crops to protect the top soil, but meanwhile sod growers are allowed to earn large profits stripping and literally destroying the topsoil. There is no need for sod production; just simply save the topsoil, replace it and sow grass seed after urban development.

Municipal Councils, Counties and Regions are like children let loose in a candy store unsupervised. The Province and Canadian Government are of similar thought, discriminating also against the very minor farm population by allowing the most necessary food producing resource lands to support the increasing population in Canada and the rest of the hungry world. Why destroy the most reliably productive farmland in Ontario and Canada for short term greed dollars, jeopardizing future generations' self-sufficiency for life?

Farmland: Commodity to be consumed for short term individual profit, etc or resource to sustain future generations of life?

What is your choice for the people of Ontario?

Respectfully,
D.R. MacDonald
Brehin, ON

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

W.J. Bryan

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HONDA

Ontario currently in “Poultry Lockdown” as HPAI spreads

By Cathy Hamill-Hill

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI), better known as “Bird Flu” is a serious concern as it spreads across Ontario. The Ontario government on April 8th issued a Minister's Order to lock down all commingling of birds from different locations to help reduce the risk of transmission. This means all poultry sales, trades, auctions and shows are forbidden until at least May 9th in an effort to control the spread.

Weekly Zoom meetings on Tuesday evenings are held with experts and the general public is encouraged to ask questions.

HPAI is not any farmer's “fault,” it is coming back with fly-free migratory birds. This is very rarely transmittable to humans.

Signs of HPAI in domestic chickens include lack of energy/movement and appetite, swelling around head, neck and eyes, coughing and gasping for air, sneezing, nervous signs, tremors or lack of coordination, diarrhea and sudden death. There is no vaccine. There are no medications that can control this.

Dr. Mike Petrik is a poultry veterinarian. He says that “we drive 45 minutes out of our way to avoiding driving through the (Province's) Primary Control Zones. I work for a hatchery and all hatchery staff are required to stay out of the zones. That is how afraid we are of this.”

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), in its effort to control HPAI, has established Primary Control Zones. These Zones are based on infection sites. For every flock infected, a 10 km Feather Board Command Centre (FBCC) buffered biosecurity advisory area is set up. In simplest terms, a small flock getting infected can lockdown the large chicken operation that lives five kilometres away. Anyone that owns even one bird, even a house pet like a parakeet has to be on full alert to prevent this highly contagious, serious issue.

When flocks are infected, a Case Manager appointed by CFIA takes over the management of the site. The site is placed under quarantine. For those that live in any of the Primary Control Zone area, any movement of eggs and poul-

try will be done only through a Permit process obtained through the CFIA.

As of April 12th there were 11 sites, As of April 19th there are now 16 sites. Sites added all have poultry flocks, two locations in the City of Markham, two locations in Township of South Glengarry and 1 location in West Grey.

It's not safe to even drive through an area infected with HPAI as it can travel on just about anything. HPAI is passed by an infected bird to another bird that be a fly-free mallard duck or a turkey or goose in a controlled barn. All it takes is the wind to blow a bit of dust from a speck of infected feces- and that dust is now infected. Once a bird comes in contact with the infected speck of dust, infection starts and that bird is now able to infect its premises. Domestic birds that live in close quarters and share eating and drinking areas can spread HPAI at an incredible rate.

Dr. Petrik does not drive through the Control Zones- but that is not enough. He carries a tank of disinfectant with him and he will literally, wash down his vehicle including “wheel wells lots of times” he says before going to another property. Washing coveralls in the washing machine with detergent in hot water- is not enough. The experts said to put the coveralls in “high heat in the dryer” to be sure.

Poultry Specialist for OMAFRA, Al Dam explained what getting Bird Flu really means. “In the morning, you find one dead bird- it could have died from a raccoon or from age. By noon, there are two more dead birds. You should call 226-217-8022 which is the Canadian Food Inspection Association (CFIA) Surveillance and Diagnostics.” He explained this is a “reportable disease” meaning that by law, the suspect case must be reported. “If you find a dead sparrow at your feed mill, call 1-866-673-4781 so it can get tested.”

The Ontario Poultry Specialist adds, “If both you and your neighbours have flocks of poultry, do not visit each other. I know we are COVID-crazy for being so isolated but you could save both flocks by not visiting right now,” he said.

He said that he has heard about bird auctions that are still

taking place, supposedly in secret, in Ontario. These are now illegal. He said that CFIA is aware of this too- significant action could take place against those that break the law. At last week's meeting, one of the questions from the public actually was “what would actually happen if one went against the order?”

The Poultry Specialist works directly with people that are in this crisis and said, “On these Infection sites we are seeing trauma for the people involved. Their whole livelihood has been lost. All birds on the site have to be de-populated, they lost all the work their families have put in for years. It's so much for them to deal with- we need to work together to keep all our flocks safe. The Minister's Order is only there to help us all through this.”

He encouraged farmers that are dealing with this stress to understand there is help out there. OMAFRA understands the impact of this on Ontario's poultry industry. There is a Farmer Wellness Initiative that provides farmers and their families access to free counselling sessions. Help can be found at 1-866-267-6255.

A question on the April 19th Zoom meeting asked about what happens if flocks are of different poultry like guinea hens and chickens and ducks, kept in separate coops if an infection takes places. CFIA Victoria Wilson replied, “For a premise that has been infected, all poultry including pet birds would have to be de-populated.”

Chris Sharp, a population management biologist for Environment and Climate Change Canada is watching migration carefully. He says the worst infection, via the migrating birds, might be starting to ease soon now. He said though these flocks are going to be moving into northern Ontario next on their route soon.

“Farmers in the north (Ontario), look to the farmers in the south (Ontario) dealing with this now- and learn to prepare,” he said.

The locations of the Primary Control Zones and the general location of each infected site is information shared by CFIA and is easily accessible online at www.fbcc.ca

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Big Tech and the Future of Farming

Report by Don Beaulieu.
Images from screen saves.

Presentations from the Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario annual meeting and speakers conference

The guest speaker series at this year's CFFO AGM and Speakers Conference was chock-full of news on the most incredible leading-edge technologies in agriculture; some of which is still in testing stages, but with great promise to become widespread very shortly.

Attendees at this online event were welcomed by Vice President Frank Hoftzyer who also provided an opening prayer before reading remarks from President Ed Scharringa. Scharringa's message looked back on the past year, noting some ongoing hardships and current global affairs. "As members, friends board and staff, we (CFFO) put our whole trust in the Lord" he said, "knowing that we need direction and wisdom from above".

This past year, the CFFO addressed several matters with government, including farmland preservation, economic issues, clean fuel regulations and more. Industry red-tape continues to be an issue with some progress being made. He mentioned several positive aspects and successes the organization has incurred, including steady membership.

"Farmers are the best stewards of the land"

—Minister Lisa Thompson, OMAFRA

The Honourable Lisa Thompson from the Conservative riding of Huron-Bruce, and Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, addressed the CFFO members. She said she feels "There is no better way to ensure a safe and stable food system for years to come than then by embracing and adapting to technology and that means investing in made-in-Ontario innovations".

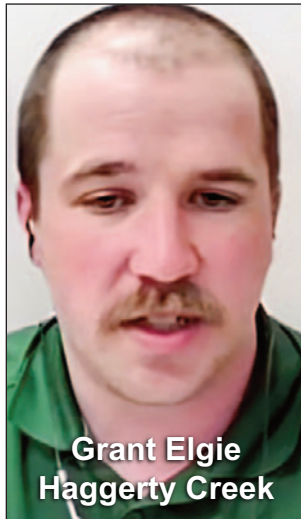
Thompson expressed pride in the government's support research in precision agriculture and technologies that will "...enhance sustainability, grow our economy and increase our market competitiveness". She highlighted the Agri-tech Innovation Program and implementing new technologies. She stressed better ecological outcomes are a part of technical innovations.

Business portion

The business portion of the meeting took place following Minister Thompson's talk. Voting and nominations took place as did motions, resolutions and finances of the CFFO.

Autonomy & new technology

The first guest speaker of the day was Grant Elgie, Agriculture and Innovation Lead at Haggerty Creek (Bothwell, Ontario). Elgie's talk touched on applying products, soil testing, weeding, planting, operational challenges and more.



Grant Elgie
Haggerty Creek

Elgie gave a general overview of what a robot is, bringing attention to ones we are currently familiar with in dairy, greenhouses and such. As he explained the latest robots coming to the farm, it became apparent they will be much more sophisticated and intimate with the crops. His talk was supported with images of key pieces of information and equipment.

Many people may wonder what the advantages are to employing more robotics in agriculture. A few answers Elgie provided included: Less soil compaction because of the smaller, lighter machines; Keeping farmers out of danger's way is a large incentive; Robots and all they offer can provide a more uniform application of product and may allow farmers to diversify their crops.

Economically speaking, reduced costs are associated with robots, along with improved productivity. They also allow high asset utilization.

A team of folk from Haggerty Creek, OMAFRA, robotics suppliers, and farmers formed the Agrobotics working group. Their advancement in robotics is focussed on field crops. Trials and demonstrations are a large part of their work. It was interesting to see the testing results where soil types and other foibles of fieldwork suggested some changes/modifications, prompting often simple improvements and contributing to a more versatile machine.

One of the more highly technological planters/weeders (a solar powered Farmdroid) logs the location of each seed it plants. When it returns to the field for weeding, it uses the location of the seed to cultivate between the rows and in the rows as well, "...moving its tools around each plant as it moves through the field". A power take-off (PTO) is also available on some units.

Another unit knows how to pull weeds out of the ground. Basically if it is not the crop (carrot, for instance), it will pick everything that is not a carrot from the dirt. This technology is available today; the field robot market is expanding rapidly with many players in the game.

Lots of questions were had, after Elgie's presentation.

Soil data and precision agriculture

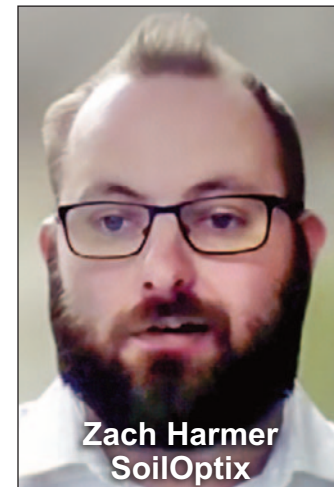
Zach Harmer, the Global support manager for SoilOptix® Incorporated. Harmer feels that due to its broad scale, soil data is often overlooked. He feels it "...could become the baseline in precision ag." In fact, we were provided with the official definition of precision agriculture: "A management strategy that gathers, processes and analyzes temporal, spatial and individual data and combines it with other information to support management decisions according to estimated variability for improved resource use efficiency, productivity, quality, profitability and sustainability of agricultural production." This definition comes from the International Society of Precision Agriculture.

Gamma-ray spectrometry has become a versatile tool in soil science. It helps provide us with an understanding of nutrient availability. Details matter, therefore high resolution data is important to achieving optimal results in management for your crop.

"Treat the earth well. It wasn't given to you by your parents. It was loaned to you from your children."

—Proverb,
offered in Zach Harmer's presentation.

Some of the untapped potential of the latest soil science (so far) lies in disease management, variable rate fungicide and of concern to potato farmers, fumigation.

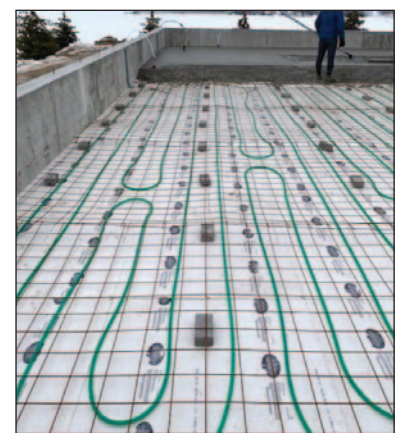


Zach Harmer
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Harmer presented the ideal of precision ag. being a toolbox. With all the technology and data we can now collect, Harmer asked "How can we bring this all together". Soil data is just one piece, in the tool box. He looks for "pockets of opportunity", areas that need to be addressed or perhaps do not need to be addressed from a blanket application of an input.

Following Harmer's presentation, Hoftzyer offered thanks to current and past board members, and welcomed a few new faces to their positions. He also thanked CFFO staff for their efforts during the past couple of difficult years. Richard Blyleven performed his last official duty as board member by saying the closing prayer.

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What does 175 acres actually mean?

According to the data presented in the 2016 Census of Agriculture from Statistics Canada, Ontario is losing an average of 175 acres of farmland to urban development every day.

It is a sobering figure, but it does lead one to wonder what does 175 acres actually mean? In terms of actual area, it represents roughly the equivalent size of 32 city blocks, 135 football fields, 437 hockey rinks or 2,635 tennis courts. But it is so much more.

"175 acres is more than an area, more than a number," says Peggy Brekveld, President of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA). "This is the land where we grow the food we eat, fibres for the clothes we wear, sources for fuel to power our vehicles and flowers to enjoy and brighten our days."

So what can be grown on 175 acres?

- Grape growers typically yield about 4.2 tonnes of grapes per acre, which equates to 662,235 bottles of Ontario VQA wine.

- The average yield of winter wheat in Ontario in 2020 was 83 bushels per acre; over 175 acres, that is the equivalent of 653,625 boxes of bran cereal.

- More than 12.9 million apples can be plucked from a 175-acre orchard. That is enough for 3.2 million glasses of pure apple juice.

- It will yield enough fresh strawberries (more than 1.2 million pounds) to make 611,800 jars of strawberry jam.

- You can grow 8.3 million pounds of carrots on 175 acres, which is enough to make 2.6 carrot cakes for every family in Ontario.

- You can have quite the game night watching your favourite team, with enough



cheddar cheese for 1.3 million servings of nachos, 273,000 chicken wings and 1.1 million quarter-pound cheeseburgers.

- More than 532,400 turkey dinners — enough to provide a turkey dinner to 133,000 families of four over the holidays.

- Enough eggplant to make more than 5.7 million servings of baba ganoush.

- More than 58,000 packages of bacon, the equivalent of providing 4,800 households a package of bacon every month for a year.

- How did OFA calculate the 175 acres per day statistic?

Between the 2011 Census of Agriculture and its 2016 edition, Ontario lost 320,000 acres of productive farmland; average that over the number of days between those two surveys, and it works out to 175 acres per day.

Go all the way back to the 1996 Census of Agriculture, and Ontario has lost 1.5 million acres of farmland — or more than 200 acres per day.

"Whichever way you look at, it is an unsustainable hit to one of our most valuable, and finite, natural resources," explains Brekveld. "Domestic food production is vitally important to our communities. It ensures we can support ourselves no matter what is happening beyond our borders. Plus, it is fresh, healthy and affordable."

The 2021 edition of the Census of Agriculture will be released this spring.

Ontario Taking Additional Action to Protect Flocks

The Ontario government is taking additional steps to limit the spread of avian influenza among birds in the province. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, on the advice of the Chief Veterinarian for Ontario, has issued a Minister's Order under the Animal Health Act, 2009, with the purpose of limiting the commingling of birds from different locations in order to reduce the risk of disease transmission.

Effective April 9, 2022, the movement to and participation of birds in events where they commingle, such as shows, sales, swaps, fairs, sport and educational displays is prohibited. Temporarily reducing direct contact between birds from different locations will limit the spread of avian influenza and protect animal health, and is an important part of a strong biosecurity plan. This is in addition to Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) requirements in primary control zones. This Order will expire on May 9, 2022, but may be extended if required.

This builds on the government's actions to limit the spread of high path avian influenza to date, including increasing surveillance and testing capacity and hosting webinars and providing education and resources for all those along the poultry supply chain. As well, the province has expanded mental health supports for poultry farmers and their families as they continue to manage this difficult situation.

Avian influenza is not a threat to food safety but impacts domesticated and wild birds, including chickens, turkeys, pheasants, quail, ducks, geese, and guinea fowl. Ontario poultry and eggs are safe to eat when, as always, proper handling and cooking takes place. People working with poultry should take additional precautions and are strongly encouraged to follow all public health guidelines and maintain strict biosecurity.

Avian influenza subtype H5N1 has been identified in Ontario, and eight other provinces, including Nova Scotia, and Alberta, as well as 24 US states. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency is leading the disease response to this outbreak of avian influenza.

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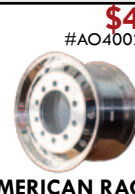
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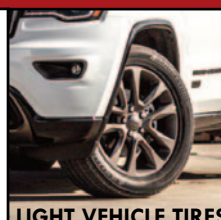
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Soul Sisters Celebration

Welcome to Soul Sisters, a place to bring forward thoughts and ideas on spirituality and living a divine life. It is a place to express different viewpoints and various religious practices as discussion and for personal reflection. I am Reverend Erin Wilson, and I will be sharing this space with my sister Reverend Kelly Blakely. We are the Soul Sisters. We live in Simcoe County, Minesing and Anten Mills, and are in the process of reviving a family farm that is near and dear to our hearts. We have served our communities in various ways over the years with our most recent adventure together starting Soul Sisters Celebrations to offer spiritual support and services throughout all stages of life in our community and as spiritual ministry support. We are trying to live our "Best Life" surrounding ourselves with the things that matter most, family, friends, spirituality, nature, positive mindsets, and challenges. While discussing what we would share with you in this issue, the topic of being our own worst critics arose. It is not uncommon for people to be hard on themselves and focus on their perceived faults opposed to their strengths. Focusing on perceived shortcomings drains valuable energy that could be used more beneficially in reaching your goals. It is a thief of time and opportunities. We judge our own struggles much more harshly than we would ever judge others' setbacks. We need to be as compassionate to ourselves as we would our best friend or our children. We believe that practicing the Four Agreements in our everyday life helps us stay focused with positive mindset and self-talk. Impacting and creating a kinder, more divine version of our being.

The Four Agreements is a book based on Ancient Toltec wisdom by Don Miguel Ruiz and Janet Mills. The premise is everything we do is based on agreements we have made. These agreements can be with the God of your understanding, family, friends, colleagues but most significantly the ones we make with ourselves. Many of you would have heard a version of them and these philosophies can be discovered in many religious doctrines and principles. We thought it would be a great reminder to everyone of the impact these agreements can have on spiritual well being. The four agreements are: Be impeccable with your word, Don't take anything personally, Don't make assumptions and Always do your best.

The first agreement being impeccable with your word is about using the power our words have in the direction of love and truth. Speak with integrity and say what you mean.

Avoid speaking against yourself or gossiping about others. A Goddess flow yoga teacher of mine often says, "energy flows where your mind goes." If we are intentional with our words as energy, the things we are saying are the things we are creating. Speak kindly to ourselves and others and choose our words carefully.

Don't take anything personally, the second agreement is the realization that other people's actions and behaviours are a projection of their own reality; their own goals or challenges. Nothing others do is because of you. This can be a tough one to absorb, however, when you are immune to the opinions and actions of others, you won't be the victim or sufferer.

Don't make assumptions is the third agreement. Be curious and courageous enough to ask questions and express what you really want. I was once told by a mentor "you will never get what you don't ask for. Ask for what you need and want." This falls under this agreement of communicating with others as clearly as you can to avoid misunderstandings, disappointment and manage expectations. With this one agreement you can completely transform your life.

Always do your best is the last agreement. We want to remind you that our best is fluid, it changes from one day to the next. It will be different when we are at optimal health, then the moments we are ill. It will be different when we are starting a new job or are experiencing any major life events opposed to when everything seems to be running smoothly. There is no doubt that our best will change moment to moment and that is ok. Simply do your best and lead with this mindset and you will avoid self judgement and regret.

Although they are simplified above, they can be challenging to accomplish. We want to suggest you start by trying to keep just one of the four agreements for an entire day. Remember to be kind to yourself, give yourself some grace. Having faith is an important part of life, but faith isn't just about having an agreement with the God of your understanding, you first must have an agreement with yourself to serve your spiritual needs.

In Gratitude,
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Spotlight on Agriculture

By Cathy Hamill-Hill

The Commonwell Exhibition Building at the Lindsay Fairgrounds was transformed into a glamorous banquet hall with gorgeous gold lights cascading out from the centre. About 450 guests, all linked through agriculture, came for a sit down meal, inspirational words from Senator Rob Black and an Awards presentation of Agriculture in Kawartha Lakes.

Honourable Rob Black considers himself an "advocate" at his job in the Senate representing the province of Ontario. In 2018, he was called by the Prime Minister specifically asking him to bring his background of agriculture and rural affairs to the Senate. Prior to being a Senator, he has been a big supporter of 4-H including being a Past President of the Canadian 4-H Council. He also worked with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs for 15 years. This Senator is pro-agriculture.

Advocating for agriculture is this Senator's passion. One of the projects he is working on is having a "Soil Study" done to learn what is happening to the soil in Canada. He explained to the crowd that "healthy soil plays an important role for our ability to grow food to feed our country, to feed our world. We need to know about our soil."

He offered some advice that he has learned- and personally would have appreciated knowing sooner. "You need people in your life, don't think you are going it alone- you are not," he said. People get new experiences in life by picking up those opportunities, "Never say no to opportunities that come your way," he advised.

"Don't get stuck in a job that you hate. Find your passion- and then run with it," he advised. He explained his first attempt to join the Senate was not successful. He had come across another job but it would have led him from agriculture and that would have snuffed out his passion fully. "If you don't like a job, get out and get out as fast as possible, move on to where you are passionate."

The Farm Family Award this year was given to the deVos Family. Two Dutch immigrants, Jack and Erkie met at a "Young People's Group" at Church. Two years later, they married and bought 100 acres with a house and barn on Skyline Road in the former Mariposa Township, near Manilla. The farm's name was "Vosbrae Farm" which means in Dutch, "Vos" as in fox and "Brae" as in hillside. The deVos family grew to have 6 sons. The farm had 75 dairy cows. Jack began a welding shop on the farm but that expanded quickly as local neighbouring

farmers came to the shop looking for repairs. The shop was moved down the road.

Today, the deVos family has expanded to include "10 deVos households within a 2 kilometre radius" Kelly Maloney, Agriculture Development Officer for Kawartha Lakes explained to the crowd. She said Vosbrae Farms is now owned by second deVos generation, John and his wife. "20 family members are part of the operation at different times because there is a large lot of helping hands" in this close family. The operation now has grown to 1,200 acres and there are 165 cows milked in a new barn. One of the parts that has not changed is that Jack, now known as "Opa," "checks on the farm 47 times a day." The family that is at the farm at the time meets in the farm's workshop for coffee breaks held twice a day.

Vosbrae Farms is now home to a new on-farm business called Vosbrae Dairy that was started by the third deVos generation. This is a fully licensed, government inspected dairy processing plant that uses milk produced from cows at Vosbrae Farms. The Dairy also makes Artisan Goat and sheep cheese from milk purchased from local producers. The owners of this are John's son, Izaak and his wife, Danielle.

Accepting the Farm Family Award, John deVos was accompanied by his wife and several family members including his parents, Jack and Erkie to the stage. He said that it "is the truth that Dad comes to check on the farm 47 times a day. I'm the one up here talking today but we all work together as a family on this farm. Dad is known for his big part of making us get here. I want to also acknowledge Mom because she is the one that makes us, "US, the deVos Family."

The 2022 Excellence in Agriculture Award was given to Wahab Zamani, owner of Simcoe Street Meat Packers which is located north of Manilla in the City of Kawartha Lakes. The business was purchased in 2003 by Wahab's father. The business has expanded to their own two retail stores, one in Newmarket and one in North York. The business is also in partnership with the owners of the "Farmers Butcher Shop" in Lindsay. Wahab is known for being able to source local quality meat directly from the farmers that he has personally gotten to know over the years. Kelly Maloney explained that, "Wahab is an excellent presenter of what the meat industry means in Kawartha Lakes. He is part of agriculture tours which show the processing side as well, plus he is a great asset for the local producer."

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Horticultural Therapy at work

By Cathy Hamill-Hill

Phil Spring considers himself blessed to have had a career working with horticulture helping War veterans at a Toronto hospital. He was the guest speaker for a large gathering at a recent Cannington Horticulture meeting held at the Cannington Baptist Church.

Spring is a horticultural therapist. Horticultural Therapy (HT) is the formal practice that uses plants, horticultural activities and the garden landscape to promote well being. HT sessions are given by professionally trained Horticultural Therapists. In Canada, HT is being used more and more because it has proven to be so successful. Hospitalized World War II veterans have, evidence has proven, benefited greatly from HT with gardening and horticultural activities in structured programs. One of the biggest success stories of HT was presented by Phil Spring because he experienced this first hand.

Spring was hired as a therapist for work with World War II veterans living at the Sunnybrook Health Sciences Hospital in Toronto. Horticulture Therapy was in its fledgling stages and Spring stepped up to the challenge. In 1991, he was hired by the Canadian Red Cross and "asked to grow some plants" he said. Through a career of over 20 years, Spring launched a series of gardens transforming the concrete and lawn into HT spaces that are incredibly beautiful and all accessible.

One of the areas is the Balcony which is located in a locked unit. This space is "used for recreational therapy within the unit. This was built for patients with dementia that cannot access other gardens. We had a program here for mild dementia patients," he explained.

"We had in some units, a 3 day a week program but we often had drop-ins too that wanted to help out. We had to document everything. At first, we didn't know what HT was. And then I had to become a designated therapist- and that took me to Guelph University and it took 6 years to get that designation of Horticulture Therapist," he explained and added that he is grateful for all the support his employer gave him during this time.

There is now a greenhouse on site. "There are 20,000 plants grown in the greenhouse. The seedlings are on one side- it has to be timed perfectly for this to work. In mid June and July the plants go outside," he says adding that greenhouse work is an important part of the HT programs. Necessary jobs like moving plants to new pots gives the patient's purpose and helps them with cognitive skills too. Working together as a team encourages new friendships and makes them feel part of the community.

"All the gardens are designed for the needs of the patients. The gardens are 2 feet to 4 feet wide so they are accessible." Springs explained adding that caring for these gardens can then be done by patients from planting to weeding.

"Veteran Affairs funded the majority of the garden designing, they gave me everything I ever asked for in exchange for reports back," he said adding that he is truly grateful for their support. Spring's admitted favourite addition to the gardens are water features. He incorporates small fountains or waterfalls in nearly all of the gardens. In one of the gardens, there are 12 pumps moving water through rocks creating a cascading waterfall.

He added sound to some of the gardens. Chimes, gongs and bells are set in the gardens and "winds or birds make the sounds happen at random moments," he explained adding that there are a lot of benches throughout the gardens, which encourage people to relax outside and enjoy nature.

Less concrete and more growing plants has created meaningful, purpose driven work for Veterans and has accelerated the importance of HT. Spring encouraged everyone to go online to <https://www.chta.ca> and read more if becoming a Horticulture Therapist would be of interest.

The Canadian Horticultural Therapy Association's mission is to promote the use and awareness of horticulture as a therapeutic modality.

About the CHTA

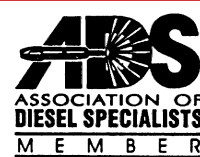
The Canadian Horticultural Therapy Association is the professional organization for horticultural therapy (HT) practitioners in Canada. They provide a voluntary profes-

sional registration process for HT professionals and offer memberships (student, individual, and business/institutional) for anyone interested supporting our mission and staying up to date on the latest news, research, and opportunities in the field.

Established in 1987, the CHTA has a network of over 125 active members across Canada and abroad, and almost 2,500 followers on social media. Members include registered horticultural therapists (HTT/HTR/HTMs) and professionals such as occupational therapists, physiotherapists, recreation therapists, social workers, nurses, psychologists, landscape architects, and horticulturists; and a diverse bunch of plant enthusiasts who have a keen interest in the connections between people and plants.

They are a non-profit/social-profit, volunteer-driven organization, and provide information, support, and resources to the members, professionals, and the public about the practices and benefits of Horticultural Therapy (HT) and Therapeutic Horticulture (TH).

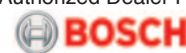
Horticultural therapy professionals provide a wide variety of therapeutic horticulture services in many different settings: nursing homes, hospitals, and rehabilitation centres; vocational training centres, substance abuse programs, and correctional facilities; adult day care centres, therapeutic farming communities; and school and community gardens, just to name a few.



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The farming community of Coulson's Hill

You wouldn't know it today, but during the 19th and early 20th centuries a busy hamlet was located at the intersection of Yonge Street and the 11th Line of Bradford-West Gwillimbury. Passing through in those days of yesteryear, you would have seen a bustle of activity: teams in fields would be busy cutting hay or grain; children strolling to school; the bells of two churches tolling; the hammering of a smith's hammer on anvil; people at work and play.

The farming community of Coulson's Hill thrived, if but for a while.

The land that would become the heart of Coulson's Hill was settled by homesteader John Coulson in 1822. Others soon followed, establishing farms of their own on the fertile soil of the area. Religion played a central role in every-day life at the time, and it was inevitable that any young community would seek to build a house of worship. Coulson led the movement, first by donating land for not one church but two – one Anglican, the other Presbyterian – and then by supplying much of the resources to build the Anglican Church.

The churches stood side by side. The Anglican was raised first, in 1854, the Presbyterian church three years later. Thanks to their contributions, the Coulson family were seated at the front of the church, with John directly beside the minister – as symbol of his status in the community. By this time Coulson was aging and growing weary. He would nod off during sermons, sometimes so soundly he snored. This troubled some people who felt it was unseemly and disrespectful to have a slumbering person be so prominent in front of the congregation. The minister replied that when they had done as much work as Coulson had to build both his farm and the community, he would wake him. No one could make that claim, so the minister let Coulson sleep.

Directly across the road from the churches was an Orange Hall. Robert Wood donated the land while Joseph Fennell provided the lumber from his sawmill. The two men were joined by several others to build the building in 1856. Orange Lodges were important community centres, playing to host to all manner of functions from dances and political rallies to concerts and meetings of the local Women's Institute.

The hall was built in 1856 and continued to provide a meeting place for Orange Lodge locals until 1960 when it was torn down to provide for the road allowance for the redesigned Coulson's Hill intersection.

John Coulson also joined others in forming a school section and building a school in which to educate the community's youth. The Coulson's Hill school was located on the west side of Yonge Street, about half a kilometre north of the four corners. With class sizes sometimes as large as fifty students, it remained in use for well over a century.

Coulson's Hill attracted several businesses. There was a blacksmith's shop on the south of 11th line east of Yonge Street, where the apron-wearing artisan would shoe horses and oxen, repair the metal rims on wagon wheels, make nails, and mend farming tools – if it was made of metal the smith was expected to be able to make and repair it. Nearby was a shoe-maker's shop. This craftsman made footwear, or course, but also made all manner of leather goods, like saddles and pulleys for mills.

Coulson's Hill also boasted a roadside hotel. At the time, Yonge Street represented the main highway to and from Toronto along which all travellers and commerce must pass. Travel was slow going, so at every community along the road a hotel would emerge to cater to weary horses and passengers. The Coulson's Hill inn was located on the north-east corner of the busy crossroads.

As a growing community, Coulson's Hill also deserved a post office. It was a sign a settlement had grown up.

Coulson's Hill thrived for decades, but in common with such agricultural crossroads hamlets its fortunes began to decline in the early 20th century. Businesses closed, one after another, but Coulson's Hill remain distinguishable as a hamlet. That changed in the 1960s, when most of the community's structures were torn down when Yonge Street was widened and the 11th Line intersection re-aligned. Coulson's Hill became a name on the map, nothing more.

All that remains are the twin churches. They are all that's left to remind us that here once stood a small but vibrant community.

Village stories

by Andrew Hind



Anglican Church

Eisses family; Prominent members of the community

Story provided by Sharlene Dinsmore and The Innisfil Historical Society

The Eisses family began farming in Innisfil with Albert and Jean Eisses purchasing the barns, house, and land of 1702 Innisfil Beach Road back in 1961. (See Farms of Innisfil for more information.)

It was always Albert and Jean's dream to have their own farm. They emigrated from Holland back in 1949 to achieve this. Albert worked in an office furniture factory in Bradford to support the farm. The family grew in Innisfil, to a total of eight children: John, Harry, Anne, Ed, Henry, Larry, Carl, and Ron.

While other family members of the Eisses family pursued their own interests in other businesses, mostly in the local area, the oldest sons, John and Harry, embraced opportunities farming.

John and Harry expanded the dairy farm and acquired new parcels of land to grow crops like hay, wheat, corn, soybeans, oats, and barley. They named their farm after the creek (Hewitt Creek) that flows along the west side of the home farm.

As the town has changed, the structure of the farming business has changed as well.

In 1990, Harry started Eisses Poultry Farm, which produces eggs at the chicken barn just west of Yonge Street on Innisfil Beach Road. This is currently being managed by Harry's daughter Monica and her husband Jeff Wohlgemuth.

John has been joined by his son, Kevin, and grandchildren Andrew and Erica. They continue to produce high quality milk at the home farm on Innisfil Beach Road.

The farm's land base has grown into Oro-Medonte, where the Eisses family has farmed for over 15 years. With another Eisses generation passionate about farming, plans are being made for the future. In 2019, the grain storage, which was the old Hunter's Feed Mill in Barclay, stopped receiving grain and is being decommissioned. A state-of-the-art grain facility was built in Oro-Medonte to replace it. This facility will store the crops that continue to be harvested in Innisfil.

The various businesses are independent but often help each other out. The following stories, contributed by Kevin & Erica Eisses and Jeff & Monica Wohlgemuth, update those business.

Hewitt Creek Farms

Currently Hewitt Creek Farms is run by a team of dedicated employees. Our facilities have been renovated and modified to accommodate updated equipment.

Every day since 1961, cows have been milked, and dedicated farmers have worked here to keep the over 300 head of cattle fed and safe. Every year the many fields in Innisfil are worked and crops are harvested.

In order to continue, we are always searching for ways to enhance our efficiency and quality of workmanship.

Hewitt Creek Farms now houses some of the last dairy animals in Innisfil, and along with black and white Holsteins, horses can be seen grazing in the pastures.

—Kevin & Erica Eisses, November 2019

Eisses Poultry Farm

Since the farm was purchased in 1990 by Harry Eisses, there have been significant challenges and changes to farming in Innisfil.

In 2014, Eisses Poultry Farm built a brand-new facility beside the original barn, which was torn down

after the new one was completed.

We traveled through the United States, Canada, and the Netherlands to find the latest system that blended the best of animal welfare, food safety, environmental footprint, and personal work space. We've ended up with a state-of-the-art facility that delivers vegetarian-fed, antibiotic-free eggs across Ontario to A&W restaurants, as well as serving our local community with an "old time" farm-fresh feel.

Not only was the new facility built to improve the housing of the birds to colony systems, but in the process, we converted from liquid manure to dry manure, cutting the smell drastically to lessen the impact to the community around the barn.

Crop farming in a growing community has brought different challenges that were rarely considered thirty years ago. The increase of traffic into our community has made the hauling of manure and other farm implements a more thought-out process. Time of day and strategic route planning are now considered before equipment leaves the farm. Safety is always considered, as many people are not expecting large, slower-moving pieces of equipment to be on roads. As Innisfil grows, and our fields are spread out farther, driving down heavily trafficked roads cannot be avoided.

Farming with livestock comes with a 24-hour, 365-day-a-year responsibility and lifestyle. Although technology has helped incredibly with monitoring any changes that might happen in the barn, it still takes a full team to care for the birds and be sure they are comfortable and content.

As more and more people realize the amount and benefit of protein contained in each egg, we are excited to continue to deliver the high quality, nutritious, locally produced eggs that Canadians have come to expect and love.

—Jeff & Monica Wohlgemuth, December 2019

Addis Grain Elevators

Our new grain elevator is open for business for this soybean and corn harvest in Simcoe County. Addis Grain Ltd. is taking over the Hewitt Creek Farms grain elevator business that was previously located in Innisfil. Our family has expanded our business to help provide grain marketing, custom drying, and storage to local producers.

The state-of-the-art grain handling facility is located on the 3rd line of Oro-Medonte, just south of Highway 11. The location is conveniently located next to the 3rd line overpass

to accommodate grain coming from any direction. A two-lane dump pit and receiving elevator has the capacity to unload 15,000 bushels per hour to service area producers, getting trucks, and wagons back to the field quicker during the busy harvest season. Addis Grain has trucks available to assist moving grain from the farm to the elevator as needed.

The area in North Simcoe was lacking such a facility and as more grain is being produced there, farmers have been challenged to get their crops off during tight harvest windows.

The name "Addis" comes from Addis Ababa, the capital city in Ethiopia. Addis means "new" in the Amharic language, one of Ethiopia's national languages. Addis Grain originated from a food study tour to Ethiopia, sponsored by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB) that I participated in during the winter of 2016. The CFGB is supported largely by growing projects such as the "Loaves and Fishes" growing project.

Looking forward to 2020, Addis Grain Ltd will receive wheat as well. Forward contracting is always available with competitive pricing on corn, soybeans, and wheat. Addis Grain Ltd. is independent and not affiliated with any other commodity buyers, allowing for larger market access when marketing grain.

—Kevin Eisses, November 2019

The Innisfil Historical Society is a non-profit, volunteer community group concerned with the preservation of the Town of Innisfil's history. The group's objectives include:

- Creating a better understanding of our past and its value to life today and in the future.
- Preserving information about the Town's history and increasing access to this history.
- Assisting anyone seeking information about Innisfil and its people.

New members are very welcome - Contact through our Facebook Page - Innisfil Historical Society.

Editor's note: The articles from The Innisfil Historical Society are excerpt's from the Innisfil Historical Review 2020: Bicentennial Edition. They are meant as 'human interest' pieces about the history of farms, farm businesses and their families in our distribution area.



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Proposed Housing Legislation Overlooks Density

By Marie Versteeg, Communications Manager for the Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario.

Housing is set to be a key issue in the upcoming provincial election. While there is increasing public support for growing up not out, new legislation fails to embrace the benefits of density.

The More Homes for Everyone Act, released March 30, is a plan to increase the housing supply in Ontario. It has been greeted with mixed reviews.

The bill promises to make good on a number of recommendations coming out of a recent Housing Affordability Task Force report and a Provincial-Municipal Housing Summit. The changes include, among other things, taxing foreign national homebuyers more heavily, cracking down on land speculation, strengthening consumer protections, accelerating planning approvals, and making it easier to build community housing.

What is missing is one of the major – and potentially most effective – task force recommendations: increasing density targets in urban and suburban areas.

In its report, the Housing Affordability Task Force strongly recommended finding new building opportunities within already existing urban boundaries, saying, “Relying too heavily on undeveloped land would whittle away too much of the already small share of land devoted to agriculture.”

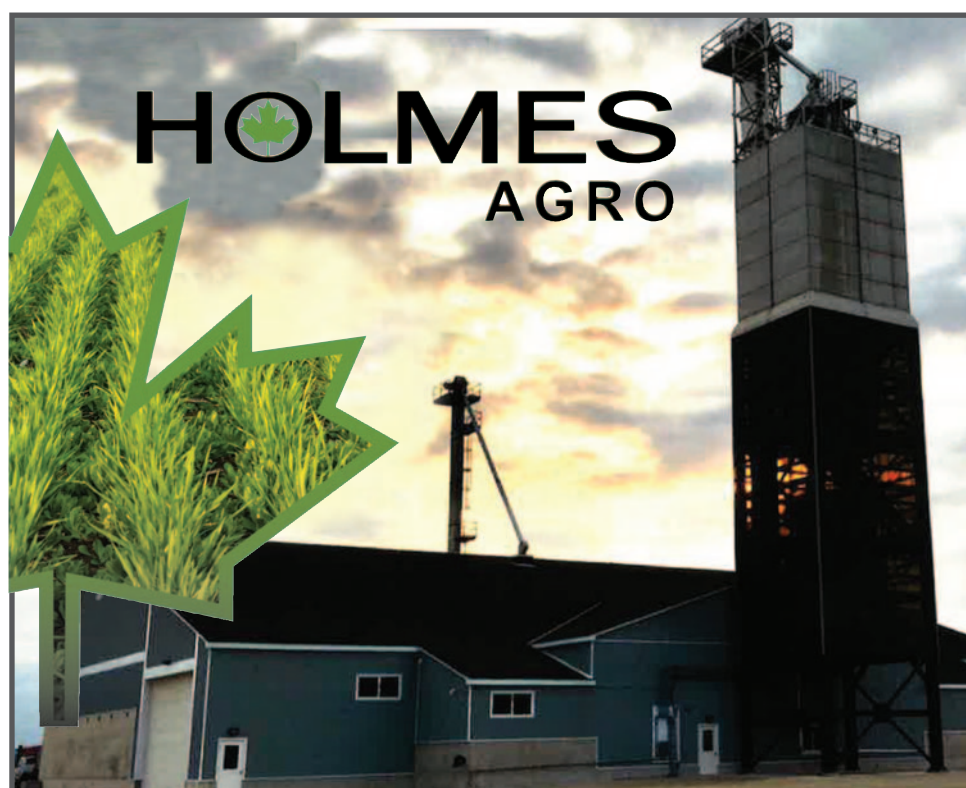
There has been growing public support for farmland protection and increased urban density in Ontario. Grassroots movements like Stop Sprawl Hamilton and Stop Sprawl Halton successfully convinced city councils to reject urban boundary expansions onto farmland. Still, the Ford government has been unsupportive of council decisions.

It begs the questions, if government is not listening to the experts or the people, who exactly are they listening to?

Some have speculated that the bill has been designed to court votes in the suburban 905 area of Toronto. As one pundit points out, “There’s a real risk for the Tories here: the Greens and the New Democrats have both presented alternative housing plans that are substantially more ambitious than the government’s, and the Liberals will be presenting their own sometime in the coming weeks.” Time will tell whether people believe the housing crisis is a top election issue or not.

In the meantime, government has promised that this plan is just the beginning. It has committed to a new “housing supply action plan every year over four years” in order to implement more of the task force’s recommendations. Whether increased density targets will make it into future legislation remains to be seen.

Solutions to the housing shortage don’t need to come at the cost of our productive Ontario farmland. CFFO objected to reduced density targets passed by the Ford government in 2019, and we will continue to encourage government to increase density and adopt other beneficial solutions, such as developing brownfields, in order to preserve our province’s precious farmland and natural heritage areas.



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South Simcoe 4-H gears up for another exciting season!

South Simcoe 4-H Family and Friends Skate

By Rachel and Nathan Dykstra



On March 20th South Simcoe 4-H kicked off the start of the season with a family and friends skate. After a long winter, it was amazing to get together and meet the other 4-H members. There was lots of excitement about all of the upcoming 4-H clubs and activities planned for the coming year. Thank you to everyone who organized this, the event was well attended and enjoyable for all.

South Simcoe Rabbit Club

By Abigail Patton

The rabbit club had its second meeting on Thursday April 7th 2022 on Rabbit breeds on Zoom. First the president opened the meeting with the 4-H pledge and we welcomed two new members since our last meeting! Then leader Scott brought out 4 breeding doe rabbits for us to judge. He also explained what we need to look for in a rabbit while we are judging. A top rabbit should have good body condition which is full shoulders, full loin and bright eyes. After that leader Marieke led us in a Breed quiz where we all guessed the breeds by the photos and took turns reading descriptions about the different breeds in the 4 classes: commercial/utility, fancy, lops, and wool. We all wrote on the screen using a special feature on Zoom. This second meeting was a lot of fun! Next month we will have a whole meeting about using rabbit manure!



South Simcoe 4-H Financial Fitness Press Report

By Abigail Patton

Are you a Free Spirit Spender or are you Money Wise? Are you a Money Hoarder or a Money Star? The South Simcoe Financial Fitness club met for its first meeting on April 11th 2022. This is a new club this year. We started with a roll call around our fitness personality and what we hoped to learn from the club. After elections for the club executive we joked about having a Treasurer for this club! When spending it is important to ask yourself a lot of questions like: Will I still be using this in a year? Is this a necessary item or can I live without it? Will I be happy with my purchase a year from now? Is it a need or a want? Are there other things more important than this? We also talked about the importance of saving up for good quality items instead of buying the first item you see. You know the old saying: look before you leap? With this club our leaders encouraged us to think before we spend! At our next meeting we will talk about debt and taxes - and with every meeting we all hope to move one step closer to being MoneyWise!

South Simcoe 4-H Cooking Club News Report

By Harry Suffern

In the Cooking Club, we are making recipes that Gordon Ramsey or Jamie Oliver would be jealous of!

For the first two hands-on meetings, we made mouth-watering mini-meals meant to be shared with our family and friends. The goal of the Cooking Club is to learn basic kitchen knowledge, read and understand recipes, and practice making good food so we can appreciate the work that goes into making our meals.

Our chicken bites and pretzels were big hits and showed us how creative and versatile we can be in the kitchen while saving money!

As we expand our knowledge and get more adventurous in the kitchen, we will continue to learn food safety and kitchen etiquette to keep us and our guests safe and satisfied!

South Simcoe 4-H Cloverbuds Report

Submitted by Tamara Fisher-Cullen on behalf of the Cloverbuds

The wind was blowing, the sky threatened rain, but the South Simcoe Cloverbuds were eager to start the 4-H season and didn't worry about the weather. For our first meeting of 2022, the Cloverbuds and leaders explored the theme of alternative sports. We started off with an egg hunt – our plastic bags acted more like parachutes than baskets! We then broke into two groups to try out potato sack racing and beanbag tossing. Our favourite activity during the meeting was using the giant parachute and getting to know our new friends. We played several games with the parachute including a team building game where we had to work together to keep the ball on the parachute. It is harder than it looks. Our last activity for the evening was a giant game of scrabble. With our club members, we had to find the letters to build the words "South Simcoe Cloverbuds." We finished the night with some snacks and learned how to say the 4-H motto. We are looking forward to a fun night of gardening in May. Stay tuned for our next report.

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East Central Farm Show a huge success!

Story and photos by Cathy Hamill-Hill



Shown above is 2020-2022 Ontario Queen of the Furrow, Anna Lennox. Anna was representing the Grey-Normandy Plowmen's Association when she was chosen over the other competitors from across Ontario. Anna grew up on a commercial sheep farm specializing in Canadian Arcotts. She said the best part about her position is "learning about people in agriculture across Ontario. We all have a lot in common in farming today."



Ian McKague of Woodville is pictured above. Ian is a new Farm Show vendor and founder of "Afraid Knot Ropes." The story here begins by being part of 18,000 member Facebook groups for Off-Road Recovery. The concept is that when someone off-road needs help, others will come get them out of the situation. He saw too many broken chains and too much damage from malfunctioning cables in his time. "One tractor was being pulled out and a chain broke cutting the cab right in half," he said adding that pulling vehicles has a danger zone but Afraid Knot Ropes can make it a smaller danger zone. These ropes "stretch so that a run can be taken to get a vehicle out," which is not an option for either chains or cables. All the ropes are made in Canada. Information can be found at www.afraidknotropes.ca



"We have met so many people here at the Farm Show, we haven't seen in years," said Ian Johns from Cresswell, while checking out a Kubota tractor. Ian knows a lot of farmers from his decades of operating the "Oakwood Sports Den" with his wife Gloria. The business will always be remembered as "Ian's Store" as the business was open 7 days a week and could always be counted on to supply just about everything from hardware to bait to all the local news and snacks.



Pictured above these three "cool glasses" girls were sure having fun at the Farm Show. The three women work together in the Lindsay area as Senior/Accredited Seed Analysts. From left to right are Barb Gracie, Bonnie Benoit and Kristine Herman. They were visiting each Farm Show vendor and catching up with others that work in agriculture.

The Ontario Farm Association (OFA) is 38,000 members strong. Pictured to the right Mark Torrey (far right) says that many of the questions at the Farm Show were about "young people interested to get into farming and how to become a member of OFA." He is the Member Service Representative for Durham/Kawartha Lakes/Haliburton/Peterborough. Pictured to the left of Mark is OFA Director of Policy Research, Jason Bent. The two were also giving out signs and bags to visitors at the Farm Show.



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Worldwide women's organization celebrates 125th Anniversary

By Mary Shortt

Women's Institutes around the world have cause to celebrate the founding of an organization that is now composed of individual Provincial, Canada and United Kingdom Federations, and the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) all inspired by Adelaide Hoodless and the women from Ontario 125 years ago.

Janet and Erland Lee of Stoney Creek Ontario were champions of women's education and were instrumental in the founding of the first Women's Institute of Ontario with support of the Farmer's Institute. The objective was to improve women's skills in the art of homemaking and childcare to make their homes and communities healthy and safe.

The Women's Institutes of Ontario provides members with a stronger voice by working together as a united group. The focus is on personal growth opportunities, advocacy, and community projects.

To celebrate this 125th year the Women's Institutes of Ontario have 2 activities for members and guests:

A province wide scavenger hunt which has already started and will continue till next February and the Home and Country Rose Quilt Block Challenges. 100 Kits were created by members of Horning's Mills WI with donated material from Northcott Silk Inc.

Members across the province purchased these kits and created the blocks for judging on March 19th along with a second challenge of creating a different design with the same plus other colours.

The certified quilt judge was Judy MacLeod who is a longarm quilter from Orangeville. She is an Executive Member of The Dufferin Piecemakers Quilt Guild and Solo (Southern

Ontario Longarm Organization). She volunteer-quilts for the Quilts of Valour for our Veterans as well as Community Quilts. She is a volunteer at The Shelburne Fair in the Quilting Section.

The winners are:

1st place – Linda Harris – Mount Forest, Grey Bruce Area

2nd place – Sharon French – Brighton, Trent Valley Area

3rd place – Donna Thompson – Georgetown, Guelph Area Creative Design

1st place – Linda Harris – Grey Bruce Area

2nd place – Leslie Gjos – Bruce Mines, North Central Area

3rd place – Donna Middleton – Newcastle, Central Area

Honorable mention: Wendy Hoople – Chesterville, Eastern Area

The completed blocks will be sent to selected Areas to be made into quilts and tickets will be sold during the summer and fall as a fundraiser for the participating Area.

The completed quilts and Creative design entries will be on display at the International Plowing Match in Kemptville on September 21st – 24th

Thank you to Debbie Fawcett, the members of Horning's Mill WI, Melancton and the Committee members

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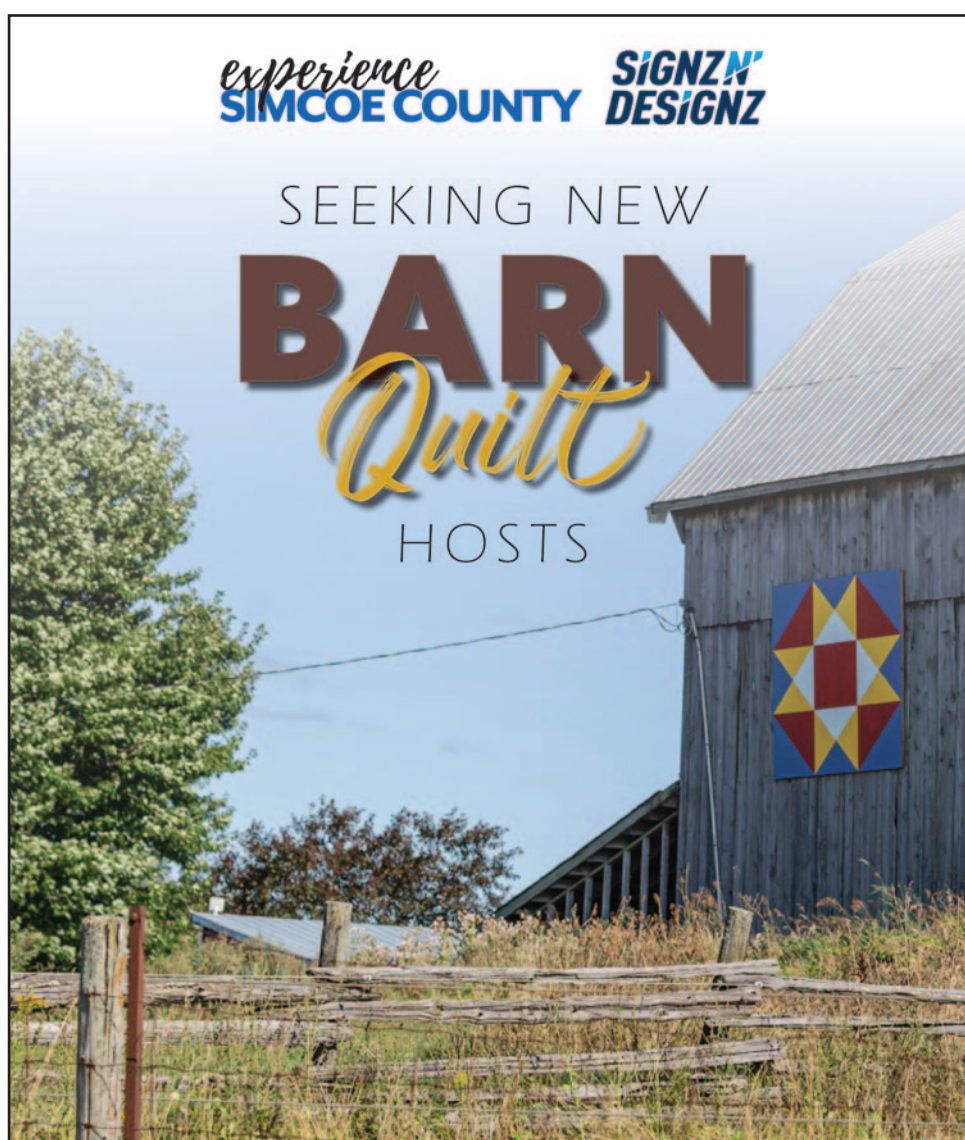
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Spring Tonic Event illustrates maple syrup production at Tiffen and ushers in the arrival of Spring

Story and photos by John Beischer

Last month's maple syrup Festival held annually at the Tiffen Centre for Conservation attracted nearly 3000 visitors to the two day event. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Barrie, this tradition spans more than three decades, and this reporter has covered almost every single one of them. So as a reward [I think], I was invited to volunteer a few hours of my retirement to help collect sap leading up to and during this popular Spring Festival.

Attendees explored maple syrup production by 3 methods; the Indigenous, the Pioneer and the Modern way.

Visitors also had the opportunity to build bird houses, tap trees and collect maple syrup, and enjoy music by local artist Rob Watt.

Essa Township resident Bill Gilpin operated his popular tractor wagon ride while staff loaded hundreds of anxious children and their parents on board. The Essa fire department provided demonstrations and a new to you animal show.

Finally, everyone was invited to participate in a wonderful breakfast of sausage, pancakes and of course, maple syrup.



Shown above is local resident John Beischer. John was one of dozens of volunteers who contributed more than 400 hours combined in the collection of sap and other duties at the Tiffen Conservation Area.



Last Month's Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival at Tiffen Conservation Area featured a horse drawn wagon ride operated by Essa Township resident and farmer Bill Gilpin, pictured above. The little girl chatting with Bill, the driver, was so excited that this reporter could not elicit a name from her. She was more interested in the names of the pair of horses that pulled the wagon. Hundreds of visitors lined up to participate in this wagon ride.



Photographed above, Volunteers at last month's Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival demonstrated how our pioneer forefathers made this delicious product from sap boiled in giant iron caldrons. This site was busy throughout the entire weekend.



The photo above shows First Nation volunteers who were on hand to demonstrate the Indigenous method of maple syrup production as well as show small animal pelts to young eyes.

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Fern, the little viking who survived against all odds

Story and photos by Roslyn Watkins

On March 10th 2022 this little miracle, Fern, was born. At birth Fern was already very underweight, his brother seemed to have taken the majority of the mother's nutrition leaving Fern looking half starved. Fern was also born with a rare overbite, which meant there was no possible way for him to suckle from his mama. He went his first three days without eating. The mother goat had no interest in trying to feed him or even take care of him. She seemed content with Fern's brother and the natural bond developed between them, leaving Fern on his own.

Owner Connie could not just leave this little guy's life to chance. From the beginning she was brainstorming how to

get Fern the nutrition he desperately needed. Because of his overbite he was not able to feed from a bottle either. Then it hit her, a medical syringe turned out to be the perfect answer. After birth Fern spent a full week in Connie's bedroom, his feeding schedule was so erratic and constant that made it easier for Connie. Now that Fern is almost a month and a half he is spending his days outside from 8 am until 7 pm and has begun grazing. He is also drinking 16 ounces 4 times a day. On a recent visit from the veterinarian, the vet remarked how well Fern is do-



Fern's sweet personality shines through as he prances around Connie's feet.



Connie and Fern enjoy a snuggle in the warm April sunshine.

ing, he has gained weight and is quite healthy. The vet said to Connie "You did this."

Connie replied with a laugh "Yeah, I did and I'm tired." I could see the emotion and hear the love in Connie's voice as she said "I literally prayed to God with him in my arms."

As Connie watched Fern prancing around the yard she said "it was God's will, Fern has the will to live. He is my viking."

Connie and Fern enjoy watching Law and Order together and Fern loves to hear her sing.

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BBQ and Grilling... Fire Safety Tips

By Dennis Gannon

For many, the warm spring and summer weather gets people together for outdoor get-togethers. Usually there is a good amount of food prepared and often it involves an outdoor cooking source. Whether it's a charcoal BBQ, gas grill, outdoor pizza oven or smoker using the appliance requires that basic fire safety be observed. Enjoy your meal and follow these safety tips so that you may have an enjoyable time.

For gas grills it is important to check the burner tubes and clean them. Spiders often make a home in the tubes over the winter months so cleaning them out will ensure that they are not blocked. It is important to check for gas leaks as well. At the beginning of the season or when changing propane cylinders, apply a light soapy water solution to the hose and connection. A propane leak will release bubbles. If you smell a gas leak or there are bubbles immediately shut the appliance off. Get it serviced before attempting to use it again. If you smell gas while cooking, move away from the appliance immediately and contact the fire department. Do not move the grill. Remember that all portable appliances must be used outdoors and not in garages or other enclosed structures. Many times fire departments are called to a structure fire because the appliance was too close to the building. This is often the case with vinyl siding homes. Keep them at least three feet away from anything combustible. It is important to remove the grease from the trays below your grills to stop flare ups. Never leave your grill unattended and always make sure the lid on your gas grill is open when lighting it. If the flame goes out, shut the appliance off and wait 5 minutes before attempting to restart with the lid open.

Charcoal bbq's are a bit different but still require your constant attention. Like a gas grill they still require that any buildup of grease and fat is removed. There are several ways to get the charcoal ready. The use of a charcoal chimney starter allows the use of newspaper or wood chips to start the charcoal. There are also electric charcoal starters which do not use fire. Remember to remove it when the charcoal lights and that a properly rated extension cord is used. If using a starter fluid, only use a charcoal starter fluid. Apply the fluid to the charcoal before lighting and never add the fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire. When done cooking, allow the coals to completely cool before disposing of them in a metal container.

Outdoor pizza ovens, either wood or gas fired have become increasingly more popular over the past several years. The idea of making a pizzeria style pizza at home has many people purchasing them. They are safe as long as you follow the manufacturer's safety instructions. Like other outdoor appliances they must be placed away from combustibles on a secure stable platform with the ventilation space required. Like all other appliances they require maintenance so cleaning them and checking gas lines and removing ash is no different.

With all outdoor cooking equipment it is important to use long handled spatulas and tongs as well as heat resistant gloves. They produce incredible heat that can cause exposure burns. Keep a fire extinguisher or garden hose handy in case a fire should start. Remember to call for help from the fire department first before attempting to extinguish any fire.

Enjoy your outdoor cooking and keep these tips in mind as you do.

After The Chores: Coyote Hunting

By Cathy Hamill-Hill



Isaac the red Labrador Retriever here is 8 months old. There is no sign of any adult dog yet.

About three weeks ago, I was finishing up chores to get to my off-farm job. Isaac was in the barn per usual, chasing goats and lambs and getting yelled at, per usual. Finishing chores, it was quiet- and pleasant. There was no wild red pup sitting with his look of pure innocence beside where the dog biscuits are stored. Isaac will stop everything bad he is doing whenever he sees a biscuit so we use biscuits to rein him in often.

I got back in the house and had my lunch ready and clothes changed and then fully expected to just call in Isaac who is always around. I called- but no Isaac. Looking at the clock, I had exactly 15 minutes left to get this sorted out. I called- and called and called again. I banged the old truck's farm doors, I honked the Jeep's horn. I called and called some more. I went for a fast walk around and in the barn and called again. No Isaac. Hummer and Pandee were calmly eating which was another bad sign, they didn't see Isaac running my way either.

Leaving an 8 month old pup outside loose has to be on the list for the worst things to do while owning a pet. I debated calling in "sick" but to do that 30 minutes before opening wasn't right either nor was the lying part. I was not sick, I was just a terrible pet owner. There was no other thing to do- go to work and text Sweetie to come home from his work to get Isaac. I drove along the close sideroads hoping that I would not find any tufts of red fur.

At work, I grabbed my phone and sent my plan to Sweetie. He agreed my plan was good- but it wasn't going to happen. He is part of a two man team and the other guy couldn't come to work that day. This meant there was an 8 month wild red pup running loose for the next 2 hours and 10 minutes.

The next 2 hours and 10 minutes were horrible. I paced the floors and prayed for that Isaac. I watched my phone all the time dreading any wild red pup caused accidents. It was exactly 2 hours and 20 minutes when a text came in from Sweetie telling me to calm down proving he knows me well.

The Red Pup was found at home in perfect condition except he was exceptionally tired.

We have changed the morning routine to prevent any more runaways. Isaac gets his breakfast after chores. Labs love food. He only gets a small handful of food before chores which does not impress him one bit. I get the "what the???" glowering look every week day morning now. He gets his biscuits at the barn and he is now howling at the front door demanding the rest of his breakfast right after chores.

Isaac needs all his food these days since he's found a new night job. Isaac has taken up "coyote hunting." Coyotes here live in the surrounding bush and stay out there thanks to Hummer. We often hear them howling once the sun goes down. At first, Isaac rushed to the house when he heard coyotes but then he got brave. Now, he barks at the coyotes. He goes from deck to deck hunting for coyote sounds- and then he stops, sits and barks non-stop. His barks range from the fire engine "erOOOO" to the loud "ruff ruff" to "arf arf" and he throws in some deep "woofs" too. He has quite the range likely because of all the practice he gets. On moonlit nights, Isaac can bark for 3 hours straight- and maybe more but he gets cut off at midnight.

Now, Isaac has learned NO barking allowed after midnight when we are all suppose to be in our beds. I was not one bit happy when I got woke up by a barking frenzy at 3:00 am. I put Isaac out thinking it was an emergency and all he did was plunk his red behind down the deck and started up barking. The next night he did this and I was even more not happy- and Isaac got more or less pushed off the deck which made my point.

The other phase Isaac is in now is the "chasing." He chases everything from baby animals to leaves to birds. The high wind days keep Isaac busy. He raced about six times around the sheep paddock by the barn today, the wind grabbed bits of hay and Isaac was in full gallop behind them.

We certainly do get entertained by Isaac but the idea of a dog lying on the couch sleeping quietly is still something to look forward to.



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Celebrating Mother's Day with local Maple Syrup

Story by Roslyn Watkins, recipe by Canadian Living

I like to plan ahead, especially when it comes to celebrations that revolve, I mean, involve food. Our family will be camping for Mother's Day weekend as usual. A tradition that began many, many years ago with my parents and my sisters family as well. My mom would 'complicate' things I always thought by preparing an entire roast beef dinner from

their tiny motorhome oven and stove top. It was always delicious and I'm sure the scent of our dinner made other campers envious. As I am getting older I understand that the 'complicated' roast dinner was one of the many ways my mom expressed her love for her family. I set out to find a dinner and dessert recipe that wouldn't require our tent trailer

oven but would still warm my family's bellies. Looking through my favourite Canadian Living cookbooks I found these two recipes that highlight local Maple Syrup and Ontario Pork. Who knows, perhaps we will even find a use for the leftover Maple Whiskey?

Brined Maple Mustard Pork Chops

INGREDIENTS

4 boneless pork loin chops (3/4 inch/ 2 cm thick)

Brine:

2 tablespoons each brown sugar and coarse salt

1 cup boiling water

6 fresh sage leaves

2 cloves garlic crushed

1 teaspoon black peppercorn

2 cups ice water

Maple Mustard Glaze:

1/3 cup apple jelly

1 tablespoon grainy mustard

1 tablespoon maple syrup

1/4 teaspoon pepper



Brine: In shallow dish, dissolve sugar and salt in boiling water. Add sage, garlic and black peppercorns. Stir in ice water; let cool completely, about 15 minutes. (Make-ahead: Cover and refrigerate for up to 3 days.)

Add pork chops to brine. Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours. Remove pork chops from brine; pat dry. Discard brine. (Make-ahead: Cover and refrigerate for up to 24 hours.)

Maple Mustard Glaze: Meanwhile, in small saucepan, stir together apple jelly, mustard, maple syrup and pepper. Bring to boil; reduce heat and simmer, stirring, until mixture is thickened and coats back of spoon, about 5 minutes.

Place chops on greased grill over medium heat; close lid and grill, turning once, until juices run clear when pork is pierced and just a hint of pink remains inside, about 6 minutes. Brush with glaze during last 2 minutes.

Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Maple Whiskey Pudding with Maple Pecans

INGREDIENTS

1/2 cup maple syrup

1/4 cup cornstarch

2 1/4 cups homogenized milk (3.25%)

2 tablespoons maple whiskey

1 egg yolk

1 tablespoon unsalted butter cubed

pinch salt

Maple Pecans:

1 tablespoon unsalted butter

1 tablespoon maple syrup

pinch each ground nutmeg

1/2 cup pecan halves



Maple Pecans: In small skillet, bring butter, maple syrup, salt and nutmeg to boil over medium-high heat; boil for 30 seconds. Stir in pecans; cook, stirring, for 2 minutes. Scrape onto parchment paper-lined baking sheet. Bake in 375 F (190 C) oven until golden and bubbly, about 5 minutes. Transfer to rack; let cool.

Meanwhile, in saucepan, whisk maple syrup with cornstarch. Whisk in milk and maple whiskey; cook over medium heat, stirring, just until steaming. In bowl, whisk egg yolk; whisk in half of the hot milk mixture in slow steady stream. Gradually whisk back into pan; cook over medium heat, whisking constantly, until bubbly and thickened, 5 to 8 minutes. Whisk in butter and salt. Strain through fine sieve into clean bowl; place plastic wrap directly on surface.

Refrigerate until chilled, about 4 hours. Make-ahead: Refrigerate for up to 2 days; whisk before serving.

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Grain Farmers of Ontario Calling on All Parliamentarians to Step Up Action on Supply Chain Challenges

Grain Farmers of Ontario, the province's largest commodity organization, representing Ontario's 28,000 barley, corn, oat, soybean and wheat farmers is calling on all parliamentarians to step-up action on supply chain challenges facing this year's planting season and the food supply.

This is a critical time for farmers. The availability of fertilizer and escalating costs of inputs are causing great concern for Ontario grain farmers as they prepare to plant their crops this spring. What is planted today will have a direct impact on what grain is available at harvest time to feed people and livestock. Policymakers, farmers, and other stakeholders in the agriculture value chain need to work together to respond to the food crisis that is unfolding around the world because of the tragic situation in the Ukraine. Farmers are poised to plant their crops to maximize their production, but action needs to be taken immediately by governments to avoid long-term consequences to the food supply system.

"We are driven to produce as much grain as we can, not only for our own province, but for the world," said Brendan Byrne, chair, Grain Farmers of Ontario. "We can't do this without the full support of our government and industry partners. Farmers need immediate access to input supplies including fertilizer and with fair pricing."

Farmers are experiencing challenges securing fertilizers and prices are uncertain, with only a few weeks away from planting season there is only a small window right now to get the inputs farmers need in-place to grow a full crop this year, crops that will be more critical than ever given the situation in Ukraine.

"It is important that inputs remain affordable," said Byrne. "Farmers need to be able to continue the valuable work they do in providing a necessary resource that keeps food on the shelves and our communities fed."

Grain Farmers of Ontario are asking governments to act on the following:

To ensure the fertilizer we need arrives on time: Ontario farmers know that sourcing fertilizer from the affected region is not sustainable and is something that can be fixed going forward with new technology, innovation, and new sources, but this is not something that can be addressed in the time frame farmers have right now. Grain farmers are asking the federal government to use everything they have in their tool-box to help make sure fertilizer arrives in time for planting.

To ensure fair market prices: supply chain issues have created volatile markets and price escalations at a time when grain farmers need consistency to produce the grains needed

to feed Ontario, Canada, and the world. Grain farmers are urging the government to employ common sense solutions that would increase the availability of fertilizer products and provide needed relief.

Financial supports: During the pandemic, farmers went to work in their operations each day despite uncertainty and a host of new challenges. Grain farmers need to know the government has their back. Financial supports need to be explored as there is nothing within the current Business Risk Management suite that will provide the support that farmers may need if worst case scenarios are realized on prices for fertilizer and fuel.

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I'm pretty pumped about a recent nights snowfall. Snow and rain gather nitrogen and particles like sulphur from the atmosphere as they fall. It is thought that they can contribute up to 12 lbs per acre of nitrogen to the soil each year! The snow not only insulates my crops from the freezing temperatures but it also releases its nitrogen slowly as it melts (unlike rain). Even at cold temperatures plants and nitrogen fixing microbes can take up this precious nutrient. The best part is that it's absolutely free! That's good news when fertilizer prices are through the roof! My fields will be vibrant and lush in no time! Yay!

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