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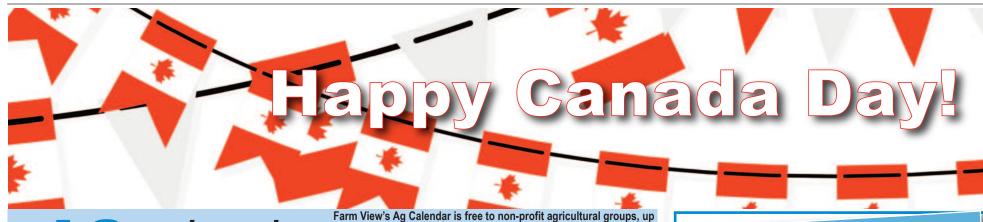
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July 11th: SCFA Annual Summer BBQ

Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture annual summer BBQ will take place on Thursday July 11th at Langcrest Farms. For ticket information and more details contact Nicole at simcty.fed.agriculture@outlook.com

July 14th: News and Advertising Deadline

The advertising and news deadline for the August issue of Farm View is Sunday, July 14th.

July 18th: GFO District 11 Grain Producer Meeting

Grain Farmers of Ontario District 11 Grain Producer Information Meeting takes place on July 18th at the Living Faith Community Presbyterian Church, Egbert ON

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Program 10:00 a.m. -3:30 p.m. Lunch included.

July 24th: CFFO Hosts Annual Summer BBQ

Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario (CFFO), Cental Ontario District hosts the annual summer BBQ July 24th at noon. Location: Rounds Ranch - 1922 County Road 92, Elmvale ON. Invite your friends and neighbours to attend this great event of fellowship, food, family and farming.

July 24th: Program announcement for E.D.G.E

For members of the Elmvale District Garden Enthusiast Club, E.D.G.E Garden Tour! Enjoy this wonderful mystery garden tour taking place on Wednesday July 24th. Meet at the Elmvale Legion at 6 p.m. on July 24th for an evening of botanical enjoyment.

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2024 Potato Festival Pancake Breakfast Saturday August 10th

St John's United Church in Alliston will be hosting its 49th Potato Pancake Breakfast this year; one of the longest running events of the Alliston Potato Festival. Our very first pancakes were cooked and served at a wooden booth near the corner of Victoria and Church St., and customers who showed up in pyjamas were served free!

This year, we will be serving from 7:30 - 11:00 a.m. at the church front parking lot. The cost will be \$8.00 per

person (cash only) for all you can eat pancakes plus a beverage. We also have our famous potato pancake dry mix available in small bags for \$4.00. As in the past, proceeds go towards community programs such as CONTACT, SHIFT, Matthews House, Stevenson Memorial Hospital, and the Alliston food Bank, as well as helping to keep our church doors open. We appreciate the many volunteers who give their time to help make this community event such a big success.



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Tax burdens top-of-mind concern for Ontario farmers, survey shows

By Paul Vickers, Vice President, Ontario Federation of Agriculture

A recent membership survey by the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) identified reducing farm taxes as the number one policy priority for farmers across the province.

More than three quarters of survey respondents identified tax burden as their top concern – a sentiment that has been reinforced by the federal government's proposed increase to Canada's capital gains inclusion rate, which is the percentage of a capital gain that is included in a taxpayer's income. The change was announced in the 2024 budget.

For corporations and trusts, the inclusion rate for all capital gains is proposed to increase from one-half to two-thirds. For individuals, the rate is proposed to increase to two-thirds for capital gains over \$250,000 after deductions and exemp-

This is significant for farmers and farm businesses because of what it will mean for farm succession planning and the future economic viability of family farms across the province.

I'm a dairy farmer near Meaford and a Vice President with the OFA. Our family is going through a succession plan with our son who wants to take over the farm, and these changes will definitely make this process more challenging.

We must make sure the farm is passed on to him in a way that will make it possible for him to be able to afford to take over and run the business. Having to sell assets or needing to borrow money simply to pay the increased tax burden threatens the future financial success of the farm and the ability of that next generation to make new investments into the business.

Our family is but one example of many, and this is particularly concerning at a time when a growing number of farmers are approaching retirement and farm succession planning is more important than ever.

The OFA is working closely with the Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA) and national accounting firms to fully assess these proposed changes and their impact on farms and farm business succession planning.

In the meantime, farmers are encouraged to discuss the specific impacts of these changes with their accountants to understand the personal and operational effects. OFA also just hosted a webinar on the topic with a national tax expert from BDO which answers many common questions about the proposed increase; it is available to view on OFA's YouTube channel at youtube.com/ontariofarms.

This increase comes at a time when farmers are already feeling the burden of the federal carbon tax, which is adding significant costs to normal farm activities like grain drying and heating livestock barns and greenhouses – activities that are essential and for which there are currently no practical and feasible alternatives.

OFA, along with CFA and other agricultural organizations, continues to push for an easing of the federal carbon tax burden on food production.

We've also been advocating for other changes related to taxation, such as updating critical farm tax programs to reflect modern agriculture. One quarter of all Ontario farm businesses have chosen to incorporate, which is impacting their ability to participate in important farm tax programs, like the Family Farm Exemption for Ontario Land Transfer Tax and the Farm Property Class Tax Rebate Program – and we firmly believe the business structure a farmer chooses should not impact their eligibility for these programs.

Another is updating the provincial Development Charges Act to exempt construction of new farm buildings and structures from development charges. These fees are intended to pay for increased capital expenses costs from development that causes more need for municipal services, but new farm buildings don't generally use municipal infrastructure.

Advocacy does yield results. Following efforts by the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) and other organizations, the federal government last fall announced proposed changes to its Underused Housing Tax Act. This includes exempting most farm business partners from having to file a UHT return for 2023 and beyond as long as more than 90% of ownership is by Canadian citizens or permanent residents, and lower penalties for non-compliance.

OFA will continue to advocate for a taxation environment that fosters the growth and sustainability of Ontario's agricultural sector in both the short and long term.



On the Cover

At the recent SCFA Farms Feed Families event, these three cuties had the opportunity to hold the baby ducks brought in by Carolyn Morris, author of Railfence Books. From left to right are Ellie, Matty and Vivian.

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FROM THE EDITOR -



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

This past spring I was invited to participate in a podcast called the Good Neighbour Podcast with Jeff and Sean. I was pleasantly surprised throughout the podcast that the questions weren't solely focused on the Farm View newspaper publication. Jeff asked many personal questions so that listeners have the opportunity to learn more about the face behind the Farm View newspaper. If you are interested give it a listen here

https://gnpmidhurst.com/b/roslyn-watkins-of-farm-viewnewspaper--the-5-ns-publishing-house Now that summer is officially upon us, I know there are

many family events coming up for socializing and good food. In July the Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture and the Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario are both hosting their annual summer BBQ's. Those details can be found on page 2. In August the York Region Federation of Agriculture will be hosting their annual Safety Corn Roast. Stay tuned for more details on that event. I plan to attend these events so if you see me please say hello. I'd love to

Recently I received a phone call in response to the letter to the editor titled "Depression of 1929 Revisited" that was published in the June 2024 issue of Farm View. The caller stated the letter was a "socialist attack on our farming" and in his voicemail expressed his displeasure at me for having run the letter. I invite this caller and anyone else interested



This Farmall tractor from 1959 was one of several older tractors Richards Equipment Inc. had on display at their anniversary celebration last month. All were restored in their shop and were actual models they had sold in the earlier years. This particular one is a Farmall 460. See more pictures on -Photo by Don Beaulieu

to write in their thoughts, either in agreement or not, to this recent letter to the editor so that a formal response can be

My job as the publisher and editor is to provide an open minded forum to invite discussions and conversations between opposing, or agreeing, opinions. I choose to publish a variety of articles and letters to reflect everyone's interests to the best of my ability. I would not want to be considered close minded and only print what reflects the left or the right. Or only articles that represent crop farmers, or only the livestock farmers. I pride myself on offering a publication that includes topics of interest for farmers, traditional and experimentative, as well as back yard gardeners, as well as our youth who are interested in learning how our food hits our tables. Along with some humour and health and well being articles. If you have constructive critism for me, or information you'd like me to provide, write in, I'd be happy to read what you have to say.

On that note as well, I am always interested in nominations for the Meet the Farmer feature, either of yourself or someone you know. I personally love learning what makes our farming community so dedicated to their craft. How did you come about farming? What successes or struggles would you like to share? I find this especially fascinating since I have not lived on a farm and I would like to share in some of your experiences. Thank you Lorna Atkins for recommending this month's Meet the Farmer: Stone Bridge Flour.

And most importantly, a huge congratulations to my niece, Brianna Robichaud, of Holland Landing for graduating with honours from the Animal Care program at Durham College. May your feet always take you where your heart wants to

Take care of yourselves and one another, Roslyn Watkins

Soul Sisters Celebrations

...will return next month

Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away.

"Johnny, wait until we've said our prayer," his mother reminded him.

"I don't have to." He replied.

"Of course you do." His mother insisted. "We say a prayer before eating at our house."

"That's at our house," Johnny explained, "but this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook."

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'Burn down your cities and leave our farms, and your cities will spring up again as if by magic, but destroy our farms and the grass will grow in the streets."

W.J. Bryan

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The season to celebrate local agriculture and farmers



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

Summer has finally arrived after challenging spring season for members. During this season there are many festivals, fairs and community events that highlight and celebrate agriculture and food. One that is approaching quickly is Food Day Canada on August 3rd. This is a day

to celebrate our bountiful land from coast to coast to coast! Enjoy and promote Canadian grown food. We are encouraging everyone to seek out Canadian grown food for your main meal on August 3rd. Share your pictures and stories on social media with the tag #FoodDayCanada. From your kitchen, backyard BBQ, cottage, camping, or a local restaurant share your Canadian food story. For additional resources and information please visit https://www.fooddaycanada.ca/

Speaking of celebrations, the Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture will be holding their annual summer BBQ on July 11th near Elmvale. There will be tours, guest speakers, horse-powered wagon rides and even maybe a surprise guest. Members can purchase tickets through Eventbrite. Tickets are \$30/person which includes a delicious catered dinner. Come on out and socialize with your peers.

The York Federation of Agriculture will be hosting their annual farm safety corn roast in August at the Sutton Fairgrounds. Watch for upcoming details on featured speakers, and the date. This is a great opportunity for our members in York Region to meet your York Federation Board of Directors, socialize and enjoy local corn and other treats while learning about important safety issues & prevention tips for your farm business.

This is the time of year our members may experience unwanted visitors on their farm properties. Trespassing occurs on the regular basis on farm properties in Ontario. Most of these "visitors" do not think they are causing any harm by walking into fields or woodlots to obtain a lovely picture or remove some crops.

There are two pieces of provincial legislation that cover trespassing. The Trespass to Property Act and the Occupiers' Liability Act both use the term "occupier" to refer to the legal owner and/or their tenant. When someone is trespassing and they fail to leave when asked, they can be found guilty of an offence under the Trespass to Property Act. It is important to remember that this act exempts people who have the authority to enter private property such as meter readers, building inspectors, and conservation authority staff to name a few. Although it is good to post No Trespassing signs that entry is prohibited, cultivated fields are not required to post notice. Here is the wording from the act. 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; or (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.

The Occupiers' Liability Act speaks to duty of

care. There are different levels of "duty". People who trespass (without the occupier's permission) are the lowest duty. That means that you do not intentionally create hazards or create traps on your farm property. If you invite people on to your property, the duty of care is higher. Known hazards on the property should be highlighted to those entering. Most importantly under this act, trespassers are deemed to have willing assumed all risks when they trespass.

Off-road vehicles along with hunters and anglers are obligated to identify themselves to owners or occupiers of land with their name & address to the person that stops them. This is imposed through the Off-Road Vehicles Act and the Motorized Snow Vehicles Act. Under the Fish & Wildlife Conservation Act, hunters & anglers must obey signs posted under the Trespass to Property Act. If you encounter a trespasser that is a hunter, or fishermen contact your local MNRF Conservation Officer. MNRF Tips line: 1-877-847-7667

Members report to us that the police don't respond to reports of trespassing. This is true, but you should still report the incident. At least there will be a record of the trespassing incident. Trespassing penalties include fines for convictions and damage awards. There is no limit on the claim for damages, but you will need to disclose how you determined the damage value. The maximum fine is \$10,000 but the minimum fine is only \$500.

This summer celebrate all that you do and be proud to be a farmer.

Here's an oldie but a goodie from Dwight D. Eisenhower and a statement that still rings true today. "Farming looks mighty easy when your plow is a pencil and you're a thousand miles from the corn field."

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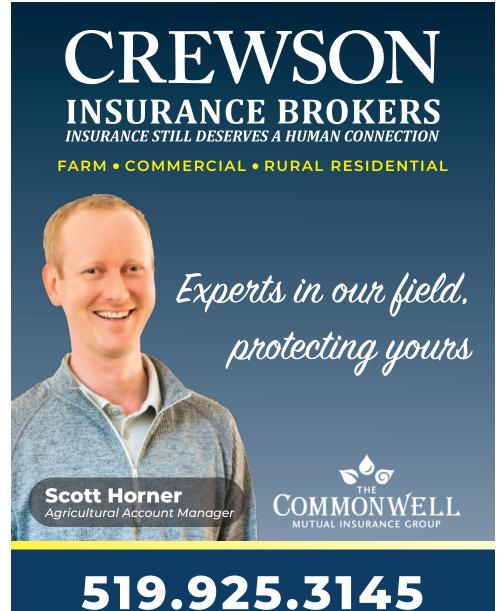
Harley has met some dogs at the shelter and did well. She is 60lbs+

If you think you're the right match for Harley please contact the Caledon Animal Shelter.

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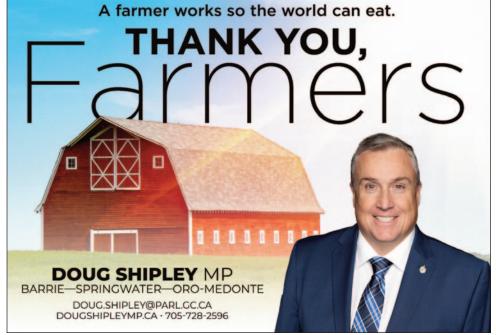
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There was a lovely old display cabinet built by the



From left to right are: **Bob Richards. President Stewart Richards, Vice President** Brian Richards, Secretary/Treasurer

in itself) with historical items going back to their first location on Sheppard Avenue in Agincourt (Scarborough). In the beginning, they dealt with International Harvester, Farmall and McCormick. But, for nearly four decades, New Holland equipment has been their brand on hand.

New Holland presented Richards with a plaque marking their 50th anniversary and 39 years as a New Holland outlet. There was an old sign, still in very good shape from their grand opening. There were old business cards

Photograph courtesy of Richards Equipment Inc.



The staff gathered at the end of the celebrations for a group shot. From left to right: Glenn Richards, Kevin Johnston, Kelly Hayes, Stewart Richards, Bob Richards. John Nyhuis, Mike Partridge, Jamie Nielsen, Bob Richards Jr., Sarah Ferguson, Geoff Richards, Dawson Beuck, Cameron Stacey. Absent from this image is Larry Wood.



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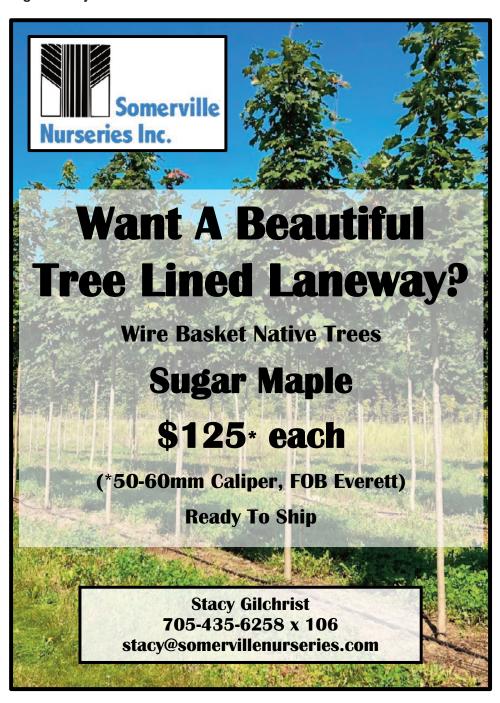
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Is it Heat Stroke or Heat Exhaustion

By Dennis Gannor

According to the meteorologist, we will see above average temperatures in the months of July and August which may continue into September. They are suggesting that we will have extended days of high temperatures and humidity. This will no doubt cause discomfort to many and for those that work or play outdoors there is an increase in health risks. Heat stroke and heat exhaustion can occur and it is important to know the difference between them, what precautions that can be taken and what to do if you think you or someone else is suffering from either.

Let's start with the basics. Heat stroke is a serious medical condition that occurs when your body is unable to control its internal temperature. It can be fatal and requires immediate medical assistance. Heat exhaustion on the other hand is when your body loses excess amounts of water and salt. This usually is a result of sweating. It can usually be treated without medical intervention.

In both heat stroke and heat exhaustion the cause is the body's natural inability to cool down. Sweat is the natural way for the body to cool down and when we work or play in hot or humid conditions, it may not be enough to keep our temperature down. It can also be caused by consuming alcohol, wearing heavy or tight clothing and very common, the lack of hydration. There are a number of risk factors as well such as age, obesity, the medications taken, high heat index and a sudden increase in temperature.

What are the symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke? With heat exhaustion they include general weakness, increased heavy sweating, a weak but faster pulse or heart beat, nausea or vomiting and pale cool clammy skin.

Heat stroke is much more severe and may include an elevated body temperature in excess of 44 degrees C or 104 F, rapid and strong pulse or heart beat, unconsciousness or semi consciousness and hot, dry, red or moist skin.

How are these symptoms treated? If you suspect heat stroke the critical step is to call 911 immediately. If possible move the victim to a shade or cool area, get air moving around the patient and if available, use a cold wet cloth or compress to start cooling the person down. Calling 911 and getting medical assistance to the scene will increase the chances of a good outcome.

When treating heat exhaustion, taking the following steps should assist the patient. Provide them with water or sports drinks to increase their hydration. Move them to a cool or shaded area. Remove any unnecessary clothing such as shoes or socks and if in a shaded area, a hat. If a shower is available, have them take a cool shower and if not, use a cold cloth or compresses. Have them lie down on their side if they are feeling faint or lightheaded.

Why is heat stroke considered an emergency? When not addressed immediately it may cause damage to your kidneys, heart, liver, lungs or brain. The chances or serious consequences or even death increase the longer treatment is delayed.

What steps can be taken to avoid heat exhaustion or heat stroke? The simplest one is to keep hydrated. On hot days drinking a lot of water will decrease the risk. You lose more body fluids when sweating so increasing your water consumption is important. Sports drinks can supplement the water intake. Avoid alcohol or caffeinated beverages. Caffeine increases the risk of dehydration. Wear light coloured, loose fitting lightweight clothes. Avoid strenuous work or activities during the hottest part of the day. While it may seem something we take for granted, remember that we should never leave infants, children, pets or adults needing assistance in a car. The temperature in an automobile can quickly rise to a point where it can be fatal

Let's enjoy the summer and the warmth that comes with it but let's do so safely. Enjoy your summer.

Worth a Chuckle.. and life lessons

by Aunt Hazel

Our English language

This is really clever! You think English is easy? Part two...

- 1) I did not object to the object.
- 2) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- 3) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- 4) They were too close to the door to close it.
- 5) The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- 6) A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
- 7) To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
- 8) The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
- 9) Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
- 10) I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
- 11) How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?



Rob Flack Appointed New Minister of Farming, **Agriculture and Agribusiness**

From the Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario



Ontario Premier Doug Ford announced a significant cabinet shuffle late Thursday, June 6, the final day of the spring session in the provincial legislature, as Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) head home until October. While many senior cabinet positions remain un-

changed, there are notable developments in the agricultural

Lisa Thompson, who has diligently served as the Minister of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs since 2021, will transition to the role of Minister of Rural Affairs. The newly created position of Minister of Farming, Agriculture and Agribusiness will be filled by Rob Flack, MPP for Elgin-Middlesex-London.

The Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario (CFFO) has expressed appreciation for Lisa Thompson's contributions and is eager to continue collaborating with her in her new capacity. "We have enjoyed working with Lisa Thompson and bringing the voices of Ontario farmers to Queens Park. We look forward to working with her in her new role," stated CFFO President Ed Scharringa.

In addition, President Scharringa extended congratulations to Rob Flack on his new appointment. "We congratulate Rob Flack, MPP for Elgin-Middlesex-London, on his new portfolio. CFFO looks forward to working together to ensure the voices and interests of Ontario farmers remain at the forefront," Scharringa added.

Rob Flack, first elected as MPP for Elgin-Middlesex-London in June 2022, has served as the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs, and most recently as the Associate Minister of Housing. With a solid background in farming, Flack currently raises Hereford cattle and has had a distinguished career with Masterfeeds, where he started as a sales trainee in 1979 and rose to the position of President and CEO in 1993, before retiring in

Flack's extensive experience in agriculture and agribusiness, combined with his legislative roles, positions him well to lead Ontario's farming and agribusiness sectors. His appointment is anticipated to bring renewed focus and innovative approaches to the challenges and opportunities within Ontario's agricultural landscape.

Grilled Salmon & Quinoa Bowl

Photo and recipe adapted by Roslyn Watkins

This is one of my favourite recipes because it is so easy to accomodate a variety of taste preferences. It is also the perfect dish to highlight our bountiful summer supply of fruit and vegetables. Change up the protein as well and you have a whole new dish! Easy to make ahead, perfect for lunch or dinner and is easily packed up for a day at the park or beach.

Ingredients makes 4 **Coconut Milk Dressing**

- 6 tbsp coconut milk
- 3 tbsp lemon juice
- 1 tbsp fish or soy sauce
- 1 tbsp packed brown

sugar

1 clove garlic, finely chopped

1/4 cup olive oil

Grilled Salmon & Quinoa Bowl

2 cups cooked quinoa

- 4 skinless salmon fillets (about 500 g total)
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- salt and pepper
- 1 tbsp hoisin sauce
- 2 cups packed baby spinach
- 1 sweet red pepper, thinly sliced
- 1 cup cubed cantaloupe
- 4 radishes, thinly sliced
- 2 cups chopped broccoli
- 1/2 cup chopped roasted cashews
- 2 green onions, sliced
- 1/2 cup packed cilantro leaves
- 1 small jalapeno pepper, thinly sliced (optional) lemon wedges

Directions

Coconut Milk Dressing: in bowl, whisk together coconut milk, lemon juice, fish or soy sauce, brown sugar and garlic. While whisking, slowly drizzle in oil in thin stream. Season lightly with salt and pepper.

Grilled Salmon: brush salmon with oil; season with salt and pepper. In large grill pan over medium-high heat, cook salmon, turning halfway through cooking time, about 6 minutes. Transfer salmon to plate and, while still very hot, brush salmon with hoisin sauce.

Divide quinoa among 4 bowls. Top each with salmon, spinach, red pepper, cantaloupe, radishes, broccoli, cashews, green onions and cilantro, and jalapeño, if using. Serve with lemon wedges and reserved Coconut Milk Dressing.



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Volunteering at the 2024 Kawartha **Lakes International Plowing Match**

The International Plowing Match and Rural Expo (IPM) is a premier agricultural 5 day event that showcases agriculture of the past, present and future in Ontario. The IPM draws visitors from across North America every year. Many people plan around the IPM and stay in the highly popular IPM RV Park that has nightly entertainment within the Park. The event means about 25 million annually in economic impact to the host community not counting the positive impact on tourism in the future years. The IPM changes its location each year moving throughout the province. The 105th edition is coming to Kawartha Lakes from Tuesday, October 1st to Saturday, October 5th from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day.

Volunteering for the IPM means giving back to the community- but for Lynda St. Peter it is also personal.

"I volunteer at the IPM to remember my Dad (Early Whalley). My Dad went to plowing matches in northern Ontario and plowed with horse and walking plow. I volunteer in his memory," she told Farm View in an inthe Kawartha Lakes Community Salebarn in Woodville. She volunteers working with volunteer Administration.

"Volunteering with the local IPM means giving back to the community, profits from the Kawartha Lakes IPM stay right here in Kawartha Lakes," she says adding that the IPM has so many varied volunteer opportunities because the IPM has so much education involved because people are now often generations away from agriculture and have no way to get close to a real farm. "We (IPM) get to tell the real story of farming," she explained. There will be about 8,000 students that will come to the IPM to learn at an interactive hands-on level about agriculture in Kawartha Lakes.

"We have a place for everyone to volunteer at the IPM, students to seniors are all welcome," she said adding hundreds of volunteers are needed.

At the meeting, Vice Chair of the Local Committee and Chair of Tented City, Jack Kyle welcomed the crowd and explained the last IPM that came to Kawartha Lakes area was in 1992. The 2020 was set to come to Kawartha Lakes but the COVID-19 pandemic forced that Match to be cancelled and it is now coming back in 2024.

The 2024 Tented City will be located at the Lindsay Fairgrounds using the existing buildings. Usually Tented City is built on an open field so this new concept will eliminate the "mud walks" that can come with fall rains in an open field. However, the space does present some challenges, Kyle explained, "The Lindsay Fair (including final clean-up) ends 7 days before our IPM. That is only 7 days to get Tented City in there and ready for crowds expected at 60,000-70,000 people in 5 days," he said adding that volunteers will be relied on to pull all this to-

A member of the crowd asked if his skills as a heavy equipment operator would be needed. Kyle said that specialized trained people are especially needed and asked that any volunteer submitting an application to please indicate the full list of skills.

The list of volunteers needed include takterview after a recruitment meeting held at ing tickets at the admission gates to driving a tractor to move people in wagons from the parking across from Tented City to setting up special features like at the Antique section of the IPM. "Last year's IPM at Dufferin had a display of antique washing machines," he said adding this display was hugely interesting being so different.

> The plowing fields for the IPM will be held east of Lindsay along Highway 36. "We will have people moved by bus to the fields," Kyle explained adding there is a real need here for many volunteers. "We will need 250 bagged lunches each day of the Match for the plowers and the judges at the plowing fields," he said.

> Lifestyles is a section dedicated to the home. Included here is the big Quilting, hobbies and cooking section. There are volunteer opportunities here too.

> There are some big headline entertainment coming for the IPM including RAM Rodeo and the Canadian Cowgirls that always draw

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Meet the Farmer: Angela Devitt

Innovative thinking creates Stone Bridge Flour

Story by Cathy Hamill-Hill, photos provided by Angela Devitt



Angela Devitt is pictured here at The Market Stand in Kincardine.

Innovative thinking has always been a big part of Angela Devitt's personality. She has worked as a teacher, financial planner and as a prop maker for the Stratford Festival and now works at her family's farm in Kincardine with her own business, Stone Bridge Flour.

It was the COVID-19 Pandemic that caused Angela to rethink

her work life. She was home with her children helping with their online learning and realized going back to work away from home was going to be complicated. With Angela's natural innovative thinking, she looked for options to create a job based at home that would be creative as well as a challenge for someone with two university degrees. She looked around her life on Devitt Farms and realized, there it was: wheat. "A commodity (wheat) that we sell to the local grain mill and then it gets shipped all over the world. Why could I not try milling it (from home) and selling the flour?" she remembers thinking.

Selling food in Ontario legally means going through a complicated process to meet all the regulations. Angela also had the challenge to actually learn how to become a Miller on top of meeting all the Ontario regulations. Angela did a massive amount of research and planning online since the pandemic meant nearly everything was closed. "The entire (planning and education) process was a year and a half of research, business courses, setting up a facility, figuring out the best sized mill and type of mill for my needs," she explained adding, "actually teaching myself how to mill was trial and error and many conversations with the seller of the mill." Another huge component was getting the finished

product to the point it worked, she said she did a lot of "test baking and more test baking" to be confident it was a consistent product.

Angela appreciates her family's support in her new business. She says her husband, Tyson, was her "number one cheerleader" as she navigated through so much to get her business up and running. She says, "My husband Tyson is also my tech guy, the guy who builds me the table I need or the mixer that would fit best..." She adds her children are huge supporters, helping her with deliveries, markets and "taste testing all the baked goodies."

A source of inspiration for this idea was the effect of the pandemic locally on the food supply. There was no bread or flour to buy in many Ontario grocery stores. For the first time that anyone could remember in Ontario, there were real concerns about food security. "During COVID-19 we all witnessed what it is like to see empty shelves at the grocery store

and my goal became one of bringing locally grown food to our community," Angela says.

The name of the business, Stone Bridge Flour comes from a recent purchase of history. The Ontario Railway Network approached Angela and her husband about purchasing a small section of land next to the farm that was used by the railway years ago. The land has a stone bridge built for trains to cross the Pine River. The stone bridge "remains intact and breathtakingly beautiful" Angela reports adding, "Stone Bridge Flour proudly connects with food like a bridge connects with the land." Stone Bridge Flour grains are all grown from the fields of Devitt Family Farms- or locally sourced from nearby farmers' fields.

Gluten sensitivities has meant that some people are choosing not to buy grain based foods however, Angela has been getting some feedback that suggest that not all gluten is the same. She says, "Many people have told me of their struggles with gluten sensitivities and tell me when they eat stone-milled flour they can digest it better." She adds, "We also offer rye and spelt flour, which have lower gluten and are often tolerated well for those with sensitivities."

Stone-milled flours, according to Angela, means only the coarse bran is taken out and nothing is added in. It is "different" than the other common flours but that could also be contributed to the fact that this flour was not transported, milled and stored for a long time. It is hard to find "stonemilled" in grocery stores as the majority of flour these days is roller-milled which is a cheaper process and results in a longer shelf life. "The seed is cracked, crushed and pulverized into flour and the germ and bran is sifted out. This is done to ensure there are no oils left in the flour that will go rancid after long waits on a store shelf," she explains adding that "this type of flour needs to be fortified/enriched as there is a lack of nutrients in the flour." Angela works exclusively instead with a stone mill. "With one stationary stone and one circulating stone, the grain is crushed between the stones incorporating all parts of the seed into the flour at low temperatures as to not overheat and kill all the nutrients naturally present in the grain," she says adding her flour has a shorter shelf life of about 8 months stored in the pantry and frozen up to one year.

Stone Bridge Flour sells six types of flour which are: cake and pastry, bread, whole grain, everyday (all purpose), spelt

and rye. She also sells eleven types of baking mixes from biscuits to muffins to cookies to cakes. Bakers/chefs put in special mill orders for Red Fife and Durum. The bread type of flour is a top seller to wholesale cus-

tomers and for Market sales. Stone Bridge Flour's first retail customer Commonplace Market in Kincardine managed by Andrew Courtney who works hard to bring community together with locally grown food and produce. The



The Stone Bridge that gave inspiration to the company's name "Stone Bridge Flour."

first wholesale baker to try Stone Bridge Flour was Erin McFarlane of Farro & Rye in Kincardine. Angela says, "Erin test baked my bread flour into her sourdough bread to give me the thumbs up (of approval) before I started to offer it for sale to my community."

The biggest challenge for today's farmer, according to Angela, is to "have a passion for farming" that will carry the farmer over the times of making no profit or losing part of the crop to a hailstorm just before harvest. She adds, "Smaller family farms depend on the land for their livelihood and quality farmland is something we need to promote and protect. Our soil is the most important part of the process-as is hard work and passion for farming."

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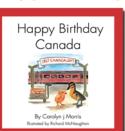


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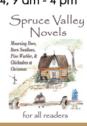
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Waste Not: Early Manure Spreaders

Village stories

by Andrew Hind

Livestock waste isn't waste, especially in a farmer's eyes.

Spreading manure offers numerous benefits — heightened soil fertility, de-

creased soil erosion and improved water infiltration, and water holding capacity. Early Ontario farmers knew all of this and routinely applied manure. Adding manure as a form of soil enrichment was particularly vital in parts of the province where the soil isn't naturally arable.

In so doing, early Ontario farmers were just continuing a practice that farmers have done for thousands of years, almost from the day we first began cultivating crops. It's thought that ancient farmers noticed that plants grew better in fields where they kept their livestock and, as a result, came to recognize the value of spreading manure on cropland.

By the 19th century, science was beginning to confirm what we had long known about the benefits of manure. Supply wasn't a problem, as every farmer had a team of horses (or, in the earliest years, oxen) and several cows to milk. Animal waste was never in short supply. The trick was how to get the manure onto the fields in a time effective manner.

The method by which Ontario's farmers initially spread manure had changed little over thousands of years. Wagons were driven out

into the field and the manure spread by shovel. It was a dirty, smelly, time-consuming task. No one looked forward to it.

By the 1870s the industrial revolution was well underway and making itself felt in agriculture. It was around this time that automated manure spreaders, the forerunners of ma-

Livestock waste chines still seen in farm fields today, began to appear.

The first manure spreader was designed in 1875 by Quebec-native Joseph Kemp. Farmers loved the machine. Kemp enjoyed such success with his design that he founded the J.S. Kemp Manufacturing Company in New York to meet demand. Others copied the design and added their own touches, but all manure spreaders were similar.

They were essentially altered wagons. Once loaded, the spreader was pulled out to the field by a team of horses. A lever was pulled, activating gears attached to the wagon's wheels. As the spreader was pulled forward the wheels moved the gears, and the gears in turn moved the wagon floor like a conveyor belt, pulling the manure to the open back. The gears would also move an axle affixed with spikes or blades that broke up and dispersed the manure as it dropped from the spreader.

Simple. Effective.

Because the manure was deposited directly behind the wagon with very little spreading to the sides, farmers would

often use a fork to spread the manure so that the soil wouldn't 'burn'.

The next evolution in manure spreaders took place a few decades later. Around the turn of the century a schoolmaster named Joseph Oppenheim became concerned that his male students were missing school because they were needed on the farm to spread manure. He decided to do something about it and invented the first broadcast spreader. His in-

vention did indeed

speed up the task,



as intended.

In time, the modern tractor-pulled broadcast spreaders of today emerged, all tracing their evolutionary family tree back to Kemp's design and the primitive spreaders used by Ontario's early farmers.

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Learning out and about with South Simcoe 4-H Reports and photos submitted by South Simcoe 4-H

South Simcoe 4-H Crops Club

By Lucas Dunlop

The South Simcoe 4-H Club held there third meeting at the Serendipity Soy Candle Shop in Collingwood on May 30th. The meeting began with the roll call question: what is your favorite candle scent.

Soybeans are used in all Serendipity candles. Each member made 4 candles of their scent choice, with over 50 scents to choose from. We each got to bring our candles home.

Our club then made the short walk to the Collingwood Grain Terminals, where we met with Adam Gallant, Project Manager for the Town of Collingwood. Adam gave us a history lesson and exterior tour of the grain terminals. The grain terminals that we see today are actually the third grain terminals built in Collingwood. The first grain terminal burnt in 1862 and the second grain terminal was demolished in 1937. Construction of the existing terminals began in December of 1928. Over 4,000 wooden logs were driven into the lakebed to support the structure. Concrete was mixed on site and placed by hand. The construction workforce of 40 people cost approx. \$1,000,000. The silos portion of the terminals were built in 30 consecutive days beginning may 25th 1929, with the concrete being continuously poured for 24 hours per day for the duration.

The capacity of the terminals is 2,000,000 bushels. The terminals were last used in 1986. The Town of Collingwood bought the terminals in 1997.

Adam shared some insight on what the terminals future holds, being a restaurant, a hotel, and many condos. We can't wait to revisit after this development concludes.



Arts & Crafts Club Report

By Chloe Bagshaw

Our fourth meeting of the Arts and Crafts Club took place on May 28th. We met at Honey Hill Pottery again to finish the projects we started at our second meeting back in April. The Evening's task was to paint and glaze our bowls and creations. Owner, Wendy, and her friends were on hand again to guide us and help us through the activity. We learned that with pottery you need to apply multiple coats of paint, because if you don't it will be really hard to see once you take it out of the kiln. When we were done, we enjoyed brownies that Mrs. Spruit was nice enough to make for us. They were delicious! After we were done with our snacks, we closed the meeting and played some games as we waited for everyone to get picked up. Thank you to Wendy for having us back once more!

South Simcoe Sheep 4-H Club

By Tyler Lange

South Simcoe 4-H sheep club held their 4th meeting of the year. Novices and juniors worked on prepping and training a Lamb. Senior members learned how to wean and sort Lambs. Overall another great meeting hosted by South Simcoe 4-H. Thank you to The Brooks family for allowing us to hold our meeting on your property.

South Simcoe 4-H Automotive & Mechanics Club

By Sierra Steuernol

On May 23rd, the Mechanics Club met for our 3rd meeting. We put together the most important part of the car, the engine! For our near approaching judging competition, we got some practice on how to give a set of reasons. Now it wouldn't be mechanics club if we didn't use a class of tires to judge for our practice! For our 4th meeting on June 6th, we were fortunate enough to have special guest Gordon Munshaw come it to show us how to weld. From a safe distance we watched his technique on how to Plasma weld, Arc weld, use an Acetylene torch, and more. Not only did the kids enjoy learning about welding at this meeting but the parents and older members enjoyed getting their car washed! We learned proper technique on how to wash, dry, and take care of our car's appearance. It's safe to say that mine and everyone else's car that got a clean was sparkling by the end! The club also received some exciting news on what next year's project is going to be! Now I won't spoil it too much for you but between us it's a car that is known

for being red... To work on a 'F'ast and 'F'antastic car, is the perfect FORMULA for a 'F'un time! But as much as I want to tell you what it is, you'll have to check back next year to find out!



South Simcoe 4-H Games Club

By Sara Ford

On Friday, May 24, the South Simcoe 4-H Games Club met at Senick Farms for their second meeting of 2024. First the president Nicholas opened the meeting and then we started our meeting with a roll call "What is your favourite sport?" Then we got head on into the games.

Our first game was an outdoor game called Spud. This game was simple but a lot of fun! The only equipment required for this game is a ball, and a large group of people. Then we finished the outdoor portion of the night with another game of football. Next, we headed inside the barn to play some board games. We played games such as Sorry, Exploding Kittens, and Monopoly, and even some chess! Then we finished the night by chatting and eating chocolate chip cookies. Finally, our president adjourned the meeting.



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An educational day at the recent Farms Feed Families event

Story and photos by Roslyn Watkins

Prior to the Covid-19 Pandemic the Farms Feed Families event was always a busy and well attended day. The Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture (SCFA) members have spent a lot of time and effort into reviving this informative day to help increase children's knowledge of farm life and how their food is grown. This years event, the first since the Covid-19 shut down, saw a good crowd of attendance in the morning with the milking and sheep shearing demonstrations being the biggest draw. Families were hesitant to attend in the afternoon due to the strong winds and threat of rainstorms. The weather didn't hold anyone back, though, from enjoying the baby ducks and reading presentation that Carolyn Morris, Author of Railfence Books, engaged us with.

In the photo below Rachel Brooks of Sure Shot Sheep in Stayner, repreSimcoe County Federation of Agriculture members posed for a photo. In the left hand back row are Nicole Cross and Dan DeBoer, far left front row is Dave Ritchie and Shawn MacDonald, far right back row is John Cooper, middle row we see Donna Jebb and Dave Lucas and in the front row is Dorothy









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September 8
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Sudbury and District Quilting and Stitchery Guild present: Quilts on the Rocks 2024 Saturday, October 19 Sunday, October 20 10:00am - 4:00pm Northbury Hotel 50 Brady St., Sudbury

Simcoe County Quilt, Rug & Artisan Fair Friday, September 20 Saturday, September 21 Sunday, September 22 9:30am - 4:00pm Simcoe County Museum 1151 Highway 26, Minesing Nominal entrance fee applies.

Inspiration abound at many area quilt shows

Story and photo by Janis Hamilton

A correction to last month's column...I had mentioned that youth 17 and under can participate in the Barrie Fair (August 22-25th) and there is prize money for entering any quilted item. Simcoe County Quilt Guild has sponsored the prizes to celebrate their 40th Anniversary. First prize is \$20, second is \$15 and third is \$10 and an Honourable Mention as well. This can be as simple as a mug rug, placemat or even a quilt. What I didn't clarify was after that, the youth 18 and over can enter into the Simcoe County Quilt, Rug & Artisan Fair at the museum on Hwy 26 but the categories are different that what I wrote. The entries can be a quilt, a wall hanging or even in the special category with a perimeter of 120" and the challenge is "Sew What." Now with kids this could really be fun. They just need to fill in an application by July 31st and they can obtain the application as a resident of Simcoe County from the Museum.

This month was about attending Quilt Shows. The first one was a bus trip sponsored by Kempenfelt Quilters' Guild in Barrie. We had 42 eager quilters enjoy the games and give aways on the trip. We were given a very warm welcome from the Hamilton Quilters' Guild, as we were their first bus group.

Two hundred quilts were displayed in the Ancaster Agricultural Building. There were 11 vendors from all over Ontario and we were not shy about buying the "must have" fabric and tools that we'd never seen before. There were many quilts that had been entered under "President Challenges" "Guild Challenges" and just so much more. There is almost always a luncheon offered at these shows and this venue didn't disappoint.

The next day, I asked a friend to join me for another unique show in Feversham. It was entitled "It's a Charming" Quilt World" exhibit sponsored by Threads That Bind Quilt shop in Maxwell. The show was indeed unique with 90 quilts exhibited. The rules were made by the quilt shop and each had to have a minimum of 500 pieces and no duplicates! Well one had over 3,000 pieces with no duplicates. No, we didn't count them but those entering did and it was a very involved process. They had no pattern to follow and met at the back of the shop a few times a year to exchange fabric pieces. One butterfly quilt must have been at least queen size and there was no fabric that repeated but each square had a butterfly in it. There were 3 categories set out by the quilt shop: traditional-due to fabric shortages many years ago, they would have very small bindings if any bindings at all; conventional-these quilts could have sashings, bindings and a second quilt on the back if they chose; heritage-these were displayed on the stage so no one was even tempted to touch them. One was made entirely out of men's ties and some were very old wedding gift quilts. All inspiring to see and appreciate! The luncheon was put on by their Agricultural Society and by far was the best lunch I've had at any quilt

show! We kept on the road with a trip to Threads That Bind quilt shop, a local Mennonite plant nursery and so the day did not disappoint!

One show I was unable to attend was the Quilt show in Fergus on June 7th. I heard it was well attended and the quilts were as expected, inspiring and worth the drive.

Check out the upcoming show listing on this page and see if you can get a few friends to join you.

Simcoe County Quilters' Guild celebrated their 40th anniversary on June 27th, so congratulations to all involved. They meet at the Museum on Hwy 26. They in-

vited their past presidents to show one quilt and the founding members were invited to show up to five of their favourite quilts. There was a free for a draw grand prize that one lucky winner took home. It was valued at over \$200. The 2nd prize was a



A selection of quilts from the It's a Charming Quilt World Show.

table runner (using red and white fabric left from the charity quilt) made by Donna Klein Gebbnick. The members during the year made 2 different red and white blocks that we made into a quilt that was long armed by Donna and it will be given to a charity for a raffle or auction. There was also a challenge for members to enter something quilted in red (the anniversary colour). Four categories were: wall hanging, accessory, clothing and a quilt. Viewers' choice voting decided the winners. A cake and strawberries were served at break time. Guilds are only as successful as the volunteers who offer to help, so this shows that helping even for one year has made all this possible.

Summer is a time to be outdoors, enjoying family and friends, but if it rains enjoy a bit of time with your sewing machine and see what you can create! Hope to see you at the Simcoe County Quilt, Rug & Artisan Fair at the Simcoe County Museum 1151 Highway 26, Minesing. Sept. 20-22. Nominal entrance fee applies. 9:30-4:00 daily. Seven different quilt guilds participate and there will be many quilts to inspire you.

Many step by step tutorials for beginners

By Janis Hamilton

Quilting is a fun and relaxing hobby, here are a few tutorials to get you started. Here is a link with step-by-step shots of how to make a very cute watermelon square. https://thepatchsmith.blogspot.com/2018/03/patchsmith-sampler-block-3-watermelon.html

Strawberries are now in season so try this one: https://skyberrieshandmade.blogspot.com/2014/08/strawberry-blocktutorial.html

Pears are always tasty but why not make a few for your kitchen. https://sassafras-lane.com/blogs/news/free-patchwork-pear-mini-quilt-pattern

Something quite small is a mug rug. Handy for a senior in a nursing home for their cup of tea/coffee. Again, step-by-step help to get you started. https://thepatchsmith.blogspot.com/p/mug-rug-basics.html

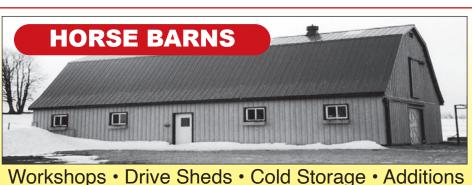
And of course, we all like free patterns. Check out each website of the fabric manufacturers or quilt stores to see if they have free patterns. Here are a few: https://thepatchsmith.blogspot.com/p/tutorials-and-freebies.html

Northcott is a Canadian fabric manufacturer and they always have wonderful free patterns. https://northcott.com/pattern.aspx

Binding is almost always a challenge. Try looking at : https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kd2ob2rXjgw

Or https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cGOIAnc0_M4 Or even https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0vCW-pxBRs20 It's fun to see all the ways to make perfect binding.

Many prefer to do hand binding, but you still have to mitre the corners and join the last piece so you decide.



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Quilting Corners Guild presents Quilts of Valour Donation

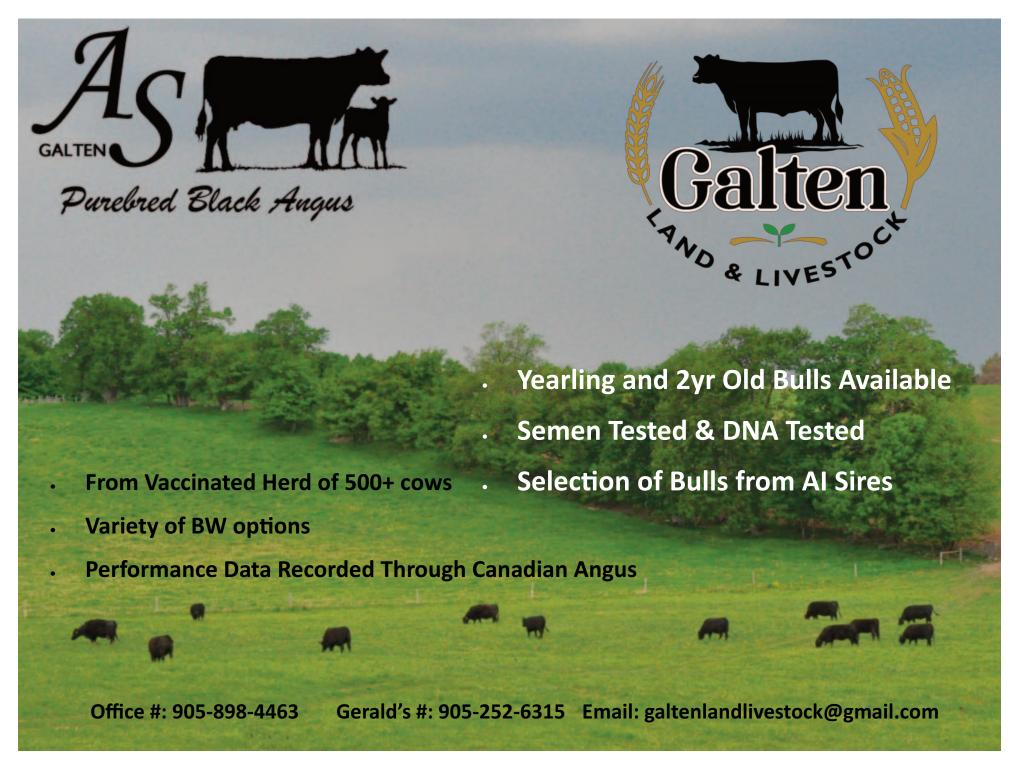
Story and photos by Senora Baldry

On June 4th Quilting Corners Guild presented 18 quilts to Quilts of Valour - Canada. The quilts are a labour of love and creativity made by members of QCG and volunteers who attend the sew days hosted by our local quilt shop, Country Concessions. Our regional rep, Elizabeth, was there to receive the quilts which will then be presented to Canadian Armed Forces members, ill or injured, past and present. A sincere thank you goes out to our guild members, friends of the guild and Cynthia, of Country Concessions, for all the many hands, hours and contributions provided to make this special donation possible.

Pictured here are just a few of the many beautiful quilts lovingly made for Quilts of Valour - Canada.







Schomberg Fair 174th Fair Theme "Celebrating Our Community Heroes"

Story and photos by Cathy Hamill-Hill



Pictured at left is Cameron Barkey from Blackstock. Cameron was the judge for the popular Schomberg Fair's Junior Dairy Cattle Show. Schomberg is the first occurring fair in the spring in Ontario.

Pictured at right is Liam McLean at his first show in his first year of 4-H. He is relaxing here with a purebred hereford he showed in the Schomberg Fair Junior Beef Show. The hereford's name is Lazy M Lucy. Liam is from Schomberg.





Pictured above is Isla Stone from Lakefield, showing a Simmental heifer named Lacy at the Schomberg Fair Junior Beef Cattle Show.

This 17 month old little farmer is Dresden O'Hara. Dresden came to the Schomberg Fair's Dairy Show with his parents, Devin and Lynsey O'Hara that operate Dandyland Holsteins. The family is from Schomberg.





Pictured above is Brianna Blanchette from Angus with her Holstein heifer calf, Nifty. This is Brianna's first year in 4-H. Brianna showed at the Schomberg Fair's Junior Dairy Cattle show held on Sunday. Schomberg is the first agricultural fair of the year in Ontario and was very well attended.



The grown-up in this picture is "Boppie" according to the little guy, Liam Laschinger. Liam, from Aurora is 2 years old. Liam was in the tent that held the Rabbit and Cavy Show at the Schomberg Fair with his Boppie, better known as Bill Burkholder. Liam is petting a Holland Lop rabbit owned by Lyla Robinson from Owen Sound.

Agricultural Anecdotes from Farmer Tim



I had an interesting question asked of me recently. It was a little morbid but it made me think.

"When you are on your death bed what are some things that you would want consumers to know about your life as a farmer."

As I sat down for breakfast, I took a moment to try and answer it. These are my thoughts. I'd love to hear yours.

I DID MY BEST

I did my best to feed my family and yours. I took what nature gave me graciously or at least with a "there is always next year" attitude.

I did my best to listen to your wants and needs. I tried to farm the way you wanted me to even if I didn't always agree. I did my best to find a balance between providing cheap food and making a living while never sacrificing quality or welfare.

I did my best to put my livestock first. I took care of them before I took care of myself. I may have some regrets for time lost with family and friends and experiences passed by but it's part of the job of feeding the world. I took up the challenge willingly and I would do it again in a heartbeat.

I have no apologies for my life as a farmer. It was born out of compassion for animals and a passion for growing things. I did my best to nurture my land and leave it in better shape than when I started.

My legacy is in my family, in my soil and my livestock. I've done my best to care for them to the best of my ability and they are my gift to you. Cherish and love them like I did.

My life as a farmer wasn't perfect and I've made mistakes. It was a hard but rewarding journey. Some of you may be critical of the life I led but please know that - I did my best.

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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SSEA Champion awards: Recognition for outstanding volunteer efforts

Submitted by Don Beaulieu

This spring, the Severn Sound Environmental Association held an open house in Elmvale, Ontario. That evening they held a meeting to recognize outstanding volunteers involved with the organization, their Champion Awards. Everyone who volunteers with the SSEA is appreciated, let there be no doubt, there are many, but there are certain areas and aspects the association likes to acknowledge.

Farm View has been delayed in providing this report, but none-the-less, we feel it is important to share this recognition and the efforts this represents of so many people involved.

The focus of the SSEA is the health (ecology) of the Severn Sound watershed. The health of the rivers and water which drains into Severn Sound and the sound itself. There are copious details on the water system and the wildlife, on land and in the water, that are dependent and sometimes partially dependent on the watershed.

Prior to the awards being presented, several officials spoke briefly to the audience of members, interested parties and media. It was obvious that the communities in and surrounding the watershed are appreciative of the initiatives and accomplishments of the SSEA.

Geographically speaking, Severn Sound is that appendage of Georgian Bay, in a general sense, with Penetanguishene and Midland on its western shore, Sturgeon Bay over to Waubaushene in the south and Port Severn, Honey Harbour and Beausoleil Island up the east side.

Champion Awards and Partners Reception

As the event was held in Elmvale, in Springwater Township councillor Matt Garwood presented a land acknowledgment. He was followed by the mayor of the Township of Springwater Jennifer Coughlin.

She took pride in honouring those who have "...demonstrated exceptional commitment environmental stewardship as well as collected dedication to preserving our natural resources". Coughlin stated that Springwater recognizes the crucial role the township plays in the ecology of the headwaters of the Wye River in particular.

"We are deeply committed to protecting its quality and the natural assets it sustains" she said. She mentioned the invaluable scientific expertise the SSEA provides, allowing enhancements water quality monitoring, safeguarding our community's well-being.

Coughlin, in her concluding remarks said to the SSEA "Thank you... for the crucial work being done in our township and beyond to safeguard our commitments to environmental quality and exemplary stewardship".

Member of Parliament Adam Chambers (Simcoe North) was up next to address the audience. Chambers was impressed that the evening's artist/speaker, from our area, John Hartman had received the Order of Canada.

Speaking to the award winners, Chambers said "Your work in the community to help preserve and protect our environment, but also to educate, is very very important". He continued: "We are very lucky to have the SSEA in our region for multiple reasons..." He appreciated the close relationship the association has with municipalities and other levels of government. "I will continue to advocate for more support to organizations like the SSEA... I strongly believe that funds and support... are spent very very well, they are efficient organizations". He believes grassroots organizations like the SSEA do wonderful work and are in a better position than those in Ottawa's "...government industrial complex" to decide how things should work.

Chairman of the SSEA and Tiny Township councillor Steffen Walma, spoke saying he was amazed at the number of current and past politicians in the room, showing what strong support and respect the association has garnered. Many have served the board of directors over the years.

Walma explained how the SSEA differs from many similar groups. "We're not a conservation authority" he began. "We're literally eight municipalities who got together one day, shook hands and said that the environment's important". The recognized invasive species don't recognize municipal borders "...if you have it in Tiny Township, you have it in Tay and Penetang' and Midland and everywhere else."

He also recognized the hard work volunteers do to steward our environment. "They are the glue that holds this partnership together" he stated. He ended, offering an enthusiastic "You're awesome!" to the attendees.

Directly ahead of the awards, the board members were

thanked, as well as the association's dozen staff members for their tireless work and dedication.

Legacy and Champion Award recipients

After an enlightening and enjoyable presentation by artist John Hartman it was time for presenting the awards. Ten local individuals were recognized with SSEA Environmental Champion Awards including the prestigious Environmental Legacy Award.

Local environmental champion David Hawke was honoured with the Environmental Legacy Award for his lifetime commitment to nature conservation, stewardship, and his profound positive impact on the Severn Sound region.

"Dave's unwavering dedication to creating a sustainable future has ignited inspiration and hope for many of us" said SSEA Executive Director Julie Cayley "We are honoured to acknowledge his remarkable work proving that one person's commitment can truly make a difference".

Also presented were...

Student Environmental Champion Award:

J.J. McTague was honoured for many positive environmental actions at St. Theresa's High School including school yard tree planting and cleanups, raising over \$300 in e-waste recycling to purchase bird and bat houses for his school yard, and promoting St. Theresa's Earth Day campaign.

Volunteer Champion Award:

Farlain Lake Community Association members Scott Dales, Emily Thorne, Barb Columbus, Brian Columbus, Mike Johnson, and Mark Simpson (for their work on the Farlain Lake Algae Causation Study)

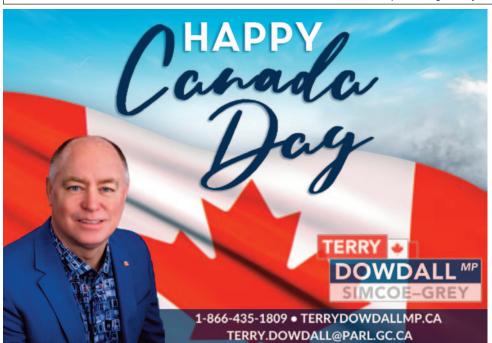
Sustainability and Stewardship Champion Award:

Roy Patenaude seen as a champion in the ceaseless battle to manage invasive species in the Town of Penetanguishene and restore habitat for native species and Meg Whitton for her dedication to championing the SSEA cause and advocating for the environment as a community and media leader.

"I am inspired tonight by the amazing people in our Severn Sound watershed" says SSEA Board Chair Steffen Walma "Their remarkable dedication to safeguarding our precious watershed for generations to come, make them community eco-superheroes."



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Beautiful day to find a few treasures at the Elmvale & District Horticultural Society plant sale

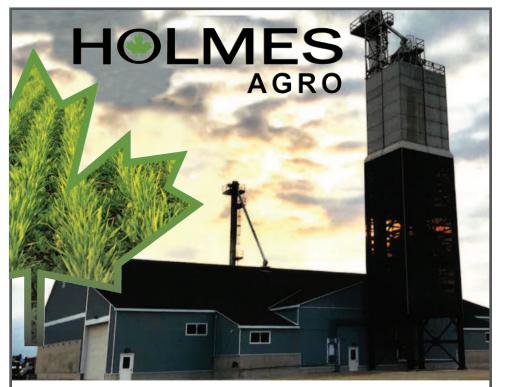
Story and photo by Roslyn Watkins



Elmvale's Heritage Park was a hopping place mid June for the Elmvale & District Horticultural Society's (E.D.H.S.) annual plant sale. The tables were filled and very well organized into categories of sun, sun/shade and shade. They offered a selection of vegetables for sale and quite a few annuals to choose from as well. Not to be missed were the incredible variety of hostas and grasses on the lawn, including rare varieties such as Red October. Did you know there are over 8,000 varieties of hostas? Whether you were looking for something specific or wanted to choose a few plants to help fill in your gardens, the selection did not disappoint!

Local plant sales are a wonderful way to introduce native species to your garden that are sure to thrive. These plant sales are also a great way to learn from the experts, there is a wealth of knowledge the gardeners are excited to share. You can even become a member of your local Garden Club. The fee is usually nominal and you will be able to participate in many informative events and meetings.

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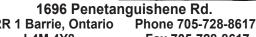
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After The Chores: Embarrassed

By Cathy Hamill-Hill



Shearing this year was so embarrassing. I thought I found, from a farming online site, a new sheep shearing person. "Yes I can do your sheep, can I have your address?" turned into "I'm coming today" weeks later. "Do you still need your sheep sheared?" wins for the most frustrating of all the texts I got back. I was just looking for a honest person who could shear sheep when one of the most known- and respected people in Ontario's sheep industry, Rebecca Parker answered my message with "I could come this week."

Rebecca is a sheep/goat ultrasound technician meaning she drives around Ontario to sheep flocks and goat herds to check the flocks and herds for pregnancies. She is a contracted educational sheep shearer at both the CNE and the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto and several other Fairs in the province. She volunteers with three youth organizations. She trains and raises dogs. And Rebecca is part of the incredible "Durham Farm Connections" that teaches about local farming. Plus, she has a flock of sheep at home. She also shears small flocks of sheep I found out this year.

Rebecca arrived here on time. My sheep were locked in the barn as she requested they have dry fleece and it rained heavy the night before. Sweetie had the extension cord ready and Rebecca was set up in no time with shearing the first sheep. I could watch shearing all day at Rebecca's high skill level but it is rude to watch someone at work. I was also mindful of how busy Rebecca is; I left her alone to shear and decided to feed Isaac the Labrador Retriever in the house.

Isaac, in the house, raced to the window and stared out. Isaac can hear much better than me so I ignored him until I heard a distinct "BAA." There was no way my ears could hear BAA from the barn. I looked out and saw, to my shock and horror, sheep in the front yard.

I tied Isaac up on his tie-out and rushed to the barn. Rebecca looked up from her shearing, pointed to the flat piece of gate in the pen. The sheep had literally pushed a corner of their pen down. I noticed she was shearing the ram which meant thankfully he was occupied. I quickly fixed the pen and got some grain thinking that I would just call the sheep in. I got back outside and then saw the back end of sheep racing out to pasture. Mindful of Rebecca in the barn, I frantically went to the pasture and called the flock over. Once they heard grain shaking in the bucket, I had all of them around me and I had to fend off of jumping sheep and getting run over by them pushing to get to the grain. Finally, a lead sheep decided that real grain meant going closer to the barn and off they raced.

Back to getting more grain, I now had this all figured out. I would call the sheep into the paddock beside the barn- and then call them again into the barn. I did this all the time in lambing season. My sheep are good listeners when there is bucket of grain in-

volved.

I filled the grain feeders outside and called the sheep in. Half of the flock responded but the other half were more interested in eating the green grass on the lawn. Rebecca had the ram finished and she had not another sheep in the inside pen so she kindly came out to help me

get the sheep in to the paddock right next to the barn. Next, was getting the flock into the barn, most of them rushed right in per usual but some refused. Rebecca said she would work with what was in the barn- and she went right back to shearing.

My sheep are mine. I have only the ram and one ewe not born here. I was always proud of being able to move my sheep; all I needed was a bucket of grain and my voice. My sheep are smarter than average was always my private thought.

I got more grain and did my chain rattling and calling "Lambies." I was standing behind the gate in preparation of being jumped on and run over, per usual. Not one sheep looked at me. Not even an ear twitched. Everybody was eating at the hay feeder. Not a single sheep even gave me a sideways glance.

I decided the sheep just were too focused on eating, this was breakfast time. I decided to scare them from the feeder. After being "scared," the sheep did a short, slow circle away from the feeder- and then walked back. I decided to get a branch and make a lot of noise that would scare them for sure into movement- they would go right to the barn. On the third attempt and now my noise making was easier as I was getting so frustrated, the sheep did go to the barn. The lead sheep of this group put her nose in, one hoof- and then she calmly backed up and went right back to the hay feeder and the rest of the group followed.

I got so desperate to get those sheep in the barn that I decided Isaac could help. He likes to chase Daisy the house cat so much, my thought was here was a small group of sheep that need to be chased to the barn. I told him what to do and even tried barking to encourage him though quietly as to not alert Rebecca that I was this desperate. Isaac looked at me with his big brown Lab eyes and calmly walked the other direction away from the sheep. I then decided to tie him at the hay feeder thinking, in my desperate mind, that surely he would bark which would make the hay feeder a scary place for the sheep. Isaac came to me when I called him and I tied him securely to the sheep's favourite place in the hay feeder. Isaac promptly sat down in one of his cute sits silently watched the sheep come up next to him to eat.

I was so embarrassed. I had sheep literally refusing to go into their home barn and a Labrador Retriever cute sitting at the hay feeder. To have someone as highly respected in the sheep industry as Rebecca see this sheepherding disaster left me red faced and feeling as stupid as these sheep were acting. Rebecca was logical and extremely kind. Rebecca told me that Labs are not sheep herding dogs and that she had to leave for a meeting in twenty minutes so she would return for a second time to "finish the flock."

I no longer think I have the smartest sheep.

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