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2. Applications are available from Secondary School Guidance Departments or the Cookstown Agricultural Society Secretary (see contact info below).

3. The student's application form, the Principal's Confidential Report, and an official transcript of the applicant's secondary school marks must be submitted to the Cookstown Agricultural Society Secretary by mail at :

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4. **Applications must be received by July 10th.**

5. The selection committee will schedule interviews during the summer with the students, if necessary, for those who completed the applications procedures.

6. The dollar value of the awards will be at the discretion of the committee.

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AGcalendar

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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.

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

June 30th: Bolton Truck & Tractor Pull

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Compost Council of Canada Launches Initiative to Fight Climate Change through Organics Recycling and Soil Health Improvement

New initiative targets municipalities/communities and IC&I sector to reduce methane emissions, promote sustainable waste management and improve the health of our soils

The Compost Council of Canada (CCC) has announced the launch of the "Advancing Organics Recycling Throughout Canada" initiative, a program designed to support the adoption of organics recycling programs in Canadian municipalities and the industrial, commercial, and institutional (IC&I) sector. The CCC invites motivated organizations and individuals to access our Council's expertise and availability to learn the how-to's of organics recycling specific to their situation. Additionally, the CCC initiative includes education and awareness about the essential role that soil and compost play in mitigating climate change.

"The reality is that all Canadians still have the opportunity to fight climate change instead of accepting it as a given," said Susan Antler, Executive Director, Compost Council of Canada. "Our soils and compost bins are important allies in this battle. Through organics recycling and the return of organic matter back to our soils, we not only reduce greenhouse gas emissions but also create additional benefits such as improved soil health and biodiversity, increased agricultural productivity, enhanced food security and water quality."

The CCC will be providing resources, training, and technical support to municipalities and IC&I organizations interested in implementing organics recycling programs. The goal is to facilitate widespread adoption of these programs, leading to significant reductions in waste sent to landfills and greenhouse gas emissions. This project was undertaken with the financial support of the Government of Canada through the federal Department of Environment and Climate Change.

"This initiative is a call-to-action for municipalities and the IC&I sector to join us in promoting organics recycling," said Larry Conrad, Chair, National Board of Directors, Compost Council of Canada. "By working together, we can build a sustainable future for Canada and showcase our nation as a leader in environmental stewardship."

The Compost Council of Canada is inviting interested parties to express their interest in participating in the "Advancing Organics Recycling Throughout Canada" initiative. For more information, please contact the Council directly by emailing: info@compost.org.

The Compost Council of Canada is a national non-profit organization dedicated to promoting responsible management and recycling of unavoidable organic residuals. Established in 1991, the CCC has over 30 years of experi-

ence and expertise in organics recycling, working with municipalities, the IC&I sector, academic institutions, and community organizations to develop and implement sustainable organics recycling programs across the country.

The benefits of composting

Composting Reduces Waste & Helps the Environment - The more kitchen and yard waste we compost, the less waste goes into our landfills. Keeping organic waste out of landfills reduces the production of methane, which is a greenhouse gas 30 times as potent as carbon dioxide.

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- Enables light soil to retain nutrients and moisture
- Attracts earthworms and other beneficial organisms
- Enhances the soil's ability to clean the water that passes through it on the way to our streams and rivers
- Results in a darker soil colour, which better holds the sun's warmth

On the Cover



Dr. Tim is pictured in his red plaid jacket. Dr. Tim was being honoured for his lifetime of efforts for the club and the county at the Simcoe County Holstein Club Annual Banquet.

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FROM THE EDITOR



Roslyn Watkins
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As I wrote this editorial I sat on a blanket on the grass on the warmest, sunniest day of May. I had the opportunity to take a day off during the tail end of production of the June issue to enjoy our two older children's final high school track meet at York University. I constantly think how grateful I am to have a flexible work schedule that allows me to enjoy days like this.

I took the scenic route to get to York, driving along the 5th side road enjoying the view of the beautiful country side. It's hard to believe summer is nearly upon us, I feel as though the tree leaves blossomed almost overnight.

With this gorgeous weather comes many safety warnings for farm equipment travelling in conjunction with typical traffic; I wish all of you safe returns to your home farm each day.

As spring was springing, I had the opportunity to meet readers, John and Rosemary Dunsmore, who have been reading the paper since its inception in 1977. John and Rosemary will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary in June. If you see John and Rosemary please wish them congratulations on a successful marriage.

If you are curious how the Farm View came about, please read John Beischer's article on page 14.

This past Easter we lost Dr. Tim Henshaw, a valued Farm View contributor, among his many roles. Cathy Hamill-Hill wrote a lovely tribute to Dr. Tim and that can be found on page 6.

In May I also had the privilege of meeting Leah Dyck, creator of Fresh Food Weekly. Leah saw a need in her community and made it her mission to fill that need with help and donations from incredible volunteers and sponsors. You can read about Fresh Food Weekly on page 17. Farm View will be donating ad space to Fresh Food Weekly on a monthly basis. If you find yourself with a portion of crops to donate, or would like to be a sponsor, Leah is very appreciative.

While we are all beginning our spring clean up, keep in mind the important fire prevention tips Dennis Gannon provides. This month's focus is on preventing a fire from starting in the garage or workshop. See his informative article on page 11.

Lastly I'd like to congratulate all the 2023 graduates. I hope all your hard work pays off and your hopes and dreams are realized.

*Take care of yourselves and one another,
 Roslyn Watkins*

LETTERS

Safety always a concern

Dear Roslyn,

In response to the article "Not your typical hay ride enjoyed by Town of Innisfil staff" May 2023 Farm View

Our equipment is not as big as that but like Brian Rix, I always sigh in relief each time I turn off the road safely. A neighbour's new combine last fall has tracks instead of dual wheels; its overall width is less than the version with tires. Quite a premium option though, I hear. I had a stint on CSA's Ag Machinery Committee where safety standards were the topic. One of these was the Lighting and Marking Standard for farm vehicles. Another is the standard for the Slow Moving Vehicle emblem. Newly manufactured equipment (generally) meets these standards. Many older implements may need to have some modifications to comply. My comments to the other committee members – safety engineers from the manufacturers – was that, like Brian, I feel far safer on my property than competing with speeding traffic. Just last week, a Tesla passed my tractor & fertilizer spreader with barely enough room to miss colliding with the oncoming B-train (fuel?) tanker.

Thanks for printing Dr. Tim Henshaw's obituary. We are just one of the small herds he visited. I always enjoyed his wit and veterinary skill. The world needs more Tim Henshaws.

Ed Pridham

Enjoying the publication

Hi Roslyn,

We've been residents of Innisfil since Spring of 2000. I commute into Toronto (have been since 1997), and still enjoy coming back home to the farming 'lifestyle' that continues in our rural area.

Enjoy your publication.

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Ralph Leitner
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 will grow in the streets."**

W.J. Bryan

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Remembering Dr. Tim Henshaw: A Life of Giving

Story by Cathy Hamill-Hill

Everything Good you could ever want in a person, was Tim; he was ALL those good things in one person. (quote from Dale Phillips)

Timothy Stephen Henshaw grew up on Kingfield Guernsey Farm owned by Henry Borden of King City. He grew up living with his parents, brothers and sister. Tim grew up around Guernsey dairy cattle and this began his lifelong passion for the dairy cow. He attended the University of Guelph and studied to become a livestock veterinarian specializing in cow reproduction. Dr. Tim met the love of his life in Guelph, Jane Sinclair. Dr. Tim often referred to Jane as “My Bride” even after 42 years of marriage.



Dr. Tim and his lovely bride, Jane, are pictured above at the 60th Anniversary of 4-H Ontario's PLC (Provincial Leadership Camp) at the University of Guelph.

Right out of school, Dr. Tim worked in a mixed practice. Dr. Tim's passion and dedication to cattle are what led him to a job with United Breeders that focused on artificial insemination (AI). United Breeders merged into Gencor and later, into EastGen. Dr. Tim continued his career with each merger, his expertise and popularity only grew stronger with time. Pregnancy checking cows was a big part of his job to the point where EastGen produced a video titled “When I checked a million cows” when Dr. Tim reached that milestone in his career.

Dr. Tim was not a shy type of person nor was he loud and attention seeking. He was the rare person that could have a confidential, private one on one conversation and be a master of ceremonies- and do both extremely well. He lived to give



In the above photo Barbara Kell-Rose and her father Keith Kell are pictured with Dr. Tim. This was taken during the Simcoe County Holstein Club's 2022 Banquet in Elmvalle. Dr. Tim did herd health for the Kells for many years and clearly - got along famously! Although Barbara no longer milks cows, the family is still very supportive of the dairy and ag industries in the county.

his time to help people. “Tim would not accept a standard “I'm fine” to a “how are you?” question, he would know if someone needed to talk. He would ask “Really, how ARE YOU? He carried his Faith everywhere.” Explained Dale Phillips, a dairy farmer and Genetic Specialist for Blondin Sires Inc..

Dr. Tim came into Dale's life first as a professional to work with the family's dairy cattle herd in the Sunderland area. Friendship soon followed and Dr. Tim is remembered for coming to the farm to give his time because he cared for the family. Dale explains, “When Dad died, Tim was here at noon, he made a detour in his day to see us. He brought us a pie and butter tarts. When Mom passed, he spoke a tribute to Mom at her funeral. Everything Good you could ever want in a person, was Tim; he was ALL those good things in one person.”

Dr. Tim was “kind, compassionate, very caring and supportive” according to dairy farmer Kevin Harvey of Stayner. He met Dr. Tim for the first time about 40 years ago as a boy in his family's dairy barn.

Dr. Tim gave his time as a big supporter of the Simcoe County Holstein Club all the 33 years Kevin has been a Director. Dr. Tim wrote the quiz from 1987-2019 for the “Model Cow Competition,” a Simcoe County educational event which is a part of the local 4-H program and he was the Club's Secretary Treasurer for twelve years. The Simcoe County Holstein Show held at the annual Barrie Fair was always attended by Dr. Tim.

“Dr. Tim was brilliant and caring with his clients. He was so incredibly gifted with remembering cows and people,” remembers Russell Gammon.

Giving and Dr. Tim went together, according to Russell. “Living to give was Tim. He knew all the bakeries in his district and he surprised farmers on his calls with gifts of baked goods, nobody ever turned him down. I often got his gifts too.”

At last year's 100th Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, Dr. Tim was the commentary for all of the Red and White, Black and White and Jersey Shows. He also served in the dairy section of the Ag Education displays. “Tim was in a definite way, also a teacher,” Russell added.

Dr. Tim's giving of his creativity spanned through singing, writing and starring in videos. He was a champion of agriculture and one of the best cheerleaders to youth in agriculture, at all levels.

Bruce Sargent owns Farm Boy Productions, which is a video/livestreaming company in its 13th year that specializes in the dairy cattle industry. Bruce and Dr. Tim first worked on a production together that was about health in dairy cattle. The two began a friendship and Dr. Tim was encouraging his much younger friend to expand his career asking him to work on “creative, fun projects” together. It seemed impossible to make Dr. Tim angry, but one politician's views sure made him mad with negative untrue comments about the dairy industry and agriculture. “Green Eggs and Max” was the reply to the politician's comments that the two friends worked together on. “The video went viral and it possibly turned the election,” Bruce reports.

Working mostly alone at one's own company, it can be difficult to see success and Dr. Tim recognized this. “Tim

Photos and descriptions by Stephanie Lee Photography

was a huge cheerleader of mine” Bruce explains. “In Stratford, Tim gave me what would be our final conversation. He was so encouraging, he told me so much good about me and my work. I only wish I taped that talk we had. There will never be another Tim.”

Russell, former executive Secretary of Jersey Canada and past Manager of Semex's Global Jersey program was also part of the Canadian Dairy XPO (CDXPO) held this year in Stratford. Dressed in a cow costume, Russell was teasing Dr. Tim about Guernseys. The exchange was shared on Dr. Tim's facebook page. Dr. Tim gave his time to the event as a member of the event's steering committee and was the master of ceremonies for the CDXPO's dairy classroom.

Kevin and his wife were also at CDXPO. They were talking to Dr. Tim at the event and remembering back to when Dr. Tim was master of ceremonies at their wedding.

The next day, the retired veterinarian, cheerleader for youth, writer here at Farm View, devoted family man, the giver in life, was driving home alone. We can only imagine the joyful moments that he was re-living from his days meeting so many friends at CDXPO. He would have been so excited to get back home to “My Bride.” Dr. Tim was a close friend of Jesus and strived to give in the good way that Jesus taught him as a faithful member of His Church. Dr. Tim had a sudden medical emer-



The photo above was taken during the Simcoe County Holstein Club Banquet on April 1, 2023. Dr Tim, at left, stands with Kevin Harvey, of Harvdale Holsteins, commemorating Harvdale's winnings from the Club's Annual Breeder's Cup.

gency on route and he left this world to live in Heaven with Jesus. Dr. Tim was 68 years old.



Dr. Tim and Ryan Harvey are pictured above flanking Harvdale Luthority Peanut - EX95 4E. This photo was taken during the 2018 Simcoe County Twilight Meeting at Harvdale Holsteins in Stayner. Dr. Tim co-owned this cow with Ryan Harvey, of Harvdale Holsteins in Stayner.

The agricultural world was shaken with the sudden, totally unexpected death of Dr. Tim Henshaw the day before Good Friday. There were over 600 comments posted online of condolences. There are 57 tributes on his memorial notice. The Emmanuel Church in Barrie was nearly full with an estimated 800 people with another 200 people watching Dr. Tim's funeral online. His daughter told the crowd how much her Dad gave of his life to always support her and her brother, his cherished grandchildren and always to her Mom known to many here as “My Bride.”

It was said at the service that Tim was maybe chosen to go Home close to Easter because it would be easier for people to remember then normal days. All the goodness Dr. Tim Henshaw gave to this world will not be forgotten by any of us.

Development fees on “sea cans”?



By Leah Emms
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After a slow start to the spring season, things have turned around quickly. Lots of warm sunny weather makes for very long busy days. Be safe as you complete your daily tasks.

affixed to ground.

A concerning issue that we are watching is the implementation of development fees on these storage structures. If a legally operating farm business is using “sea cans” as a storage option for the storage of agricultural equipment, parts, or products such as seeds and or crop protection products associated with a farming operation than the “sea cans” should be viewed as an agricultural structure and development fees should not be applicable.

Due to the popularity of retired sea containers as a secure cost effective storage option, I believe more municipal councils will be passing by-laws to regulate or prohibit their use especially in residential zones, but all zones will be affected one way or another.

While on the topic of farm buildings, I would like to remind farmers to ensure that your insurance company is not applying the provincial retail sales tax to your farm insurance premiums. Insurance on agricultural property include farm buildings, structures, equipment, and livestock normally located on the farm. To qualify for the exemption from the retail sales tax, the property must be owned or leased to a person actively engaged in the business of farming and the property must be located on the farm as farm property. This includes insurance for all-terrain vehicles used by farmers for agricultural use as well as insurance for bloodstock or livestock purchased by a person engaged in the business of farming, to insure livestock against loss through death, sickness, accident, or theft of the animal. If you determine that you have been charged the retail sales tax notify your insurance agent and apply for the refund of the tax by completing the refund form that was paid in the last four years.

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This month, I want to share with our readers information regarding the use of sea containers as storage structures. Love them or hate them, “sea cans” as they are generally referred to along the concession roads are an affordable and easily accessible solution to our storage needs on the farm. Used shipping containers are easy to purchase, available in different lengths and offer a secure, wind and rain proof structure without the need for costly building materials. Drop it in place and within minutes you have resolved your storage issues.

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Crispy gnocchi with asparagus cream sauce

Intro and photo by Roslyn Watkins

I have been a fan of Marilyn Denis since my early teens. I watched her on Cityline as often as I could considering I had to go to school, then I enjoyed her own show, The Marilyn Denis Show even more. I must admit as a stay at home mom for many years I would arrange my daily schedule around watching her show. Making sure the laundry was ready to fold at 10 am, or creating the meal plan and grocery list, or enjoying an early lunch. I was pretty happy once PVR came along! On a weekly basis I would find myself at my parents and my mom and I would put her show on while we tidied and talked.

Last month, I am not ashamed to admit, I cried when Marilyn announced she is retiring from her show. It felt like I was losing a little bit of something that still connected me to my mom.

However, that episode was also the one that showcased this amazing and simple asparagus recipe by Chef Alex Page. Just in time to take advantage of asparagus season. My oldest son, Trenton, made this one evening while I worked away and our entire home smelled like one of the finest Italian restaurants.

I hope you enjoy this dish as much as we have. Make sure to have crusty rolls on hand to soak up every bit of the amazing sauce. Also, this would be delicious on any type of pasta or over your favourite cooked vegetable instead of a cheese or lemon dill sauce!



Cook time 25 minutes, servings for two

Ingredients

- 1 400g bunch asparagus, woody ends removed, and divided
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 1/2 cups 35% MF heavy cream
- 1 clove garlic, peeled
- 1 500g package store-bought gnocchi
- 1/2 cup grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese

Directions

Using a vegetable peeler, peel thin strips from three asparagus spears. Set aside.

Bring a medium saucepan of water to a boil over medium-

high heat, add remaining asparagus spears, and cook for one minute, then transfer to the bowl of a food processor fitted with an S-blade, add cream and garlic, and puree until smooth. Set aside.

In a large skillet set over medium-high heat, add olive oil and gnocchi and cook until golden brown and crisp on one side, about three minutes, flip gnocchi over and cook two to three minutes more until golden and crisp.

Reduce heat to medium, stir in reserved asparagus cream sauce, and cook until heated through about three minutes. Season to taste with salt and freshly ground black pepper, then divide gnocchi into two warmed bowls, garnish with Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese and reserved asparagus strips, and serve immediately.

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Agricultural Anecdotes from Farmer Tim

The World of Whorls... Arwen is one of the quietest cows that we have ever had in our herd. Now I know why! I've posted about this before but it's neat to apply the information to my own cows.

I've always been fascinated by the world of hair whorls ever since I learned about them in animal behaviour class at university. For example, did



you know that a cow with a hair whorl above her eyes is generally ornerier than a cow with a whorl between, or below her eyes? Cows with strangely shaped whorls are also more unpredictable. Cows with whorls that go clockwise also tend to move to the right and vice versa! Most cows have whorls in line with their eyes. This is because farmers have selected calm animals over many years of domestication. Neat, eh? It's out of this whorled! What's even more remarkable is that Arwen has two whorls. Most cows only have one! Maybe that's why she is extra calm and quiet. Give it a "whorl" and try it out on your own cows, goats, sheep or horses.

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!"

Farm businesses not immune to cyber security risks

By Cathy Lennon, General Manager, Ontario Federation of Agriculture

Experts agree that in today's connected world, it's a matter of when, not if, a business will face a cyber security problem. Breaching incidents of all kinds, whether it's compromised information, financial fraud or data that is held hostage until a ransom is paid are on the rise, and agriculture is not immune to these threats.

Recent incidents in our sector have affected Quebec's general farm organization, the Union des Producteurs Agricoles, and Ontario crop input retailers who had customer lists and credit card information held for ransom. Business was severely interrupted – and the path to not just regain access to data, but the trust and confidence of customers, employees or other stakeholders is a long and costly one.

Outdated, unmaintained systems running old software no longer being updated is one of the most common vulnerabilities – and is widespread, especially in small businesses. Research by Professor Ali Dehghantaha, a University of Guelph Canada Research Chair in cyber security and threat intelligence, shows that the last software update in 90% of farming systems was years ago, and most farms don't have a software patching or updating policy.

Lack of data backup leaves a business particularly vulnerable in a security breach, and can also be a serious problem in case of computer or server failure, or a virus, for example.

People also represent a cyber security risk. Lenient approaches to who has access to on-farm systems, such as sharing passwords, using a single login for all users or not removing system access from employees who no longer work for the business can leave a business vulnerable.

As well, a lack of awareness amongst farmers, their families or their employees of scams like phishing emails, where fake messages encourage users to click on potentially damaging links or share information, is also a challenge. It used to be easy to pick out a phishing email through a strange sender address, poor grammar or content that didn't make sense.

Now, cyber criminals are getting more and more sophisticated, such as, sending a clear, concise message to the HR department from an email address that is incredibly close to an employee email address and advising of an address or bank account change with a request to "update the employee records".

If the person reading that email doesn't notice any inconsistencies or a business or organization doesn't have a multi-step authentication policy, this can easily lead to a non-recoverable financial loss if a payroll deposit goes into an incorrect bank account, for example.

There is no such thing as 100% security, but with cyber criminals looking for weak or vulnerable targets, experts suggest taking steps to minimize risk as much as possible. A few simple steps include:

Making a checklist of all your current technology and ensuring that you're using current software versions and systems.

Establishing basic rules for your team to recognize where threats come from and what to do – or not do. Free online videos are available to help with training.

Ensuring new systems or devices are set up properly and asking suppliers what security the devices have and whether data is encrypted.

Not sharing passwords, making sure passwords are strong and updating login credentials when an employee leaves the business.

Backing up data and installing valid anti-virus software, firewalls and malware detection systems that are kept up to date.

Ultimately, we need to think about cybersecurity on the farm like we do biosecurity – an investment into a best practice that, while not foolproof, will go a long way to minimizing or even avoiding risk.

Yes, it can be tedious and there is some cost involved, but every day, week or year that we protect our businesses and prevent problems is invaluable.



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Food Day Canada Act Passes Parliament

Early in May, Bill S-227 An Act to establish Food Day in Canada was passed at the third and final stage of debate in the House of Commons.

Bill S-227, An Act to establish Food Day in Canada, also known as the Food Day in Canada Act, was originally introduced by Senator Rob Black in November 2021 and was passed in the Senate in May 2022. After passing in the Senate the Food Day in Canada Act was sponsored by M.P. John Nater in the House of Commons where it received unanimous support at every stage of the legislative process.

The Food Day in Canada Act gives Food Day Canada official recognition as day of celebration by the Parliament of Canada. Most importantly the Food Day in Canada Act honours the legacy of the late Anita Stewart of Wellington County for her lifetime of agriculture and food advocacy in Canada.

This official recognition from the Government of Canada comes in time for the 20th anniversary of Anita Stewart's first Food Day Canada event, then known as the World's Longest Barbecue, in support of beef farmers and ranches during the Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) also known as "Mad Cow Disease" crisis of 2003.

Since 2003 Food Day Canada has grown into a national event in celebration and praise of our farmers and fishers, our chefs and researchers and, everyone who contributes to agriculture, food, and cuisine in Canada.

"It is with great satisfaction that we finally reach the end of debate before passing Bill S-227, Food Day in Canada," said MP Nater in the House of Commons immediately before the bill was passed.

"On August 5th, 20 years after Anita Stewart organized the first Food Day in response to a national crisis that devastated our beef farmers, Food Day Canada will finally be officially recognized. This summer, and for every year to follow, we will together recognize the work of our farmers, fishers, processors, chefs, and everyone along the food supply chain who not only feeds us but also enriches our diverse national culture."

Food Day Canada will officially become recognized as soon as it receives Royal Assent from Governor General Mary Simon.

QUICK FACTS

- Food Day Canada was originally created as the World's Longest Barbecue, by Anita Stewart, her family and a number of pioneering supporters, in an effort to show support for Canada's beef farmers and ranchers during the Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) (commonly known as mad cow disease) in 2003

- Anita Stewart was the author of 14 cookbooks about Canadian foods and wines and was the founder of Cuisine Canada

- On November 3, 2011 Anita Stewart was awarded as a Member of the Order of Canada

- Throughout her life Anita Stewart was a long-time culinary journalist, food historian, Canadian food champion, self-described culinary activist and disruptor

- In 2012 Anita Stewart was appointed as The University of Guelph's Food Laureate

- The University of Guelph Food Lab was named in Anita Stewart's honour

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Take stock of the garage and prevent a fire

By Dennis Gannon

Have you noticed that the news seems to be reporting more residential fires recently? Did it seem strange that many of these reports indicate that the fire originated in the garage? Well, you are not wrong. Residential home garage fires are common and it's an area that there hasn't been much focus on how to prevent them. Why is the residential garage such an issue? Think about all things that are stored in the garage.



Bicycles, lawnmowers, gasoline, propane tanks, paint cans, Christmas decorations refuse and on and on. Some people even store vehicles in them! And what about bad habits? Door closers that aren't working. Smoking in the garage. General disarray. Smoke alarm with no battery or no smoke alarm. It's time to take stock about what is in your garage and perhaps change some habits and prevent a fire from starting and causing the heartache that an unwanted fire can cause. First and foremost, have a working smoke alarm in your garage that is interconnected with your home alarms. Should a fire break out, all the alarms in the house will activate, alerting everyone to get out safely. All doors that have entrance to an attached garage must have a door closer that pulls the door firmly shut automatically. While it may be an inconvenience, it will help keep the flames and smoke out of the rest of the house. All walls that are attached to the residential side of the home need to be fire rated and in good condition meaning no holes and taped with drywall material. Paint and flammable liquids such as gasoline should be stored in a secured fireproof cabinet or in an outbuilding. If there are smokers in the home and they use the garage, have a bucket of water or sand for them to place the discarded cigarettes in. Do not use planters, they generally have a peat moss material in them which could ignite. Garages often have only one or two electrical outlets and as a result, extension cords or plug multipliers are used. Unplug what is not needed at the time and consider calling an electrician to add more outlets. Most garages have a single light fixture. Instead of using higher wattage bulbs, consider using LED bulbs or installing more fixtures, preferably LED strip lights. Do a major housekeeping. Have that garage sale and get rid of what isn't needed or donate to a charity that can benefit from your donation. Have a fire extinguisher located at the exits. If a fire is discovered immediately call 9-1-1 for assistance and have everyone evacuate. If you can control the fire with a fire extinguisher do so. Remember PASS to use the extinguisher. Pull, Aim, Squeeze, Sweep. Secure your doors when not at home. This will prevent unauthorized entry and keep wild animals and rodents out. If you have any electrical items that have lithium batteries such as e-bikes, drills, lawn mowers and trimmers, follow the charging instructions and do not use chargers that were not supplied. Lithium batteries require special attention and should never be left charging longer than needed. If a fire does start in your garage, immediately shut all doors including the large overhead doors. Fire requires oxygen, heat and fuel. Keeping the doors closed reduces the oxygen required and helps slow the fire spread. Remember, it is up to you to keep your family safe so take the time now to give your home garage a good cleaning and keep the fire away.

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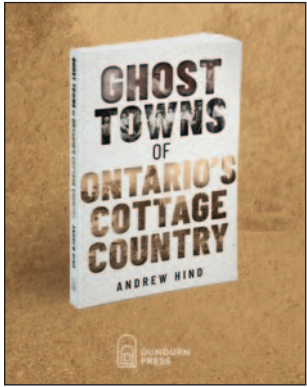
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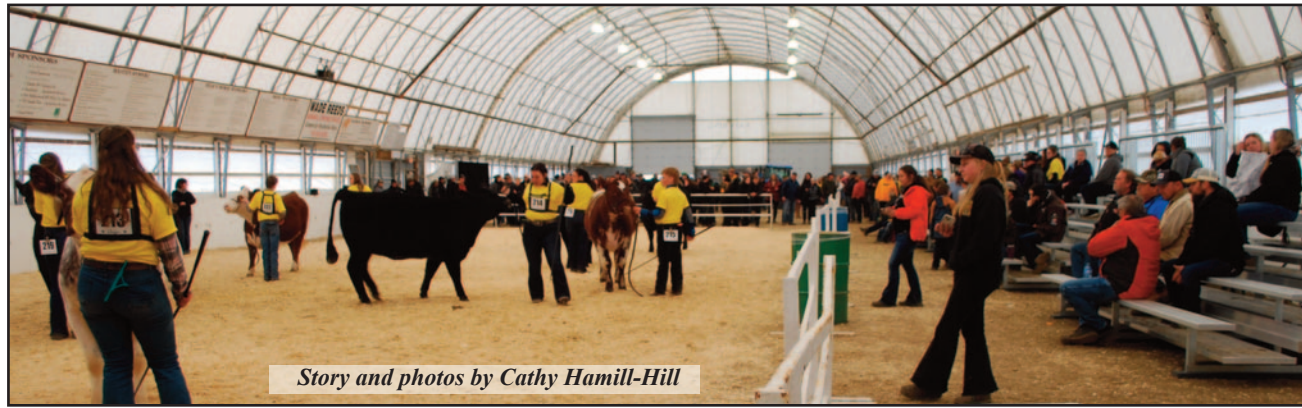
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Andrew Hind's column, Village Stories, will return next month.

2023 Youth Forum Beef Show brings participants from far and wide



Story and photos by Cathy Hamill-Hill

The 2023 Youth Forum Beef Show drew a large crowd of people interested in encouraging youth to show beef cattle and become the future for agriculture. It was a cold, wet weekend but the big, bright open barns at the Lindsay Fairgrounds meant the weekend could go on with no weather concerns.

Pictured to the right these three young adults proved they have done a lot of time in practice to keep their animals calm and their eyes on the judge while in the show ring. The three show people are, from top of line, Jackson Corner, in middle, Taylor Makey and Vanessa Boutilier. This class was part of the Jackpot class where entry fees are put into a "jackpot" with top winners winning part of the jackpot as prizes.



Pictured to the left is Ella Noonan from Roseneath and "Lady." Lady is a Black Angus and she is "like my best friend," Ella says. The trust the two "best friends" have mean a lot of time is spent together.

Shown at right is Emily Makey from Listowel showing her Simmental in the showmanship division of the Youth Forum Beef Show held recently at the Lindsay Fairgrounds. There were 105 head of cattle shown that came from across Ontario and Quebec.



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Having fun and making friends is the goal at the Youth Forum Beef Show

Story and photos by Cathy Hamill-Hill
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The two young people shown in the photo at left are Joline Quinn and Maverick Parliament. Joline and Maverick are both from Cannington and co-own this Shorthorn named "Lady." Joline and Maverick grew up as neighbours and went through the 4-H program. The two attend about 12 shows a year and conclude at the Royal Winter Fair. The best part of showing cattle, Joline explains, "is the new friends you meet."




Pictured at right is Bowdyn Corp from Omeme with his Hereford "Suzie." Bowdyn has been showing for two years. Bowdyn is involved in 4-H and says the best part of showing is "having fun." In this photo the Judging is being done by Jared Ball from Coldwater. Jared operates, along with his family, Marbren Farms and he also works as a field service technician at EastGen.

Q: What is it when one cow spies on another cow?
A: A steak out.

Q: What newspaper do cows read?
A: The Daily Moos.



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Ever wonder how Farm View began?

Story and photo by John Beischer

In 1977 Essa area farmer Tom Smith was president of the Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture. He approached Barrie Banner newspaper publisher Ron Tyler with a proposal; can you help the federation reach county farmers with news and information about the activities of the federation as well as upcoming events?

Ron dispatched his new sales manager John Beischer to meet with Tom at his Utopia farm and investigate the possibility of a county wide 'farm' newspaper that would bring news and views to area farmers on a monthly basis.

Later that Spring the Simcoe County Farm Review began publishing. First on an annual

basis, and then shortly afterward, on a monthly basis. During the next few years Simcoe County Farm Review expanded into the regions of York and Peel, and the Counties of Dufferin, Georgina and Victoria, Muskoka and Haliburton. In the early 90's a name change resulted in the birth of FARM VIEW, one of only a few independent newspapers in the Province and distributed by mail and bulk delivery to most farmers in Central Ontario.

Ownership changed hands in the spring of 2020 and the Farm View is now published by John's daughter, Roslyn Watkins, The 5 n's Publishing House, from their home in Anten Mills Ontario.



Last month the Essa Historical Society was pleased to begin a new speaker series titled Pioneer Families of Essa Township. First speaker was long-time area resident and farmer, Tom Smith. The Smiths arrived here from Ireland in 1833 during the potato famine and purchased property at the north end of Essa in 1845. Tom shared an amazing amount of history with a very attentive audience that included both EHS members and numerous guests. In addition, he brought more than a dozen new and old photographs, each one telling a story in itself. Tom, who celebrates his 80th birthday this spring, is still active on the family farm as well as continuing research into manure composting with his company Global Earth Products of Utopia.

Riddle me this

- 1) If you count 20 houses on your right going to the store and 20 houses on your left coming home, how many houses did you count?
- 2) You throw away the outside, eat the inside and throw away the inside. What am I?
- 3) Where can you finish a book without finishing a sentence?
- 4) Arrange four nines and a one and only one mathematical symbol to make it equal to 100.

Answers on page 17.

After The Chores: Anniversary of Being Grateful

By Cathy Hamill-Hill



This is the third anniversary of owning the Kubota tractor.

The Kubota was a deal that I lost to Sweetie. Sweetie was losing his full-time job in the auto industry to cheaper labour in Mexico and he debated about taking a summer off from work for the first time in his life. I freaked out with the idea as mortgage payments would not take a summer off. Sweetie made me the deal that if he found a new job, he could get a tractor. Not "a" tractor but a brand new shiny one right off the dealership lot kind of tractor.

Sweetie surprised himself when he found a job, an hour closer to home and it would start two weeks after his old job ended. He was extremely excited about getting that new tractor. He looked around all the red, green and orange lots. Judging by our old rickety truck at the time, no doubt why some salespeople thought he was just a dreamer. One salesman was so not interested that Sweetie struck one colour fully off his list.

The new tractor had a list of jobs- it had to move a 4 by 4 bale of dry hay, it needed to have a bucket to clean out the barn and it needed to be able to cut the lawn via a special attachment. The orange Kubota fit the job- and its interest free loan was a bonus. Sweetie found an excellent salesperson at Sunderland so he came home very excited.

A deal is a deal which made the deal happen. I realized AFTER that I had just signed up for a new payment for the next five years. I had traded 3 months of no pay for 60 months of payments.

Bringing the tractor home "had" to happen on the Friday of the May 24th weekend eight years ago. Traffic is terrible on Highway 12 on the weekends and I did my best to convince Sweetie that this was a bad idea. When he told me, "I feel I must get it this weekend." "Must" is saying that God is giving advice here, nobody that is even a bit smart argues with God.

The tractor came home and Sweetie cut the lawn here. I got pictures. Sweetie was extremely happy however, I could see no reason why he had to risk taking a small trac-

tor home on one of the busiest weekends of the year.

It was months later actually when we realized why the Kubota had to be here on that weekend. By this time, the pain had stopped and I was now shuffling along with a cane and feeling human again. The Kubota had been used as a "wife lifter" as I was unable to stand after I fell in the barn on the Sunday on that May 24th weekend eight years ago. I had used a milk crate for a step and it broke under my weight that far exceeds what it was made for. Sweetie didn't know what to do after I fell. He found me sitting in the goat pen in a crumpled hurting heap.

"I got an idea!" he said and quickly ripped the goat pen apart. He threw open the big tractor door. Next, I was being helped up by Sweetie to a standing position and told to just stand there on my one leg that still worked. The Kubota was drove in close to me and I was told to turn around and sit. Like an obedient dog, I sat and realized I was now in a manure bucket albeit it was brand new.

I learned a lot about accessibility when I got off the couch to the cane stage a horrendous long time of 12 weeks later. It is impossible to open a door and hold on to a cane with the same hand. "No steps here" said the local hair place owner that I chose because she did not have a set of stairs outside the business like my usual one did. When I got to the place, I could barely climb up the STEP to get in the door. At my first fair showing my guinea pigs that year, I found out who the kind motherly people were. Marion and the late Charlotte rushed over to greet me like hens that just found a new lost single chick. They got me sitting down with a chair and a cooler to prop up my leg that swelled up starting at my first step of the day. I never needed a watch for years, I could look at my leg and know "it's 2:00 here" according to how big it was.

The Kubota has been officially owned for three years, my leg no longer works as a reliable watch- and I remain constantly grateful I can walk. With my eyes fixed in February, I am grateful I can now see. I've always been grateful for hearing since I learned some sign language for a close friend, years ago.

Sweetie still says "can lift a wife" should be added to the description list of the abilities of a Kubota manure bucket.

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Embracing a “Seasons Mindset”

With the changing of the seasons and new growth all around us, we are reminded that not everything is always as it first appears! Things may not always be in their most “perfect” form the first time we encounter them. This is true not only for things, but also for people and situations alike. The following story really helps to share the Seasons Mindset message.

The Pear Tree and the Seasons of Life

There was once a man who had four young sons.

Wanting to teach them about the dangers of judging things too rapidly, he decided to send each of them on a journey, one after the other, to a distant pear tree.

Each son went in a different season, the first in winter, the second in spring, and so on.

At the end of the year, he brought his children together and asked them what they’d seen.

The son who’d travelled in winter described a gnarled, twisted, and barren tree that stood stark and ugly against the land.

The son who went in spring disagreed. No, he said, the tree seemed full of hope and promise, with green buds along its branches.

The third son, who’d travelled in summer, disagreed once more. The pear tree he’d seen was covered in beautiful blossoms that looked and smelled divine.

Finally, the last son, who’d made the journey in fall, disagreed again, describing a tree laden with sweet and delicious pears that tasted better than any he’d eaten before.

Once each son had spoken, the father said they were all correct, because they’d only seen but one season of the pear tree’s life.

He explained to his sons that it’s foolish and impossible to judge something in this manner.

The essence of something, whether it’s a tree or their fellow man, can only be measured as a whole, at the end of the year, having seen it in its fullness. To make your judgment in winter is to miss the promise of spring, the beauty of summer, and the fruit in fall.
(author unknown)

This story encourages us to always take the time to understand a broader realm of situations, things and people we encounter. We encourage everyone to not let the pain of one “season” destroy the joy of those still to come. When we open our hearts and minds to all seasons of a person, situation or thing we are essentially saying that we refuse to judge ourselves, other people, situations and life itself based on a single mistake or challenging time. A Seasons Mindset can decrease our tendencies to jump to conclusions and judge in haste. Our knee jerk reaction of thinking someone has done something to us personally drastically decreases and it becomes easier for us to step back and say, “wow, they must be going through a really difficult moment.” Embracing this mindset allows us to embody openness and the willingness to appreciate all aspects of a person or situation and leads us to a place of more gratitude, acceptance, kindness and understanding.

As you enjoy nature’s current season of blossoms, flowers and new growth we encourage you to take some time to reflect on how you can practice and appreciate a Seasons Mindset. Get out there and smell those flowers, listen to the birds sing and soak up that sunshine while you can.

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SOUL SISTERS CELEBRATIONS

\$150,000 Gives Historic Site a Future

Article and photos provided by Coldwater Canadiana Heritage Museum

On Saturday, local MPP Jill Dunlop was on hand to officially open the museum for the 2023 season and share the news that a \$150,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation will allow the museum to complete some much needed repairs on the Woodrow Homestead, ensuring that this important historic artifact is available for generations to come.



Shown above Gord Smith, President of Coldwater Canadiana Heritage Museum and the honorable Jill Dunlop, MPP for Simcoe North open the Woodrow Homestead for the 2023 Season.

The Woodrow Homestead was constructed in 1830 and is a focal point for the museum, which showcases the history of Coldwater and surrounding areas from 1830 to 1950. “This grant was essential to preserving the Homestead and the museum,” said Richard Jolliffe, Co-Chair of the museum. “Without it, we could not have saved the homestead, which is one of only a handful of log homes that are open to the public on their original site.”

This OTF grant will be used to reface sill logs which have begun to rot, and to replace chinking in order to seal the building to avoid water, rodent and bug infiltration, and to ensure the safety of visitors. Much of the chinking work has

already been completed and work on the sill logs will take place beginning July 17. The work will be completed by Canadian Log Homes.

The museum will be open to the public for the 2023 season beginning today. Visitors are welcome to stroll the beautiful grounds, enjoy a picnic, interact with artifacts (people are welcome to touch, climb and see most displays) and learn about the history of the area. The museum will remain open during construction, although entry to the homestead may be restricted during. Please visit the museum’s website www.coldwatermuseum.com to see this year’s schedule of events.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF), an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada’s leading granting foundations, celebrates 40 years of grant-making in Ontario and making a lasting impact in communities. Last year, OTF invested over \$110M into 1,022 community projects and partnerships, which included funding for the Government of Ontario’s Community Building Fund.



Pictured above are Curator Patti Turnour and co-chair Richard Jolliffe showing off part of the museum’s antique farm equipment.



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It was a sunny day for the annual Sunshine Fibre Fest!

Story and photos by Roslyn Watkins

It was a beautiful sunny day in May to enjoy the Sunshine Fibre Festival. Organizers Shelia and Marie worked hard to put together another successful event. Vendors filled two buildings at the ODAS Park in Orillia with every type of fibre from cloth to wool to paper.

It was a well attended day and a great opportunity to show that, as Marie stated, "not everything comes from Walmart. Nor should it."

Keep your ears open for the date for the 2024 Sunshine Fibre Festival to see the incredible vendors and creators in action.

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Carolyn Morris, popular author of Railfence Books, is pictured above enjoying the day as a vendor at the recent Sunshine Fibre Fest. Carolyn can be found at many events throughout the summer www.railfencebooks.com



Co-organizers of the Sunshine Fibre Festival are pictured above. Sheila to the left and Marie to the right at their booths displaying their beautiful handmade creations.

The Commonwealth Building at the Lindsay Fairgrounds was transformed into a place of cats

Story and photos by Cathy Hamill-Hill

The Canadian Cat Association Feline Canadienne (CCAFC) hosted a show at the Lindsay Fairgrounds this past May. Katrina Postma from Port Colborne is a past President of CCAFC and was Chair of the show. She reported that 121 cats were entered in the show with 70 exhibitors. Exhibitors attended from the Maritimes, Quebec and across Ontario. Katrina says that exhibitors and their show cats

were all impressed with the excellent service shown to them by Days Inn in Lindsay and by the Lindsay Fairgrounds staff. There are classes at a CCAFC show for pedigreed cats and non-pedigreed cats that are household pets. Pet cats over six months of age must be spayed or neutered to be shown. Pictured to the right is a cat in the household pet class, being judged by Nicole Menwey from Quebec.

Justin Ward, owner of FUR-ever Pet Designs is pictured below. Justin admits, "I love cats." He said the business came about when he adopted a cat with a physical disability. The cat did not do well with everyday furniture so Justin, a contractor, got busy building unique cat friendly designs that can be mounted right to the wall and are easily accessible by any cat. Other cat loving friends saw the design and wanted the original idea for their cats. Check out Justin's work at www.fureverpetdesigns.com

Pictured to the right are two ginger Household pet cats owned by Hoi Wong of Montreal, Quebec. These cats have been to over 10 shows each. Hoi prefers to attend "benefit" shows like the one held recently in Lindsay. Benefit shows give, after expenses, profits to local organizations to benefit cats in the local area. Hoi taught her cats to ride in these carriages at shows to move them to the show table. She says the cats decided they liked riding around so much that she has to take them out often with the carriage.



Pictured below at left is Julie Albinyi from Guelph beside her show cats at the Lindsay Cat Show. Julie has been a longtime exhibitor of cats since 1996. She was told her blue persian was a beautiful cat- and she decided to take the cat to a show which was an incredible experience. Now, Julie has two show cats, Avery and Cookie. Avery is a pedigreed Maine Coone and Cookie shows in the Household Pet class. "I groom every day, only about 10 minutes but then it's not a big job for me or the cats," she says adding she enjoys Cat Shows immensely to the point she had to make rules. "I limit myself to two shows a month in show season," she says.



Pictured above is "Vimy Ridge," a pedigreed Bengal Maine Coone Cat that was part of the Cat Show held recently at Lindsay. Vimy Ridge, better known by her call name "Tallie" is seen here with her owner, Heather Garvie from Owen Sound.



Fresh Food Weekly fills need

Report, photographs by Don Beaulieu

Leah Dyck experienced a need and created a solution in the community surrounding Thornton, Ontario. The need is all too common and unfortunate; a lack of food security for some families. Her endeavour is called Fresh Food Weekly. It combats that lack of food security for 75 area households. Fresh Food Weekly provides these families with fresh food, produce and other perishables. With a team of dedicated, caring volunteers, she sources food products which may not be best-suited to traditional food banks.

Dyck was put out of work by the COVID outbreak in 2019. She and some of her friends delivered food to some 200 low income families in December of 2021. Today Fresh Food Weekly is a food charity registered with the Canada Revenue Agency. They provide a



Susan Lynn Banks (left) and Leah Dyck are seen here unloading a car full of dairy product from Kawartha Dairies. 1%, 2% and lactose-free milk was included.

free monthly meal box delivery program to low-income families residing in the City of Barrie and the Town of Innisfil. She began the meal box programme one year ago.

Although Fresh Food Weekly periodically receives outright donations of food products, most items are purchased, sometimes at a discount such as wholesale cost. This way, Dyck is sure her clients are receiving fresh food, not items which may be perceived as being discarded from main-stream commercial outlets. Volunteers take on pick-up and delivery from a large variety of sources.

This assures Fresh Food Weekly has a supply of fruit

and vegetables worthy of gourmet meals. Recently, through the help of a few different suppliers, families on their roster were able to make fresh, home-made pizza; what a treat that would be especially for children! This is what Dyck's organization focusses on; the products that a traditional food bank may not be set-up to provide. There is certainly a place for canned, dried and packaged food products. Dyck sources the fresh stuff, aiming for the high nutrient value which is a weak link in some people's food intake. This also includes meat and cheese for the 75 families who depend on this service. Food boxes are delivered, recipients do not need to pick up the food themselves.

The enormity of Dyck's positive effect on her community has been highlighted by media entities beyond the local: The Toronto Star has featured her, as has the CBC, The Globe & Mail and NewsTalk 1010 radio. Her positive attitude, business and people skills make for very upbeat-but-busy times when deliveries arrive and need to be divvied up. Organization seems to be by one of Dyck's strong suits.

Home base for storage, sorting and preparation is Countryside United Church in Thornton. It has been a struggle for Fresh Food Weekly to find such a wonderful space. Dyck says "Countryside United Church is literally the reason this programme is able to exist" allowing the space, access and equipment making the operation run smoothly and efficiently.

The average month requires \$4,100 dollars in financial donations. A month such as we just had with that extra week requires up to \$6,000. If you or your business are able to help financially, or perhaps with product, please get in touch.

More information can be had at this website: <https://www.freshfoodweekly.com>



Photograph by Leah Dyck



Farm View reporter Don Beaulieu could not resist the pull of Dyck's positive attitude to help the community and found his way to the kitchen (that part alone is not unusual...) to help with some preparation. Beaulieu is seen assisting Michelle Gagnon Sharpe with portioning pizza sauce. Lily Watkins is seen bagging fresh baked goods from Caldense Bakery, North York.

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BIG ORANGE EVENT in Stayner

Story and photos by John Beischer

Hundred's of area farmers and sundowners came out to the annual open house at Stewart's of Stayner to see this year's latest equipment. The event ran from 8 am to 2 pm and featured factory representatives from Kubota, Walker, Cub Cadet and others. Demo areas were set up to test drive new equipment. "This is the largest turn out we have seen since pre covid days" said dealer manager Peter Weel. Coffee and soft drinks, great burgers and much more were provided.

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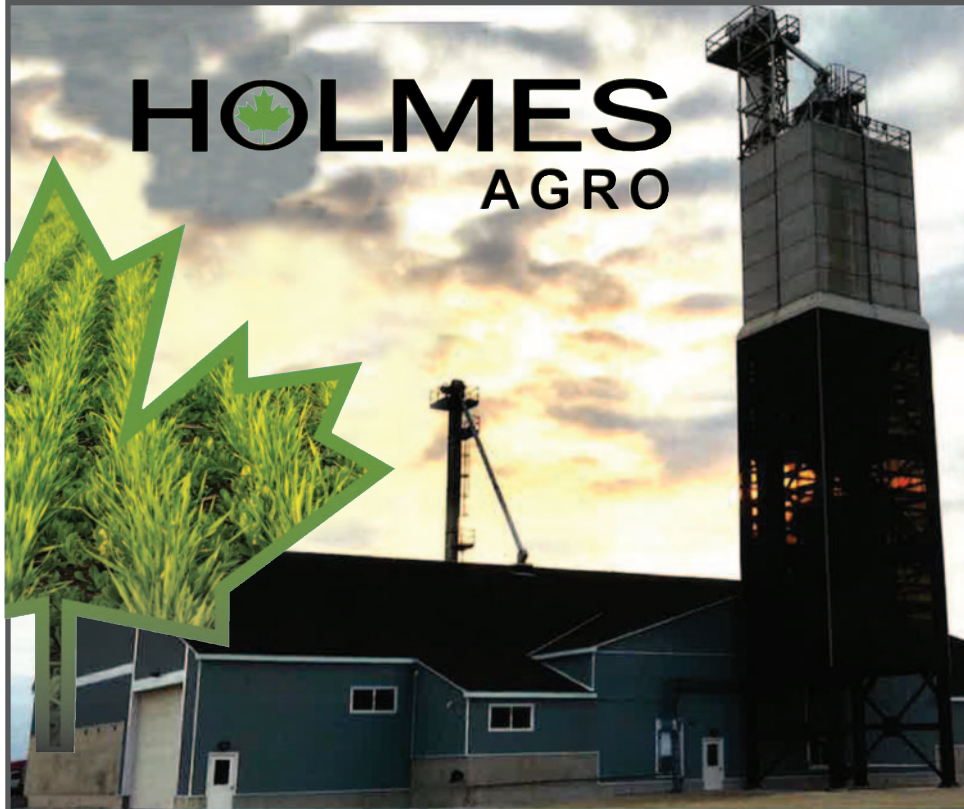
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The BBQ pit was a busy place at lunch time when staff prepared great burgers complete with a full range of all the fixings.



Ashley, pictured to the right, of Bling Face Painting was on hand to put smiles on the faces of many children such as Bentley who was visiting with his Grandpa who farms in the Collingwood area. Call or text Ashley at 705-828-3492 to book a party or event.



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Dirty Work... It's Still Fashionable By Ed Scharringa, Board of Directors President for the Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario

When I was in my high school years in the 70s, we had two levels of education that one could follow: the academic courses or the business practice courses.

Fast forward many years later, I have met up with my former colleagues who were schooled in these business practice courses. Many have excelled in life with occupations in business operations or, as society calls it, working in the "dirty work line". Electricians, plumbers, carpenters, excavators, construction workers, mechanics in light- and heavy-duty vehicles, and yes, let's not forget agriculture and the many facets in that career path. Yes, some were privileged to have a family member or friend in a trade, or a farm to take over, but most started right from scratch.

What motivated many of these individuals? A passion, a vision, a hard work ethic, a goal that accomplishments are

possible, and finally, not being afraid to get "dirty." Yes, getting your hands and clothes dirty comes along with many of these occupations. Ask anyone who does this on a daily basis.

The Ontario school system has again recognized that we need to return to offering practical education. Starting in September 2024, high school students will be required to take one tech course to experience what it's like to work with their hands in the trades. Mechanics, mining, farming, and farming support employment will all hopefully be included in this re-made educational program.

Where I am going with this... It's not below one's dignity to seek employment in the "dirty work" trades. Actually, these are becoming some of the best paid and rewarding careers one could choose. Trades, support services, and even

farming are being recognized for their importance. Farming in agriculture or horticulture is a respected occupation for hard work in a sometimes-difficult scenario to succeed in producing products and food for all.

I believe that many young people will come to the foreground to take the challenge of working in the so-called "dirty work" trade occupation. We in agriculture need to encourage the next generation that it's honourable to work in fields and abattoirs, as mechanics and veterinarians, and with flocks, herds, produce, florals, etc.

The verse from Proverbs says it well. Let us be diligent, intentional, and honour hard work; there's a future, a promise with a blessing... God will bless the labour of our hands. It is still fashionable to do "dirty work". God bless the choice of the labour of our hands.

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South Simcoe 4-H members enjoy a variety of Clubs

4-H South Simcoe Sheep Club

By Clara Brooks

We opened our 2023 4-H South Simcoe Sheep Club season on Monday April 17th. We looked at the form of a lamb so that we know what to look for when we pick our 4-H lamb project. We elected our officers for the 2023 season; President, Sierra Vice President, Lawton French Secretary, Alexa and Press Reporter, Clara. We are looking forward to fun activities and learning lots about sheep this season.

Our second sheep club meeting was held on May 8th. We were welcomed to go to one of our leaders, Rachel Brooks' sheep barn. We had a tour of her farm and how it's managed. We practiced judging and had lots of fun doing so. Our youth leader, Madeleine, organised a straw-bale toss game at the start of the meeting. There are some strong farm kids in our group!! This meeting was a great opportunity to get to know each other."



Pictured above are South Simcoe 4-H members holding lambs for a judging class.

South Simcoe 4-H Garden Club

By Isabella Cullen

We had our 3rd garden meeting on Thursday May 11th. We had a special guest, Lee, who showed us her garden journal. In her journal she draws and then researches things about the plant she chooses. We then went hunting for things for us to draw in Lisa's garden. Some of us used pencils, others crayons and one member watercolors to draw the plants. We walked to a neighbour's garden and discussed the flowers and plants used. We enjoyed apples and some members tasted rhubarb and carrots from our leader's garden. We closed the meeting with the 4-H motto, Learn to do by doing. The next club event is judging night!



Learn To Do By Doing

4-H Beeton and Bradford Dairy Club

By Isabella Cullen

The Beeton and Bradford Dairy club started off the 2023 4-H season with their first meeting at Sprucetone Dairy on Tuesday, May 2nd. The hosting family, the Lloyds, offered us pizza, donuts and Sheldon Creek milk. They took us through their milk house, showed us their swinging parlor set-up and discussed the pros and cons of the swinging set up. We visited their calf nursery and learned about modern

ways to house and feed calves including a mineral supplement they put in their drinking water. They talked to us about their dairy barn set up and how to pick a 4-H calf and how to go about halter breaking your calf. We identified body parts on one of their show cows. We thanked our host and ended the meeting by repeating the 4-H motto, "Learn to do by doing."

South Simcoe 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Club

By Anika Mortelliti

On Sunday April 30th the South Simcoe 4-H Rabbit and Cavy club had a meet up at the Shelburne fur and feather event. While there the club took a group photo and looked around at all the poultry, rabbits, and other livestock. A few members purchased their 4-H projects.

The Rabbit and Cavy club also had a meeting on Wednesday May 10th. The meeting was held at Scott Cullen's house. The meeting started off with a fun game of four corners. After the fun warm up game the club got out our rabbits to practice grooming and nail clipping. One of the older member's Nicole Palmateer, showed us a wonderful demonstration on how to clip a rabbit's nails. She stated that she clips her bunnies nails every 2-3 months. Nicole Palmateer along with the youth leader Sierra Steuernol assisted other members in clipping their bunnies nails.

After grooming and nail clipping the club practiced their judging skills. The club judged 4 bridles. Sierra Steuernol and Milana Palmateer discussed which terms should be used when placing each object.

The club then played a quick game of volleyball. One of the leaders Marieke Patton had the club play a game of kahoot. The kahoot was a quiz about rabbit facts. There were two teams, team Fire, and team Ocean. Team Ocean won the quiz.

The club practiced judging hiking boots. The club observed things such as the wear and tear of the boots and the grip of the boot. The president Milana Palmateer concluded the meeting with the 4-H motto and the club had some delicious cookies.

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South Simcoe 4-H Clubs in full swing!

South Simcoe 4-H Cooking Club

By Brier Miller

It was our second meeting, but our first in person meeting. Meat pies were on the menu, our Guest instructor was Maxine Coutts-Reid.

We learned all the tricks and tips of making pie crusts. After we got separated, into 5 groups. My group went in the back to learn about judging BUTTER TART, have you ever had a bad butter tart?..... In the back there were 4 different butter tarts that we had to compare. While the other groups worked on their pie crust dough. After judging, off we went to make our pie crust. We each took turns adding in all of the ingredients, mixing them all together and putting the dough in the fridge to firm. While we were waiting for the dough to set, we started on the filling. Preparing the meat, chopping up vegetables and mixing them all together. We added flour to make it thicken, then it went into the fridge to cool. We took out our pie dough and began to roll it out, placing it in the mini pie plates.

After the pie filling was cooled we put it in the pie crust and topped it off with another crust, pressing it together. Voila, there you have it a delicious meat pie!

I really enjoyed this experience and even though I'm not a pie expert, my pie looked like I was a master! Getting home was the best part, to cook and eat it. What a great tasting meat pie.

Thanks Maxine Coutts-Reid, for sharing your expertise in and around the kitchen!

The Cooking club members would like to thank Maxine Coutts for sharing her pie baking expertise with us. We would also like to thank Country Meat Cuts from Utopia for the donation of ground beef. The meat pies were delicious.



South Simcoe 4-H Adventure Club

By Emily Craig, Photos by Leader Lisa Craig




On Sunday April 30th, the South Simcoe 4-H Adventure Club went to leader Talena's house in Midhurst. Last year, the club was given a grant by Cabela's that allowed us to get a set of bows. This meeting we practiced our archery skills. We learned about safety when on the range.

We also received compass kits from the Club and we revised our compass skills. We went into a forest and used compasses to find our way out. After that, we gathered some materials and made small fires with different fire starters. It was really hard to start a fire with the flint stick! The rain made it hard, as well. At the end of our meeting, we received survival kits from the Dufferin County Search and Rescue, who had joined us for our previous meeting online.

It was a very rainy day but we still had fun!








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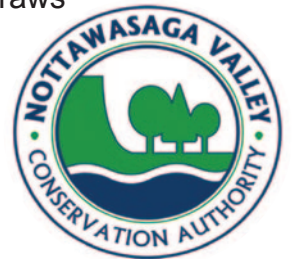


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