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# **AG**calendar

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.

#### November 3rd - 12th: The Royal Agricultural Fair

The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair takes place every November in the City of Toronto. Come celebrate the best in agriculture, local food, and equestrian competitions from across the country. More information can be found at www.royalfair.org

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

The advertising and news deadline for the **December** issue of Farm View is **Tuesday**, **November 14th**. *Don't forget to book your Holiday greeting ad*!

#### November 18th: Farmer Wellness Program

Flos Agricultural Society is proud to support the Agricultural Wellness Initiative and will be hosting a local 'In the Know' event on **Saturday, November 18th from 10 am - 3 pm** at the Lion's Club 1979 Flos Road 7 West, Elmvale. Details to register are on pages 14 and 18.

#### November 21st: Feeding the Human Spirit

The "Feeding the Human Spirit – Celebrating the Legacy of Dr. Tim Henshaw" event will be held **Tuesday, November 21, 2023**, at the Nottawasaga Inn, Alliston, Ont. Doors open, and socializing begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by a brief program set for 7:30 p.m. More information in the article on this page.

December 5th - 7th: Forage Focus Webinar

Ontario Forage Council is pleased to present the Free Forage Focus webinar series again in 2023! The theme for the 2023 Forage Focus webinar series is "The Value of Forage." This year's webinars will take place from noon until 1:00pm Eastern time on December 5th, 6th, and 7th.

More details at: https://onforagenetwork.ca/ontarioforage-council/forage-focus/

# Agricultural Anecdotes Farmer Tim

It's amazing how the people that you meet growing up help shape you into who you are today.

I was going through a box of old books last week and I came across my copy of Only a Farm Boy by Frank V Webster. It's a novel about a boy who grew up, moved away from the farm and became very successful. He was no longer "just a farm boy." It was given to me by one of my favourite public-school teachers with the hopes that I would aspire to become someone more - not "just a farm boy." She meant no wrong by it because as a teacher it was her job to challenge me and I was one of her star pupils. Throughout life, I've struggled with who I am. I'm an academic at heart with a thirst for knowledge and a desire to teach, but I also have a very close relationship with the land. The blood of generations of farmers before me pulses through my veins.

To make a long story short I'll always be a farm boy, but I've learned that farming can take you farther than you can ever imagine. Agriculture is changing rapidly with technology and innovation so there is no end to learning new things. I've fulfilled my desire to teach not only through my blog, but with school tours of our farm and with student volunteers. Farming is a job to be proud of. It's a big responsibility to be one of the few who feed the many. I'm thankful to my public-school teacher for pushing me to be more and helping me realize that you don't have to leave the farm to be successful. It isn't so bad being "only a farm boy." Always be proud of who you are.

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

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



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## Feeding the Human Spirit – Celebrating the Legacy of Dr. Tim Henshaw

EastGen is hosting an event to celebrate the legacy of the late Dr. Tim Henshaw.

A skilled veterinarian, educator and communicator, Dr. Tim was highly respected for his integrity and was widely known in the agricultural industry and beyond as a leader, mentor, and someone who inspired youth to challenge themselves. In addition, he was highly supportive of people throughout his community and beyond and recognized for his giving of self and generosity of spirit.

The "Feeding the Human Spirit – Celebrating the Legacy of Dr. Tim Henshaw" event will be held Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at the Nottawasaga Inn, Alliston, Ont. Doors open, and socializing begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by a brief program set for 7:30 p.m.

To pay tribute to Dr. Tim, EastGen created the Feeding the Human Spirit Leadership Award to recognize a leader/mentor of agricultural youth who emulates the qualities of Dr. Tim. The Award will be presented for the first time at the November 21st event. Nominations for the award were due October 20th.

In addition to the tribute to Dr. Tim and the Leadership Award presentation, fundraising will be available to support three charities, 4-H Ontario, Farm & Food Care Ontario, and the Elmvale & District Food Bank, who were selected by Tim's wife Jane. A donations page is available now for those wishing to pay tribute to Dr. Tim and support these three charities. An online auction has also been organized and will conclude while the Feeding the Human Spirit Event takes place on November 21st. Link for both the donation auction and page are https://silentauctionbiz.com/auctions/eastgen/. The funds raised from the online auction and donations will be divided equally between 4-H Ontario, Farm & Food Care Ontario, and the Elmvale & District Food Bank. Please support these worthy charities and pay tribute to the legacy of Dr. Tim Henshaw.

Tickets for the event are \$25 per person and are available now until the deadline of Friday, Nov.17th via Eventbrite (pre-purchase only, no tickets available at the door). To order, follow this link: https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/feeding-the-human-spirit-celebrating-the-legacy-of-dr-timhenshaw-tickets-730711235977?aff=oddtdtcreator.

# Plant trees with NVCA next spring

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) is searching for landowners looking to plant trees in the spring of 2024. Each year, NVCA's forestry program plants around 100,000 trees for property owners in the Nottawasaga Watershed who want to convert their land into forests.

"In the early 1900s, as settlers established communities in the Nottawasaga Watershed, they started to clear land for farming, but the topsoil quickly eroded and sand underneath was exposed," said Rick Grillmayer, Manager of Forestry at NVCA. "Between the 1960s and early 1990s, the Province of Ontario planted millions of trees to restore our forests. Fast forward to today, NVCA is the only organization in the watershed that offers professional tree planting services."

NVCA has a minimum requirement of 1 hectare or approximately 2 acres of planting space. All properties must be located in the Nottawasaga Watershed, landowners can use NVCA's Interactive Data Viewer to determine where their property is located.

Thanks to funding support from Forest Ontario's 50 Million Trees Program, the Simcoe County Tree Planting Program, and the Town of New Tecumseth Tree Planting Program, landowners may be eligible for grants for tree planting. Grant availability depends on property size and location and range between 60-88% of tree planting costs for 2024.

Properties over 4.45 hectares or 11 acres in size may be eligible for the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program.

If you are interested in planting trees with NVCA, please contact Rick Grillmayer at rgrillmayer@nvca.on.ca or (705) 424-1479 x230. For more information on NVCA's tree planting program, landowners can visit the NVCA website for additional details https://www.nvca.on.ca

# **Meet the Farmer Sweet Passion: Beamish Honey**

Kevin and Kathy Beamish spend their days engaged in sweet endeavors. As their company Beamish Honey has grown in success with each passing year, bees and the honey they produce have taken on an increasing prominence in their lives. What was once a hobby is now a thriving craft business the amiable couple takes immense pride in.

Kevin & Kathy Beamish

"Making honey is almost an artform," explains Kathy. "Kevin won't admit it, but he's become a real artist. His honey won third place at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair."

The journey to artistry and thriving business took a long road two decades long.

"I began beekeeping twenty years ago, in 2005, as an educational tool when my wife and I were homeschooling our children. I built an observational hive so that my children would understand how a hive operated and observe bees at work," Kevin explains. "The kids lost interest, but I didn't. I was hooked."

Kevin taught himself beekeeping from books, topped up by YouTube, and learned as he went. "Ninety percent of beekeeping is learning from experience, trial and error," Kevin says. As his knowledge of beekeeping grew so too did his appreciation for bees and their importance to the natural order. He began to appreciate how vital they are to a healthy eco-system, and how delicate their lives are.

Story by Andrew Hind, photos provided by Beamish Honey

"A beehive is a fragile community and what I discovered to be the greatest challenge in beekeeping is keeping the hive alive over the winter," Kevin explains. "Winters with temperatures that

> fluctuate widely are hard on bees and lead to death. Similarly, mites can also devastate a beehive."

Kevin takes precautions to mitigate the risk. Efforts begin with having young, strong queens of less than two years of age, ensuring the genetics of the bees are robust. He also takes pains to treat mites. Finally, its important to be certain there is lots of food stored within the hive for the winter. "If I have survival rate of 75%, I am ecstatic," he explains.

For more than a decade, beekeeping was a passion hobby for Kevin. About seven years ago, as he began planning for retirement from his career as a firefighter, Kevin and Kathy sat down together to contemplate transforming the hobby into a real business. They took the plunge and formed Beamish Honey.

But even as production was scaled up (currently 80 hives on four farms in Horseshoe Valley and Oro-Medonte) Kevin took pains to ensure quality never suffered. "Unlike many producers I extract the honey manually, spinning the frames six at a time by hand," Kevin explains. "This process means the honey is high quality and as natural as possible." Additionally, the honey produced by

Beamish Honey is never heated and left unfiltered.

As Kevin and Kathy scaled up Beamish Honey, they began considering other products that they could market to make the most of the hives and their efforts in caring for them.

"It took a while, but we found some product lines that have been successful for us," Kathy explains. "We have beeswax fire starters, handcrafted beeswax candles pressed with flowers from our garden and area woodlands, beeswax wraps (an eco-friendly alternative to plastic wrap or foil), and bath salts."

Kathy takes great pride in her creamed honey. There are currently seven flavours, including salted maple, lavender, and cinnamon. "Honey has a different taste based on where the bees have been and what they have been feeding on. For example, the honey from our bees whose hives are on a lavender farm has a hint of lavender. When I cream the honey, I infuse it as well to enhance the natural flavours," she explains.

Beamish Honey products are sold from a variety of carefully curated stores across the region ("we want our retail partners to reflect our values and our brand, so the stores all focus on handcrafted items," says Kathy), at local markets, and through direct web sales. Sales have increased with each passing year as consumers have embraced locally sourced, artisanal, craft items honey included.

Producing 5500lbs of honey, Beamish Honey is nearing the capacity of what the couple can manage: they want the company and its products to get better, not bigger.

"Beekeeping began as a passion and that has been the key to our success," Kevin says. "We

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by Aunt Hazel

Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

\_\_\_\_\_ The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

don't want that to change."







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Over the past month I

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tion of Metroland's local

community print publica-

tions. Most comments were

of disappointment in losing

your local news source

where you have counted on

finding out what is happen-

ing in your community. My

distribution is vast, covering

a good portion of Central

and North Ontario, I'm not

able to fill the gap of the lo-

cal papers but will certainly



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try to include more local news and reports happening in your town or community. If you hear of something going on in the agricultural community that you'd like to share, please don't hesitate to contact me. I will try my best to provide coverage and/or news space for submissions.

During the production of the November issue I received information about the upcoming fundraiser honouring a dear friend to almost all of you, Dr. Tim Henshaw. The details of this are on page 2. I can't think of a better way to honour Tim's spirit of compassion and kindness and look forward to seeing you there.

This issue welcomes friend and new advertiser Carolyn J Morris. Many of you know her and have enjoyed reading her beautiful stories of rural farm life. This issue also introduces new advertisers McClean Ag Inc and Somerville Nurseries. As well as the travel agency, Murdoch Travel. An interview with Jeff Clark from Murdoch Travel is featured on the new travel page. If you are fortunate to be making travel plans, contact Jeff and his team for excellent and thorough service. Whether you are making plans to travel or enjoy the fall colours closer to home, I wish you all the best for the month ahead.

Take care of yourselves and one another, Roslyn Watkins

#### On the Cover

The front cover photograph features what is possibly the oldest farm house still standing in Ontario. It was built in 1808 in the Georgian style and is on a parcel of land owned by Black Creek Pioneer Village. Beside the house



is a Golden Pippin apple tree that is over 200 years old and continues to bear plenty of fruit. Golden Pippin was first recorded as a variety in 1629. It was developed in Sussex County, United Kingdom, and came to be widely grown in gardens and markets. -Photo and description by Don Beaulieu

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#### **City of Barrie's Pumpkin Patch delivers** National Winner of the Annual Pumpkin **Growing Contest**

The growing prowess of the compost team @ the City of Barrie has been officially declared as the national winner of this year's COMPOST'S GIANTS - the Annual Pumpkin Growing Contest of the Compost Council of Canada. The 375.5 pound golden beauty was lovingly tended by the City's organics recycling staff, nurtured with the bounty of compost created from the residential organic residuals collection program. Now a multiple year award winner, The City of Barrie will receive \$500 in prize monies to be donated to a local community gardening initiative.

"Bravo to the City of Barrie and all their residents for their winning commitment to organics recycling and great quality compost, delivering great rewards in so many ways



from fighting climate change and creating valuable organic matter for the health of our soils to supporting cleaner water, wiser use of natural resources and biodiversity protection," said Susan Antler, Executive Director, The Compost Council of Canada. "And hearty congratulations to every Canadian who recycles organics – whether at home, work or play – all true winners for our environment, healthy soil and our commitment to a greener, healthier future."

A big round of applause is also extended to the City of Brandon's CQA compost which was used to nurture their 283.5 pound golden globe in the Council's friendly-but-competitive-and-fun competition, branding them the leading entry from Western Canada.

#### 2023 Elmvale Fall Fair Roadside Decorating Contest

Last month while delivering the October issue of Farm View I happened by this scene located at Meadowbrook Farm, also known by the store name The Granary, in Tiny Township.



Tammy Boker had arranged the display as part of the 2023 Elmvale Fall Fair Roadside Decorating Contest. Tammy said she was inspired by Dr. Tim Henshaw and created the display in dedication to him. In a recent conversation she stated "His absence has left a huge hole in our community."

-Story and photo by Roslyn Watkins



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# What's in a name... Dalziel Pioneer Park to Black Creek Pioneer Village to The Village at Black Creek

On one of the warm autumn evenings we enjoyed last month, a group of curious people, all interested in our pioneer history, enjoyed an insight into early white settlers, farming and family life in our area.

There is a piece of land, just north of Steele's Avenue West in Toronto, kitty-corner to what we know as Black Creek Pioneer Village. This plot of land is referred to as the north property of Black Creek Pioneer Village and is in fact where the popular historical village as we know it, got its start.

On an 1878 map of the Township of Vaughan, the property in question, Lot 1, Concession 5, is in the name of James Dalziel. Black Creek flows through the property, a pond a saw mill and a house are indicated. Today, surrounded by industry, housing, roads, a rail line and from above by airplanes, it contains five historically significant buildings.

What may be the oldest barn in Ontario was built by the

Dalziel family in 1809. It stands to this day and is key to the beginnings of Black Creek Pioneer Village.

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) opened the Dalziel Pioneer Park in 1957 to preserve the barn for future generations and to tell the story of Toronto's pioneering roots. The barn featured a log cabin exhibit and for a time, a toy museum.

During the success of Dalziel Pioneer Park, an adjacent farm became available. This too was purchased by the TRCA to recreate a 19th century village around the property's remaining five pioneer structures: The Dalziel Barn (1809); a two-story log house constructed in 1808, a brick home (1870), the Nesbitt Sawmill (1889) and Sawyer's House (1835).

Some of these buildings had the site in the 1970s and remain in much the same condition as they arrived.

Dalziel Pioneer Park came to an end in the 1980s as focus turned to the currently popular living museum, Black Creek Pioneer Village, south-east of the Dalziel property.

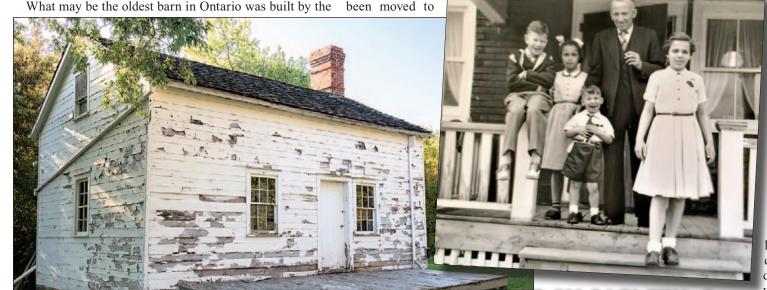
The original five old buildings remain. They are maintained structurally, but remain closed to the public and have not been renovated as the buildings we are used to seeing at the Village. Many television shows and movies have used this location, providing an income to help maintain the buildings and in some cases, directly helping with their upkeep and safety, in return for their use.

There is a master plan in place for these first five buildings and the north property of Black Creek Pioneer Village. The master plan is intended to promote "...the respectful resto-

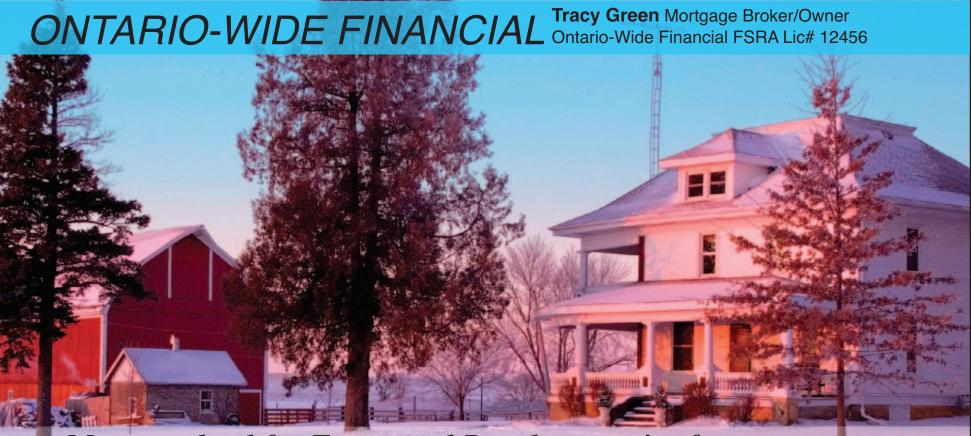
ration of the heritage buildings and landscapes contained within the site in order to accommodate a range of programs [sic], both permanent and temporary, that celebrate agriculture and cultural heritage. ...envisions the restoration and environment of the Black Creek corridor and an important initiative for terrestrial and aquatic habitat enhancement."

There is also a move to have Black Creek Pioneer Village lands designated a National Historic Site. This would "elevate the prominence of the site and gain recognition for the Dalziel barn as a significant structure in the context of Canada and North America".

The name of Black Creek Pioneer Village is soon to become a victim of political correctness. The word *pioneer* has been deemed incorrect, therefore the moniker will become The Village at Black Creek. Pioneer is being erased and replaced in literature and presentations moving forward, as it is seen as insensitive to indigenous peoples.



Pictured here is Sawyer's house, moved to the Dalziel Pioneer Park property from Edgley in the 1980s. Originally built in 1835 it is a "typical worker's cottage". Inset photograph from 1956 or '57 shows a family standing on the porch at its original location. Artist Murray Van Halem is the happy boy in the picture, with his father Marius Van Halem & sisters Trudy (left) & Margaret. The boy on the post is unknown.



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# Historical buildings at the former Dalziel Pioneer Park in Vaughan



The yellow house (above) was built in 1808 by John Schmidt and subsequently became the home of John Dalziel. It was relocated here on the northern property in 1883.

The property of 200 acres was originally granted to a local military man turned tavern owner, John McDougall in 1801. He sold it to Schmidt who came up from Pennsylvania in 1808. At that time the property was valued at 100 pounds, about half a year's wages.

During the time the Dalziel Pioneer Park was active, a woman named Helen lived in the house. She offered carriage rides from the Dalziel barn to her house next door, where she had her fruits and vegetables for sale in the front yard.

This house predates most historic landmarks in southern Ontario as does the Dalziel cantilever barn, pictured to the right. The barn was built in 1809 and may be the oldest barn in captivity in Canada. It is a prized possession, being 214 years old and in very good condition.

Most of the buildings on the Dalziel Pioneer Park property were occupied into the late 1990s or early 2000s.





Above is the historical John Dalziel house built in 1870 in this location. The summer kitchen (far end in this image) still has the original cooking hearth.

A family burial plot can be found not far from this larger brick home. All these buildings will be receiving loving care in the near future including the Nesbitt steam-powered saw mill built in 1889 (not pictured) in Uxbridge, Ontario. It was dismantled and rebuilt on this property.

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# Trespassing, know your rights

Trespassing doesn't have

a season. It is a year long

event that occurs on the reg-

ular basis. For farmers, it is

a constant source of frustra-

tion. Whether hikers, bikers,

off road vehicles or passen-

ger vehicles there is usually

damages and concerns re-

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sion of the owner is trespass-

ing. Persons that do not leave

the property when asked can

be found guilty of an offense

under the Trespass to Prop-

Anyone that enters private

garding biosecurity.



By Leah Emms OFA Member Services Rep. 1-866-660-5511 Leah.Emms@ofa.on.ca

erty Act. In several acts, legal property owners and their tenants are referred to as the "oc-cupier."

Did you know that farmland doesn't require a sign to be posted? Here is the specific wording from the Trespass to Property Act.

Entry on premises my be prohibited by notice to that effect & entry is prohibited without any notice on premises, a) That is a garden, field or other land that is under cultivation, including a lawn, orchard, vineyard, and premises on which trees have been planted and have not attained an average height of more than two metres and woodlots on land used primarily for agricultural purposes;

b) That is enclosed in a manner that indicates the occupier's intention to keep persons off the premises or to keep animals on the premises.

Words to remember: Entry is prohibited without notice. The Occupiers' Liability Act, states trespassers are deemed to have willingly assumed all risks when they trespass. Your responsibilities as a property owner are to not create hazards or set harmful traps to catch trespassers. As an example, an abandoned well that has not been properly decommissioned may be considered a hazard. Do your due diligence and protect yourself from nuisance lawsuits.

Another important piece of legislation regarding trespassing is the Off-Road Vehicle Act. Here at OFA, we receive many reports each year from our members about UTV's, dirt bikes, and snowmobiles trespassing. Here are few important details from this act to remember.

• Every driver of an off-road vehicle shall carry the required

permit. Exception is if you are the driver & the occupier of the lands.

• Off-road vehicles must be insured under a motor vehicle liability policy. The Act states that "No owner shall permit it to be driven unless insured.

• Drivers of off-road vehicles that are not the owner of the vehicle are liable for damages and or injury due to the operation of the off-road vehicle with the consent of the owner, the owner of the off-road vehicle is jointly liable too.

As an owner or occupier (tenant) of land, you may stop any person driving an off-road vehicle. Every person stopped shall, when requested identify himself by providing their name and address. Along this same vein, the Trespass to Property Act gives occupiers (owners & tenants) the authority to arrest. But this comes with some extra responsibilities. Be very careful with using physical force to arrest and detain a person because once you arrest them you have no authority to release them. You must hold them until the police arrive. If you decide to detain a trespasser, please use extreme caution, and only consider this action in rare cases.

Lately, I have heard from several members that police have charged trespassers with mischief. Mischief means that the person intended to interfere or cause damage to property that did not belong to them. Police have a window of up to six months to lay the charges. Mischief charges are an indictable offense and if convicted a prison sentence can range from 2-25 years in prison.

We hear that our members call the police to report trespassing, but the police are unable to attend the location of the offence. We want to encourage members to call, and report trespassing and create a record of the incident. Take pictures and document as much information as possible. In some cases, the trespasser has taken photos or videos of themselves and posted them on a social media platform. If you see these posts, try to capture them in a screen shot as the culprit may remove the post.

OFA offers our members a limited amount of free No Trespassing signs. Contact me if you would like a couple for your farm property.

For additional information visit the OFA website and be sure that you have signed up for your Members Only Account with access to additional resources. Contact Member Relations to obtain your Members Only password.

As we approach Remembrance Day, take time that day to reflect on the sacrifices made for our freedoms. Lest we forget.



# Elmvale Fall Fair/Flos Agriculture Society award winners

Ambassador Contest: Winner: Hope Graham 1st Runner-up: Olivia Northrup 2nd Runner-up: Alexi Seili Jr. Ambassador Contest: Winner: Jenna Coughlin Best Rural Display: Winner: Steve & Nicole Nahuis 2nd : Kylie & Alicia Spence 3rd TIE - Amy Spence & Marlene Lambie **Residential Decorating Contest:** Winner: Karen Locke & Brian Lambie 2nd Darlene McLean 3rd: Sherree Buchanan **Business Decorating Contest:** Winner: BounceBack Physio 2nd: Four Corner Tea Room 3rd : Waterbed Gallery Merit: Steeler's Junior Fair: Most points Classes 1 - 56: Molly Wiens Most points Classes 57 - 121: Annie Stroud Most points classes 171 - 223: Addison Cline Elementary Student accumulating most points Winner: Molly Wiens 2nd place : Allie Wiens Hon Mention: Adison Cline **Junior Pedal Tractor Pull** Class 1 winner: Alex Auger Class 2 winner: Ryan Spring Class 3 winner: Tave Cobbett Class 4 winner: Gunner Ververs **Bicycle Draw:** (Donated by Elmvale & District Maple Syrup Committee) Winner: Calvin Parnell Sheep Show Overall Grand Champion Ram Winner: Lauren Cowan, Innisfil Overall Grand Champion Ewe Winner: Olivia Schlosser, Hanover Champion Market Lambs Winner: Mary Robertson, Phelpston Overall Grand Champion Breeder's Flock & Get of Sire Winner: Lauren Cowan Top Youth Showperson: Junior - Lauren Cowan Senior - Olivia Schlosser Things From the Past: Best Antique entry: David Archer - Historical plate 4-H Achievement Day Beef Club Champion Calf: Amber Montgomery Champion Yearling: Faith Walker Champion Showperson: Faith Walker

Elmvale Dairy Club: Grand Champion Animal: Cameron Robertson Reserve Grand Champion: Beth Robinson Champion Showperson: Sydney Robinson Res Champion Showperson: Cameron Robertson Overall Grand Champion Showperson : Faith Walker, **Elmvale Beef** Reserve Grand Champion Showperson : Sydney Robnson, **Domestic Science:** Exhibitor winning the most points in the Domestic Science Section, sponsored by PineRitch Fur farm Ltd Winner : Peggy French Handcrafts: Elaine Parnell Memorial Quilt of the Fair,: Winner: Sandra Upton **Bea Lambie Memorial Quilt** Winner: Marilyn Buie Exhibitor, most points in the Handcraft Section Ricky Hummelink Memorial: Winner: Linda Marchant Grain & Forage Exhibitor with the highest points-\$100 Gift Cert from Holmes Agro: Winner: Aaron Martin Field & Garden Produce Exhibitor, the highest points Winner: Linda Marchant Beef Show OVERALL CHAMPIONS: Grand Champion Bull & Grand Champion Female: Winner: Medonte Highlands Grand Champion Breeder's Herd: Winner: John Vancise Grand Champion Get-of-Sire: Winner: Medonte Highlands Jacob Martin memorial Banner: Best Cow-calf pair -British breeds Winner: William McNiven Dairv Show: Class 15: Holsteins Champion Jr Female : Grace Finch Reserve Jr Female: Robins Holsteins Champion Sr Female: Arway Farms Reserve Champion Sr Female: Robins Holsteins Best Udder & Best Herd: Arway Farms Exhibitors' Sweepstakes; \$100 cash Winner: Arway Farms **Parade Winners:** Church: Elmvale Presbyterian Church Community Entry: Neighbour Farmers & Friends Family entry: McLaughlin Farms Heavy Horse Show: Best Horse on the Grounds: Kent Bruce - Percheron Best Team : Kent Bruce

Article and photos by Flos Agricultural Society and Don Beaulieu





Above we see John Vancise of Vancise Cattle Company Inc. getting a red Angus into shape for the show ring.

Organizers appreciate the exhibitors—the fair would have nothing to showcase without them. Generous sponsors allow the Elmvale Fall Fair to offer all of the events for a modest admission price. The fair board also offers a huge "Thank you" to the fair-goers.

2023 Elmvale Fall Fair Junior Ambassador Jenna Coughlin and Senior Ambassador Hope Graham.

One of the signature events that the fair board are proud of is the Friday parade featuring about 2000 elementary and secondary students, from at least 7 area schools, marching to the fair grounds and participating in the opening ceremonies. Although Friday afternoon activities were delayed  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour or so, there were lots of events for everyone to enjoy. Junior pedal tractor pull,

baby show, 4-H and sheep competitions, dog agility demonstrations by the Red Barn Event Centre of Thornton, escape room and games organized by the junior board of directors and an arena full of over 40 vendor and information booths plus all of the exhibitors' entries.

The fair ambassadors were kept busy. A small animal display, antique and modified tractor pulls and a new "Kid's Zone" featuring free children's activities and information were enjoyed on both Friday and Saturday. Stage entertainment included music from such local talents as Dayna Reid, Emma Reynolds, the E.D.H.S. vocal and instrumental groups, H.C.E.S. choir and North of 93.

After the noon Parade of Color, Saturday featured beef, dairy & heavy horse shows, a motorcycle stunt show and an extrication demo by the local fire department. None of it would be possible without the year-long planning by a community of dedicated volunteers.

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Bessie is a big, beautiful, female Caucasian Shepherd who is approx. 1+ years old. She has been in a local shelter for almost 10 months now while she waits for her new family. Bessie is good with dogs, but we are not sure about cats or livestock. She really loves her handlers at the shelter and is the sweetest girl. If you have lots of love, a nice big yard and can give Bessie a home, please contact the Caledon Animal Shelter at animal.services@caledon.ca

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# Tips for today's travellers from Murdoch Travel

#### Story by Roslyn Watkins

I feel that I was bitten by the travel bug at a very early age. My parents took my sister and I on many road trips as we were growing up. Whether it was camping in Ontario or driving through the States and sightseeing until we reached our destination. This tradition continued for my husband and I with our three children from a very young age. We enjoyed many vacations with my sister's family and my parents and have a had a few trips with just the five of us. Our first big family trip of the 5 n's was just this past winter. Being my first time booking an all inclusive and needing flights and transportation, I was feeling pretty overwhelmed. One day my husband, Shawn, and I stopped into Murdoch Travel just to get some ideas. We were immediately taken with the humour and candor of owner, Jeff Clark, and asked for his help and expertise to find the right family vacation that was affordable to us. Within a few weeks we were booked for our trip to the Dominican. All questions answered and stress avoided! When I had the brainstorm to create a new travel feature page in the Farm View, the first person I thought of was Jeff. He recently helped me book a four night cruise for Shawn and I, details on that in an upcoming issue, and afterwards we had some time to ask questions and get to know more about Murdoch Travel.

FV: I made the assumption the previous owner was your father but you and Doug were not related. Did Doug have a favourite destination?

MT: That's correct, Doug and I were actually not related, although EVERYONE assumed we were. We stopped correcting people after a while. Haha. Doug's second home was Scotland. He talked about it all the time. After he passed, I was able to go there and during a visit to Loch Ness, it just hit me how happy he would have been with me being there, then I started bawling, in the gift shop.

FV: Did you always know you were going to go into the travel business or did another career catch your attention first?

MT: Right out of high school I started in travel. I had done a co op in a travel agency during high school. My boss called and offered me a job when one of his employees left on maternity leave. I have being doing this since 2002. Murdoch Travel has been around since 1989. I bought the business in 2017 after Doug passed away.

FV: How did you handle covid? Were you worried at that time?

MT: I sure was, but with the government supports for business, we were able to hold on. Now we are thriving with the backlog of vacations.

FV: Name the top destinations or recommendations for

a) Best affordable young family vacation

MT: The Dominican Republic and specifically the Dreams Macao comes to mind any time someone is looking for an all inclusive vacation with a family. They have a water park for the big kids and one for the little kids.

b) Cheapest getaway from it all spur of the moment vacation

MT: You really do get what you pay for in travel, but Cuba is generally the cheapest destination. The food issues are still a concern and even more so than before COVID.

c) If money was no objection vacation

MT: Space? We can sell trips to space. Seriously. If you are looking at all inclusive, there are some really nice spots in Turks and Caicos and St Lucia. If price were certainly no objection, I would argue something like an African Safari, or diving the Great Barrier Reef. How about an over the water bungalow in Bora Bora.

FV: Where is your personal favourite place to visit?

MT: My favorite resort I have been to is the Secrets Akumal in Riviera Maya Mexico, but Iceland was amazing. Like being on the moon. For cruising, Virgin Voyages is my new fav. The adult only atmosphere as well as the welcoming and fun vibe, make it my personal favourite.

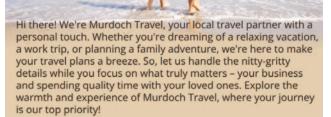
FV: Any upcoming trends for vacationers?

MT: People are spending more, which is making the prices higher than normal. People are spending their kids inheritances on vacations, but bringing the whole family with them. Generational travel has exploded since COVID.

FV: Favourite bit of advise to offer travellers?

MT: That would depend on the type of trip and where they go, but a good piece of advise for everyone is to be respectful. Don't do things like cutting in line. Just because you can smoke here, doesn't mean you should. Don't blast your music in the quiet area of the pool. Tip the people that help you, often their livelihood depends on it. Use common sense.

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## Travel the world through your senses

#### Recipe and photo by Roslyn Watkins

Choose a country you have always been curious about. Select a meal you would enjoy making with cuisine that represents that country. You can always purchase a few ready made components to round out the meal plan. Create a playlist with music from your chosen destination, decorate the table or room in a way to represent the culture and you are all set for a culinary adventure!

For my 'getaway' recipe I chose Italy, no surprise there! This recipe really appealed to me not just for the mouth watering flavours but also because it contains so many ingredients of our late fall harvest. We were the lucky recipients of homemade tomato and basil sauce (enough for a meal of arancini rice balls and this recipe. Thank you Susan and Joe.) Which I combined with gifted ground beef from the Gilroy's Farm (thank you Will and Brittany!) I used this sauce for the spagetti to accompany the eggplant parmigiana. Paired it with peppers and zucchini from my garden as well as mushrooms. You could complete this meal with a traditional Italian dessert such as a panna cotta or zabaglione.

Buon appetito!

#### **Eggplant Parmigiana**

1 large eggplant, sliced 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt, plus more 1/3 cup all-purpose flour 2 large eggs 1 ounce Parmesan (grated) 1 cup panko 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper 1/2 teaspoon dried



powder 1/2 teaspoon hot paprika

1/2 teaspoon onion powder

1/3 cup canola oil

1/2 teaspoon garlic

oregano

1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil

Marinate the eggplant slices for 30 to 60 mins in a large shallow dish with enough milk to just cover them. This will remove the bitter flavour and ensure you have the pillowiest texture.

Place the flour in a shallow bowl or rimmed plate; season with a pinch of salt. In a second shallow bowl, season the eggs with a pinch of salt and whisk with a fork until smooth. In a third bowl whisk the Parmesan, panko, black pepper, oregano, garlic powder, paprika, onion powder, and 1/4 teaspoon salt.

In a large cast-iron skillet, combine the oils and heat over medium-high heat.

While the oil is heating up, bread the eggplant slices: Dry each one with a paper or kitchen towel. Dredge both sides in the flour, then the egg, then the seasoned panko. Transfer to a separate plate.

To test if the oil is hot enough, add a panko crumb to the pan. It should immediately sizzle-not sink to the bottom or burn. When it's hot enough, add a couple breaded eggplant slices (don't overcrowd or they won't brown properly). Cook for 2 to 3 minutes per side, until deeply golden brown.

Transfer the just-fried eggplant to a paper towel-lined plate to sop up any extra grease, then transfer to a large rimmed baking sheet. Top with your favourite tomato sauce and desired amount of mozzarella cheese. Broil for approx. 5 to 10 mins, until cheese is brown and bubbly. Serve with spagetti, sauteed vegetables, crusty bread.

I found this playlist on YouTube: The Best Italian Songs of all Times, pour a glass of Valpolicella and immerse yourself in the Italian culture!

# Gotcha Goat by Carolyn j Morris Illustrated by Richard McNaughton

Review by Farmer Leslie, Forsythe Family Farms 2009 Inc.

Uh oh! Goats – they're mischievous, curious, and play-ful!

Follow the adventures of Gotcha Goat as she expands her boundaries to the other side of the fence and explores her world beyond. Is the grass greener on the other side? A definite yes for Gotcha Goat.

Carolyn j Morris draws the readers in as they follow Devon and Taylor outside, chasing and playing with Gotcha Goat. Trouble begins when they follow her further afield and she runs faster and faster through the sunflower patch

curious, and play- eluding capture.

Uh oh! How are they going to solve this problem? As usual country kids figure out a solution.

Gotcha Goat is a fun read for older children but is also a great read-along book for younger children as the words are playful with some repetition. Who wouldn't want to be in Devon and Taylor's shoes - what fun they had!

The story could also be used to invite students in grades 1-3 to do a story of their own using the facts and vocabulary found at the back of the book.

Gotcha Goat connects you with the country as you learn about the joys and challenges of raising goats.

Railfence Books was established in 2011, with a vision to bring wholesome books to all generations. Carolyn j Morris writes stories that show respect for rural living and farm life. She shares her country roots through visits to Seniors Residences, with her baby chicks and ducklings (in springtime) and various speaking engagements. In the fall, you can find her at many fall fairs including the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair (Booth #4014).

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at the Royal Winter Fair.



Author Carolyn J Morris is pictured above reading Gotcha Goat, one of her many stories, to an enthralled audience.



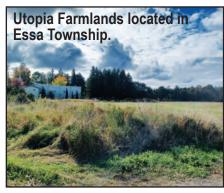


# Soil Health presented by Susan Antler, Compost Council of Canada

#### Story and photo by Roslyn Watkins

Susan Antler was the guest speaker at the September meeting of the Essa Historical Society (EHS). Susan Antler is a founding member and Executive Director of The Compost Council of Canada, which was formed in 1991. The Compost Council of Canada is a national non-profit that works with similar organizations across the world. In the beginning discussion and efforts were focused on diverting materials from landfill sites through recycling. While that is still a concern, composting and soil health is what they concentrate on now. After a warm welcome and introduction by EHS President, John Beischer, Antler began her talk by stating "compost materials are the life source of soil."

Antler turned our attention to the farm field, named Utopia Farmland, outside the windows of the hall where we were gathered. The 46 acre field next to the Utopia Hall in Essa Township has been granted use as a teaching/learning field. This land has been made available by the Scott and Lynn Dobson family. These 46 acres had been conventionally farmed for 40 years. Before the farmland was donated for soil health learning, the soil had reached the end of its potential, no longer containing the nutrients required to continue growing crops. Now it is being tested,



studied and documented to see what it takes and how long it takes to repair the soil for regenerative farming. The property is split into seven strips, one control strip and the remaining six strips are subjected to different compost such as compost tea, coating the seeds prior to planting and using digestate.

One of the simplist tests performed to judge the health of soil is to dig holes and count the earthworms that are present. One shovelful should contain 6-10 worms. When The Compost Council of Canada began studying the soil here, this test resulted in five worms in the 21 test plots. The second year they counted 55. The seagulls also returned in the second year. The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) planted 26 trees and added pollinator gardens along the perimeter of the Utopia Farmland. Antler stated "It takes time to heal the soil. It is not an overnight process." Antler continued on saying "Engage the soil as the greatest ally to fight climate change. Transition from conventional to regenerative farming is tough. Farmers need the right equipment for regenerative farming and the Council believes they should be compensated for it as they are helping the world not just themselves."







## **Soul Sisters Celebrations**

**Remembrance Day: A Spiritual Reflection on** As Remembrance Day approaches this year, I am reminded not only of the heroes who have served our nation but also of the spiritual and religious underpinnings that unite us in our quest for a more connected and peaceful world, particularly in the face of present-day global unrest. Remembrance Day is a day to honor the men and women who have served in the Canadian Armed Forces, and those who continue to do so. From the sacrifices made during the World Wars to the peacekeeping missions across the globe, Remembrance Day symbolizes our collective commitment to peace, freedom, and the greater good of humanity.

I understand that spirituality, often considered a deeply personal and individual experience, transcends the boundaries of religious denominations and faiths. It is rooted in the desire to connect with something greater than us, to seek meaning and purpose in life, and to find solace in moments of reflection. As Canadians gather at cenotaphs, war memorials, and ceremonies across the country, they engage in acts of collective reflection, remembrance, and gratitude. The solemnity of the occasion invokes a sense of unity and shared purpose, transcending differences in faith and beliefs. It is a day when we come together to acknowledge the interconnectedness of all life and the importance of fostering peace. Remembrance Day is not confined to a single faith; it is a thread that weaves us together as we honor our heroes and their sacrifices. It is a reminder that, in the grand tapestry of humanity, we are all one people, interconnected

**Remembrance Day: A Spiritual Reflection on sacrifices for Global Unity in Troubled Times** As Remembrance Day approaches this and interdependent.

> As we remember the sacrifices made by our veterans, we also acknowledge our collective responsibility to strive for a more peaceful and interconnected world. The spiritual and religious foundations of Remembrance Day remind us that our actions, both on a personal and global scale, can contribute to the greater good of global unity, a crucial perspective to consider as we grapple with political unrest. In today's world, injured by conflicts, political divisions, and social disparities, Remembrance Day serves as a beacon of hope and a reminder of the potential for unity. It encourages us to look beyond our dif ferences and work together to create a future where peace and interconnectedness prevail, especially during times of political turbulence. In the words of Mahatma Gandhi, "You must be the change you want to see in the world." Let Remembrance Day be the day when we not only remember but also recommit ourselves to the spiritual and religious ideals of peace, compassion, and unity, which in turn contribute to the greater good of global connectedness, bridging the divisions that political unrest can create.

> Remember to buy and wear a poppy to support our veterans, to honour and remember the men and women who have served our Country. May we find the strength to shape a world where the sacrifices of our veterans were not in vain and where our spirituality principles guide us on a profound journey toward a more interconnected and harmonious world in these trying times.

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

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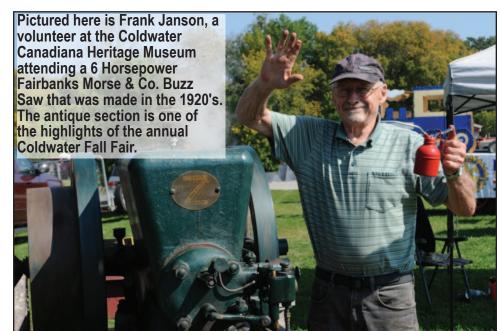
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wagon used for transporting people around the Coldwater Fair on a beautiful Sunday. This gentle team of horses are owned by Robert Southorn of Oro.

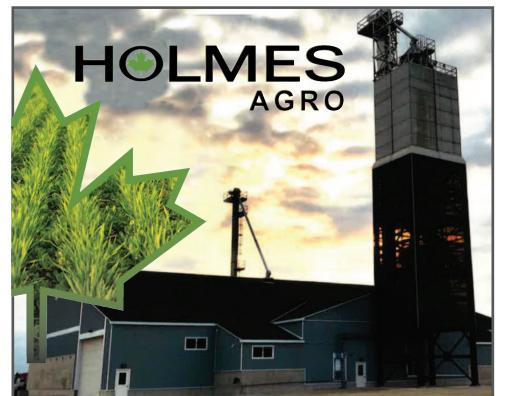


Pictured at left is Cassandra Bishop and her miniature horse, Sage Meadows Chick P Slick, racing for home in Miniature Horse Barrel Racing held on Sunday at the Coldwater Fair. Chick P Slick is a silver buckskin. Cassandra has been competing with miniature horses for 10 years. Both are from Innisfil.



Pictured at right is Tim Cooey of Orillia who raises Netherland Dwarf rabbits exclusively. They are very friendly, including the one he is holding here. Tim is a director of the Dominion Rabbit and Cavy Breeders Association (DRCBA) and was at Coldwater Fair helping with the new DRCBA Rabbit and Cavy Show. The new show had about 100 rabbits and 36 cavies with exhibitors coming from as far away as Wingham and Listowel to show.





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# South Simcoe County 4-H year end wrap up

## South Simcoe Everett 4-H Horse Club

#### By Keagan McCallum-Pinho and Scarlett MCCallum- Pinho

Over the course of our first year participating in the South Simcoe Everett 4-H Horse club we have attended six meetings with an additional bonus meeting all at Crowfield farm. During our first meeting we got to meet our horses after opening the floor for nominations. Scarett McCallum-Pinho was our president, Dakota Kirby was our Vice president, following with Abby Patton as our secretary and Keagan McCallum-Pinho as our press reporter. Our next meeting we had guest speakers Jason and Bronwyn Irwin teach us a few exercises to help us train our horses with basic groundwork and handling. This was great for all levels of experience! He came back on the sixth meeting to follow up on progress with our horses and also taught us different ways to crack a whip.

Our third meeting Dr. Jamie Harvey introduced us to the basics of bits and bridle fitting. She taught us the difference between the materials used and the shapes of bits and their function. Our forth meeting we started off by brushing our horses then made our way to the arena to navigate an obstacle course and have a race.

Dr. Imke Schaible came to our fifth meeting and showed us her routine for chiropractic adjustments on horses including a small anatomy lesson. As she demonstrated, she showed pressure points and spots on the body that are usually tender as well as introducing us to the basic tools used.

Our final meeting took place with a final round of the obstacle course timed against each other to decide the final winner of the challenge. Everyone did exceptionally well during the series of meetings and made lots of progress!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the club this year, our guests who volunteered their time and to Jackie McCallum and Debbie Kirby for organizing everything! Special thank you to Farm Credit Canada for our 4-H grant and Sheldon Creek Dairy for donating milk to our club to enjoy as well! Looking forward to next year!

## South Simcoe 4-H Wheels in Motion

By Isabella Cullen



On September 10th we went biking in Oro on the rail trail. We learned that in 1996 the railway service was abandoned and the cycling trail officially began. There were many historical signs along the path that we stopped to read. The weather was beautiful and we had a wonderful time cycling, learning history and enjoying the scenery. Thanks to great club leaders Jason Ford, Trish Downey and Scott Cullen for making this club enjoyable. We will be cycling again in the spring of 2024 if you are 9-21 years of age check out 4-H Ontario's website.

## South Simcoe 4-H Rabbit Club

By Anika Mortelliti



On September 16th, the Rabbit and Cavy club had its achievement day at the Beeton Fall Fair. Each member put their rabbits into the show cages where guests could look at all the bunnies while waiting for the show to start. Members started with their confirmation using their own rabbits. Scott Cullen and Marieke Patton both provided the club with Rabbits for their showmanship rounds. Members did a great job and had a great time. It was truly a great achievement day. The 4-H Rabbit and Cavy club would like to thank the Beeton Fair Society for hosting this show and providing ribbons and monetary gifts.

South Simcoe 4-H Line Dancing Club By Madeleine Cullen



On September 16th we danced at the Beeton Fair. We showed the audience the dance steps that we learned this season and encouraged them to join us. My favourite dancing songs that we performed were Fishin' in the Dark and Footloose. On September 24th we danced at the Great Northern Exhibition. 4-H members that were not in our club joined us on stage and quickly learned new dance steps. We all had a great time dancing and learning. I would like to thank the FCC for their funding support of this club. Special thanks to Ami Andison, Mae Senick, Trish Downey, Marianne Norton and Scott Cullen for making this club fantastic.

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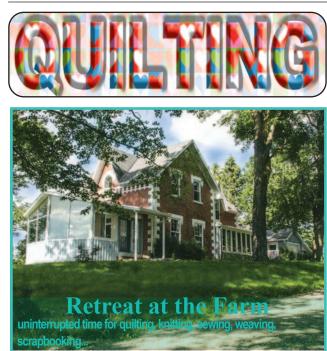
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## After The Chores: Pebbles from Smiley

By Cathy Hamill-Hill



My new goat herd sire is named Pebbles. I would never name anything "Pebbles" preferring to name animals after current world events. My names chosen would have been something like, "NWT Wildfire" or "Coronation" (from the new reign of King Charles). Instead, I have Pebbles only because the name was chosen by "Smiley."

Smiley is the owner of the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation prefix "Smiley's." Smiley is a second generation dairy goat farmer- and I am guessing he is about 12 years old. Smiley got his name because he smiles- all the time. Smiley, his sister and parents are on the dairy goat show circuit- and will finish at the Royal Winter Fair. It can be 38C or 1C at goat shows and Smiley is right there, helping everyone and yes, smiling. It is not unusual to see Smiley chatting with his family friend at the goat shows, a retired high school teacher. The two of them are over half a century apart in age making the image so special proving Smiley is appreciated by all generations. So, when Smiley names your buck Pebbles, you keep the quirky name because it makes you think about happiness in this world.

Pebbles was born in a CLEAN barn. CLEAN to me means no contagious diseases and specifically, no CL. CL is the abbreviation for caseous lymphadenitis and it's a highly contagious disease that infects the lymph glands of goats and sheep with pus-filled abscesses. There are now vaccinations for this and following the vaccination schedule, it is said it can be eliminated- however, I have no intention of bringing it in to test out any vaccination. Many people, I have found, have lied about having a CL-free herd in exchange for making a sale. So, I went "undercover" when I bought beautiful hay from Smiley's family farm and went frontline snooping. "Yes, I would LOVE to see your new kitten!" I would answer when Smiley or his siblings came to show me something in their big barn on my hay trips. I would glance at the new kitten, meanwhile what I was really looking at was all the goat's lymph glands for past abscess scars or infections. I found nothing wrong, every single time.

This new LaMancha buck having honest-to-God clean herd status came here and immediately joined the herd. Then, I had four intact, fully horned meat buck kids running loose in the barn. Pebbles is disbudded (horns removed when he was young) so I was nervous for how he was going to cope. We had a pen ready for Pebbles but being loose would be way more fun for him, if he was not going to be hurt. The horned buck kids zipped right over to Pebbles- and Pebbles shot up the hair along his back making him look twice his size, he looked like a very angry white cat. Pebbles in his puffed up hairdo- stood his ground when the bucks with their horns down turned at him. The bucks came close to Pebbles and still the young LaMancha did not flinch- and then the bucks walked away. Pebbles looked odd and content amongst his new horned friends.

I decided to put the kids beside the grain bags versus putting them outside to get into my flowerbeds like in past years while I got the sheep out to pasture. The plan worked great until the group of bucks grew big sharp horns. The buck kids loved going to be with the grain bags- and they snacked on rabbit pellets and chicken food while waiting their turn at their own grain bags. The bucks decided they didn't like the snacking- and instead, with their horns, split a bag of their own grain, wide open. They could also open the string weaved top faster with their horns faster than I could with my hands. I had grain all over.

The bucks ate fast and split bags fast- and then spent the rest of the time jumping up and down on the bags like they were a trampoline. Sweetie was getting very tired of pushing away buck kids when he went to get his chicken's food. "Can you PLEASE call Kevin?" he pleaded one night that had four bucks bouncing in his end of the barn. Unfortunately, Kevin is such a good trucker he is very busy- and he was too booked to fit in the bucks so the bucks had to stay longer.

The cooler temperatures sent the group of buck kids into a state of frenzy. Goats, like deer, are seasonal meaning that there is a definite mating season and the time is in the fall. Bucks put on "cologne" which is an upscale way of expressing the fact they pee all over their faces and front ends, constantly. Pebbles and his friends were applying cologne all day long. Pebbles cannot figure out why he is no longer getting petted, looking up at me with his white face, dripping yellow.

The bucks finally went leaving only Pebbles and his smallest friend in the barn. Pebbles is very much the healthy buck and he is a stinker. Hummer the senior citizen Llama came in the barn for bedtime, per usual. He walked past the bucks, and he walked directly back outside. I tried calling Hummer and then I tried pushing him to come inside- and he refused. I found Hummer happily in the yard the next morning and we figured he just needed a fresh air night. I certainly understand Hummer's position on this. I can find Pebbles these days with one sniff.

When Pebbles gets past this fall season and cleaned up again, it will be wonderful to see this white LaMancha grow up. I am thinking Pebbles will have a sweet personality, like his first owner, Smiley.

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# Beautiful weather welcomed the crowd at the 2023 Peel Dufferin Plowing Match

Story and photos by Anne Howden Thompson

Who doesn't love an afternoon spent in the sunshine at the end of summer? Organizers were honoured to have both Ontario's Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones and Ontario's agriculture minister Lisa Thompson, join them for the Peel Dufferin Plowing Match. Jones is the Dufferin Caledon MPP and Thompson worked with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) in the Peel and Halton areas earlier in her career. She expressed her pleasure to return to the community and reconnect with the local farm families.



Above at left is Paul Johnston, with the Peel Dufferin Plowmen's Association, and Ontario's Deputy Premier and Dufferin Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones after she emerged as the top plowmen in the Annual Mayor's Challenge at this year's Peel Dufferin Plowing Match.

Hosting the International Plowing Match and Rural Expo (IPM) is a massive undertaking, requiring significant resources of both time and money. At this year's Peel Dufferin Plowing Match, pictured at right, President Colin French (centre) presented IPM 2023 Local Co-chairs, Bill McCutcheon (left) and Dawn Van Kampen (right) with a cheque for \$5000 to help offset costs.



In the photo above Allison French (center) was crowned the Peel Dufferin Queen of the Furrow at this year's match and will represent the Peel Dufferin Plowmen's Association for the coming year. She is flanked by Mel Karpenko, the outgoing Peel Dufferin Queen of the Furrow (left) and Maranda Klaver, Ontario Queen of the Furrow 2022-2023 (right).



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Christ Church-St. Jude's host Harvest Dinner Gala

Story and photo by Lynn Price

Christ Church-St.Jude's, Anglican Church hosted an amazing harvest gala at Ivy Orange Hall on September 30, 2023. Guests enjoyed a delicious roast beef dinner with all the trimmings. They also participated in raffles and a live auction while being entertained by the "Jazz Byrds." All proceeds from this event will be donated to the worthy charity, Fresh Food Weekly.

Fresh Food Weekly is a registered charitable organization delivering free food boxes biweekly to seventy nine families in Barrie and Innisfil. They are in the process of increasing the number of recipients to one hundred. The food boxes include: dairy, grains, fruit and vegetables, nonperishable, hygiene products, meat and protein. Some product is donated but the majority is purchased with generously donated funds. To learn more visit www.freshfoodweekly.com



In the above photo Leah Dyck, organizer of Fresh Food Weekly addresses guests of the Harvest Dinner.





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# Scalding is the second leading cause of burn injuries

#### By Dennis Gannon

Do you like things hot? No, not thinking about the weather but beverages, hot tubs or baths? Do you know that scalding is the second leading cause of burn injuries that people experience? Did you know that scalding injuries can happen to every age and that people with disabilities, children and older adults are most susceptible to being injured? Interestingly enough, hot coffee, bath water and microwaved soup are the major causes. So what should you do to keep everyone safe? Here are some great suggestions to consider.

Teach children that hot things can burn. Consider having a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried. Never hold a child while you are cooking, drinking a hot liquid, or carrying hot foods or liquids. Baby bottles should not be heated in a microwave oven. Instead warm baby bottles in warm water from the faucet. Always supervise a child in or near a bathtub. Test the water at the faucet first and it should be less than 100°Fahrenheit (38° Celsius). Before placing a child in the bath or getting in the bath yourself, test the water. You can test it by moving your hand, wrist and forearm through the water. The water should feel warm, not hot, to the touch.

When heating food, place hot liquids and food in the center of a table or toward the back of a counter. Open microwaved food slowly, away from your face and allow microwaved food to cool before eating. If possible, choose pre packaged soups whose containers have a wide base or, to avoid the possibility of a spill, pour the soup into a traditional bowl after heating. It is a known fact that pre packaged microwavable soups are a frequent cause of scald burn injuries particularly noodle soups because they can easily tip over, pouring hot liquid and the noodles on the person.

If you or someone who is in your care does receive a scald, treat it immediately by cooling the area with cool, not cold, water for a minimum of 3 to 5 minutes. Cover the area with a clean dry cloth and seek medical treatment if necessary. The old wives tale of putting butter on it will cause more harm than good so avoid doing so.

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