

A newspaper with something for everyone September 2022 Volume 45 #09

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#### September 14th: News and Advertising Deadline

The advertising and news deadline for the **October** issue of Farm View is **Wednesday**, **September 14th**.

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# Devastating Barn Fire claims 50 head of young cattle, 90 others saved due to quick action of farm family Story and photos by Dr. Tim Henshaw

dairy farm just north of Thornton in North East Essa. Four members of the second and third generation have worked together since the 3 members of the younger generation graduated from the University of Guelph Ontario Agricultural College. For many years, I served as their herd veterinarian before my retirement at the end of 2020. The majority of the free stall barn was built in 1989. The cattle were well cared

The afternoon of August 7, fire broke out in the older part of the barn. The cows had been gathered from the pasture for milking and the family were having a coffee in the farm office before milking. From the farm office in the dairy, they heard the cows rush to the south end of the barn. Quickly realizing that the barn was on fire, they scrambled to open the gates to the field allowing the herd to escape. The herd of 90 milking cows escaped but sadly, approximately 50 head of young stock perished in the fire. Multiple fire departments from Essa, Innisfil, Springwater and Barrie attended to control the fire and were on site for more than 12 hours. The

For almost 70 years, the Kloosterman family have had a heat and humidity of the day did not help their efforts and paramedics were on site as well. The rapid spread and severity of the fire completely engulfed the barns but fire crews were able to prevent the fire from spreading to the house and other out buildings. The next day, the fire marshall visited and said that the probable cause would not be found due to the severity of the destruction.

> Many farm neighbours, friends and local businesses stepped up to help out. Farmers with trailers arrived from all parts of the county to move the livestock. Multiple trailers transported the milking herd to a large farm in Palmerston where they could be milked and cared for. Local businesses

and neighbours provided food and drinks for the fire crews and those helping.

When I visited the farm the next day, one of the silos had smoke coming out of it. Farmer John told me that water in the silo would have

produced steam causing the silos to explode. Two of the silos had been removed later in the week. As I visited with the family over the next few days, I learned that some of the milking equipment, the milking parlour and the bulk tank were not damaged and would be able to be used in a rebuild.

The family were very grateful for the rapid response of the fire department and for the outpouring of care from friends, neighbours, local businesses and the dairy commu-

A Go Fund Me account has been set up to help the Kloosterman family at this https://www.gofundme.com/f/kloostermans-farm.







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#### FROM THE EDITOR —



Roslyn Watkins

Publisher/Editor

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I am sure by now the majority of Farm View readers have heard of the tragedy that bestowed one of our community's farm families on August 7th. I would like to extend my sincerest

condolences to the Kloosterman family. I have experienced loss, I'm sure most of you have, but I cannot imagine the daily struggle of stepping outside your home to revisit everything you have lost due to fire. I know many families from near and far are rallying around the Kloosterman's offering support on many levels. There is a go fund me account set up as well, www.gofundme.com/f/kloostermans-farm.

As events were unfolding of the fire on August 7th, I was personally moved by the amount of support people also showed the firefighters on scene. I am honoured and privileged to be married to one of those firefighters and the community support for their well being was truly touching.

The other side of firefighting is the vol-

unteer work they do for such organizations as the South Springwater Firefighters Association (SSFA). The SSFA attends public education events, holds boot drives, hosts fundraisers, to name a few events. On August 13th I had the opportunity to attend the SSFA Charity Golf Tournament, as a golfer and a sponsor, being held at the Springwater Golf Course. A bigs thanks to the volunteers who put in a lot of time and effort organizing a great day for a great cause. Monies raised from the golf tournament will benefit many deserving charities such as Hospice Simcoe, the Elmvale and District Food Bank, and Gilda's Club. It was my second time golfing in the past 20 years but I think I may have found a new hobby for retirement!

Before retirement though, there is still much work to be done. On that note I'd like to introduce a new Farm View advertiser, Liftee Slabjacking, the only Southern Ontario concrete raising company with the ability to slabjack with Grout or Polyurethane Resin. Take a look at their ad on page 10. I can imagine there are many heaved or raised concrete sections around the family farm.

As we head into fall we have the return of the Elmvale Fall Fair! Please see their ad on page 6 for the details of this exciting event.

I hope everyone has the time to get out and enjoy a late summer/fall fair or two.

Take care of yourselves and one another, Roslyn Watkins



Adam Vassair and Caitlin Wilson of Midland, pictured above at left, joined South Springwater firefighter Shawn Watkins and Farm View Publisher Roslyn Watkins for a great day of golf in support of local charities.

#### Horsing around at the Essa National Draft Horse Show

Story and photo by Dr. Tim Henshaw

The Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) program requires training in all species. Decades ago, (It's funny how many of my stories start with this line), graduates would pursue careers in small animals, large animals or a mixed animal practice encompassing both

I had grown up with cattle and naturally gravitated to that field of practice. Working in a mixed animal practice, I served farms of all sorts and I quickly realized that I did not like dealing with horses (or their owners). I used to joke that I almost had our honeymoon ruined by a horse. A few days before our wedding, a well placed kick from a strawberry roan filly left a huge hoof sized bruise on my upper thigh. A few inches to the left and both our honey-



moon and my ability to reproduce would have been ruined. Many years ago now, as soon as possible after that incident, I made an agreement with horses. I would leave them alone and they would leave me alone.

The exception to this rule is the draft horse, also referred to as a heavy horse. I was always fascinated by these large beasts of burden. Belgians, Clydesdales and Percherons, all tremendous individuals. Their owners were quite willing to tell you why their breed was the best. Draft horse owners were experts in animal care, training and husbandry and for some reason, I trusted them. A woman once told me that she liked riding the draft horse because it made her butt look smaller. Recently, at the Essa National Draft Horse Show, I reconnected with three former dairy farmers who had fostered my interest in draft horses. Albert Hewson had Clydesdales. Ernie Parker had Percherons and Jim Thomas had Belgians.

Watching these marvellous animals move in the ring, I was reminded that 100 years ago, this was all the horse power available on the farm. The tilling of fields, the planting and harvesting of crops and the transport of crops to market were all dependent on these magnificent animals and the people who cared for them. Someone once said that the existence of the human race is dependent on the fact that there is topsoil and it rains. I would like to add that it is also dependent on the generations of front line farm families. Men, women and young people who are stewards of the land and the animals, who labour to keep us all fed.

(this is an excerpt from a yet to be published book "Pastorvet – Stories of Front line Farmers, Feral cats and Faith.)

For more coverage of the Essa National Draft Horse Show please see page 12.

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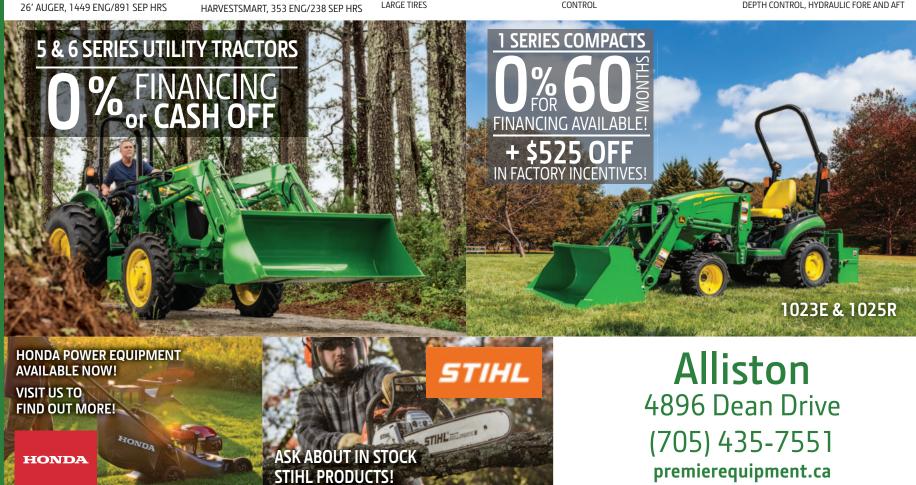
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### Hereford Bonanza comes to the Lindsay Fairgrounds

Story and photos by Cathy Hamill-Hill

It was a sea of Hereford red at the Lindsay Fairgrounds for Hereford Bonanza. Youth aged 5 to 21 came from coast to coast to the event.

Jessie Procyk is a 20 year old from Fillmore, Saskatchewan and she had a great time at Hereford Bonanza. She is into 4-H and getting a flight to come to a Bonanza was "part of what I wanted to do before I age out of all this" she said. Jessie lives on a farm and has always been a "little helper" to her Dad. She is going to school this fall to become a mechanic specializing in farm equipment like tractors and combines. Jessie says "I plan to learn how to fix our stuff at home."

Andrew Charlton is 13 years old and he is a teen with a

full life plan. He said his family stopped for one night during the 28 hours of driving it took to get from Saskatchewan to Lindsay. His family farm is 'Charlton Farms' and it is exclusively a Hereford operation. He said coming to Bonanza was fun but it "was also good exposure for your Farm." When asked about his future, the young farmer had an instant answer, "I will be going to college- and then start a Hereford (cattle) farm." He said he prefers his home province over Ontario, "at home it's all flat fields all around you."

Megan Jones, the Decorating/Facilities Chair on the Bonanza Show Committee reported there were 136 youth involved. She explained that the Bonanza is "the Royal for youth in Herefords." Each year, Bonanza moves to another

province, next year it is going to Prince Edward Island. "Bonanza comes here to Ontario every 7 years- but with the pandemic, that changed. We are just so happy to have so many here this year," she says looking at all the grandstands in the barn that were nearly full with spectators, many of them snapping pictures with their phones.

"We have youth here from every province in Canada but Newfoundland. We are so happy to see everyone," Jones

Bonanza ran from Tuesday, July 26th to Saturday, the 30th. Events through the week included a public speaking competition, team grooming and a banquet/awards presentation along with several shows.

This Hereford Bull weighs over 1200 pounds. It involves a lot of practice at home- and a lot of skill by the exhibitor to handle large livestock. Shown in the photo at left, Kaylee Wells expertly shows Yearling Bull KMW Junior 719T and he went on to win Reserve Champion Yearling



It was a sea of Hereford red and bright red shirts with white Trilliums on them as youth from across Canada came together to show 5 animals from each of their provinces. Ontario, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Quebec and the Maritimes each had entries. In the photo above is the last class of the day that was won by the Ontario entry and second place was from Saskatchewan.

HEREFORD
GIRL: To the right
is Shelby Cornish
of Whiskey Lane
Livestock from Indian River, ON.
Shelby and her
homebred bull
calf, WLL Kenny
Rogers certainly
are friends sharing this special
moment before
going in the show
ring.



William Cooper from Great Village, Nova Scotia. William went to the University of Guelph where he met and became friends with, Kent Ribey from Paisley, ON. When it was announced that Bonanza was coming to Ontario, the two decided to meet- with Kent's Herefords including this bull calf, ICF Klipper 36G that went on to win Champion Bull Calf in the Open Show.





BONANZA BUDDY.....at Bonanza, the rules are that any youth 7 years old or under must have an older "buddy" accompany them to the show ring. This is all about being safe and getting experience handling livestock. Pictured above is "Buddy" Margaret Darling from Castleton with 6 year old Andrew Jones from Cameron in his Showmanship class. Andrew's family own Red-Rock Polled Herefords.





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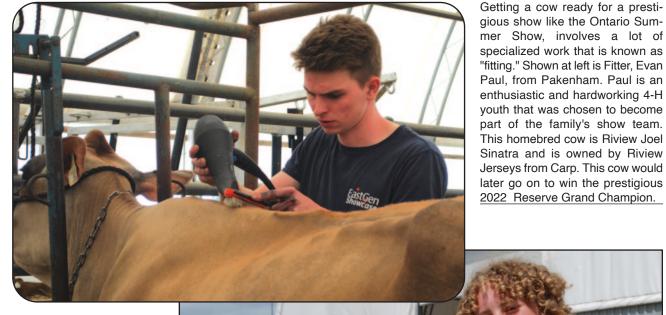
Story and photos by Cathy Hamill-Hill



Pictured to the left is newly appointed Jersey Ontario Ambassador, Abby Reed from Stirling. She shows Jerseys in 4-H. Abby's first job in her new position was handing out ribbons for all the Jersey classes at the Ontario Summer Show.

Pictured below is Emma Finch showing Summer Yearling Jersey named "Glenholme Traditional Confidence." Glenholme Jerseys from Caledon, ON would later earn the prestigious title of Grand Champion 2022.





Pictured to the right is Julia Barkey of Durham East 4-H with her 4-H show calf, "Altona Lea Tequila Mia." Julia has been showing for 12 years and she is only 17 years old, Julia began in pre-4-H. She says the best part about being in 4-H and attending shows like the Ontario Summer Show is, "meeting a new community that I would never meet or be part of without 4-H." Julia said she has been practicing with Mia every day at home for 3 months to get her ready for the show ring.



# **Agricultural Anecdotes**

Farmer Tim

Toughen up Suck it up Cowboy up Pick yourself up Smarten up

Does your job define who you are?

There is an unwritten code among many farmers - you are not allowed to quit until you are broken.

Last week I was broken. One sudden quick movement left my lower back in painful spasms. I hit the floor and spent the next 36 hours pretty much immobilized in bed. Luckily, I had some help on the farm but my wife and I both reflected on what we would have done if we didn't. To be honest, in moments like that quitting often comes to mind. The feeling is always temporary but very real at the time. It's human nature to feel like that.

I cannot express how rewarding a farming career can be but every job has its downside. For me, farming brings many joys but occasionally I feel trapped in my world. There is no escaping the responsibilities that come with caring for livestock and cropland. It consumes me 24-7 and occasionally haunts my sleep - there is a reason that so few farmers are left. Fortunately, those days are rare but they always remind me that there is more to life than just farming.

Rural communities are brutal when it comes to gossip. In the non-farming world, people are always changing careers and finding new jobs that fulfill their work-life balance. No one seems to criticize them, but when a farmer wants to leave farming,

build a new barn, or try something new, other farmers are sometimes quick to judge. We have all heard the whispers, but what people choose to do with their lives is none of our business.

I've spoken many times of the unique stresses that farmers face with weather, isolation, long hours etc. but I've never talked about how our criticisms of each other can add to that stress. I applaud people who have the strength to make changes in their lives. It takes courage to step out of your comfort zone to try new things or to leave the security of your current life. There is no shame in leaving farm life behind if you find that it's not for you. There is also nothing wrong with farming a little differently than others or in making lifestyle changes to help both your body and mind. After all, variety is the spice of life and a broken farmer can't feed the world.

You may know me as "Farmer Tim" but in reality, I'm just "Tim." The farm doesn't define who I am. It doesn't matter if you are a doctor, a teacher, an electrician, a librarian or even a farmer - we are all the same inside and we all have the same needs. So next time you see someone struggling don't tell them to toughen up; instead, LIFT THEM UP and encourage them.

Sometimes it takes a bit of pain to motivate a person to make a change even if it's a small one. We all need to keep striving for ways to make life easier for both our mental health and our physical health. Life is as good as you make it. Don't let your pride be replaced by stubbornness. Get help and make changes before you are broken. Keep the convo going.

Farmer Tim farms in Southern Ontario and has been sharing his stories through social media for many years.

Tim is quoted saying "All farmers need to get their stories out there and have fun while they do it!"

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### **Helping Ukraine Helps the World**

Commentary from the Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario



News of the first shipment of Ukrainian grain earlier this month was a high point in the otherwise dire situation that is taking place as a result of the Russian invasion.

Ukraine is one of the top agricultural exporters of grains and oilseeds in the world. The current bombardment of that country is having repercussions around the globe, including soaring food prices and shortages.

The United Nations said that, even before the war, projections for 2022 were that up to 181 million people in 41 countries could face a food crisis or high levels of acute food insecurity. Without quick action on the part of all nations, the situation could be much worse.

Fortunately, Canada is among several countries working to help alleviate the situation. Recently, Ottawa promised \$250 million in addition to a previously-announced half-billion dollars to the World Food program. There's also \$52 million going to Ukraine to help prevent grain from going to waste.

The House of Commons' Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food produced seven recommendations to address the potential global food shortage and shore up Ukraine's agricultural industry.

Among the recommendations were alternative methods for storing grain – including grain bags for temporary storage and replacing resources lost to the war such as seeds, machinery and fuel. They even advised that Canada should ramp up our own fertilizer production to reduce our dependency on Russian imports.

The government is already moving on the advice, by shipping seeds, including fast-growing buckwheat, to Ukraine. Farmers here are also doing their part to help out. In late June, Minister Bibeau said that we were on track to produce a wheat crop that's 44 per cent bigger than last year, when western Canada was hit by drought.

While Canadian farmers have our own worries, we certainly are fortunate not to have our silos destroyed by air strikes and fields that are mined by Russian soldiers. Unlike the Ukrainians, we don't have farm workers carrying guns instead of working in fields. This situation has created labour shortages not only in their home country, but also in places like the U.K.

Because we are so blessed we must continue and step up our ongoing efforts to help alleviate the pain and suffering that are being inflicted on our fellow humans in Ukraine and around the world.

Leah Emms, OFA Representative, column will return next month.

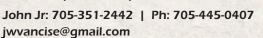


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## Seven ways to enjoy Ontario's sweet corn harvest

By the Ontario Federation of Agriculture

Diversify your summer cooking with corn!

Corn has been part of Canadian agriculture for hundreds of years and has long been considered one of the most diverse food items that can be added to any dish for extra sweetness or crunch. Ontario — with three sweet varieties that are used in recipes all over Canada: super-sweet, normal and sugarenhanced — is one of the top provinces for corn production

Ontario-grown sweet corn can be enjoyed year round; there are more than 100 corn farmers in the province, and 10,000-plus acres of farmland is dedicated sweet corn grown and harvested for canning and freezing in Southwestern Ontario. Corn is a whole grain and is a great source of fiber. Sweet corn varieties contain high levels of the phytochemical's lutein and zeaxanthin, both of which promote healthy vision. Sweet corn also carries B12 and other helpful vitamins that promote a healthy mind and body.

Plus, you cannot match the freshness of local Ontario corn when it is season. Support local corn farmers and try one (or all!) of these seven recipes to celebrate the Ontario corn harvest and add a little more to your summer backyard

A delicious take on corn on the cob, Grilled Mexican **Street Corn** is a trendy way to enjoy corn with friends and family. Known as elotes in Mexico, this is an easy (and messy!) way to enjoy your corn. Grill the cob to get a nice char on the kernels, drizzle with a sauce based on Mexican crema (our sour cream if you can't find any) and sprinkle crumbled cojita cheese on top.

A classic family cookout staple, add some crunch to your standard pasta salad with Pasta Salad with Corn, Bacon and Buttermilk Ranch Dressing. Pro tip to make prep a breeze and cut down on the dishes you have wash – instead of cooking your corn separately, toss it in the boiling water with your pasta during the last few minutes of cooking.

Sweet Corn and Goat Cheese Quesadillas are a tasty twist on a classic party food and are a great way to enjoy that extra corn. This is a super-easy meal on a hot late summer

Corn and Ricotta Bruschetta, is a tasty appetizer that everyone will enjoy! The smooth ricotta is a great base for this fresh mixture of corn, onion and mint. The result is sweet and flavourful, piled high on thick toast.

Corn Chowder is a classic and delicious summertime staple to add to any meal rotation. Served chilled or hot, this recipe includes bacon, but swap it out for a nice vegetarian dish. Go vegan by replacing the milk with coconut milk the result is a nice, rich soup. For a more flavourful soup, simmer the cobs in the broth to extract every last bit of corn

Grilled Corn on the Cob is an essential barbeque side dish, this recipe is both easy and tasty. Leave the corn in the husk and simply toss it on a hot grill. For added flavour, before cooking, pull back the husk, remove the silk and brush the raw cobs with butter mixed with your choice of herbs and spices. Cover back up with the husk, and place on the grill.

For those times when fresh corn is out of season, you can still get that delicious corn-on-the-cob flavour with Roasted Canned Corn. Simply heat up some olive oil in a skillet or frying pan, add the corn and cook until it is starting to turn golden brown. This dish also invites creativity; add peppers and onion for extra flavour, or play around with your favourite seasonings or add some crumbly Ontario cheese.

Did you know... on each cob of corn there is one strand of corn silk for every kernel of corn?

The Home Grown project presented by the Ontario Federation of Agriculture aims to shine a light on the importance of Ontario farmers and the preservation of productive farmland. Ontario is losing more than 319 acres of farmland every day, an unsustainable number if we plan to continue producing our own food in the future.

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### Don't Become a (fire) Statistic!

By Dennis Gannon

If the smoke alarm goes off in your home, how much time do you think you have before you can get out safely? Do you have time to get your car keys, wallet or purse? How about gathering up your pets, looking for important papers or even getting dressed? It may surprise you to know that you have less than 3 minutes! While the number of house fires has decreased over the years, the time to escape them has drastically decreased as well. While 40 years ago you had up to 17 minutes to escape, that time has been reduced to 3 minutes or less. Our homes have changed over the years. Many homes are now open concept in nature meaning we can see from one end of the house to the other. When homes had more walls, fire took longer to go from one area to the next. Now it can spread much quicker. Our homes are also filled with synthetic materials. These are pri-

marily petroleum based and burn at a more rapid speed than solid wood, cotton or wool based. Smoke from these fires also drops down quicker and is dark, not permitting the low crawl close to the ground we were often taught. The unfortunate consequence is that just as many or more people are losing their lives as a result of fire as there were 40 years ago. In Ontario as of the end of June, 76 people have perished as a result of 59 fires. In 2021 the total number of fire deaths was 121, a number far greater than needed and one that can be lowered.

What can you do to not become a fire statistic? Make certain that you have up to date and working smoke alarms on every level of your home and outside sleeping areas. A common issue in many fatal fires is that there either wasn't a working smoke alarm or the batteries were removed. Have

and practice with your family a fire escape plan. Make certain that everyone knows at least 2 ways out and establish a meeting place away from the home and call 911 from there. Check your cooking practices. Keep a lid nearby when operating your range and don't mix alcohol with your cooking. The result can be fatal. If you live in an older home and you find that the electrical outlets don't always seem to work or if you need to use extension cords frequently, have an electrician check out your wiring and add some new outlets. If you feel comfortable using a fire extinguisher make certain that it is up to date and remember PASS, Pull, Aim, Squeeze and Sweep to blanket a small fire.

Don't become a fire statistic and remember, you can always contact your local fire department for more safety tips or have them come and do a home inspection.



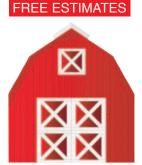




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# The Essa Draft Horse Show delighted many on the Civic long weekend!

Story and photos by Cathy Hamill-Hill

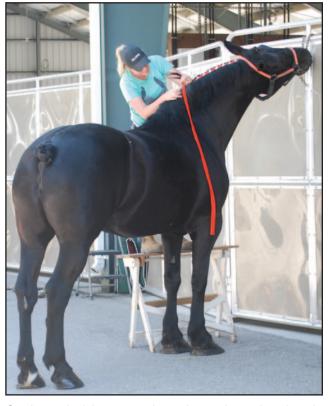


A century ago, this sight was common as Draft Horses were the power that moved people and goods- and worked the land. Today, this sight is unusual as horsepower has long ago been replaced. There is nothing comparable to seeing the precision, majesty and beauty of a 6 horse hitch like this one shown in the photo above, owned by the McKeown Family of Fergus, ON.

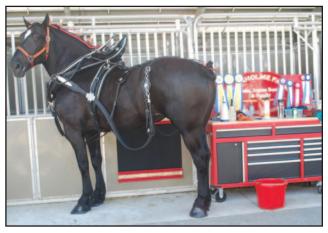




In the photos above are Darryl and Shelley Hagan from Windham Centre, ON. They were "horse people" before they married and together, they decided to follow Darryl's dream. "Darryl said he always wanted a team of Clydesand I said, well, why not get one then?" says Shelley as she works on getting the couple's horses ready for competition (photo at left) at the Essa National Draft Horse Show held at the Essa Agriplex on the Civic holiday weekend. Shelley certainly supports her husband's "dream" and she went to the top of the class at the show winning 1st in the Ladies Pleasure 2 wheel cart class with this Clydesdale horse name "Fire." In the second photo, (above right) Darryl and Shelley Hagan are waiting for the call to roll to the show ring with thier "unicorn hitch" of Clydesdales. The lead horse is "Fire." Shelley also works with "cutting horses" meaning a horse that is trained to handle cattle by "cutting" animals out from the herd to a new location- and this past February, qualified to compete in Texas, USA.



Getting a draft horse ready to show takes a lot of work. This is just one necessary job, called "rolling the mane" which is basically weaving the mane into a specific pattern with coloured material. Notice the height of the steps that it takes to reach the mane of a Draft horse. Pictured above is Katie Thomas and she is with Stocrest Percherons owned by William Stokes and family from Moffatt, ON.



Pictured above Draft Horse, "Heather" is show ring ready. She is owned by John Borer and Family from Dundas, Ontario showing under the Allanholmes Farm name. Allanholmes Farm won both the 4 Horse Hitch and the 6 Horse Hitch classes on Sunday.

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# The Georgian Bay Steam Show 2022 attracted visitors from far and wide!

Story and photos by Cathy Hamill-Hill



RUMELY was the feature at the 57th Annual Georgian Bay Steam Show held in Cookstown, Ontario on the Civic holiday long weekend. This tractor, not yet restored, was built in 1925 and its owners, Hailey and Kyle McGee posted this sign that said wait until next year's show to see the changes coming. These two friends from LaFontaine said they appreciated the work planned for this tractor, pictured above at left is Vic Moieau and to the right is Terry Marksman. Both have worked in the agriculture industry and have a strong interest in farming history.



Shown above is Kevin Forestner driving his 1914 George White Steam Tractor. He said this Steam Tractor, "takes a lot of water and a lot of fuel to operate. It would work best with coal. In the West, farmers often used to burn straw and in Ontario, they would burn wood like it does here today." Kevin lives in downtown Toronto and his neighbours think he's a strange one for enjoying restoring old farm equipment but he says preserving history is both fascinating and important.



Lisa Frampton, a Director for the group that puts on the Georgian Bay Steam Show reported that the 2022 Show was very well attended. A lot of the Show souvenirs were sold out and 60% of the Show buttons were sold before noon on Sunday and the Show wasn't closed until Monday. She estimated there were 1,000



visitors on Saturday. Lisa said the Show's purpose is "to show people the experience of the old farm equipment." This picture above shows some of the sights that included rows of old tractors that were set up to be fully accessible.



The Georgian Bay Steam Show had some interesting sights like this tractor pictured above. This is a 1938 "Graham Bradley" tractor that is 33 horsepower. This tractor has been carefully restored. The owner listed on this tractor at the Show was Bill and Donna Stewart.



John Bell is photographed above with his Co-op 84 tractor. The front tires were off the ground just before the pull was finished at 287 feet. The Club Tractor Pull was a highlight on the Sunday agenda for the Georgian Bay Steam Show, that was held at the property owned by the Georgian Bay Steam Auto Gas Antiques Inc. at Cookstown.

Pictured to the left is Doug Westcott from Bass Lake, standing beside a massive Rumely OilPull. This was built in 1912, it has a 30 horsepower for drawbar and 60 horsepower for belt. This ran on originally, all kerosene however, it runs on gasoline too. This was used especially in Western Canada to pull a plow to break up sod in the prairies. Few farmers could ever afford to buy one of these when they were first built and they were owned mostly by custom work farmers. This Rumely sure caused a lot of cameras and phones to be pointed its way at the Georgian Bay Steam Show, especially when it was driven around the Show. Ross Clarke from Corbiel which is near North Bay came to the Show as this Rumely's operator for the weekend.

### Making Hay the old-fashioned way

"You've never experienced discomfort and fatigue until you've spent a hot August day pitching hay onto a wagon with a fork, covered head to toe in dirt and hay, your nose clogged and your mouth dry as chalk," remembers Merv Brown, reflecting on his childhood on a 1930s farm and on the many days when his hands blistered, his shoulders throbbed, and his throat was left desert dry.

For as long as farmers have been raising livestock, making hay has been one of agricul-

ture's basic chores. Haying was - and remains today - an important but unglamorous aspect of farming, vital for the feeding of livestock during long winter months.

Ontario's first settlers kept relatively few livestock – a team of horses or oxen for labour, a milking cow or two to provide for the family's needs, perhaps some sheep – so hay requirements were modest. A few acres were cleared and seeded with alfalfa, clover, or grass.

As farms developed in size, farmers increased the number of livestock they kept and naturally had to put up more hay to feed them. More and more acreage devoted solely to this purpose had to be set aside.

The harvest was an extremely time sensitive chore. For the most nutritious fodder, farmers had

just a short period after the time grass was flowering and tender until it became course and difficult to digest. Ideally, there would be no rain during the having process.

At first, hay was cut with a handheld scythe, a time-consuming task, but later far more efficient horse-drawn mowers blessedly entered the picture. The hay was left where it fell

for a day or so to dry a little, then raked into windrows with a hay rake and stacked into coils with a pitchfork to more thoroughly dry out. Coils were designed so that they would shed any rain that might fall during the drying period.

Many early barns were modest in size did not have

sufficient loft space to



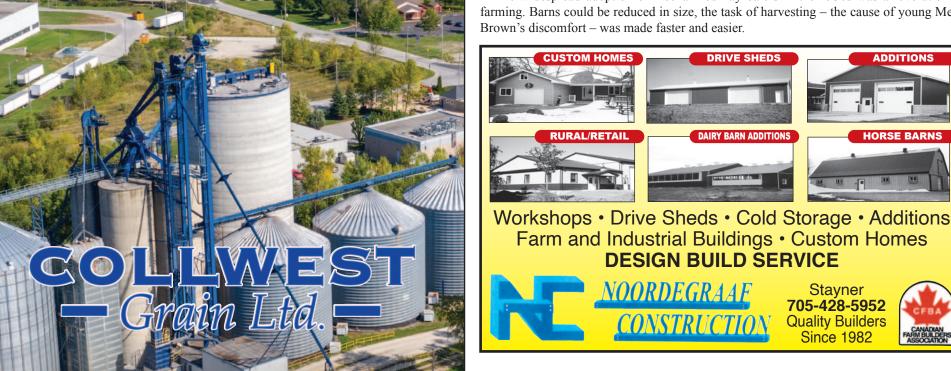
store the hay required by growing livestock herds, so outside haystacks were necessary. Outdoor storage created problems, however. After the stack was built, the farmer had to dome and cap the top to keep rain and snow from soaking in and ruining the hay. If the farmer started feeding cows from the top of the stack, he destroyed the protective layer. Farmers therefore needed to find a way to pull hay from the sides. It wasn't as easy as it sounds, however, because as hay settles it becomes compacted and heavy, and therefore would be difficult to remove from the stack. The solution was the hay knife: a large, thick blade of about 15 inches in length, with handles at a right angle to the blade. The farmer cut along all faces until a

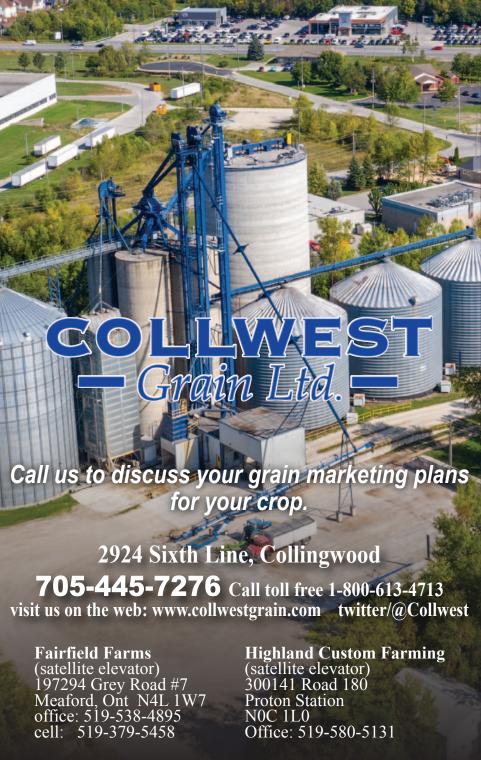
section could be removed with pitchfork and then fed to cattle.

Once he had the resources, any serious farmer eventually built a true barn and moved the hay indoors. Ever wonder why century barns are so large? Blame hay. It takes about 30 cubic metres of space to hold just one ton of loose hay. A cow can eat around 30 lbs. of hay per day, meaning it could take two or three tons of hay per animal to get through an average winter. A farm with even a modest dairy herd, enough to provide for the family's needs with some left over to sell, would require perhaps four to six cows. That much hay requires a

When the coiled hay had dried in the sun, it was then forked on to a wagon and taken to the barn. One or more men pitched the hay up into the loft, while another spread it around the loft until full. When hay was needed during the winter, it would simply be dropped down by fork to the livestock below.

The widespread adoption of mechanized hay balers in the 1930s was a revolution in farming. Barns could be reduced in size, the task of harvesting - the cause of young Merv







#### **After The Chores: Dog Summer**

By Cathy Hamill-Hill



This is Isaac the red Lab's first summer. Isaac has fur distribution problems. He had no fur all winter on the lower half of him and he howled to come in on any cold days. He was freezing nearly all winter. Now, it's high summer and he has his full winter coat on. On those high humidity days, Isaac feels horrible. He throws himself on the floor beside the a/c vent thoroughly disgusted on hot days. He races for the house after chores on hot days and is first one in, running towards the a/c vent again.

The sheep spend most of their summer days on pasture and are fenced in with an electric fence. Sweetie has a strong one here as loose sheep are no fun since they are so hard to move unless a grain bucket is involved. Isaac had never seen electric fence before in his life- and he refused to stay away from it. We tried to make him NOT go through it and instead use the gate openingbut nobody can tell much to this little red pup.

It was a Sunday morning- and it had rained, per

usual this summer, the night before. Everything was wet including Isaac as he went for his morning walk in the long grass by himself. The sheep were in the pasture and Isaac was beside the pasture when Sweetie turned the fence on. The stillness of the morning was shattered by a very loud, "EROOOOOOOO!" and we saw a red body whip over into the bush beside the pasture. The howling continued as Isaac with his back legs coming ahead of his front legs in his frantic flight to the house- and to us. No question Isaac found the electric fenceand he was terrified. He was a small bundle of shaking red fur at our feet as he tried to recover. It took an hour to get Isaac from shaking- and he learned his lesson. Isaac refuses to go to the pasture- and he refuses to even walk near it.

Isaac the pup practicing his 'cute sit' for treats.

-Photo by Cathy Hamill-Hill

I am not a gardener but I do have visions of gorgeous flowerbeds that I want to have so I try. This year I found the flowerbeds in the spring a collection of deep holes. Isaac was using them to dig himself holes big enough to bury himself. He had dirt all over the place. I filled in all the holes and planted my first flowers- and I never saw them again. My yelling at Isaac was a failure, he loved

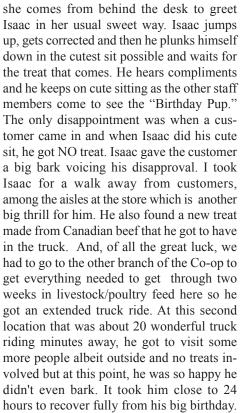
his version of gardening a lot. After the electric fence incident, we had our answerthere is an electric fence around the flower beds and Isaac won't even look at them.

Isaac turned a year old. There is nothing we could do to make the Red Pup more

happy then going to his favourite off-farm destination. He was so excited that he bounced out of the truck, twice as he could not contain his joy - we finally got him calmed down enough to stay IN the truck and we were on our way. With the a/c on high, Isaac sits right in front of the vents so the cool air blasts his face. He moves over and give us kisses- and because its his birthday, we can't tell him to keep his tongue to himself. About 15 minutes later, we arrive. Isaac has to be restrained by Sweetie while I

get out of the truck and get Isaac's leash firmly in my two hands- last time we didn't do this and Isaac went racing away on his own. Quivering with excitement, Isaac lunges out of the truck and his tail is wagging furiously, he is HERE. Here is the Sunderland branch of the Sunderland Co-

Inside, I tell the staff that work there that this is Isaac's birthday. Isaac has been coming here since he was a puppy. His favourite staff person was working that day and



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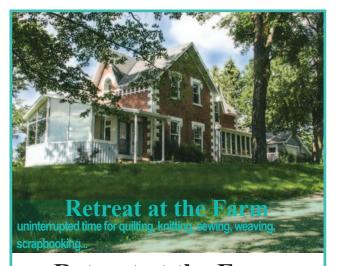
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Do you have a sacred space? Does this space bring you comfort? Joy? Peace? Contentment? Summer can be a very busy time with holidays, juggling the family's activities and trying to fit day trips in whenever possible. Having a sacred place to escape to is paramount for spirituality and inner calmness. Your sacred space is unique to you and knowing what type of space works best for you will make finding that space so much easier. What works for one person will not be the same for another so don't try and compare your sacred space with anyone else. The key is finding YOUR space! Once you find that space, your ability to foster contentment, healing and peacefulness in your own home will start to take shape. You can start creating a sacred space by following a few easy steps:

- 1. Decide what "sacred" means to you. Do you need a space for meditation, spiritual connection, yoga, reading? To me, sacred means comfort, safe, quiet, spiritual, and peaceful. Once you know what "sacred" means to you, you can more easily find your "sacred space."
- 2. Dedicate a spot in your home that can become sacred. It can be the corner of a room, the top of a dresser, or any other space you can find, don't stress trying to find a whole room or a space that is just yours alone. My sacred space is my covered back deck. When my family is in this space it's just as sacred, but in a very different way.
  - 3. Surround yourself with inspiration. Fill your space

with meaningful quotes, spiritual symbols, calming music, plants, or any other items that uplift your spirit. These items don't need to be permanent fixtures. I have spiritual books I bring to my space with me along with my portable speaker and anything else I find that makes me feel content or happy. For some, your space might include creating an alter with items you feel drawn to. When we can connect to our spiritual selves we increase our ability to cope with stressful situations.

4. Create a ritual. Once you've created your sacred space, how will you honor it? Will you use it to meditate for a few minutes every morning? Will you just sit, with your eyes closed, enjoying a few minutes of peace and quiet? Your ritual can be simple or complicated but, whatever you elect to do, make it meaningful to you. I use my space for practicing gratitude, meditating, reading inspirational quotes and just enjoying nature. My ritual is fluid and ever changing, depending on what I feel I need in that moment but it is always creating spiritual and emotional growth. Embrace your sacred space and the changes you experience, the possibilities are endless.

We wish you peace and comfort in finding your sacred space and hope it creates a new ritual for you to take the time you deserve to focus on you!

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# Ontario Meat Goat Symposium 2022

This is Sandy Pearce, founder and owner of The Kids and Ewe, a supply business specifically for sheep and goat producers. The business is in its 25th year and is based in Lindsay but ships Canada-wide and often attends public events. Sandy is here at the Ontario Meat Goat Symposium 2022 held at the Lindsay Fairgrounds. Watch the next edition of Farm View for coverage. - Photo and write-up by Cathy Hamill-Hill



# South Simcoe 4-H Cloverbuds go on tour!

By Anastasia Karataglidis





# Marieke Patton

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We went to Miller's Dairy on July 26th with South Simcoe Cloverbuds. First, showed us where the milk is pasteurized and mixed into all the milk flavours. He showed us his ice cream making machine that was from his grandfather. John has a bottle washer to wash all the glass bottles and he showed us the bottles. He showed us where they milk the cows. We saw the Jersey cows. Then we had chocolate and regular milk. And did the 4-H pledge. Thank you Miller's Dairy for the tour!



# South Simcoe 4-H Press Reports Photos provided by South Simcoe 4-H

#### 4-H South Simcoe Crops Club report

By Rachel Dykstra



For the fourth 4-H Crop club meeting, we had our meeting on July 19 at the Dykstra's farm. We scouted a soybean field and learned about the various growth stages of soybean. We identified which stages of growth the soybean field is in. We then looked for aphids and learned that they are harmful to the plants. After the field was scouted we learned about planters in the Dykstra's shop. At the end of the meeting, we enjoyed a snack of soy milk and ice cream together. It was very exciting to learn new things and I can't wait to see what is to come in the next meetings.

#### South Simcoe 4-H Cloverbud Meeting

By Kaitlyn Cox



This is a Cloverbud meeting report. The meeting was held at Marieke Patton's farm on August 11th. First we opened the meeting with the 4-H pledge and then talked about the bunny body parts. After that we went into two groups the leader read out some bunny questions and we answered with true and false. We also played pin the tail on the bunny. Then we went to the barn to see the bunnies and sheep. Then we had snack chocolate covered raisins as bunny poop and Cadbury eggs. Then closed the meeting with the 4-H motto.

#### South Simcoe 4-H Mini Horse Club

By Madeleine Cullen



On August 13th, 2022 the 4-H Miniature Horse Club had a driving meeting at Paradeez Acres owned by Debbie and Darren Kirby. Members got to meet a very special guest named Carolyn Aarup from Dakota Winds Farm Miniature Horses. Carolyn is a driver and trainer, using her expansive skill set to train others and their horses in the art of driving. She first discussed all the safety requirements with members as well as the importance of good quality tack and carts. From there, we began to discuss all the scenarios in which something could go wrong while driving and how to train the carting horse to be "bombproof." After that we began tacking up the horses, and eventually hook-

ing them up to the cart. Members got a quick demonstration on how to turn and stop the miniature horses and then members were given the opportunity to try driving for themselves - even some parents took the opportunity to learn. After everyone had a turn or two, everyone helped in untacking the miniature horses and putting everything away as we found it. At the end of the meeting, members and their families were able to enjoy a delicious potluck BBQ. A huge thank you to our hosts, our special guest, leaders and parents for making this meeting such a success; it was very apparent everyone had a great

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and reports from all 4-H groups. Share what your club has been

up to!



#### 4-H South Simcoe Hiking Club

By Chloe Bagshaw

For this meeting we hiked at the Eugenia Falls Conservation Area on August 6, 2022. It was a very hot but great day.

We hiked for around 4 hours and we saw the Eugenia Falls as well as Hoggs Falls. The trail had many uphills but strangely not as many down hills. We enjoyed shade though as the trail was mostly through the forest. We saw a snake and a frog along the way. The waterfalls were very rocky. We were able to go swimming in Hoggs Falls. The water was super cold. We enjoyed ice cream. There were 9 kids, 2 parent volunteers and 2 leaders. We enjoyed hiking in this location.

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### Plan for nutrient application today to benefit your farm and the environment tomorrow

By Vanessa Renaud, Director, Ontario Federation of Agriculture

It might be hard to think about winter when we're still in the middle of summer, but if you're a livestock farmer, that's exactly what is suggested. Specifically, it's time now to think about how and when you're going to get manure on the fields before the ground becomes frozen and snow-covered.

That's because winter application of manure, whether solid or liquid, is not a best management practice and should be avoided if possible.

In addition to farming in eastern Ontario, I'm also a crop consultant which means I work with farmers daily to help them grow the best crops and maintain healthy soils. Manure has great value as a natural source of nutrients, as well as building soil organic matter – good soil structure makes the ground more resilient to drought and flood stresses – and feeding the microorganisms that live underground.

How and when manure goes on the land, though, makes a big difference in the benefit you're going to get from those nutrients and the impact they'll have on the environment. When soil is frozen, manure can't be worked into the ground the way it is during the warmer months. As well, water can't enter the ground, so when it rains in the winter or warm temperatures cause snow to melt, it simply runs off and takes what's spread on the frozen surface with it.

We don't often associate winter with rain, but recent research from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) has shown that winter rain and thaw events actually occur more often than we think. Studies have also found that Ontario's phosphorous losses – nutrients from manure getting into water courses – happen mainly during fall and winter, and most often during and after major rain or melting events.

Here are some major reasons why farmers spreading in the winter is not a good idea:

#### Losing nutrient

Livestock manure is a valuable natural alternative to commercial fertilizer. When nutrients are washed away instead of being absorbed into the ground, it's a bit like letting money go down the drain because they're not providing any benefit to the crops. Those lost nutrients will result in lower crop yields, or they'll have to be replaced, creating additional costs.

#### Creating water quality problems

When nutrients run off into streams, rivers, and lakes at high levels, they have a negative impact on water quality and the broader environmental ecosystem. They contribute to increased algae growth, for example, which affects human, plant and animal life. A highly visible example of this that garners media attention every summer is the algae blooms that grow in the western basin of Lake Erie.

#### **Building negative public perceptions**

The algae bloom is one reason why there is increased attention focused on water quality

in Ontario lakes. There are many contributors to this problem, but because activities involving manure are highly visible, farmers become an easy target for those looking to place blame.



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#### **Contributing to soil compaction**

Some farmers believe that spreading in the winter reduces the potential for soil compaction from heavy farm equipment because the frozen ground is better able to handle the impact of manure spreaders or liquid tankers. Unfortunately, that's just a myth. Even though the soil's top layers may be frozen, the ground underneath is not, and compaction will yield crop growth problems in future growing seasons.

#### So, how can winter spreading be avoided?

Ontario farm organizations have been very proactive in raising awareness about winter spreading and most Ontario farmers know the risks and actively take steps to avoid them. Often, those who do spread in the winter don't have enough manure storage to make it to spring or weren't able to empty their storages in the fall – because the weather didn't cooperate to create proper spreading conditions, for example.

Still, it only takes one or two incidents to create problems for the entire industry, so here are some key points to think about as we head into fall harvest and prepare for winter:

**Have a plan:** know how much manure storage is available and be prepared with a backup plan if spreading most of a farm's manure in the fall isn't possible, like temporary infield storage for solid manure or renting unused storage space for liquid manure.

**Storage:** cover or expand existing on-farm manure storages. Keeping rain out of a liquid manure tank, for example, increases capacity without having to build additional storage.

**Use crop rotation:** add a crop like winter wheat, winter barley or winter canola, or cover crops to a rotation to provide extra manure spreading windows throughout the year. It will take the pressure off those busy spring and fall times and although it's not a solution for this year, it can be put in place for the next growing season.

**Follow the 4Rs:** Put the right amount of nutrients in the right place at the right time and at the right rate

For more information about responsible manure management, check out the Timing Matters initiative supported by provincial farm organizations and commodity groups.



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# Kell Farms; continuing to spread a positive news story about farming

Story provided by Sharlene Dinsmore

Kell Farms Limited evolved out of a Kell family farm that began 65 years ago on Yonge Street, in the south end of Innisfil, at a location now known as the "home farm." (See Farms of Innisfil for more information.) The farm was started by William J. Kell and his wife Jean (Gilroy) Kell. By 1973, the farm name of Kell Farms was incorporated. Later, three of the sons—John, Larry, and Roger—took over the farming operation and today Kell Farms' six owners also includes their three sons, Jason, Jeff, and Steve. There are nine additional children from the third generation who are not part of the farm, though most of them worked on the farm during their younger years.

Today, the farm operation has grown and now employs 18 people, including seasonal and offshore labour help. Several long-term, loyal employees have worked with the family for many years, and been an important part of Kell Farms success and growth over the years. In a new approach to filling labour needs, the Kells have learned that employees from other countries arrive trained, well-educated, and with a strong skill set much needed in farm life.

The Kell family is diligent when it comes to adapting and applying the latest technologies in farming. Even in the 1980s, they were seeing the benefits from grid sampling in fields, and they were the first farming operation in the area to grow corn, and later soybeans. The family has strengthened their business by always seeking ways to expand their farm knowledge and by incorporating new farm techniques as they become available. Travelling has enhanced the family's knowledge, as this has allowed them to compare Canadian agricultural policies and practices with what happens in other countries around the world.

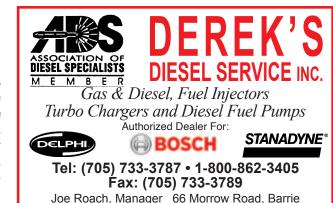
Today, the farm operation produces crops and live-stock, and also includes a licensed elevator. Kell Farms continues to operate the original farming parcels in Innisfil but has also expanded the operation to include land and an elevator in the Belleville area, as well as land in Essa and Clearview. In the Kincardine area, Kell Farms has 1,500 sows, and the farm raises the weaners from farrow to finish to fill contracts with Olymel packers in Quebec. Today's consumer demands product consistency, so they want a product that has the same size, taste, and tenderness at each purchase. In response, Olymel has started to offer a quality genetic breeding line to help address end product inconsistencies.

Much of the local land cropped by Kell Farms is quite different from farm to farm, and Kells now use variable rate scripts to help make the best use of the land and produce consistent crops. This practice has been a significant addition to the operation. Making small changes to the script, by changing seeding rates, lime application and fertilizer rates, is showing great benefits, reflected in improved land conditions and increased crop yields.

Covid brought its own set of challenges due to supply chain issues. It was difficult to get parts to repair equipment and any new equipment was difficult to find. There was simply not much out there due to so many plant shut downs. When we had product to ship, we found that it needed to be shipped further because of those plant closings and this added significantly to the cost.

Some of the other challenges being faced today include hiring adequate labour, traffic, and urban sprawl in the area. It's hard to find good workers for the farm today with so many other work options available. Being closer to a major urban centre decreases farmers' accessibility to a strong skilled labour force, and also adds the concern and challenge of drivers on the road who are unfamiliar with large equipment on those roads. Urban sprawl has added a new practice of dumping garbage in the countryside, frustrating farmers who work hard to keep the landscape naturally beautiful and the land healthy for crop production.

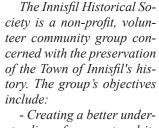
In the future, the Kell family would like to further diversify the crops they grow, adding more options to the corn, soybean, and wheat rotation currently in practice. They understand the importance of consumers' focus on the environment and anticipate that farmers could be key players in providing a resolution to some of these concerns. As a crop, corn is very good at capturing carbon, for example. In addition, the Kell family understands that all acres, even those that are not cropped, do provide value. Approximately 17 percent of their land is treed, a water body, or a building facility, and each piece is important to the farming operation and sometimes to the community. Working towards building and maintaining the trust of consumers, and continuing to spread a positive news story about farming and the role it plays in our community will be very important, the Kells believe, to the success of farming in the future.—Submitted by the Kell Family, October 2019, additions added 2022, Anne Kell





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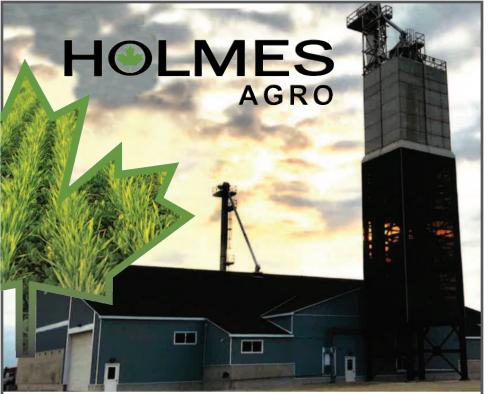


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If you would like to take your grazing management to the next level, consider signing up for an Advanced Grazing Systems mentorship series. In Ontario, the program will be delivered in three separate series of seven online sessions; followed up with field days in spring/summer 2023 to demonstrate implementation of systems outlined in the program modules. By the end of the pro-

gram, participants will have completed a personalized grazing plan for their operation that will increase eligibility for funding through Ontario Soil and Crop Association's Ontario On-Farm Climate Action Fund (OFCAF). Participants are asked to advise their mentor if they have pre-approved projects through this program.

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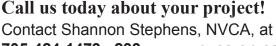


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Trailer, Riding Mower, Plow: Miska 5ton dump trailer, double end-gate, ownership; Husqvarna YTH2242 riding mower, 42" cut, 250hrs; Western Wideout plow, adj 8'-10'. Landscape Equip & Shop Items: Bobcat MT52 atts(sold indiv) pallet forks, land plane, stump grinder, post hole digger with 3 augers, 4" trencher; Mikasa plate tamper; Target 14" stone & tile saw; Toro Power Clear 721R-C comm snowblower; Bedscaper edger; Stihl TS420 port stone saw & cart; 5ton Service Jack; Stihl KM130R Kombi system engine; Kombi atts-sold indiv (blower, blade trimmer, string trimmer, cultivator, (2)brooms)); asst ext cords; gty pro qual shovels, forks, rakes; chains; Pneumatics MAC2400 air comp; barn jack; Stihl TS420 stone saw; DeWalt 12" chop saw; air nailer nails; angle grinders; DeWalt table saw; (+++)nails, screws etc; (5)ant steamer trunks; tree cart; (5)Ig pylons; Weatherguard plate p/u truck box; qty ext ladders; elec cement mixer; Husqvarna 900DRT rototiller; lawn roller; SnowEx push salt spreader; Gorilla carts lawn cart; JD826 walk behind snowblower, tracks, needs work; YM 8ton log splitter, needs work; (2)rolls dimple memb; Salt Dogg salterparts; (8) sheets brown roof/siding steel; plus much more! Landscape Materials: Piles & part skids of: nat stone, deck blocks, patio stones, interlock pavers, flagstone, ret wall block, pathway stone, stone steps; lots to see here! **Washroom Available Lunch Booth** 

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# **Used Equipment**



421 hours ua , open station vith rops and canopy , ubber tracks , bucket and humb, Unit is located at stewart's Equipment in Erin. Stock number: SU0017



hours ua: 3946.8 , diesel ,

rack machine , cab , new motor, Unit is Located At Stewart's Equipment in Erin Stock number: BU0155 Serial number: 13724



hours ua: 560, cab/heat/air, 4wd, r4 ind tires 23x8.50x14 front, 12.4x16 rear, 1 remote, 3 range hydrostatic, 540 rpm



nours ua: 286.8, 4wd, foldable rops, rck60b23bx mowers/n 89246 , la340 loader with bucket , backhoe with bucket, 26x12:00-12nhs rear tires, Unit is located at Stewart's Equipment in Erin.



540rpm . 9' cut . rubber cheveron rolls, Unit is located at Stewart's Equipment in Erin. Stock number: U4878 Serial number: Y6B050059



hours ua: 695, 54" mid mount mower, loader, grill guard, 18x8.50-10 front industrial, 26x12.00-12 rear tires, Unit is Located at Stewart's Simcoe, in Cookstown.

\$19,200



Case CX130

5978.6 hours ua , steel hanical thumb, 40' h&h ooth bucket, Unit is located at Stewart's Equipment in Erin

\$88,900



540rpm , auto wrap , twine , very nice condition, Unit is Located at Stewarts Equip-Stock number: U27611 Serial number: 916517

\$11,200



#### New Holland C190

hours ua: 1890 , year: 2008 , diesel , cab heat air, hydraulic quick plate . 2 speed, Unit is Located At Stewart's Equipment in Erin. Stock S/N: N8M480308 \$43,000



hours ua: 3047 cab with neat and air , 4wd , extend-a hoe, rubber stabilizer pads 14-17.5, 16.9x28 tires, Unit is located at Stewart's Equipment in Erin.

\$48,000



hours ua: , year:2011 , ride control , cab with heat , front auxilliary hydraulics , manual coupler , 12x16.5 nhs tires, Unit is Loacated at Stewart's Equipment in Erin

\$26,900



Kubota B3200

hours ua: 335, foladble rops, 540 rpm, 23x8.50x14 fronts, 12.4x16 rears . rck72-27ba nower deck s/n 21814 and a504 loader s/n b4351, Unit is located in Stewart's Equipment in Erin. \$24,900









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