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Springwater's Cultural & Heritage Advisory Committee is hosting a Doors Open Simcoe County Event

Event Details

Where: Anten Mills Community Centre
3985 Horseshoe Valley Road W

When: Saturday, August 26 &
Sunday, August 27, 2023
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Bring the family for a fun and educational exploration of the Anten Mills Community Centre. This building's cultural heritage value lies in its historical and associative ties to the community and early education system, being the former Anten Mills School.



Young entrepreneurs put their money where their heart is

Story and photos by Katie Boddy

In mid June three youngsters in Angus brainstormed an idea to help support the local animal shelter located in Alliston. Chris, Noah and Maisie, who are also 4-H members, decided to set up a lemonade stand, an adopt a stuffy program and sell freezes with the intention of donating the money to the Alliston humane society.

They had great sales and were so happy to donate \$71.00.

Chris and Maisie, age 7, and Noah, age 6, all have a deep love for animals. Chris and Noah have their hands full with 2 Saint Bernards, 3 cats and 3 hamsters (fish too), and Maisie's dog, cat, rabbit and turtle all keep her busy.

Animals are very important and special to the children, which is why they chose to donate to help support the animals in the community.



From left to right are Maisie, Noah and Chris posing for a photo before donating their lemonade sales proceeds to the Alliston Humane Society.

AGcalendar

Farm View's Ag Calendar is free to non-profit agricultural groups, up to a maximum of 40 words. All others are invoiced at \$25 per month. Please note the format of the listings below and submit your item by mail or email, in a similar fashion.

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The very popular Georgian Bay Steam Show returns taking place **August 4th to the 7th**. Featuring John Deere equipment, a fun filled family event! Visit <https://www.steamshow.ca>

August 5th: Essa National Draft Horse Show

The 8th Annual Essa National Draft Horse Show takes place **August 5th & 6th at 7505 10th line, Thornton, ON**. This promises to be an exciting event not to be missed!

August 14th: News and Advertising Deadline

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

August 24th: Farm Safety Corn Roast

Farm Safety Corn Roast hosted by York Federation of Agriculture will take place on **Thursday, August 24th at 6pm**. This event is open to everyone and will be held at the Sutton Fairgrounds. *See the ad on page 14 for more details.*

August 24th - 27th: Barrie Fair

The Annual Barrie Fair takes place at **7505 10th line, Thornton, ON August 24th to the 27th**. Many exciting activities, shows and vendors! *See the ad on page 21 for more details and visit www.essaagriplex.ca.*

August 26th & 27th: Doors Open Simcoe County

The Township of Springwater's Cultural and Heritage Advisory Committee is hosting a special Doors Open event! The event will include a farmers market showcasing local farms! *For more details see the ad to the left on this page.*

September 22nd - 24th: Albion & Bolton Fall Fair

The Albion & Bolton Fall Fair takes place **Sept. 22nd to the 24th, 2023**. Visit boltontractorpull.ca for more details.

September 30th: Anten Mills Artisan Fair

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Sheep are NOT the Climate Problem

By Bethanee Jensen, Director & Treasurer of the Board of Directors for the Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario

Ontario Sheep has jumped on the climate change bandwagon and has calculated “that 11 kg. of carbon dioxide (CO₂) equivalents are generated for every 1 kg. of lamb produced live weight to the farm gate.” (Ontario Sheep News - Spring edition)

Included in this calculation was every possible contributor, including the estimated applicable amount of emissions from both parents from birth to death as well as from the lamb’s own enteric emissions, feed production, energy use on the farm, and farm building and manure management.

At first reading, this sounds like an astronomical amount and supports the narrative that ruminants are bad (thanks, Ontario Sheep).

However, nothing was included on the positive side. No consideration was given to the benefits of natural vs. chemical fertilizer, the benefits of the pasture itself, or the fact that if the pasture grass was left to die and decompose, it would still produce methane.

A brief Google search revealed the following:

NEPC Grazing Guide

“The conversion of croplands to pasture usually adds 0.2-0.5 tons of soil C per acre per year... for 15-25 years, then [stabilizes]... Even when mature pastures are no longer sequestering new carbon, they are an important pool of stored carbon... Establishing and

maintaining pastures plays a valuable role in efforts to reduce atmospheric CO₂ levels as well as contributing to the overall improvement of the environment.”

IFAS Extension University of Florida

“...grazing land represents an important component of terrestrial carbon dioxide (CO₂) offset and is a significant sink for long-term carbon sequestration and greenhouse gas mitigation.”

Union of Concerned Scientists (JSTOR)

“Pastures that see low to moderate amounts of grazing may actually sequester more carbon than ungrazed pastures.”

Whether you believe in creation or evolution, either way, nature has a way of balancing itself. Neither God nor evolution would have created something nature couldn’t handle. Methane produced by enteric emissions of livestock or decomposition of plant life is NATURAL. It breaks down into carbon dioxide and water vapour. This then feeds the plant life, that in turn feeds the sheep, that feeds the plant life, and us. It is a cycle that has been going on since Adam’s son, Abel, raised sheep.





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FROM THE EDITOR

Roslyn Watkins
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Well here we are in August! At the halfway point of what seems to be a pretty great summer break so far. I feel like this is the first summer since Covid began that outings and events really are full steam ahead. This issue of Farm View has plenty of coverage of summer celebrations to prove it. The Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture recently held their annual summer BBQ with farm tours and demonstrations. York Federation of Agriculture is hosting a farm safety corn roast on August 24th, those details can be found on page 14. If you are in my neck of the woods the weekend of August 26th and 27th stop in at the Anten Mills Community Centre. The Township of Springwater is hosting a Doors Open Simcoe County Event that is sure to be an enjoyable experience, those details are on page 2. And of course we have a full season of Fairs, animal shows and tractor pulls. Send me a snapshot from your favourite event and I will publish them in an upcoming issue.

Wherever your summer plans take you, I hope you enjoy every moment. We all know this is one season that is gone before we know it!

Take care of yourselves and one another,
Roslyn Watkins

**Ag Snapshot**

Blue skies and beautiful canola in Spring in Clearview Township. My favourite part of my job is the scenery while delivering copies of the Farm View.

—Photo by Roslyn Watkins

LETTERS**Clarification to Best in Show article from the Schomberg Fair - July 2023 edition**

Hi, just want to let you know that your information on this rabbit is incorrect she is owned by me and she did win best in show at Schomberg however she was bred at Smokey Hollow Farm in Erin (my farm) I purchased her Mom from Sue Needle and Sue and I bred the Mom to one of Sue's bucks but she was born and raised on my farm. It was a joint breeding between both breeders using Sue's rabbit lines. I bought the Mom as Sue didn't have room in her barn for her. The rabbit has another story too, there were two does in the litter this was to be the one Sue was to get but this girl broke her foot as a baby we think jumping up and down off the Mom's back (she did it in the cage somehow) so I gave Sue the one I was to keep and took this girl to the vet. The vet said they couldn't splint it as it didn't work in rabbits and the bone was already healing and fusing so I took her home for cage rest and she healed. She went on to win six best in shows this spring she may have had more but I had to miss some shows due to work schedules. The sister may have won over her but she unfortunately chipped her tooth so couldn't show until it grows back so she will likely compete in the fall shows with Sue.

Julie Martin



Pictured above is a photo of the winning rabbit for three best in shows at the American Rabbit Breeder's Association show in Rockton Ontario with Sue, to the right and Julie at left.

—Photo by Sam Grillo

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magic, but destroy our farms and the grass
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W.J. Bryan

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Compassionate deadstock removal option that is environmentally friendly

Story by Cathy Hamill-Hill, photo provided by Barn Angels Composting

There is now a deadstock removal option in Ontario called Barn Angels Composting who are based in Halton Hills. Barn Angels Composting is a farmer made and farmer led answer to farmers looking for someone they can call and get deadstock off their property quickly.

Barn Angels Composting did a lot of research for ways of handling deadstock without adding carbon to the environment. The business owners, husband and wife team of Wesley and Amelia Therrien, had a vision of “taking animals to the next step over the Rainbow Bridge and return them back to the earth.”

This is not the usual pick-up and transport to a plant operation. Barn Angels Composting uses the very latest in compost material and has a brand new 6 acre facility to compost the animal to “a nutrient dense black earth soil” that is placed around newly planted trees. For each animal composted, this green company plants one tree on the huge property that surrounds the facility. “Last year we planted 7,000 trees,” Amelia reports adding there are partners involved including Conservation Halton, Forests Ontario and 2 Billion Tree Program.

Barn Angels Composting is fully licensed with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA).

Farmers can legally compost their own deadstock on their home farms when following regulations set out by OMAFRA that include distance limits from the neighbours and water-courses. Composting requires turning over the compost and deadstock to make sure the process works, and that job is not one that many busy farmers have time for- or the interest in doing. Compost material is also critical to make composting successful. At Barn Angels Composting, “we have two tractor trailers a day come in with composting material. It takes one year to fully compost a cow following the regulations,” Amelia explains.

The business began three years ago, the first year and a half was constructing the site. The build had to fully conform to OMAFRA Regulation 105/109 and there was a lot in-

involved. The business then started with collection of deadstock. The two owners took turns driving the collection truck, both having a snowplow and heavy equipment operator background.

Inspiration came from family friend Donnie Montague, a compassionate, friendly and reliable longtime operator of Ed Peconi & Son Limited, a deadstock removal business based in Woodville that served farmers across the province. When Donnie suddenly passed away farmers weren’t left with many options. Amelia explains “We (my husband and I) are very green (environmentally conscious) and we went looking at options for animal disposal. We also wanted to carry on that compassion Donnie had for all farmers. We decided to plant trees as an added green option so we would be a carbon neutral company.”



Amelia Therrien and her daughters walk the Barn Angels Composting property.

Barn Angels Composting works with all species. Including cattle, horses, dogs, cats, llamas, sheep, zoo animals and goats. The business works with livestock and also works with small animal vet clinics and municipalities for road kill and Humane Societies in offering a compost option. There is a separate smaller truck unit that is dispatched for small pet animals.

Each of the three hired truck drivers work 1/3 of a 24 hour a day and are fully trained for the truck’s “recovery gear” meaning for picking up livestock, the deadstock can be 150 feet away from the truck with no tractor needed. Drivers are trained to get the trucks in older barns and fields.

“We know, from our own farm experience, the importance

that deadstock needs to be picked up quickly. We dispatch our livestock trucks as quick as we can because we know that scavengers are a concern, heat is a concern for the summer. We understand.” Amelia explains.

Avian Influenza, known commonly as Bird Flu means that the entire flock must be euthanized when the CFIA declares the flock infected for this highly transmittable virus. Barn Angels Composting is the only licensed option in Ontario for dealing with flocks of Avian flu infected birds.

“We follow all the rules and dispatch our crew that wear full protection clothing as in hazmat suits. We disinfect the trucks going out and have a special site at our facility for birds coming in from an infected farm. We have had tractor trailers dump loads here. Our bio-security is even higher with Avian Flu infected loads, we know how essential it is to the industry to keep this fully contained. CFIA standards have to be fully met and we all understand, we follow all the rules here,” Amelia explains.

There is a regular pick-up route for livestock now from the Colborne area, Kawartha Lakes and Peterborough and over to Grand Bend with collections also being done in Meaford, Midland and Port Stanley and points in between including to Kingston in the past two years.

Barn Angels Composting drivers always carry disinfectant in the trucks along with gloves and bags for used gloves when needed. “Farmers appreciate bio-security,” she says.

Barn Angels Composting cost for pick-up for a cow on or near the usual pick-up routes is \$300 plus HST. A bull is slightly higher at \$350 plus HST. A stillborn or young calf is \$75.00 plus HST. There is a different pay rate for horses and smaller animals.

Amelia admits she has had bouts of crying and grief over what she has seen during collection routes and seeing the sad farmer’s reaction to the losses. However, she looks at her 3 year old twins and says, “We (my husband and I) are doing this for the next generation. We believe being the Barn Angels, we are helping our earth- with compassion.”

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Farmers push for change to protect farm animals against stray voltage

By Larry Davis, Director, Ontario Federation of Agriculture

Electricity is an essential service for all of us, but for decades, livestock farmers in rural Ontario have been struggling with a devastating side effect of that service that affects both people and animals.

It's called stray voltage and livestock exposed to even low levels of electrical current may experience tingling sensations that impact their behaviour and health. For dairy cows, for example, this means nervousness, uneven milk production, increases in inflammation including in their udders, and being reluctant to eat their feed or drink water. In severe cases, cows become sterile or even die as a result.

For farmers, although this represents a loss of income, the biggest impact is on their emotional and mental health. No farmer wants to see their animals suffer and for some Ontario farmers, their inability to resolve this issue has led them to exit livestock production altogether.

Stray voltage or ground current is a phenomenon that is often highly misunderstood and misidentified and it can happen because of the way our electricity distribution system is designed and operated.

On the farm, ground tests for stray voltage show the problem is often caused by levels of current lower than one-volt, which humans can't feel but animals can. Unfortunately, current legislation places the threshold for utilities to take action at one-volt or higher, which means it is difficult for farmers to work with the electrical sector to find solutions.

I farm in Brant County and we had this exact experience on our own dairy farm. Testing showed the farm was in compliance with the electrical code, so we kept investing more money into improvements like better equipment, better stalls and better feed to help the cows be healthier and more productive. Nothing worked and with no other solutions, I ultimately switched to other types of farming. Today, we know that the problems the cows were having came from stray voltage – and that many farmers and their livestock have faced similar challenges for decades.

As an Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) board

member, I brought this initiative forward several years ago, after which a committee was created to push for a solution. This committee consists of commodity groups, and experts in both the electrical and veterinary fields. For example, we have worked with Hydro One to develop their Farm Rapid Response Team, a group of knowledgeable staff that farmers can access, to respond to on-farm electrical problems.

Meaningful change has been slow to come, however. Stray voltage problems remain undiagnosed or unresolved because the level of current causing the issue falls within the existing standards of the provincial electrical code. Lowering that code threshold from one-volt to a quarter of a volt, for example, would be one way to help encourage action across all electrical stakeholders.

There are some encouraging signs that the provincial government is hearing our concerns. Ontario's energy minister, Todd Smith, has formed the Stray Voltage Working Group to focus on this issue.

Members include the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario, Dairy Farmers of Ontario, Ontario Energy Board, Hydro One Networks, Electrical Safety Authority, Electricity Distributors Association, and Electrical Contractors Association of Ontario as well as observers from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Ministry of Energy and Ministry of Government and Consumer Services.

I'm part of this working group and after a series of meetings, we've released a report that includes recommendations for government on next steps that we believe will help find ways to address this issue.

This includes better communication and information sharing, including the participation of veterinarians; reducing likelihood and frequency of stray voltage, including reviewing and updating relevant codes and standards; and identifying and addressing instances of stray voltage, including enhanced testing protocols and a formalized, one-stop escalation protocol for affected farmers.

The symptoms and impacts of stray voltage on Ontario farmers and their livestock have been identified for decades, but it also has the potential to become a more widespread problem. As farms adopt more digital and electronic technology – which will ultimately help us produce more food more sustainably with fewer resources – the stray voltage challenge could create problems and disruptions to those on-farm systems too.

The Stray Voltage Working Group must continue to collectively encourage the government to act on these recommendations. Solving the stray voltage issue will ensure better animal welfare, reduce farmer stress, and ensure strong and resilient food supply system for Ontario that is equipped to meet growth goals.

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Agricultural Anecdotes from Farmer Tim

Scoops of love from an old wooden spoon....

My mom's passing hasn't fully sunken in yet. Farm and family life keep my mind and body busy, but moments of grieving still slip into the cracks. As they say, "Time heals all".

My mom is everywhere! I've spent my entire life living with her or beside her so in some ways, she is still here - not in body but in memories.

There are many things of my mom's that my dad is still holding on to but I just had to have this spoon because this spoon tells a story.

It's a sturdy spoon probably made of maple which is why it's lasted for so many years or perhaps even generations. The wood is smooth but textured enough to get a good grip on the handle when mixing. The spoon is no longer round and is worn down to more of a shallow impression but it's still useful and easily recognizable as a spoon. The rich brown patina tells tales of age and use.

To me, this old wooden spoon is a symbol of my mom. It was her magic wand that would turn an apple into a pie or flour into a cookie. It reminds me of a warm kitchen and hot soup on a drizzly fall day. It reminds me of the rough fuzzy texture of wood when I had my turn licking off the last of the icing.

My mom held that spoon in her warm talented hands. With each scoop, she added love to our household and with each turn of the handle she mixed in joy.

My mom could have bought a new spoon to replace this beat-up relic but I like to think that she too enjoyed the stories it told.

I was so excited to bring it home that I made waffles with it.

Here is a "family recipe" I found in one of her old cookbooks....

2 Cups of Love
1 tablespoon of laughter
1 cup of hope
1 pinch of faith
1 tablespoon of forgiveness
Mix together. Add patience.
Top with kindness. Serve to everyone.
~ author unknown

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!"

Don't Become a (fire) Statistic!

By Dennis Gannon

If the smoke alarm goes off in your home, how much time do you think you have before you can get out safely? Do you have time to get your car keys, wallet or purse? How about gathering up your pets, looking for important papers or even getting dressed? It may surprise you to know that you have less than 3 minutes! While the number of house fires has decreased over the years, the time to escape them has drastically decreased as well. While 40 years ago you had up to 17 minutes to escape, that time has been reduced to 3 minutes or less. Our homes have changed over the years. Many homes are now open concept in nature meaning we can see from one end of the house to the other. When homes had more walls, fire took longer to go from one area to the next. Now it can spread much quicker. Our homes are also filled with synthetic materials. These are primarily petroleum based and burn at a more rapid speed than solid wood, cotton or wool based. Smoke from these fires also drops down quicker and is dark, not permitting the low crawl close to the ground we were often taught. The unfortunate consequence is that just as many or more people are losing their lives as a result of fire as there were 40 years ago. In Ontario as of the end of June, 76 people have perished as a result of 59 fires. In 2021 the total number of fire deaths was 121, a number far greater than needed and one that can be lowered.

What can you do to not become a fire statistic? Make certain that you have up to date and working smoke alarms on every level of your home and outside sleeping areas. A common issue in many fatal fires is that there either wasn't a working smoke alarm or the batteries were removed. Have and practice with your family a fire escape plan. Make certain that everyone knows at least 2 ways out and establish a meeting place away from the home and call 911 from there. Check your cooking practices. Keep a lid nearby when operating your range and don't mix alcohol with your cooking. The result can be fatal. If you live in an older home and you find that the electrical outlets don't always seem to work or if you need to use extension cords frequently, have an electrician check out your wiring and add some new outlets. If you feel comfortable using a fire extinguisher make certain that it is up to date and remember PASS, Pull, Aim, Squeeze and Sweep to blanket a small fire.

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

This article was originally run in the September 2022 edition of Farm View.

Dennis Gannon's column will return next month.

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The time has arrived to stop taking water quantity and quality for granted

Happy Summer? It can be the best of times and the worst of times. Weather dictates our moods and decisions on the farm. Lately, we have had our fair share of precipitation. The debate over which soil condition is more manageable, too wet, or too dry will never be decided. Either way, we learn how to be resilient and adapt to minimize risk.

Speaking of risk... when was the last time you had your drinking water tested? Did you know that well owners are wholly responsible for maintaining any wells on their property? Water is our life blood. And maybe the time has arrived that we stop taking water quantity and quality for granted. Currently, there are eleven different pieces of provincial legislation governing the protection of water. Many of these we know such as the Clean Water Act, Environmental Protection Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, Nutrient Management Act, and the Ontario Water Resources Act.

Public Health Ontario provides testing for private drinking water sources. They test for bacterial contamination such as Coliforms and E.Coli. Water sampling collection kits are available at your local health unit. Public Health Unit locations | ontario.ca

If you feel that the knowledge transfer regarding the well on your property has fallen through the cracks, then it would be in your best interest to get a copy of the well record. The province of Ontario has been collecting well record data since 1899. It is very easy to discover all the details about your well by using the map feature and zooming in on your property. <https://www.ontario.ca/page/well-records>

There are several resources available for property owners to learn more about their wells. The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) operates the Wells Help Desk. They can answer general questions, assist in obtaining well

records, and forward complaints to the correct ministry. 1-888-396-9355. Green Communities Canada has developed a well guide booklet called Well Aware. It is a complete guide to understanding well

operation and maintenance. <https://green-communitiescanada.org/programs/well-aware/>

The Ontario government website page called, Wells on Your Property is an excellent resource for all your well construction and maintenance questions. <https://www.ontario.ca/page/wells-your-property>

It is important to know that well contractors and well technicians must successfully complete a provincial exam to be licensed and complete yearly continuing education credits to maintain their licensed status. To find a licensed professional please visit this webpage <https://www.ontario.ca/page/find-licensed-well-contractors>

Even with all the legislation in place to protect this vital resource, we still need to do our due diligence and at the very least test your water yearly. We all face risks everyday and no one is immune from it. Our job as adults, is to identify risk and do our best to minimize or eliminate it.

Here's hoping that the weather blender settles down soon.

Enjoy the rest of summer 2023.



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Spectators wowed by the Area 3 Quarter Horse Promotional Club Summerama Show

Story and photos by Cathy Hamill-Hill



Pictured above are Lorraine Soulliere from Comber (standing) and Tarah Maw of Petrolia. These two friends work together with the same trainer. Lorraine says "horses keep me young" explaining how, in her 60's, she works full-time plus shows her own horse across Ontario, Quebec and into Michigan and Ohio, USA. The forever young Lorraine is considering a horse show trip this year to Oklahoma, USA. Tarah explained she and her friend both showed horses as youngsters, then left and returned as adults for horse show competition. Seen here, the two are grooming a Quarter Horse officially named Sleeping N the Dark that is known as Georgia to her family and friends, owned by Tarah.



This is a milestone time for young Carter Dubiel, pictured above, riding in his first horse show at the Area 3 Quarter Horse Promotional Club Summerama Show. Proud Dad, Greg, leads 3 year old Carter and his horse.

For more of Cathy Hamill-Hill's photos of the 2023 Area 3 Quarter Horse Promotional Club Summerama Show please see page 19.



Pictured to the left is Mackenzie Landry of Paris, Ontario beside her horse, Reba at the Area 3 Quarter Horse Promotional Club Summerama Show. Mackenzie has been competing in horse shows beginning at 3 years old in the Lead Line class. She has been showing for 8 years and is now 11 years old. She says she loves best waking up on the morning of a horse show because "I feel so alive!" Mackenzie is considering being a veterinarian specializing in horses for her future career.

This years Summerama had 92 horses entered for competition. Pictured above is Rock Me Mama owned by Krista Vis. Rock Me Mama is being ridden by Isabella Vis.



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Grain farmers have strong ties with spirits industry

Story by reporter Don Beaulieu

For those of us who enjoy a mixed drink in the evening, while out on the town or on the patio, you are likely consuming some of Ontario's finest crops. Those liquid spirits are the ones of topic here, not the ghostly type of spirits.

A few issues ago we touched on this subject; Through Jan Westcott of Spirits Canada, Farm View had the opportunity to go into more depth on how Ontario grain is closely tied and responsible for the success of Ontario made spirits.

The presentation at the Collingwood Foundry (co-working space rental) was facilitated by Lindsay Yaciuk of Grassroots Public Affairs. Grassroots has been working with Spirits Canada for several years; their slogan is "We help businesses and industry associations execute effective communication strategies for government and public relations campaigns."

"Farming is likely the only industry in Canada older than distilling."

Spirits Canada is the national trade association representing Canadian licenced manufacturers and marketers of premium spirits. Westcott has been in this business for forty years in an impressive variety of capacities and serves his community in a variety of activities. I use the terms "capacities and serves" in the non-drinking senses.

To keep the industry he represents in perspective, he related Canada's 2017 150th anniversary to Canadian Club's 160th anniversary in 2008. In 2019 Wisers celebrated their 160th.

Westcott was quick note the spirits industry is very dependent on farmers who maintain the quality and quantity of grain required. All the grain used is locally sourced and includes corn, wheat and increasing amounts of rye. "We are seeing more 100% rye whiskeys".

Canadian Mist Distillery has been operating in Collingwood for over 50 years. "Ontario is the home of the dis-

tilled spirits business" explained Westcott; "All our head offices are here, our major production facilities are here". Westcott spent some time addressing the issue of beer in grocery stores, wine outlets in grocery stores and such, pointing out that the spirit industry does not enjoy such exposure to Ontarians. His question to many people involved in the situation is "Why is it that beer from Mexico, beer from Belgium, wine from Australia, wine from France, gets better access to Ontario consumers than a bottle of whiskey made in Collingwood, by Ontario workers, from grain grown by Ontario farmers?" He has asked this of members of Caucus, members of parliament and others; "Nobody has an answer". This is a business that supports rural Ontario and supports the farm community "...and does not have the same access to our own consumers".

75% of Canadian Whiskey is exported

"We love that Canadians drink our whiskey..." but most is sold in the States, South America, Europe and elsewhere."

In answer to people asking, "What can we do about this" Westcott suggests: "Phone the local MPP (Member of Provincial Parliament); send them a note asking why this is going on". There are some supporters in the government, but it would help for us to support them. It is not that the other members are against spirits; it's just not a high priority for some of them, for various reasons.

In 2016, Crown Royal, Northern Harvest Rye, was chosen by Jim Murray who publishes the Whiskey Bible in Great Britain, as the world's best whiskey. Just before the pandemic hit with its force, that publication choose Alberta Distillery's Alberta Premium Whiskey as the best whiskey in the world.

The majority of grain is purchased from three areas; southwestern Ontario (primarily), the central belt and eastern On-

tario. The distilling industry hovers around being the third and fourth largest grain purchaser in Ontario. That's between 225,000–250,000 metric tonnes of corn per year, in Ontario. With a new carbon-neutral distillery being built in northern Ontario, this figure may increase to 400,000 tonnes by 2027.

"In a world of BUY LOCAL, we ARE local!"

The spirits industry is not the largest purchaser of grain in Ontario, but due to the high standard of quality required, they pay higher prices. The spent grain comes back to the farming community as distiller dry grains or as wet slurry.

Tied into Westcott's concern with less access to consumers than beer and wine, he opened his audience's eyes to the amount of taxes spirits are subject to, again, compared to those two other beverages. Showing a graphic (included below, based on 2020 information) of the three types of drinks, he showed that the spirits drink was subject to four times the tax that a drink of wine and twice the tax as a bottle of beer. This is based on drinks all containing the same amount of alcohol.

"We want to see a continued investment in our industry and continued uptake in the grain that you guys grow into the future, we gotta fix something" Westcott advised. "We've had great support from the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, we have great support from Grain Farmers of Ontario, I've worked closely with Keith Currie, president of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture" said Westcott. "It's time for people to stand up and start asking the government why the spirits industry isn't given the same consideration as other people".

There's an opportunity to sell Canadian whiskey around the world. Westcott says a "successful home business before you can be successful everywhere else". He says the money needed to invest in the export markets need to be developed here.



Jan Westcott, Spirits Canada:

"We are an industry that is attached at the hip to the farming community."



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South Simcoe County 4-H share their recent activities

South Simcoe 4-H Line Dancing club

By Madeleine Cullen

The South Simcoe line dancing club is new to our association this year, and is a much requested club! With over 20 members, the club had their first meeting July 11th. At the first meeting, we did our election of officers, where members voted for the roles of president, vice president, secretary and news reporter. At our first meeting, our instructor Amie Andison from Dance the Line, educated members on the different moves and how to perform them and taught us the full routines for three line dancing songs. No matter the skill level, all members had fun, and we are looking forward to our next meetings. A huge thank you to Farm Credit Corporation for supporting our club, and allowing us to have the opportunity to "learn to do by doing!"

South Simcoe 4-H Adventure Club

By Emily Craig

For the final meeting of Adventure Club this year, on Saturday June 24th, we went to Prospect Lake in Muskoka to a property owned by the grandparents of one of our members. Our host, Peter Mooij, told us about the property which, a long time ago, was a pig farm, but is now a forested area.

We practiced our archery skills with the bows we were able to buy with a grant from

Cabelas last year. We also practiced our compass skills by following a direction into the woods to find a little box of candy!

Afterwards, we celebrated our successful year with lunch with our families and fun at the beach. We swam and used kayaks, paddleboards and canoes. We had a great time!

Hope to see you next year!

South Simcoe 4-H Games Club

By Krysta Downey

On June 29th, we had our 3rd meeting, at the Senick family farm. We threw axes at a target board at the beginning of the meeting, we then switched to playing capture the flag. It was my favourite. After that we moved into the barn, and played multiple games of bingo. Then we reviewed the rules of euchre. We are looking forward to the next meeting.



South Simcoe 4-H Pie Club

By Brier Miller

For our final meeting with our 4-H Pie Club, we took a trip to Giffen's Country Market in Glen Huron.

When we arrived, we were greeted by Michael Giffen. Michael is a grandson to the founding owners Frank and Eileen Giffen. We started our tour by hearing the fascinating history of this Country Market and Orchard, starting back in 1939.

Frank and Eileen purchased 5 acres that year, and it has grown to over 200 acres. Of course, producing some of your favourite varieties of apples, mine would be the honey crisp! As well as baked goods with Grandma Giffen SECRET butter tart recipe, man are they good. But you will have to try them yourself to see. Michael won't disclose the secret, but I think it is LOVE.

We headed outside to the beautiful Giffen pond, where Michael told us, he and his cousin used to set up camp on the island. Michael has fond memories as his father Bob Giffen dug the pond. My memories of this pond, were when I would splash around, looking for minnows and tadpoles. This was after enjoying a homemade breakfast at Giffen's Market, with my family.

We continued our tour into the orchard where Michael explained the whole process from start to finish, on growing flavourful and crunchy apples. After walking around the property and admiring the landscape. We headed back into the main building this is where we learned about the cider and hibernation processes. A fact about apple hibernation is; apples are placed into a large room, which is air tight. The oxygen in that room is extracted using machines, taking away the oxygen allows the apples to stay rot free and last much longer. Allowing you to enjoy farm fresh apples all year round. We even got to sample their delicious cider, which they sell in the store front, I even bought some to share with my brother, he loves it too!

We ventured into the store, where we got to check out all the baking, ready made food and restaurant. The market also has many local vendor products displayed and for sale. What a great way to spend a Saturday.

If you are in the Glen Huron area or need an idea for a road trip, I would highly recommend stopping at the Giffen's country market. Grab a bit to eat, butter tarts, pies, cookies, cider or just to purchase some amazing apples. Giffen's Country market is located at 55 Station Street, Glen Huron.

Thanks again to Michael Giffen, the Giffen family and staff for sharing your family history, orchard and market with our 4-H group. We had a great time.

Good luck to my fellow 4-H members, as they prepare pies to enter the up coming fairs.

As well thanks to our leaders Tamara and Mae and volunteers for a great experience with baking pies!

4-H Beeton and Bradford Dairy Club

By Isabella Cullen, photo provided by South Simcoe 4-H

On the 27th of June the Beeton & Bradford 4-H Dairy Club headed over to Sheldon Creek for a farm tour of their family farming operation. We suited up with booties and hair nets and took a tour through the shop and packaging plant. They walked us through the pasteurization process and explained how for each flavour of your favourite milk (A2, Coffee, yogurt, etc) they have to wash the machines down! We then got a tour



of their dairy barn, and showed us how they flush their milk down to the packaging plant. We saw the cows, and how the robot works. We ended our meeting with taste testing of their new and old flavours of milk and our 4-H motto! Thank you Sheldon Creek for the amazing tour and great learning experience!

On July 13 the Beeton Bradford 4-H Dairy Club had their fourth meeting at Trish Downeys. We brushed our calves and did roll calls, then our guest speaker Jeff West went over some tips for showing before doing a mock show with the members. He taught us what judges look for and some tips to better project our calves' strong suits. In the mock show he taught us how to set up our calves feet, the participant body language, how to turn and how to bring your calf into the line up. All the members asked great questions and were given informative feedback. We thanked our guest and closed the meeting!

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Simcoe County 4-H reports continued

South Simcoe 4-H Sheep Club

Report by Clara Brooks, photo provided by South Simcoe 4-H

Our 4-H sheep club members travelled to Erin for a purebred sheep show at the Erin agricultural society on June 17-18. Five of our members entered the two day competition. They listened to speakers who spoke about different lamb health and overall sheep care and then wrote a quiz. Madeleine Cullen, one of our members, wrote a perfect quiz and Isabella Cullen tied for second in the quiz. Jaiden van Kolfshoten, Isabella Cullen and Madeleine Cullen finished in the top ten for the judging section. Clara Brooks and her partner finished second in the fit and trim part of the event. Clara Brooks showed the reserve suffolk lamb in the junior show. Lauren Cowan was in the finals for the overall showperson. We had an amazing opportunity to connect with our local sheep breeders and other 4-H members from other associations. We were able to experience and learn about showmanship, trim and fit, lamb health and overall sheep care. We are very proud of our members that attended the event.



Pictured above from left to right are, Isabella Cullen, Madeleine Cullen, Clara Brooks, Jaiden van Kolfshoten and Lauren Cowan at the Purebred Sheep Show in Erin.



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Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture Successful Summer BBQ

Story and photos by Nicole Cross

The Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture’s summer started off with a bang as they held their annual Summer BBQ for the first time in four years. Board director, Donna Jebb, headed up planning the event and secured John Beattie’s Farm Storage in Alliston to host the event. Guests had the opportunity to tour the farm storage facility before heading out to visit three locations on a farm tour before returning to John Beattie’s Farm Storage for dinner. We toured Beattie’s Distillers in Alliston where they produce their potato gin, poitin (a traditional Irish distilled beverage) and of course, vodka. Next, we went to F.S. Partner’s Grain Elevator in Beeton where we toured their facility and learned about the various cash crops that they receive. Last but not least, we visited Ontario Potato Distributing (Alliston) Inc in Alliston to tour their packing and distributing facility. It was great to have so many municipal council members, M.P.P.s and M.P.s join us for an afternoon of highlighting agriculture in Simcoe County.

Upon returning to the Farm Storage, guests were treated to a delicious BBQ catered by The Cookhaus, a local catering company in Alliston. During the meal, Juliet Hull from Weather Innovations showed us their platform decisionfarm.ca, that goes along with the three weather stations that the Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture



(SCFA) bought and installed in our region. The SCFA would like to thank Severn Sound Environmental Association, Lakehead University, Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, and the County of Simcoe for bringing their knowledge and information booths to our BBQ. Thank you to Addis Grain, Milligan

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The Flos Agricultural Society presents the 2023 Bursary Winners

Story and photos provided by The Flos Agricultural Society

The Flos Agricultural Society, organizer of the Elmvale Fall Fair, is thrilled to announce the winners of four \$250 bursaries: Brayson Fay, Rebecca Lange, Camry Miller & Hannah Parnell. These were presented at the respective Graduation ceremonies of each winner.

Criteria for the application was as follows: The applicants must be continuing their education and have demonstrated volunteerism relating to the Flos Agricultural Society, aka Elmvale Fall Fair. They were required to complete a short questionnaire, related to their contribution to the

Society,

1. How have you shown your involvement with the Elmvale Fall Fair? (i.e. as an exhibitor, a committee member, a volunteer with your school)

2. What benefits do you feel that you derived from your participation?

3. What improvements/changes do you envision that would be helpful in continuing with the next 150 years of the Elmvale Fall Fair?

The application was then reviewed by the Bursary Com-

mittee, prior to selecting the winning recipients. There were seven applicants – all of whom were extremely worthy.

Their involvement with the Elmvale Fair has been an important part of our success and we value their input. These Youth continue to make our Community a better place. They will be our future!

We wish them much success in their future education, and hope that some of the community skills that were developed, while volunteering, will serve them well.



Rebecca Lange to the left and Pat Leonard.



Hannah Parnell to the left and Marlene Lambie.



Camry Miller on the right and Linda Murray.



Brayson Fay and Marlene Lambie to the right.

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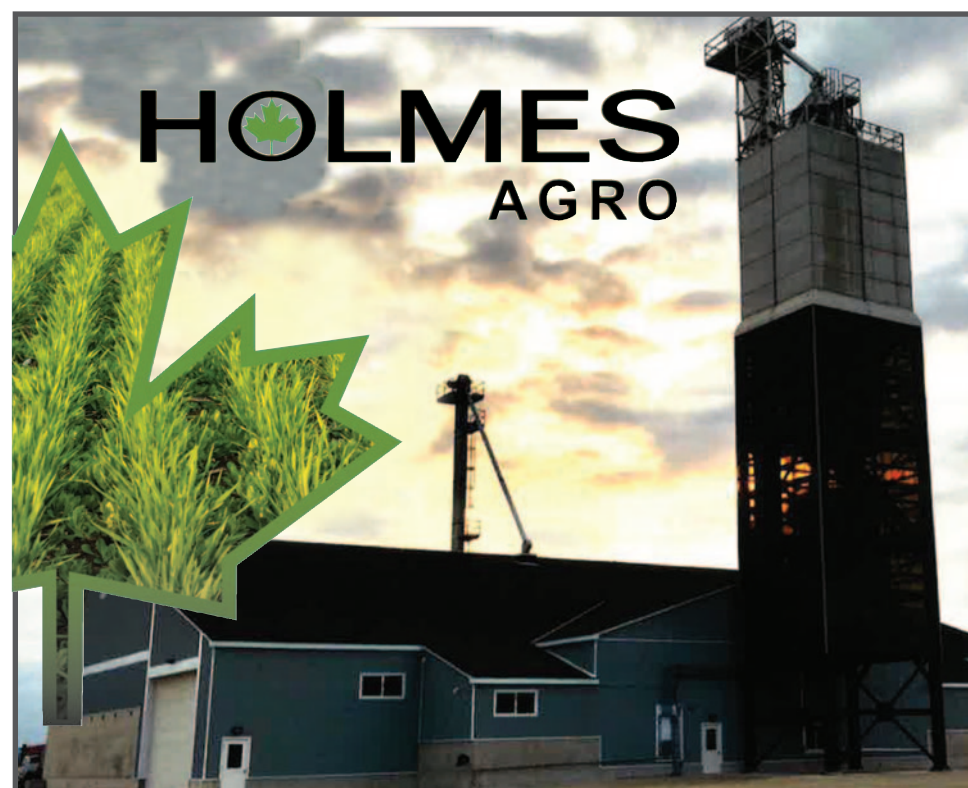
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Quilting Corners Guild Presents Stitching Among Friends Quilt Show

Story and photos provided by Senora Baldry

Quilting Corners Guild hosted their biannual quilt show on June 10-11 in Alliston. After missing a show during the pandemic shutdown there was lots to see and enjoy. Over 100 quilts were on display for Viewer's Choice, as well as many other quilt displays, quilting demonstrations, raffles, vendors, community outreach, the bed turning, challenges and the yummy delights in the tea room. Thank you to the

organizers, volunteers and the many visitors. Pictured below are the Viewer's Choice First Place Ribbon Winners. Beginning clockwise are Pieced Quilts Colour My World by Jackie Andersen, Miscellaneous Selvages Jacket by Jan Pettit, Appliqued Quilts Jungle Walk by Senora Baldry and Wall Hangings Rustic Floral by Donna Schweda.



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Latimer's Corners Faded as Newton Robinson Thrived

You've probably never heard of Latimer's Corners. If history had been kinder, John Latimer's legacy would have been cemented. Instead, as fate would have it, the community is known today as Newton Robinson.

The village was founded in 1836 when John Latimer arrived from Britain and built a store at the corner of what is today County Road 27 and the 10th Line in Bradford-West Gwillimbury. Later he added a hotel and tavern.

Lured by rich farmland, the community took off. Residents needed a place to worship, so in 1840 a modest log church was constructed. This satisfied the village for a time, but soon it was obvious that a larger and more appealing House of God was needed. In 1842 Latimer sold two-thirds of an acre to the trustees of this Methodist congregation. A burying ground was established at this time, and in 1849 a new frame church was built on this site. Decades later, a fine brick church was built to house the growing congregation.

A school also emerged around the same time as the church was being raised. Latimer's Corners was off and running.

But then William Chantler arrived from England in 1850. He established a general store and became postmaster. As there was already a post office going by Latimer's Corners, this new post office needed a new name. It was decided to call the place Newtown Robinson in honor of W.B. Robinson, who represented Simcoe County in Parliament. Eventually the name was shortened to Newton Robinson.

And so, Latimer's Corners faded into history. We don't know what founder John

Village stories

by Andrew Hind

Farmers Inn to be 'the best house to stop at between Cookstown and Bradford,' and proudly proclaimed that it offered 'the best assortment of whiskies, brandies and rum north of Toronto'. The hotel still

stands as a private residence.

A woolen mill was built by John and Isaac Merric. The Merricks later added a gristmill, sawmill, planning mill, and sash and door factory. They were the major employers in town; around 1890 they provided jobs for as many as 22 people full time.

In 1882 a group of farmers joined together to form a Stock Company and build a cheese factory. A master cheesemaker was hired. The first two railway cars of cheese were



shipped to Toronto, and the cheesemaker was sent along to sell it. Unfortunately, this underhanded individual took the money and fled to the United States. He was never brought to justice, the money never returned. This was a blow to the Stock Company from which it never recovered, and they were forced to close the cheese factory after just a few short seasons.

At its height, Newton Robinson also included several blacksmiths, a tannery, carriage factory, harness maker, shoemaker, tailor shop, barber, and brick yard.

By the early 1900s, however, the once teaming village had settled down to be a quiet agricultural hamlet. Newton Robinson had been bypassed by the railway, which



thought of the change. Undoubtedly, he was disappointed yet also proud that the community he helped establish was thriving.

As Newton Robinson grew so too did the number of businesses. There were two inns in town, the Traveler's Rest Inn and the Farmers Inn, formerly the Latimer Hotel, now under the ownership of John Hudson. An advertisement in 1867 considered the

caused many businesses to wither away or move to growing towns serviced by trains. One by one the businesses closed, and the population began to dwindle.

Today, Latimer's Corners is long forgotten and even Newton Robinson, once a bustling hive of activity, has been reduced to a tranquil community.



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Area 3 Quarter Horse Promotional Club Summerama Show *continued from page 10*

Story and photos by Cathy Hamill-Hill



It was a beautiful sunny day on July 1st for the first day of Summerama, an event that continued until July 4th at the spacious Lindsay Fairgrounds. Shown to the right is Tracey Patterson riding Quarter Horse Good Kruzin Machine owned by Sylvia M. Hoyt during competition.

This is the final year of competition for this horse pictured to the left, named Tabu On You. Tabu On You is now 25 years old and is owned by Catherine Lemieux. The experienced horse that will be retired next year is being exhibited here by young rider, Alyssa Malmiste from Sudbury, Ontario.



Equestrian Vaulting; an exciting show not to be missed

Story and photo by Cathy Hamill-Hill



Equestrian Vaulting is a form of gymnastics, acrobatics, and dance on the back of a moving horse. The Ontario Equestrian Vaulting Competition was held at the Lindsay Fairgrounds on July 14th and July 15th. This exciting event had to be held indoors due to rain but there are plenty of big bright buildings at the Lindsay Fairgrounds site. Shown above, in competition, is Nick Vandebroek from Mount Elgin. Look for more photos from this event in the September issue of Farm View.





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by Aunt Hazel

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Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

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After The Chores: Summer of Jealousy

By Cathy Hamill-Hill



Summer once again is bringing back memories of my Dad.

I remember my “Summer of Jealousy” that ended up, years later, with me and my Dad laughing until we cried.

My Grandmother was a strong, independent woman that worked in a high end jewellery store for years before she married my Grandfather. Their home after the wedding was living with his parents and sisters on the family farm. The plan was for them to stay on the farm temporarily until they moved to a new location in the nearby village, what today would be known as a succession plan.

Grandmother was proud and honoured to be my Grandfather’s wife and if he ever did anything wrong, she never admitted it. It was never said why he chose to stay on the farm. Part of the reason could have been related to the fact

that he believed money had one chief purpose- save in the bank. It would have shamed my Grandfather for Grandmother to get a driver’s license or a part-time off farm job so she worked hard on the farm using as little money as possible- and found huge joy through sharing updates on my exciting older city Cousins who lived 3 hours away.

The farm was way behind the times under my Grandfather’s leadership, his money to the bank policy meant he was one of the very last to even own much less still use a binder and a threshing machine for the grain harvest. Hiring a combine was met with a total NO. That Summer of Envy had the need for an extra person to work the grain harvest because, I expect, my Grandfather’s health would not allow it.

I remember doing my best to convince my Dad that I could operate that binder- but I was too little and generally too wrong, in my young mind, to help and also my brothers were sidelined too. Operating a binder is a manual job that requires skill and strength. It is clear now why my Dad didn’t want his little children doing this job- but then, it just made me mad and full of jealousy of my older Cousin who could.

Cousin grew up in the shadow of her older sister that was named after my Grandmother’s sister that died young and was apparently was one of the sweetest people ever. The family name alone set my Grandmother into a tizzy of favourite adoration plus the fact she was first born grandchild.

The Summer of Envy Cousin was second born to the clear favourite of my Grandmother’s, so she grabbed up the chance to be the heroine by agreeing to be trained as the binder operator for harvest.

To start my jealousy, my Cousin had long naturally wavy hair, the colour of dark chocolate. My hair then was so straight it could have been used for a mat. Next, my Cousin had a summer home always called “At the Lake”. Cousin also had travelled to the ends of the earth, in my opinion, to the Rockies in Alberta and to Toronto, more than once. She further was an advanced student and she did everything perfect from play music to Theater, so we were told, constantly. With my mat head, I felt that summer as insignificant as an old dried up piece of cow manure.

Now, I can see why my parents and my grandparents appreciated my Cousin so much that Summer of Jealousy. She worked, every clear weather day for weeks, for free in that hot sun on that old binder. She helped unload the wagons too. She caught on near instantly as she loved to learn and she lapped up the praise that came her way, especially with the favourite sister was 3 hours away “at the Lake”. She had the noon meal under the adoring eyes of my Grandparents and a supper meal with us. Cousin controlled the supper conversation, reliving her every move that day over and over and over. She was a gifted storyteller which just made it all that much worse.

My Dad had no choice but to play the constantly amazed uncle to my Cousin as he desperately needed her help however, he was a nice person and saw others too. He realized my misery and came up with a “job” of watching the belts on the threshing machine for me. He got tiny “jobs” for my brothers too so we were all involved. Mom was kept busy in the house making up big meals for my Cousin to praise her to the moon for. The threshing machine was on the top floor of the barn and even with the doors open, it was so dusty. I kept my little brown eyes in all that dust locked on to those belts- that never once moved in a wrong place. I was so hoping a belt would break or at least fall off so I could go alert my Dad that was pitching straw with a fork in the mow. My moment of greatness never came, the threshing machine worked perfect. Cousin unloaded the wagons and again, did an excellent job much to my disgust.

Bushels of praise- and all rightfully earned to be honest looking back now- was given to my Cousin who was picked up by a proud set of parents and the favourite sister that were called from “at the Lake” when this Summer of jealousy for me was finally finished. Harvest was over so there was no opportunity for Cousin’s sister which was the real prize of the summer for Cousin.

My Grandfather passed away suddenly and my Grandmother was devastated leaving her to look for ways of coping. I understand why now but sure did not then as the Cousin reporting increased to new levels. Now, the reports were that Cousin was going to university out of province and she had met a boyfriend there landing her, with him, in a luxury condo in a major city. The boyfriend had wealthy parents so Cousin was apparently having a life of worldwide travel and corporate accomplishments.

I remember the visit day when the two Great Ones arrived. My jealousy meter was so high I nearly suffocated and that was just based on one look out a window at my wavy haired Cousin and her Boyfriend. Rich boyfriend was movie star worthy, crow black haired, tall and gorgeous on top of everything else. He wore, all brand new, denim jeans, a checkered shirt and the nicest new work boots my Dad ever saw. My Cousin came in the house and she was launching into a story of “my work here in the summer” in a loud voice to Boyfriend and my parents. I slunk upstairs- and hid.

My Dad being the nice guy was called upon to be the guide to go see the first farm Boyfriend had ever been to in his life. I spied on my Cousin from an upstairs window, I watched her wave her arms around telling stories to the Boyfriend who walked with great confidence and purpose taking in all the new sights. My Dad led them to the barn where his herd of beef cattle was just finishing up their drinking time at the water trough. Dad honestly had NO idea that anyone, especially highly educated and as worldly as Boyfriend supposedly was, would not just walk AROUND the few fresh cow manure splats in the barnyard. Dad never once thought to point out the mounds of fresh manure- and apparently Cousin did not either as the Boyfriend stepped directly into not one, but three of them in his brand new work boots on route to the barn and never even noticed.

The encounter in the barn was no better. I had a buck goat that had unusual horrible manners. What he liked to do was stand up against the front gate and then pee all over people. The buck had distance limits so we just learned to stay out of his range. My Dad warned his guests about this buck, he said after and I have no doubt my nice Dad did. Boyfriend seemed too shocked to even move when this buck started to pee all over his new jeans resulting in getting nearly soaked and him looking down at the same time to see his new boots smeared in soft, thick cow manure.

Dad went into the house to get away from them because he was a nice guy and felt so bad about all this. I was out of hiding and getting- rightfully- scolded for being rude from Mom. My Dad cut into the scolding telling us what happened at the barn. I peeked out the kitchen window at the water hose location. The sight of that attractive Boyfriend and the wavy haired brilliant Cousin with the water hose, trying to frantically scrub out buck goat pee and fresh cow manure from his brand new jeans and work boots was just too much. Next, my sweet Dad and I were both laughing so hard that we had tears pouring down our faces.

I miss my Dad.

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Best Burger Ever

Story and photo by Roslyn Watkins

Some of you may have read in the June issue that I am a huge fan of Marilyn Denis, the host of the Marilyn Denis show. I have slowly been watching the final episodes which aired at the beginning of June. (Not done yet.) One episode featured a recipe that turns your ordinary ground beef into tasting like the most expensive cut of beef on the market. I quickly called a few test subjects, I mean neighbours, and set a date for a Sunday BBQ. I was a little skeptical at first (ground dried mushrooms?) but we were all happily satisfied!



Ingredients

1 tablespoon
Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon Vegemite or Marmite
700 kg ground beef
2 tablespoons dried ground mushrooms (use a mortar and pestle or a coffee grinder)
1 teaspoon dry mustard
2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon black pepper
4 burger buns
blue cheese or your favourite burger cheese, crumbled or grated
Room temperature butter

Directions

In a small bowl, mix Worcestershire and vegemite. Set aside. In a large bowl, add the ground beef. Add the Worcestershire and vegemite blend, mushroom powder, and mustard. Mix but do not overmix. Form four beef patties. Season both sides with salt and black pepper. To Grill Preheat the grill to direct medium-high heat. Grill the burgers for about six minutes per side or until they are cooked to your desired degree of doneness. Halfway through grilling the second side, top with the cheese and close the lid to help the cheese melt. Butter the hamburger buns and toast them on the BBQ while the cheese melts. Serve with your favourite toppings and enjoy!

Soul Sisters Celebrations

Labels

I recently saw a quote that invited a reflection on the diverse perspectives and terminology used to describe a phenomenon that seems to transcend individual belief systems. The quote by an unknown source "Witches call it spells. Religious people call it prayer. Spiritualists call it manifestation. Atheists call it the placebo effect. Scientists call it quantum physics. Everyone's arguing over its name, but no one is denying its existence". I'm sure we all have varying reactions to reading that. It did invite me to ponder for some time on this concept and as such, became the topic of this month's article. While various groups and individuals may use different names for this concept, there is shared recognition of existence that is worth exploring more. Regardless of your personal beliefs, I appreciate your open mind as we just touch the surface on discussion points that were raised when reading it, shared below.

Different Names, Shared Recognition: It acknowledges that different groups and individuals assign distinct names based on their respective beliefs and practices. Religious individuals, spiritualists, atheists each have their own way of understanding and describing the underlying principle. However, despite the variation in terminology, there is a common recognition that something significant exists, a force or process that influences our experiences and reality.

Varying Terminology: There may be ongoing debates and disagreements regarding the name of this phenomenon. Different belief systems and perspectives place emphasis on specific aspects or connotations associated with their chosen terminology leading to arguments or misunderstandings, where people become preoccupied with the labels rather than focusing on the underlying shared recognition. It prompts us to consider the value of embracing diverse perspectives instead of getting caught up over names and definitions, we can acknowledge and respect the multiplicity of viewpoints. Each perspective contributes to our collective understanding and sheds light on different facets, enriching our exploration and comprehension of its nature. Amidst the debates over terminology, no one there is something powerful and transformative, an aspect of the human experience that cannot be easily dismissed or ignored. This recognition implies that it has observable effects impacting in our lives.

Unifying Beyond Labels: Regardless of the chosen terminology, focused intention, prayer, manifestation, the placebo effect have the potential to shape our experiences and reality. This unifies individuals from different belief systems, transcending the labels they may use. By shifting our focus from arguments over terminology to a deeper exploration, we can foster greater understanding, unity, and appreciation for the diverse ways in which it is conceptualized.

While the relationship between focused intention is still a subject of exploration, the power transcends cultural, religious, and scientific boundaries. It is more valuable to recognize the shared understanding of the potential of focused intention and its practical application in our lives. By exploring and harnessing this innate power, we can embark on a journey of personal growth, transformation, and self-realization. Regardless of the name you give it, the ability to consciously direct our thoughts, emotions, and desires toward positive outcomes with people that call it different things than us, remains a powerful and empowering aspect of the human experience. Regardless of your label, connect to it!

In Gratitude,

The Soul Sisters

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SOUL SISTERS CELEBRATIONS

Ray Robertson one of seven inductees into the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame

Story and photo provided by The Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame Association

Ray Robertson is a recognized and highly regarded champion of forage production in Canada. A former dairy farmer and extension specialist, Robertson developed Grey Agricultural Services Centre to provide fee-for-service extension programs. His leadership saw the development of the Canadian Forage and Grasslands Association, building a national vision, international markets, and research and development for Canadian hay. He was inducted into the Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame on June 11, 2023. Ray Robertson lives in Markdale, ON and was nominated by Joan McKinlay. The 2023 induction ceremony will be held on Saturday, November 4 in Charlottetown, PEI. The Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame Association (CAHFA) honours and celebrates Canadians for outstanding contributions to the agriculture and food industry. Portraits are on display in the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame Gallery located at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. The CAHFA also publicizes the importance of inductee achievements to Canada. The Association was organized in 1960 and is administered by a 12-person volunteer Board of Directors residing in regions across Canada. www.cahfa.com



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