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Grateful to family and Ontario Federation of Agriculture

Story by Cathy Hamill-Hill, photo provided by Michael Jones

Michael Jones is grateful and honoured to be selected for the Ontario Federation of Agriculture's (OFA) Undergraduate bursary, Central Region. Michael is from Midland.

Michael loves his family and contributes everything he has accomplished in his life directly back to them. Michael's parents, Steve and Yvonne Jones operate a dairy/cash crop farm. He spent a lot of time in his years growing up around the barn and the dairy cows. Aunt Carolyn and Uncle Kevin Jones are also big influencers as to why Michael is now in a chemical engineering program at Queen's University with a career in agriculture research set as his goal.

Aunt Carolyn and Uncle Kevin Jones are longtime 4-H leaders specializing in Dairy. The two recognized their nephew, Michael's, interest in science and got him signed up for 4-H. "I was in 4-H as soon as my age said I could be," Michael explains adding he was in Grade 7 when he was encouraged to enter the 4-H Canada Science Fair. His parents encouraged a farming aspect to his science projectand the young student decided to do research that led him to "soil treatments, no till vs. conventional till," he remembers. The research led him to find the Innovative Farmers Association of Ontario (IFAO).

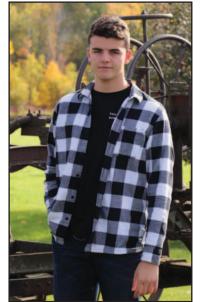
"When I saw what IFAO stands for- that was the moment for me. I knew this is what I wanted to work at, innovative farming in the sciences," he said.

The 4-H experience allowed for incredible opportunities, Michael reports. He said, through 4-H he has been to Halifax to be part of the National Science Fair and did a 4-H exchange to British Columbia. "Through 4-H we get to know people from all over Canada, I'm really glad that I got to do 4-H."

Michael is now a Bachelor of Applied Science candidate in Chemical Engineering, Class of 2025 at Queen's University.

He chose to study Chemical Engineering as it has vast job opportunities including with Green Energy, Soil Science and Agriculture. "Agriculture has a special draw for me. There is a lot of innovation in chemical products used as pesticides and fertilizers. There is work on "new products." Michael senses a "shift" for a more sustainable and more environmentally friendly approach to agriculture but the need will remain to "increase yields," he says. He predicts that "there will be a lot of new chemical products to fit this new way" adding, "I would like to be part of that."

In high school, Michael explored the "distribution side" of chemicals working in a pharmacy as a type of assistant. "Pharmaceuticals are a cross between biology and chemistry and I like both. I found from this



Michael Jones, pictured above, selected for the Ontario Federation of Agriculture's (OFA) Undergraduate bursary, Central Region.

experience, I want to be a maker not a distributor," he says. With this bursary, Michael says it allows him the time to take part in two extra-curricular. He is a member of the Engineering Orientation Executive Committee and the Queen's Biomedical Innovation. "Both of these give me a chance for leadership opportunities and to better learn time management. I also work here as a team and that is where I will be in the future, innovation is a "team sport."

Michael says he believes that the OFA is a "critical connection between farmers, the government and the public." He says providing this bursary proves the OFA also "invests in youth." Winning the award means so much to Michael, "I feel so supported by the OFA and the farm community. I feel that OFA can envision youth today working in agriculture tomorrow."



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Scholarship Opportunity

A scholarship was set up in memory of Stewart L Page in 1968 and still continues for students living in North Simcoe. 200 plus students have benefited from this scholarship.

The scholarship is available for those continuing their post secondary education in agriculture. Applications are available in the guidance department of local secondary schools in North Simcoe or from myrna.jones48@gmail.com.

May 6th: Sunshine Fibre Fest

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Learning about chickens with Abigail second part of a two part series

Story by Cathy Hamill-Hill and photo by Abigail Robinson-Leitch

Conclusion to the two part series on "Chickens for Beginners with Abigail." Abigail Robinson-Leitch and her husband own Father's Joy Farm in Innisfil.

Abigail advised that with the current concerns about the spread of avian flu (also known as "Bird Flu") that "bio security is very important." She strongly advised not to go in other chicken coops or runs that are not personally owned. Further, she advised wearing the same boots each time to go in one's own chicken barn.

"The less access to wild birds, the better," she advised. Avian flu can spread easily from wild birds to chickens.

Building the Coop

According to Abigail, there should be 4 square feet per bird in the coop and 10 square feet per bird in the run. Space is important for chickens, she says, "The more space, the less aggression and the better mental health for the chickens. Chickens that are close to each other will pick on one another."

The "furniture" in the coop, according to Abigail, should be nesting boxes, roosts, a sandbox, a feeder and waterers.

Coops come in a variety of styles from walk-ins, chicken tractors and raised coops. The walk-in coop must be set on a cement pad to keep out predators. The chicken tractor is a frame about 2 feet tall and it is moved each day to give fresh pasture to the chickens. The raised coop is often on stilts, "This coop has a ladder that is used for the chickens. Clean out is done by sweeping litter into a wheelbarrow. This style works for small flocks." Abigail advises that all coops should be cleaned every two weeks and the nest boxes each day. She suggests pine shavings for bedding as first choice. "Bales of straw don't clump up the chicken poop like chopped straw or shavings. Shavings are about \$8.50 a bag."

A "Nursery" area for unwell chickens was suggested. This would be a location away from the chicken coop and it could even be a large cage that had the option to have a heat lamp attached to it. "An unwell chicken often feels better when it is warmed up," she suggested adding that the Nursery must be made of material that can be sanitized and cleaned after each use.

Another option is renting a coop that comes complete with chickens, feed, "furniture" and advice. Coops can be rented from Abigail at www.fathersjoyfarm.ca

Free range chickens mean coping with the threat of predators. Abigail shared her story, "My free range chickens were doing well until the coyotes took (killed) 17 chickens at dusk. There was an automatic door and the coyotes figured out the timing and waited by the door."

Predator protection is critical. "Electric fence around the coop (and run) will keep out the predators which are coyotes, skunks and raccoons," she said adding that "some chickens will fly over the fence but wings can be clipped, it is much like clipping toe nails. Clip one wing and that will keep the chicken from flying."

Free range hens are not a gardener's friend and gardens must be henproofed if the hens are allowed to be free-range. "Hens will get in the vegetable garden and they love to scratch it all up," Abigail explained adding that Hens that get to live free range lives produce "extra nutrients" in their eggs and the eggs "have yolks that are orange" she said.

Feeding the Chickens

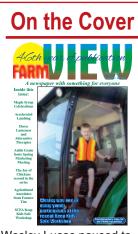
Young chickens, much like kittens, first eat "starter" which is called "chick starter." At 18 weeks of age they are grown up enough to eat "layer food." The lay ration has added calcium, which Abigail says, "supports egg production."

In the hot days of summer, she suggests, "frozen fruits and Gatorade in ice cube trays." Treats can be vegetable scraps and favourites in the fall are pumpkins and tomatoes.

There is also a product called "chicken scratch" which is a treat for chickens. Scratch is made of corn, rolled oats, barley and black oil sunflower seeds for shiny feathers," Abigail explained.

Grit, which is coarse sea shells or pebbles, is a product that helps digestion and is often fed in winter when the chickens are inside.

Abigail lives with her husband on a small farm and enjoys educating people on the joy of farming. She specializes in teaching people with no experience about Chicken Care. Please visit www.fathersjoyfarm.ca for more information.



Wesley Lucas paused to smile for the camera at the recent Keep Kids Safe Workshop. –Photo by Roslyn Watkins

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FROM THE EDITOR -



Roslyn Watkins Publisher/Editor Farm View Newspaper farmview@on.aibn.com

I'm certain by now everyone in the agricultural community has learned of the sudden passing of Dr. Tim Henshaw last month. This news rocked and saddened our entire community. Most of us listened or read the news with disbelief.

I hadn't known Tim for very long, just about a year I think. Our friendship began when I was new to Facebook and noticed Tim posting about his Aunt Gertie's upcoming 100th birthday cele-

bration. I didn't know Tim at the time, but thought 'Hey everyone likes to have their picture in the paper" and so I offered to run a greeting for Gertie's very special 100th birthday. After that Tim talked to me on occasion about a book he would like to write someday but so far hadn't had the time to give it his full attention. It was last June that Tim and I discussed him writing for the Farm View, I thought it was a wonderful idea since he truly seemed to be everywhere and knew everyone.

Since then I quickly learned he was a kind and compassionate person. Truly living each day shining with love for his family and for his faith. Tim was an inspiration to so many, myself included. He made me feel as though we had known each for much longer than we actually had. Tim was incredibly supportive to me in my role as publisher of the Farm View and I was honoured to include his writings in the paper each month.

Listening to Tim's friends and family speak at his Celebration of Life helped me to get to know Tim further. I think one of my favourite things to learn about Tim was his incredible sense of humour. In recent months I saw a Facebook post from Tim re-visiting the memory of the Fresh Prince "Signs of Heat Rap" video parody from 9 years ago. If you haven't seen this one, here is the link for YouTube https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pw0ZcOpjJYY

We will be publishing a tribute to Dr. Tim Henshaw in the June issue of Farm View. I welcome everyone to email your story or favourite memory of your friendship with Tim to share. In the meantime, my condolences to all of you.

I hope you can ease your grief with beautiful memories and shared stories of a remarkable man, friend, husband, father and grandfather. Perhaps the poem beside this column will bring you peace as it does for me when I think of my mother, Jill Beischer.

Take care of yourselves and one another, Roslyn Watkins

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Jill Beischer May 27th, 1953 - May 17th, 2019

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I am always with you

When I am gone, release me, let me go. I have so many things to see and do, You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears, But be thankful we had so many good years. I gave you my love, and you can only guess How much you've given me in happiness. I thank you for the love that you have shown, But now it is time I traveled on alone. So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must Then let your grief be comforted by trust That it is only for a while that we must part, So treasure the memories within your heart. I won't be far away for life goes on. And if you need me, call and I will come. Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear All my love around you soft and clear And then, when you come this way alone, I'll greet you with a smile and a "Welcome Home".

Author Unknown



In memory of **Jill Beischer**

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Calling attention to the new Underused Housing Tax Act

The past several months has been busy for OFA board members and staff. It has been a pleasure to be out once again at meetings and trade shows to meet members, answer questions, and discuss hot topics. OFA had a successful Queens Park Lobby Day in March that has garnered additional personal meetings with MPPs to further engage on issues.

Recently, the province has made many announcements related to housing, energy, infrastructure, and planning. OFA continues to communicate with the government through consultations and submissions. We are fortunate at OFA to have a policy team consisting of nine policy analysts covering a vast range of issues and provide the OFA board and our members with valuable in-sight and information through the agricultural lens. Last year, OFA policy analysts considered 108 different government proposals through the Environmental Registry and the Ontario Regulatory Registry. Topics ranged from hunting regulations, provincial budget consultations, excess soil, Conservation Authority Act, energy transmission, Ontario Building Code, municipal wastewater & stormwater management, Greenbelt Plan, Development Charges Act, Pest Control Products Act, fertilizer emissions reduction, elec-



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tricity pricing, Wetland Evaluation Systems and the list goes on. As of the end of March 2023, OFA has reviewed over twenty different postings by the provincial government with more expected each week. Members can easily access OFA's submissions on our website under the Resources tab on the home page.

One recent concern I would like to bring to your attention is the new Underused Housing Tax Act. The federal government created this 1% tax to target owners of homes who are not Canadian citizens or permanent residents. Unfortunately, though, this legislation has not exempted farms that may be set up as corporations or partnerships. The Underused Housing Tax Act requires that each property a farm corporation owns must file a separate return by April 30th each year. Although, this year the government has provided an extension to file by October 31st without penalties. If a return is not filed, the resulting penalties are steep! Up to \$10,000 or



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more. We encourage our members to discuss your situation with your accounting professional.

As we wrap up winter and look forward to spring planting, I would like to thank members for their continued support of OFA through the Farm Business Registration program. And a reminder to those that have forgotten to renew with Agricorp, do it soon to keep your farm in the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Program.

If you are experiencing anxiety, stress or depression during this incredibly busy season please reach out to the Farmer Wellness Initiative for support from a mental health professional. The program is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year in English & French. 1-866-267-6255

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- 1) What is it that after you take away the whole, some still remains?
- 2) Forward I'm heavy, but backwards I'm not. What am I?
- 3) I'm where yesterday follows today, and tomorrow's in the middle. What am I?
- 4) What kind of cheese is made backwards?
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Answers on page 22.



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Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture's Keep Kids Safe Day

Story and photos by Roslyn Watkins

It was a beautiful and unseasonably warm day in April for the annual Keep Kids Safe Workshop. The mornings activities were hosted at Huron Tractor in Stayner and saw a remarkable 68 young participants registered. Safety presentations were made for lawn tractor safety, ATV safety, tractor safety as well as presentations from Hydro One, Clearview Fire and Clearview paramedics, to name a few.

Children enjoyed visiting each safety station in small groups and were obviously engaged and interested in what they were learning.

Thank you to the organizers Dan DeBoer (Committee Chair), Nicole Cross, Dave Lucas, Dorothy Lange, Trent Kneeshaw and Dave Ritchie.



Dave Lucas instructed the kids on the many dangers of riding in the ATV. He specified the danger of riding in the back, and the importance of making sure seatbelts are on, doors or mesh are latched and helmets are on.



Chris Hare, from Huron Tractor, instructs the kids on safety around farm equipment.





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Successful sheep farmers share accelerated lambing programs

By Cathy Hamill-Hill

Grey Agricultural Services offer webinars and in-person educational courses as part of its mission as a grass-roots farmer driven initiative to support farmers and the rural community. Accelerated Lambing- Critical Components for Making the System Work was a recent course held.

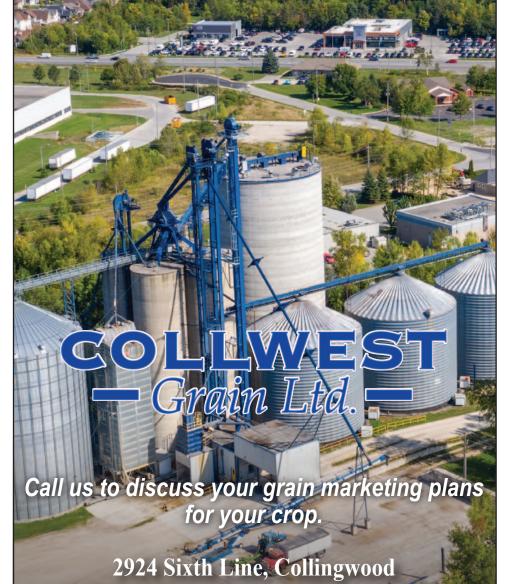
Delma Kennedy, Sheep Specialist Genetics and Reproduction at Ontario Ministry and Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs said that there are many reasons that shepherds decide on accelerated lambing programs including barn space, land cost and availability and cash flow. She explained that different breeds of sheep have different natural breeding seasons. The list included breeds of Dorset, Rideau and Romney for the long season breeders, Suffolk and oxford for medium and Shetland for short.

She noted that studies have shown that ewes in poor body condition are not appealing to the rams. "Rams prefer to mate with heavier ewes in better body condition," she said adding that ewes in poor body condition are not good candidates for an accelerated lambing program.

Two sheep farmers shared their success stories with Accelerated Lambing as part of the Accelerated Lambing course offered via ZOOM from Grey-Bruce Ag Services.

Steve and Lisa Ernewein have done what few farms can achieve today- build a sheep farm profitable enough to support two households. Meadowbrook Farm located in the Walkerton area is a 1,200 producing ewe operation and employs, full-time, Steve and his son, Jordan. The sheep are mostly Dorset and Rideau in the meat flock. There is also a 200 milking sheep operation.

Steve explains that he had to work off-farm to get to where he is today. He started raising hogs and beef cattle but "there was no fun in raising hogs in 2000 so we decided to switch to sheep." He kept the 40 beef cows. His full-time off-farm work in the agriculture industry allowed for the purchase of extra land and equipment needed to build up the sheep operation. He has been working full-time at home for the past few years and his son changed his full



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To manage this many ewes with limited barn space, there is a synchronized breeding and accelerated lambing program put in place.

"I was home (when I worked off farm) Fridays so we chose that day for a lambing date. We calculated 160 days from that date," he said. He explained that this works on his farm with the use of a CIDR (Controlled Intravaginal Drug Release). CIDRs (pronounced as cedars) will bring the ewe into a heat. The rams are turned in with the ewes. With a known lambing date, the farmer can inject on day 143 medication that will induce labour.

"We inject at 8:00- 9:00 pm on Wednesday night for lambing on Friday. On Lambing Day we know what is coming. I do night checks starting at midnight on Friday, then at 2 a.m, and 4 a.m. and I'm in the barn at 6 a.m. Most lamb from 6 a.m. to noon. There are pens all over the place on lambing day. One person cannot do more then 40-50 ewes lambing in one day is my suggestion. You need people in place to help with the lambing," he said adding that the cost is about \$30 per ewe for CIDRs and medications.

The advantage of synchronized lambing is "lower mortality of lambs and ewes. You can reserve lambing dates and schedule that into calendars. There are less lambing days per year, having 12-15 lambing days versus 120-150 days. The age gap in lambs is minimal," he says.

In grazing season, a group that lambing is over can be moved out of the barn allowing the next group to move in for their lambing. This maximizes the building space being used and stops the need for building more high cost barns.

With accelerated lambing, handling facilities that work is essential, Steve says adding, "We watch for people who are getting out of sheep for new (to us) equipment here. We make use of what we find to keep costs down," he said adding that a "no reverse" chute type of aisle is a huge help for handling large numbers of sheep in a kind and efficient way.

The key to having a profitable sheep operation is record keeping. Steve says "I could not run my flock without Ewe Manage. Ewe Manage gives me the information I need. I used to keep the biggest lambs in the pen (for flock builders) but now I am keeping a lot of smaller lambs. Ewe Manage shows me that smaller lamb is from a good milker that produces quads. The ewe's (poor) production record wins her a trip on the truck (to market)."

Harold and his wife, Barb Zettler from Teeswater shared their modified accelerated lambing program that is in place to fill a twice a month all year round market. They own a flock of 150 commercial dorset ewes and 10 purebred dorset rams. They also have beef cattle.

"We use no CIDRS here," Harold says adding that "We get 92% in off season and 100% in season for ewes to lamb."

The goal in this flock is to be shipping out lambs to a waiting market every two weeks all year.

"There is not a lot of down time here, there is near constant lambing. Barb and I do all the lambing. We use to get up every 2 hours at night but now we check at 10:00 pm and we give the ewes an extra feeding of hay. If a ewe does not come up to feed, we are checking on her," Harold said.

A typical year begins with lambing on April 1st. The ewe raises her lambs for 60 days. The ewe and her lambs are weaned and the ewe has one month of rest. In July the ewe is sheared and checked for body condition and if she is in good condition, she's put in with the ram on August 1st. In September the ewe has an ultrasound to see if she is pregnant if she is, in November she will be vaccinated. She will lamb in December and raise her lamb for 60 days. She gets a month's rest and she is back in with the ram in March.

The month's rest is key to this operation, Harold explains, "Ewes get one month rest before putting them in with the rams. We keep the ewes longer and more lambs are born with this rest period."

Record keeping is critical for this operation and this is entirely Barb's job. "I use Lamb Diary, it's a simple system. I record the ewe's number, when she lambed, how many lambs she had and the tag numbers of those lambs and I write in any udder issues," Barb explained.

Accelerated lambing is a practice that has to be planned carefully is the conclusion drawn from both successful sheep farmers.

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Grief is a Journey

Grief is an inevitable part of life. Grief can be caused by many things – the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, the end of a relationship, or even a significant change in one's health. The experience of grief is both emotional and physical. It is a complex mix of feelings that can include sadness, anger, guilt, loneliness, and fear. It can cause physical symptoms such as fatigue, headaches, changes in appetite, and insomnia. Whatever the cause, grief can leave us feeling lost, vulnerable, and alone.

Regardless of our spiritual beliefs, it is a universal experience. It is the natural response to the loss of someone or something we love or value. It can be an intensely painful, confusing, and isolating experience that can shake the foundations of our existence and with many questions. We have witnessed the devastating effects of grief and seen how people can use their beliefs in their higher power and community to find comfort and healing during these challenging times.

In times of grief, it is important to lean on our faith. Our beliefs can offer us comfort and reaffirm our connection to the divine. Faith can also give us strength to endure the pain and uncertainty of our situation. We have seen people find solace in prayer, meditation, and scripture. These practices can provide a sense of peace and hope during our darkest days.

Grief is a natural and necessary part of life. The end of life is an important topic that we are hesitant to speak of with our loved ones as it is scary to think of losing someone. We encourage you to have these conversations about wishes and preferences as it can help you in the grieving process, knowing you met their wishes. It is a reminder of the fragility of our existence and the importance of cherishing the people and things that matter most to us. Finding comfort and healing in our faith when we are grieving can be one way to process the feelings. We can turn to meditation, and scripture and community to help us navigate the complexities of our emotions, and to find hope and peace. Grief is a journey, has ups and downs, is fluid and presents itself in expected and unexpected times and with the support of our faith and our community, we can emerge on the other side, more compassionate, and more grateful for the gift of life.

We wanted to share with you this week a beautiful poem by Donna Ashworth, she does a wonderful job of articulating what some grieving days feel like.

I MISSED YOU TODAY by Donna Ashworth

by Donna Ashworth

I missed you today but that's nothing new, I missed you a million times yesterday too. I picked up my phone to tell you the news, then realised, again, I can't text it to you. I saw your bright smile, at least twenty times, and then I remember, it's all in my mind. I drive without presence, the world feels surreal, And on comes your song and this doesn't seem real.

I missed you today but I miss you a lot, It's helpful to miss you, it's all that I've got. I wish I could pull you down here for a while I'm frightened to lose the shape of your smile. I miss you today and I'll miss you tomorrow, There seems to be no coming end to this sorrow. I try to go on as I know that you care,

I know that you're willing me on from up there. I missed you today but I'm trying to find, a way to move on but not leave you behind. A way to forge on with the love that we had, A way to recall you and simply feel...glad.

> In Gratitude, The Soul Sisters Reverend Erin Wilson and Reverend Kelly Blakely Soulsisterscelebrations@gmail.com

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An official transcript.

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*Video must be posted publicly on YouTube, Vimeo, Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter, and the link must be included in the CFFO Federation Scholarship Application Form. Please do not email video as an attachment.

These documents may be submitted via email to brittney@christianfarmers.org with the subject heading "CFFO Federation Scholarship Application" or via mail, postmarked no later than May 31, 2023 to Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario, 231 Shearson Crescent, Unit 101, Box 2, Cambridge, ON, N1T 1J5.

Applications will be assessed by a select committee of CFFO Staff. Scholarship recipients will be notified in June 2023, and awarded at their local District Summer Picnic. Part or all of each recipient's essay or video may be shared on CFFO's social media, and recipients will be featured in the Fall/Winter edition of The Steward.

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Tiffen staff and Rotary club volunteers host another successful Spring Tonic event

Story and photos by John Beischer

Last month thousands of area residents descended on the Tiffen Conservation Area to attend the annual Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival to enjoy a myriad of activities not the least of which was the pancake breakfast, served all day by the Rotary Club of Barrie. And they did an excellent job of controlling the parking as well.

Attendance was the highest since pre Covid days.

The Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival at the Tiffen Conservation Area is a tradition spanning more than three decades.

With admission, visitors were treated to a vast assortment of fun activities including: horse drawn wagon rides, dance music at the pancake house, the opportunity to purchase and build a bird house, visit with Essa Township fire staff, learn how to tap a tree with Tiffen's environmental educators, walk through the sugar shack to learn how maple syrup is made, hike the area's most scenic trails, watch a dog training exercise by the RED Barn folks, meet native animals from Scales Nature park, visit with area cadets to learn outdoor skills and most importantly, purchase maple syrup where it is produced.

Watch the fingers! In the photo to the right a father and daughter build a birdhouse at the 'build your own bird box' bird house display at Spring Tonic last month.

In the photo below two young ladies learned how to tap a tree with a brase and bit under the guidance of Tiffen's educators.



In the photo above Spencer Macdonald, a Lands and Operation technician with NVCA explains the grading process of maple syrup production to a couple of visitors to the sugar shack during Spring Tonic last month. More than one thousand visitors went through the sugar shack under the watchful eye of Macdonald.



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Beautiful day for the Sunderland Maple Syrup Festival

Story and photos by Cathy Hamill-Hill





Pictured above is Gary the groundhog, a forever Ambassador for Soper Creek Wildlife Rescue (SCWR) which is licensed by the Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry and Canadian Wildlife Services to rescue, rehabilitate and release wildlife and also to keep native wildlife in captivity. Gary is seen here with Shawna, an Education and Experience Coordinator that is highly skilled in dealing with large groups of people explaining the role of SCWR and educating about wildlife. Gary was rescued by SCWR but he became too friendly with people to go back into the wild, she told the crowds that came to her presentation at the 26th edition of the annual Sunderland Maple Syrup Festival.



Pictured above is John Walker, Blacksmith and owner of Fallen Willow Forge from East Gwillimbury. John learned the blacksmith trade from a friend when building his house, after retiring from his first career as an engineer. The name for his business came from a Willow tree falling on his first Forge beside his new house in a storm. Fallen Willow Forge was a new addition to this year's Sunderland Maple Syrup Festival and attracted huge crowds all weekend watching the Blacksmith create and asking him questions. In the photo to the left: Mallory Rusnell from Sunderland (far left) and Abby Boudreau from Bowmanville (right) said the best part of this year's Sunderland Maple Syrup Festival was seeing up close these two beautiful Clydesdale draft horses. The horses are owned by Steve and Sherry Lewis, both are Draft Horse judges and have judged extensively across Canada and the United States. The couple also have shown horses across North America and always make plans around being home to show at local Fairs including the Sunderland Fair. It seems the couple are known for Clydesdales across the world as they were contacted from Scotland and were interviewed for two days at their Cannington farm for the documentary film: "Clydesdale: Saving the Greatest Horse." The horse to the right, "Ice" was part of that. Both horses, King and Ice seemed to thoroughly enjoy the Sunderland Maple Syrup Festival.



Pefferlaw Creek Farms from Uxbridge was on the main street as one of the 100 plus vendors at this year's Sunderland Maple Syrup Festival. Pefferlaw Creek Farms is a family business owned by four brothers. In the photo above Patrick McLoughlin, one of the sales staff team (pictured to the left) reported from the Festival, "We had a fantastic time! We could barely keep up with the crowds coming through." In the middle of the photo is Bob Burrows who works in the business as a Farm Market specialist and to his right is Amanda McCrone, a member of the sales staff team.



This is Catherine, Warehouse Manager and her co-worker who asked not be named that works as Glass Manager at Dancing Bee from Port Hope that was a vendor at the Sunderland Maple Syrup Festival. Dancing Bee has its own retail store and supplies commercial beekeepers and stores across North America. Dancing Bee is a one-stop shop for everything related to bees from the bees to the honey jars. Catherine says, "Our Boss, Todd, is a visionary. He said we all need a passion project. This Mead making kit (that she is holding) is a co-worker's passion project, it is a drink made from honey, yeast and water. My passion project is a pollinator garden."







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Horse Night: Lameness and Alternative Therapies By Cathy Hamill-Hill

Grey Agricultural Services offer webinars and in-person educational courses as part of its mission as a grass-roots farmer driven initiative to support farmers and the rural community. Horse Night: Lameness and Alternative Therapies was a recent course held.

"A horse depends largely on its athletic ability," Dr. Marika Van Schaik, a veterinarian from Markdale Veterinary Services believes. Dr. Van Schaik has a strong interest in horses. She said, "lameness accounts for more financial losses to the equine industry than any other condition."

Lameness is defined as a horse that shows abnormality of its gait or stance. The majority of lameness is caused by pain but there can also be mechanical problems and occasionally a neurological condition behind lameness. Pain can come from any part of the limb that has nerve endings," Dr. Van Schaik explained adding that pain can be "muscle pain, arthritis, tendon or ligament injury."

Many vets will respond to a lameness concern with the lameness exam. The exam starts with the history of the horse- its age, breed, sex, and its lameness history from when it



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started to the change in movements. A standing examination is next. A moving examination comes next with the horse being moved to firm and hard footing surfaces and observed. Flexion of how well the horses can flex muscles comes just before the hoof tester part of the exam. A hoot tester is a tool that goes around the hoof so it can be observed carefully.

Nerve and Joint blocks can also be part of the lameness exam. Here, the vet might inject medications to numb the painful area. The final part of the exam is requesting diagnostic imaging that includes many options for horses including xrays, ultrasounds, bone scans and MRIs.

Following the exam, a grade is given to the lameness, ranging from 0 to 5. Dr. Van Schaik explained, "A standardized grading system allows vets to consistently describe lameness and to track the progress of the lameness in the same horse over time." Grade 1 is difficult to observe and difficult to detect and is consistently apparent under particular circumstances. Grade 4 is when lameness is obvious with a marked head nod, hip hike and/or shortened stride. Grade 5 is obvious lameness with minimal weight bearing either during motion or rest and it includes the horse being unable to move at all.

Treatment options for lameness include drugs which often are phenylbutazone known as "Bute" and "Banamine" which is really the drug flunixin and acetaminophen which is better known as "Tylenol." The vet stressed that that these drugs are not to be "combined."

There are Equine Complimentary Therapies that work well along with vet administered drugs. Dr. Thera Fox, known as Dr. Tee is a veterinarian at Markdale Veterinary Services. "Horse people are weird. We spend money on these animals (horses) and normal people think we are crazy," was her opening statement. While there are many different options from drugs to treating horses, none of those Complimentary Therapy options are cheap.

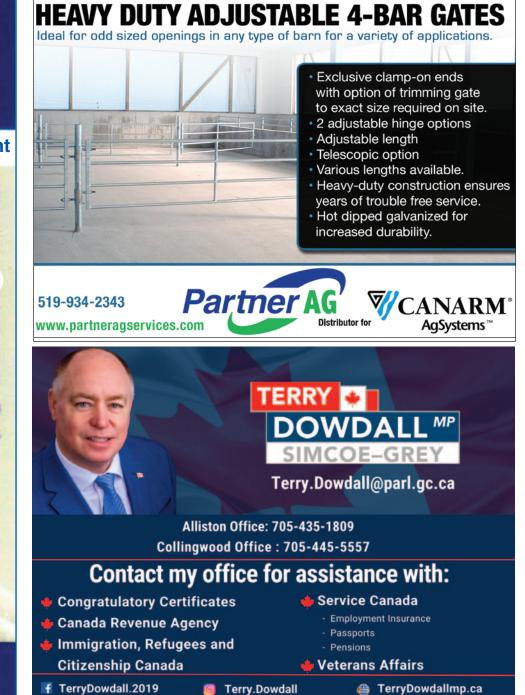
In this area, horse chiropractics are the first on the list for Equine Compliment Therapies. "It primarily stimulates nerve reflexes. It is used for back or neck pain, localized or regional joint stiffness, poor performance and altered gait not associated with obvious lameness," Dr. Tee explained adding that, "a horse owner needs to have a relationship with the chiropractor therapist as the therapy must be personalized for each horse."

Another is Osteopathy and "it has been around for more than 100 years, but is not well known," Dr. Tee said explaining this is the "manual therapeutic method that focuses on identifying and treating mobility restrictions that can affect all structures of the body."

"To be a certified Osteopathy practitioner, graduation from an accredited Osteopathic Training Program of a 4 year degree program is done," she said.

There is also Cold Laser Therapy, which she said is, "light from low level laser also encourages the production of the body's natural pain relievers. The most benefit from this would be leg and tendon injuries." She added these units are sometimes rented out.

Dr. Tee stressed, several times, that somebody that "knows" Equine Therapy is not the same as someone who has got the accredited professional training. An untrained person can cause damage."



William Roe: War Hero and Newmarket Founder

The month of April was the anniversary of the Battle of York in the War of 1812. One of the unsung heroes of the war, and future founding figure of Newmarket, was William Roe. an aged woman

William Roe was born in Windsor in 1797. His father, a barrister, had been Detroit's last mayor while it flew the British flag, and it fell to him to hand over the key to the fort when Detroit was ceded to the Americans in 1796. The Roe family moved to York (Toronto) in 1807.

As a teen Roe was employed as a clerk by the Receiver-General for Upper Canada, Prideaux Selby. He was serving in this job when war broke out with the United States. A patriotic young man, Roe wanted nothing more than to join the militia, but Selby would not allow it. As clerk, Roe was deemed essential to the governance of Upper Canada and more particularly in collecting and distributing tax money that paid for the war effort. Roe's pleading fell on deaf ears.

On April 27, 1813, a fleet of American ships appeared off York and soldiers came ashore. By noon, and after some sharp fighting, the Americans had managed to secure the town.

When he saw British soldiers in headlong retreat from York, Receiver-General Selby knew something had to be done to save the colony's treasury. He turned to his young clerk. Three bags of gold and a pay chest containing a large sum of army-bills were loaded into the back of a wagon and covered with a thick blanket of vegetables. Then Roe, disguised as an old woman in a long, faded dress and faceshading bonnet, climbed onto the seat, and whipped the team of horses.

Village stories by Andrew Hind If captured, Roe might well be treated as a spy and been hanged by his neck from a tree limb. Several times his breath caught in his throat as he saw enemy patrols intent on round-

ing up Canadian militia, but the Americans saw only an aged woman driving a cart full of garden produce and paid him no mind. Roe headed to the property of

the property of Chief Justice Robinson, located on Kingston Road east of the Don River. There, the wealth was hurriedly buried in the woods for safekeeping.

Thanks to Roe's courage, the treas-

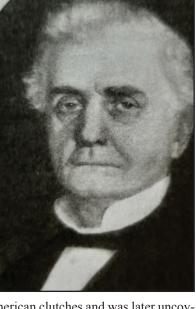
ury remained out of American clutches and was later uncovered to continue financing Canada's defense.

Roe never did realize his wish of service in the militia. After the war, he would help found Newmarket when he

moved to that hamlet – then little more than a few log cabins – to partner with Andrew Borland in opening a fur trade business dealing with First Nations. In the end, Borland's poor health prevented him from remaining in the partnership for long, leaving Roe to carry on alone. He apparently would travel as far away as New York to purchase items that he would exchange for pelts.

Thanks in part to the prosperity generated by Roe and the fur trade, Newmarket grew rapidly. Roe was appointed Postmaster of Newmarket in 1837, served as land agent, and was elected village Reeve. He was also instrumental in raising funds for building the first Anglican church.

William Roe died in 1879. His legacy, both as a war hero and a community founder, is proud one.



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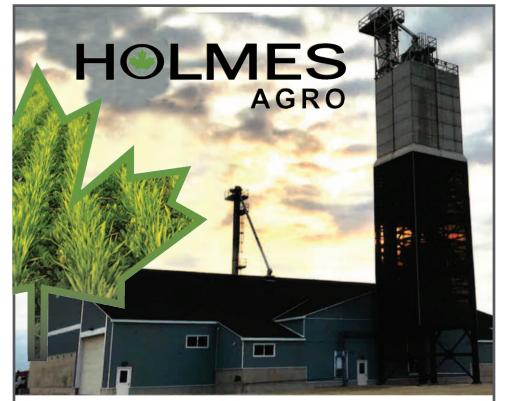
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Worth a Chuckle... and life lessons

by Aunt Hazel

You know you're getting older...

I never use turn signals, it's nobody else's business where I'm going.

As you get older, you've got to stay positive. The other day I fell down the stairs. Instead of getting upset I just thought, "Wow, that's the fastest I've moved in years!"

I'm so old, I remember multiplication was called 'times tables.'

I see people around my age mountain climbing, I feel good getting my leg through my underwear without losing my balance.

I really don't mind getting older, but my body is taking it badly.

You know you're getting old when "friends with benefits" means having someone who can drive at night.

When the swear jar is almost empty but the jar for forgetting someone's name is full.

Now that I've gotten older, everything's finally starting to click for me. My knees, my back, my neck ...

An old woman is sitting at a bar when an older gentleman sits down beside her. "So," he says, "do I come here often?"

Spring Marketing Meeting informative

Story and photographs by Don Beaulieu

On a beautiful, warm, sunshiny day in mid-April, Addis Grain of Oro-Medonte Township hosted a marketing meeting featuring three guest speakers. It was a morning event, followed by an exceptional lunch provided by The Cove Café in Innisfil. Lunch was a good time to expand, one-on-one, with the question-and-answer segments with the speakers.

Kevin Eisses and his staff were excellent hosts. Eisses welcomed the attendees after a social time with coffee and catching up with fellow farmers.

He introduced his team and complimented each on the qualities they bring to the business.

Grains and spirits

Jan Westcott, CEO of Spirits Canada, was the first speaker and had the audience' full attention when he displayed bottles of Canadian Whiskey on the head table. Westcott has over 35 years experience in the Canadian beverage and alcohol industry. Their mandate to "...promote relationships that strengthen Canada's unparalleled 'grain to glass' process of premium distilled products" was built on during the presentation.

In each province that produces Canadi-

an Whiskey, grains are purchased locally. Whiskey has been made in Ontario for over 200 years. When Canada celebrated its 150th year of confederation, the next year, Canadian Club in Windsor celebrated its 160th year of continuous production and sales. In 2019, J. P. Wisers celebrated its 160th year.

Westcott suspects "Farming is the only older business than brewing and distilling in Canada.



and Ontario." "In our business, He continued with we view ourselves bits of landmark inas partners with formation stating "The farmers. We can't Hiram-Walker Distillery in Windsor today do what we do, if is the largest distillery you guys don't do in North America." what you do." Canada exports about a billion dollars per year -Jan Westcott of beverage alcohol of Spirits Canada which most goes to the

Westcott addressed how important the grain business is in his world of spirits, confirming the appreciation of the growers and our grain quality. Perhaps the most retained piece of information the audience soaked in was: 79.8% of the retail price of a bottle of Canadian Club is taxes.

Grain Marketing for Profit

Eisses explained that White Commercial Corporation has been a help to Addis Grain as he introduced Dwayne Wilson, merchandising specialist with White. He is also a certified grain merchant.

Off the top of his presentation Wilson complimented the Addis Grain team: "Hopefully, what you have sensed from Kevin and his team here

"My greatest reward in helping elevators and their customers is to capture opportunities in the market, bringing outside dollars to their backyard. —Dwayne Wilson White Commercial Corp. in and his team here is that they want to help you get as high a price for your grain

as you can". As is common with marketing talks, charts, graphs and trends were discussed in detail. Any marketing talk could easily fill this newspaper with information. In short he says to keep your market-

ing plan simple, start with the fundamentals, run your numbers, know what your numbers are and set some targets.

Also speaking to marketing issues was John Lanthier, CEO of Market Smart Inc. John is also someone who has helped Addis Grain. He works with producers from Lake Huron to Barrie as a grain marketing advisor, trader and coach. He was introduced as enjoying complex money markets in challenging times and this came through in the ease at which he disseminated details that would make most heads spin.

World events, from war to weather in foreign lands and oceans were brought into perspective and how our marketing strategies are effected. The three main drivers currently are the war in Ukraine, the Argentinian drought and the global war on inflation. Superfluous details were presented and taken in by the crowd.

One question, also a likely "take home" message, was Eisses' explanation of how he decided upon the name *Addis Grains*. In 2016, Eisses visited Ethiopia with the Canadian Food Grains Bank, to the Addis Valley. *Addis* means *new*, in Ethiopian. "We're new here so I thought we'd call it new grain".

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Not your typical hay ride enjoyed by Town of Innisfils staff

Story and photos by Roslyn Watkins

Kevin Eisses showed one problem farmers face when driving on roadways with a simple but effective 11.5 foot pipe. The pipe is the same length as the width of the road. When Kevin placed the pipe in front of one of the tractors everyone could clearly see how much wider the tractor is.





Pictured above to the right is Chad Bowman of Bowman Farms. Chad is a 4th generation farmer. His family began farming in Innisfil in 1851. Chad gave a detailed and very knowledgable explanation of the combine he brought to the mornings session.



Town of Innisfil councillors and staff spent the morning mid April learning how ag equipment operates. In three group sessions everyone was given the opportunity to get up close and personal with some of the largest ag equipment on our roads today. The morning demonstrations were organized by Leah Emms, OFA rep for the area, and Kevin Eisses, Ward 1 Councillor, as well as owner of Hewitts Creek Farms and Addis Grain elevators. Representatives from the Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture were also on hand to answer questions. The Ontario Federation of Agriculture and the SCFA are both great resources for city staff when in the planning stages for roadways.

The interactive demonstrations were planned as an opportunity for town staff to see the difficulties farmers face on a daily basis trying to get their equipment from one field to the next. Each group was given a warm welcome that included coffee and donuts, then moved out to the field at Hewitt Creeks Dairy Farm. There, examples of farm equipment were waiting along with their owner/operators. Brian Rix of Rix Farms, Chad Bowman from Bowman Farms and Steve Kell of Kell Farms all gave informative lectures on how each piece of equipment operates, what it is used for and also how it travels on the road. The groups were given opportunities to ask questions and then were encouraged to take turns driving the farm equipment out in the field.

Each farmer offered viewpoints of the stress they experience every time they are moving equipment from one field to the next. Chad Bowman explained the type and size of farm equipment needs to be considered when planning for road changes and usages, such as roundabouts. The combine he brought for the event is 19.5 feet wide and, with the attachment, over 100 feet long. Steve Kell addressed the timing of being on the roadways. "Mother nature dictates when we need to move." He said. When a field is ready to be planted, the farmer needs to go. It doesn't matter what time it is or what the day of the week is. Another concern that was discussed are the items on the shoulders of the roadways, such as signs and guardrails, that cause the operator to need to move into the oncoming lane of traffic to manouevre around them. One common statement was that the shear size and height of the farm equipment prevents the operator from seeing what is happening behind them. Something that raises concern for everyone are drivers who take chances trying to pass. Brian Rix told the first group that he sighs with relief and thinks "I've made it" every time he safely returns to the farm. One of the questions asked by the visitors was "what can drivers do on the roads to help alleviate the stress for farmers?" The answer was a resounding "have patience."



In the above photo Francesca Figliuzzi, Director of People and Talent with the Town of Innisfil, (at right) and Brian Rix (at left) pose for a photo before heading out to the field.



Participants had the opportunity to either drive or be a passenger in the farm equipment out in the field. Learning first hand how these machines turn and maneuvre as well as what a farmer can see and not see when on the roads.

After going for a spin, Ward 3 Councillor Jennifer Richardson, pictured at right, commented "it is really cool to see how wide the tractor is and the different perspective from the cab. To see what the farmers see."









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After The Chores: Anxiety Time Again

By Cathy Hamill-Hill



Anxiety is worrying about the future, the "bad things that could happen" in life. Anxiety is part of baby season for me and always has been since I had a barn of my own.

My imagination that fuels my anxiety at kidding time needs a shut off switch. A young doe had a fully healthy baby kid. I put them in a small pen to be sure her young mind registered she was mother to this kid. I go through the barn every morning looking first only for problems. This young doe was lying down. I immediately thought she had milk fever- why ELSE would she not be up with the rest of the herd? Then I thought of ketosis. I was going through the checklist of other diseases I could think of. The kid, being strong and aggressive, moved over to get his own breakfast from the doe lying down. Now, I was convinced she was really sick.

The doe moved her leg and watched her kid get his breakfast. Then, she got up to her feet, stretched, yawned and gave me a disgusted look that seemed to say, "I'm FINE. Can't a doe get up a bit later one morning? Yesterday was a long day for me! Go away and do something useful." It is good that my goats cannot talk.

Another worry I had this year was Pandee. Pandee is a young male llama. He no longer stays in the pen with his father, Hummer, so now he is, at night and on wet days, living in the open space in the barn between pens. The kids go in/out of pens all day long. What would happen when Pandee met a baby goat kid? Pandee could really hurt a baby kid being about 20x bigger.

Pandee met his first kid by himself. Pandee bent his long neck down to face the kid, they were nose to nose. I held my breath as the kid had no fear whatsoever. Pandee did not move when the kid walked under him and nibbled on his front legs.

The kids will bounce on Pandee when he is lying down like he is a trampoline sometimes. The only hard time is when Pandee stands up, the kids come sliding off his back and that startles all of them. We often find kids in cool mornings cuddled up next to their llama friends. The gentle soul of the naturally born guardian llama is never anything to have anxiety about, even in the teenage years. Pandee checks out each new kid and seems to say, "Hi, new little friend! I'm Pandee, if you ever get cold or

friend! I'm Pandee, if you ever get cold or want to play, I'm here for you." A first time kidding doe went into labour

A first time kidding doe went into fabour at morning chores on a Saturday. I was thinking if anyone at my off-farm job on Saturday morning knew where my hands were before I came to work, they would want me to go wash them again. It was a "pray and pull" event but we got a live kid and a live doe. The kid was drinking normally until the next day. The doe would jump all around when the kid went near her. I went to investigate and found udder edema. Udder edema is basically retaining water in the udder and it is common in dairy goats and it happens right after birthing. It is not contagious or life threatening but it sure is time consuming and anxiety causing.

This doe loved her kid except for having him getting milk. Getting milk is essential, I tried to tell her but she would not stand. She would sleep with her kid, talk to him all the time and give him a bath but when it came to meals, she had to be held. Once I touched her, she stood perfectly, chewed her cud and was content. The issue with udder edema is that the udder is hard so the kid pushes or bunts the udder which helps to release the milk, he would bunt and drink and go do this to the other side in rapid succession. He was going back and forth like a dog's wagging tail. It made the doe furious with all this movement.

A few days later and tired out from all these early mornings, I trudge to the barn one morning to find the crisis has, thank God, passed. The edema is near gone. At the afternoon feeding, the kid looks full and the doe is near empty. Now, that the edema has gone, it looks like the doe is taking back her kid and the kid is sure happy. The doe and kid seem to say, "You waste too much time worrying about us. You need to stop."

The anxiety is near over- until next year.

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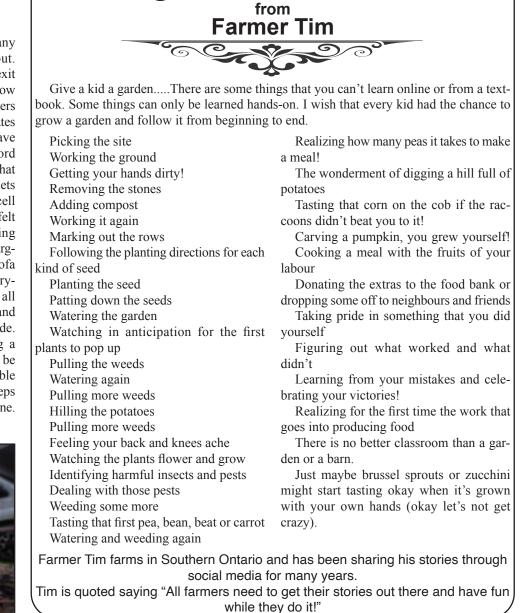


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RV, Motorhome, Trailer and Camping Fire Safety By Dennis Gannon

It's May, the snow has gone, the temperature is warming and the days are getting longer. During the month of May many people have thoughts of getting away for a few days in their recreational vehicle. Whether it's a motorhome, travel trailer or camper there are a few safety checks and precautions that need to be taken to ensure that you have a safe trip. First and foremost is that a smoke alarm is required for any type of recreational vehicle that travels with wheels. Smoke alarms provide that early warning needed in the event of a fire. With limited access and egress from recreational vehicles it is important that there is a working smoke alarm. All smoke alarms have a 10 year life so check the date and it's essential to put a new battery in it every year. If you can heat your RV with a propane furnace, have a water heater or you can cook with a propane stove, then it is essential that you have a carbon monoxide detector as well. Carbon monoxide is called the silent killer as it is odourless and colourless and unless you have an alarm, you won't be able to know that there is an issue. Do a soap test on your propane system to determine any leaks before using the appliances for the year. Cooking inside your RV requires your undivided attention. Consider preparing your meals outdoors and perhaps even use an air fryer. Remember that cooking and alcohol don't mix. Every RV must have at least one fire extinguisher. Most RV's come with one when first purchased. Have you checked to see if it is still in operating condition and hasn't gone past its expiration. Smart campers have more than one fire extinguisher and keep one outside of their unit. Many RV's have only one main way in or out. Sleeping areas may have an emergency exit through a window. Do all your campers know how to open it and get out? Showing campers where it is and demonstrating how it operates is crucial for their safety. Most RV's have minimal electrical outlets. Extension cord safety should be practiced remembering that extension cords are temporary power outlets and must never be hidden. If you have a cell phone, tablet or computer you may have felt how warm they can become while being charged. Never leave a portable device charging on a bed, on top of a blanket or on a sofa as they can easily start a fire. Finally everyone enjoys an outdoor camp fire. Keep all fires a safe distance away from your RV and in the container most campgrounds provide. An alternative to a wood fire is using a propane fire pit. They are safe and can be shut down quickly. Camping is an enjoyable experience for many. Following these steps will make your trip fun and safe for everyone. Happy camping.





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Spotlight Shines on Agriculture in Kawartha Lakes

Excitement still lingers following a successful celebration with over 460 guests at the Kawartha Lakes Spotlight on Agriculture Gala and Awards event held Friday March 31. The crowd, sponsors and volunteers transformed The Commonwell building at the Lindsay Exhibition grounds into a dazzling room buzzing with enjoyment.

This collaborative event celebrated the strength, stamina and success of everything agriculture and food in the City of Kawartha Lakes. Bringing together local leaders, entrepreneurs, businesses and hard-working farmers for an evening of fun, food and entertainment was a welcome change from chores, work and virtual meetings. The building was transformed into a semi-formal room with a welcoming atmosphere, where a sold-out crowd enjoyed entertainment and a live auction with our own local award-winning auctioneer Ab Carroll, and paused to recognize some bright lights in our agri-food community.

This year featured:

• Guest Master of Ceremonies and Speaker – Crystal Mackay, Loft 32

• Farm Family Award – The Thurston Family

Excellence in Agriculture Award – Mariposa Dairy Ltd.
Milestone Recognition – 175 Years County Farm Family
The Thurston Family

• Agriculture Leadership Scholarship – accepting applications

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The Spotlight on Agriculture Award Program relies on nominations from the community and the evaluations of three judges.

The 2023 Farm Family Award winner was the Keith and Sandy Thurston Family. Farming in Dunford, the Thurston's are a multi-generational family with deep roots in our community and have made outstanding contributions to agriculture and the community. The Thurston Family came to Victoria County in 1835 and have been farming continuously since, earning recognition as a 'County Farm Family' - farming for over 175 years in the County'. As the Thurston's transition to the next generation, they continue to instill the values of family and to be positive contributors to the family and community. The accomplishments and contributions of this family include 4-H leadership for both agricultural and homemaking clubs, interprovincial 4-H exchanges and hosting international students and other delegations on the farm, active members and executive members of Women's Institute, and county agricultural organizations including Soil and Crop Improvement, the Milk Committee, Environmental Farm Plan Peer Review, Kawartha Lakes Agricultural Development Advisory Committee, as well as supporting youth sports as responsible parents and coaches, and being active members in their church. They have grown and transitioned over the years to adopt modern technology for both livestock and crop production including conservation tillage, top yielding crop genetics and the use of crop rotations including perennial forages and cover crops to promote soil health. They often host public farm tours including Kawartha Farmfest and school tours to give the general public an insight into what happens on a modern dairy farm. "Family is everything" commented Jeff in his acceptance speech, referencing the positive influence of his parents, particularly his Mom.

The 2023 Excellence in Agriculture Award went to a business that embodies the spirit of community, meaningful partnerships, capabilities, commitment, and a vision for the future – Mariposa Dairy Ltd.

This goat and sheep cheese processing business is ingrained in the fabric of their community. Their ability to form meaningful partnerships, think outside-of-the-box and trust in trust in each other is recognized by leaders in their industry. Their dedication, innovation, and talent have enabled them to grow from a small farm operation in 2005 to something much greater – now producing 7 packages of cheese per second (100,000/day). Their team works tirelessly, trying and trying again until they get it right, and understand the importance of delivering a high-quality product while maintaining a consciousness towards the state of the environment. They have developed proprietary technology to enhance efficiency, meet growing demands from customers, and maintain a low environmental footprint by reducing waste, generating some of their own electrical needs, and protecting water quality. They invest in innovation for a sustainable future to leave a positive legacy in the community. An attitude and responsibility to give back to their staff and community has propelled them to success.

Mariposa Dairy Ltd. is the second largest goat cheese manufacturer in North America, employing upwards of 200 people at the plant in Lindsay. They receive over half of Ontario's goats milk produced on 140 farms from 40,000 goats. Their product from its start at the farm level through to distribution, involves the livelihoods of about 1,000 people. While they do export 80% of their cheese product to the US, 80% of the income stays in Ontario and most within 100 miles of the plant. This business has truly earned this award for excellence in agriculture. They embody the values of community, partnerships, capabilities, commitment, and a vision for the future. Sharon and Bruce VandenBerg with their executive team accepted the Excellence in Agriculture Award on behalf of their entire team at Mariposa Dairy Ltd..

"Our dedicated and tireless team of volunteers are extremely grateful for the trust and confidence of many generous sponsors to grant us the opportunity to plan and execute an event to celebrate and recognize the excellence and achievements of our Kawartha Lakes farmers, local agribusinesses, organizations and individuals. Congratulations to our 2023 award winners! We have much to be thankful for." says Robin Brown, farmer and Spotlight on Agriculture Committee Chair.

For photo galleries, past award winners and announcement of future events please contact the Lindsay Agricultural Society at 705-324-5551 or

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New barn at SpringValley Farms

Story by Don Beaulieu Photograph by Roslyn Watkins

It was an exciting time at SpringValley Farms with the officially opening of a new broiler barn. The facilities are located in Springwater Township between Wasaga Beach and Elmvale.

The new building is 65 feet by 400 feet, providing 26,000 square feet of floor area plus a 24 by 24 foot utility room. This allows the barn a potential capacity to house 40,000 birds at its maximum on a seven week cycle. Currently there are approximately 26,000 birds on a 10 week cycle. These numbers are fairly much the same as the original barn which was put into operation in 2009.

Dave Spring says the construction went well; "Murcott Design Build was excellent and the township was also excellent to deal with." He has zero complaints with how the expansion transpired.

"I have known and planned for a few years that

we would need more capacity," he says, "basically the real planning started in April of '22." The foundation for the new building was in last fall and construction started just before Christmas.

Visitors to the open house saw a state-of-theart building in all areas... lighting, ventilation and feeding. The children on hand saw it as a huge playroom to play in. A few days later, it was a whole different matter, when the first chickens arrived.

Parents Holly and Dave Spring are seen here in the new broiler barn, pre-chickens, with their children Ryan, Samantha and Karina.



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South Simcoe 4-H Clubs report on their activities

South Simcoe 4-H Rabbit/Cavy Club

By Anika Mortelliti

On Wednesday April 12th 2023 the South Simcoe 4-H rabbit/cavy club held its first meeting at the Patton farm. The club leaders are Marieke Patton and Scott Cullen.

The meeting began with a fun game created by the youth leader to introduce everyone. We took turns throwing a soccer ball and introduced our names along with our favorite



4-H rabbit club members, leaders and rabbits gathered on a beautiful evening for their latest meeting. — Photo provided by South Simcoe 4-H.



Marieke Patton

Territory Sales Manager 519-766-5205 Marieke.patton@bayer.com colour. The 4-H pledge was recited and the meeting kicked off. Milana Palmateer was elected president, Nicole Palmateer was elected vice president, Abby Patton was elected secretary, and Anika Mortelliti was elected press recorder.

The youth leader Sierra Steuernol gave an amazing demonstration on how to show a rabbit. She mentioned how it's good to move your bunny in quarter turns when moving the rabbit to show different areas of the body. This helped many new members become more comfortable with the showing process. Shortly after those who brought a rabbit to this meeting introduced their rabbits stating things such as their names and how long they've owned them.

The anatomy of the rabbit was also discussed during this meeting. Each member took turns going up in front of the group and pointing to different parts of the rabbit on the display shown on TV. Some of these parts included the ears, the legs, the hindquarters, and the eyes. Near the end of the meeting it was demonstrated how to judge different classes. This was explained using an assortment of wrenches and hammers. To conclude this meeting the club made upcoming plans to host a future meeting at the fur and feather fair.

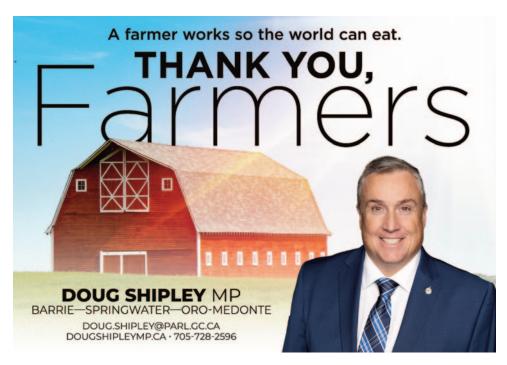
South Simcoe 4-H Garden Club

By Isabella Cullen

We had our second 4-H Garden Club meeting at leader Lisa Craig's house. We did roll calls and elected the executive. Then we went to Lisa's garden and she talked about what she had planted, she already had carrots and garlic seed shoots popping up. We went around to see her fruit trees which included cherry, apple and peach!

planted watermelons, beans, pumpkins, beets and so much more. We also made plant heads. We decorated a pot with googly eyes, smiles and noses. We added soil just up to the line in the pot and then put in the seed heads. Hopefully in a few days we will have a grass head that we can give a haircut to. We ended the meeting with the 4-H motto learn to do by doing and enjoyed a snack.

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