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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. Submission deadline is the 14th of the month for the following month's issue.

August 2nd - 5th: Georgian Bay Steam Show

The very popular Georgian Bay Steam Show returns taking place **August 2nd to the 5th**. Featuring Allis Chalmers equipment, a fun filled family event! Visit <https://www.steamshow.ca>

August 3rd & 4th: Essa National Draft Horse Show

The 9th Annual Essa National Draft Horse Show takes place **August 3rd & 4th at 7505 10th line, Thornton, ON**. This promises to be an exciting event not to be missed! Call 705-726-1200 or email admin@essaagriplex.ca for details.

August 11th: Harlaine Heritage Day

Antiques, displays & working demos, threshing/plowing. Featuring 60s, 70s, 80s, muscle tractors. Free Admission, located at 1060 Concession 1 Brock Sunderland. *See page 10 for full details.*

August 13th: Drive -thru Chicken Dinner

August 13th Drive-thru Chicken Dinner at the GNE Fairgrounds. Call 705-888-2797 or visit www.greatnorthernex.com for details.

August 14th: News and Advertising Deadline

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

August 17th: Simcoe County Plowing Match

Simcoe County Plowmen's Association presents the 2024 Plowing Match. Taking place at 1107 Klondike Park Road in Stayner. All are welcome, free admission. *Find all the details in the ad on page 7.*

August 22nd - 25th: Barrie Fair

The Annual Barrie Fair takes place at **7505 10th line, Thornton, ON August 22nd to the 25th**. *See the ad on page 6 for more details and visit www.essaagriplex.ca.*

August 22nd: Farm Safety Corn Roast

Farm Safety Corn Roast hosted by York Federation of Agriculture will take place on **Thursday, August 22nd at 6:30 pm**. This event is open to everyone and will be held at the Sutton Fairgrounds. *See the ad on page 9 for more details.*

August 29th: OFA Member Appreciation Lunch

The OFA is hosting a member appreciation lunch on August 29th. Taking place at 4906 Concession Road #7 in Al-Liston. *Please see the ad on page 18 for more details.*

September 10th - 11th: Sunderland Fall Fair

The Sunderland Fall Fair takes place Sept 10th and 11th. The Fair theme is In the Apple Orchard. All the fun of a fall Fair! *See the ad on page 14 for more details.*

September 20th - 22nd: Great Northern Exhibition

The GNE takes place **Sept. 20th to 22nd, 2023**. Visit the website for more details www.greatnorthernex.com

September 28th: Anten Mills Artisan Craft & Food Fair

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November 2nd: Christmas Craft Show

November 2nd Christmas Craft Show & Sale at the GNE Fairgrounds. Call 705-888-2797 or visit www.greatnorthernex.com for details.

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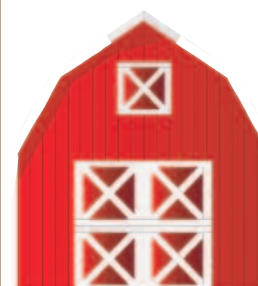
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Farmers support Senate soil report recommendations

By Drew Spoelstra, President, Ontario Federation of Agriculture

The Senate of Canada has made a series of recommendations around the future of Canada's soils and their strategic importance to our country. The findings are part of a report released last month by the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry called "Critical Ground: Why Soil is Essential to Canada's Economic, Environmental, Human, and Social Health" – and they're particularly welcomed by farmers whose livelihoods depend on healthy, productive soils.

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture would like to congratulate the Senate for tackling a topic that isn't always headline-grabbing, but is fundamentally important to Canada's food security and economic prosperity. In particular, we'd like to give a shout out to Senator Rob Black of Ontario and his colleagues whose leadership and drive helped move this study forward.

Nearly two years in the making, this report follows the Senate's last report on soil health released in 1984, and signals the need for renewed attention on the issue of soil health, conservation and protection in presenting 25 recommendations for government consideration.

These recommendations reflect how attitudes towards soil health and conservation have evolved in the last 40 years, and points to today's greater urgency to not only recognize how vital healthy soil is to maintaining a robust and resilient agricultural sector, but also how critical it is to protect and maintain it.

The recommendations focus on themes of understanding soil health and its evolution, building soil-based incentives and initiatives for agriculture, and promoting soil health and agricultural and forestry land preservation for a better future.

The OFA supports these recommendations to

government and now is the time to take action.

The agriculture sector is keen to turn these ideas into reality across the landscape. Farmers want to help Canada be a leader in soil health and conservation, preserve our soils and ensure that we leave our soils in better condition than we found it, so that future generations have the opportunity to grow food, fibre, fuel and flowers if they wish to do so.

For OFA, this means continuing to advocate for the funding and resources that will support soil health improvement on the farm, as well as making sure our members are aware of what they can do to continue to implement best management practices that will contribute to better soil health.

Canada's soils are very diverse across the country so it's important to recognize that soil health solutions and practices can't be a one-size-fits-all approach. At the same time, we encourage the federal government to put a greater focus on soil health nationally and incentivize farmers across Canada to work towards the same goals.

Recommendations aren't functional without the proper resources to implement them, and we appreciate that the report recognizes the need for financial and resource support for soil health initiatives.

One recommendation in particular calls for funding soil extension services and peer-to-peer learning, which recognizes that implementing soil health beneficial management practices may need technical support to be adapted to the wide variety of farms and agricultural landscapes in Ontario.

'Collaboration' and 'consensus' are recurring themes in the recommendations. This is absolutely necessary, and there are many positive activities already underway spearheaded by organizations



and groups like the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association, the Ontario Soil Network, the Greenbelt Foundation and the Soil Action Group, which is working towards the implementation of Ontario's Soil Health and Conservation Strategy.

Farmers themselves are keen partners in soil research and adopters of new soil health practices and technologies, and we'll need all the pieces to come together to see successful action and impact.

For OFA, it was also encouraging to see a recommendation focused on ensuring the economic viability of farm businesses – this is a very necessary pillar of environmental sustainability.

Agriculture must be able to be profitable and competitive in order to have the resources to make investments in the new technologies and practices that will encourage soil health and conservation. This means farmers need tools and programs that will mitigate the risks of adopting new practices and encourage implementation of new technologies.

Long term, this will benefit all Ontarians. After all, soil is a fundamental building block of our ability to produce food – and food security is a key pillar of our national security. That's why preserving our soils and making sure our prime agricultural land is protected and available to farm is so important.

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It isn't often I get my knickers in a twist, but this subject is one that gets my blood boiling. I have heard a few social media gurus comment "I don't do print advertising." Which begs the question, why on earth not? What would be so terrible about supporting your local print industry? An industry that employs the very people you would like to have as customers or visitors to your store or event.

I would like to reassure everyone that print advertising (whether it is newsprint, magazines, flyers etc.) are a highly effective way to communicate to and attract your audience. I don't understand what social media marketers have to gain from dismissing the value of print and radio advertising. Are they somehow making a commission from putting newspapers and radio stations out of business? Have they actually gone to marketing school to learn the most effective strategy is a well rounded one? Social media marketers need to understand the best way for a business to promote itself is with a well rounded marketing strategy to reach every potential customer. Social media alone cannot be clipped out and posted on the fridge reminding readers what events are coming up. Print advertising is also easily tracked. All you need to do is ask a customer or client how they heard about your business. As I was previously mentioning social media does not keep people employed. Your advertising dollars not only support me, the people working at the printing company and the mail binary company, but the many columnists who write for the Farm View. Not to mention the readers who would be disappointed

to lose a paper that has been helping to promote the ag community since 1977. Readers, let the businesses you support know how you heard about them, or why you support them. Please share my thoughts with any social media marketers you may know. Let them know their comments have serious repercussions. We are actual people earning our living by providing news and entertainment content by way of print or radio. We are not faceless businesses that should be told we are worthless.

Take care of yourselves and one another,
Roslyn Watkins

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By Harrison Watkins

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- What do you call an American Bee?
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I would like to congratulate Paul Maurice on his successful nomination for OFA Zone 13 Director. He was recently acclaimed for another three-year term on the OFA Board of Directors. I look forward to continuing to work with Paul on behalf of our members.

It is my pleasure to announce that my zone, Zone 13, will be having an OFA Members Appreciation Event on August 29th in Alliston at Ernie Dean Chevrolet, Buick, GMC. We will be serving a light lunch, and it will be an opportunity for members to check out some new vehicles as well as visit other OFA Member Benefit Partners such as Scotiabank, Cooperators, Peavey Mart. Lunch will be available between 11:30 and 2:00pm. We look forward to seeing you.

The new inclusion rates for the Capital Gains Tax are causing stress for our members. The changes proposed in the Federal Budget 2024 to increase the capital gains inclusion rate to 67% for individuals with capital gains over

This summer season is continuing to be stressful for farmers. In the past few days, we have received significant rainfall. If you are feeling anxious or depressed do not try to bury those emotions. Talk to someone. Family, friends, peers or call The Farmer Wellness Initiative. This is a confidential service for all farmers, their farm workers and family members. It's free and the counselling professionals are ag-informed. Your health is very important. Call now to get the support you need today.

\$250,000 and the first dollar of capital gains on incorporated businesses would add a significant tax burden at a time when farmers can least afford it. Additionally, the proposed increase in capital gains inclusion rates poses a significant threat to the viability of farm succession plans. One positive action the federal government has taken was to increase the lifetime capital gains exemption to \$1.25 million. I have received numerous calls from members asking what is OFA's position on this tax increase. OFA has recently sent two letters to Minister Freeland asking that the federal take a pause on the new rate and enter meaningful consultation with the agricultural sector until January 1, 2025. OFA is a voting member of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA). The CFA has hired a national accounting firm to undertake a deep analysis of the impacts of the increased capital gains inclusion rate to farm families across the country. This takes time to complete but we must have the data to present to the government in our lobby efforts asking for exemptions or special consideration for farm operations that will be transitioning to the next generation. Capital gains tax is complicated, and each farm operations situation will be quite different. As we continue to press forward on our lobbying partnership with the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, we encourage our members to consult with their own team of financial professionals for best strategies regarding taxes. Another recommendation for members is to personally call your federal Member of Parliament to voice your concern. Specific examples can help inform MPs about the burden that capital gains represents to so many farm families, as they work to represent constituents now and prepare for the next federal election.

If you are looking to read the correspondence that OFA has sent to Minister Freeland, please visit our website, click on the "Resources" tab, and scroll down to "Submissions & Correspondence."



AUCTIONS?

We've got 'em!
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National Draft Horse Show
Essa Agriplex, Aug 3 - 4

Alliston Potato Festival
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Aug 17, 10 am - 4 pm

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Business Highlight: Steer Enterprises Ltd. Demo Day!

Story and photo by John Beischer

Last month Steer Enterprises Ltd of Clearview Township [located at Cashtown corners], held a DEMO DAY to feature their primary power tool product, Milwaukee.

The day was a wonderful success for all concerned. Lunch and refreshments were provided by the staff, as was quality information about the product.

When asked why the Milwaukee brand was chosen when the new Steer facility opened in 2019, controller Judith Crawford replied; “most of our 30 member shop staff were already using Milwaukee tools”, so the decision was easy. During a break from serving customers, staff members agreed to pose for a photo in front of the store.

A team of talented staff were on hand throughout the afternoon to answer questions about all the services offered by this privately owned business. Steer serves the ag community as well as municipal and owner/operator businesses. Owner Tim Young strives to service any diesel equipment that needs his staff’s expertise, as well as heavy trucks and trailers. They are located at 7051 County Road 9 and can be reached at 705-466-2600.



Standing in front of his service vehicle is transportation sales specialist for Milwaukee Tools, Attabiq Bhatti [center]. Flanking him are Judy Parsons and Jayson Cox. Steer Enterprises Ltd. staff enjoyed demonstrating the Milwaukee power tools.



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3rd	Shady Glen Farms	309	289	311	303.0
4th	Sprucetone Holsteins	277	338	286	300.3
5th	Waynan Farms	289	315	290	298.0

Top Publishable cows Yearlings Comp BCA

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2nd	Shady Glen Disco Tory 377.3
2 year olds Comp BCA	
1st	Shady Glen Vandana Ruby 390.3
2nd	Jalon Hermione 7H 381.0
3 year olds Comp BCA	
1st	Brylco Lautrust Dallis 401.0
2nd	Roybridge Wickham Lapa 396.3
4 year olds Comp BCA	
1st	Jalon Esmeralda 40e 407.7
2nd	Roybridge Kingpin Linko 404.3
5 year olds Comp BCA	
1st	Roybridge Doorman Larry 374.3
2nd	Sprucetone Joel Taz 358.0
Mature Cow Comp BCA	
1st	Spencroft Mascalese Latang 356.0
2nd	Earincliffe Dempsey Dania 355.3

Top Overall Publishable Cows

1st	Jalon Esmeralda 40e 407.7
2nd	Roybridge Kingpin Linko 404.3

Top Management Score Herd

1st	Nellridge Jerseys 853
2nd	Aptohaven Farm 851

Lowest SCC Herd

1st	Maivan Nook Holsteins 103
2nd	Hermica Farms 107

Top Publishable Cows By Lifetime Milk

1st	Walkhavern Astro Jet Sassy 124,144kg
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Congratulations from the Simcoe County Dairy Producers

Kawartha Antique Power 44th Annual Heritage Show

Story and photos by Cathy Hamill-Hill



Pictured above is Bruce Blacktopp from Mount Albert. Bruce is known for his business, Zephyr Peat and also recognized for this "dump wagon" that was built in the 1800's. The wagon was tucked away in a barn for decades before a family member of Bruce's saw it advertised for sale online. "We put wheels on and fixed the steering mechanisms, the rest is from when this was built, in the 1800's," Bruce said at his historical construction equipment display at the 44th annual Kawartha Antique Power's Heritage Show. He explained the wagon worked like a dump truck, there are doors at the bottom that open up and the load is dumped out. With a great interest in history, Bruce attends the Simcoe County Museum near Barrie with the help of William Barron from Kettleby twice a year for special events which include the "Last Blast" event that takes place on October 12th. Four horses pull the wagon with William as the teamster and Bruce operating the controls on the wagon.

Pictured to the right is Paul Harder from Sunderland. Paul is a dairy and crop farmer, maple syrup producer and owner of a big collection of heritage farm equipment. He is seen here in the daily tractor Parade at the Kawartha Antique Power's Heritage show that had tractors driving around the Fairgrounds and then being announced in front of the grandstand. Paul and his family are inviting everyone to his family's Harlaine Heritage Day held on Sunday, August 11th at one of his Sunderland farms to see live demonstrations of harvest time from bygone years. There is no admission and people are invited to bring along their heritage farm equipment. Please see the ag calendar on page 2 for more details.



This pile of finely chopped straw represents a lot of work that is done for the Kawartha Antique Power's Heritage show held annually by its members. This was from sheaves of grain that was stored carefully from last year's harvest done by an historical threshing machine. Those sheaves also had to be kept dry at this year's show because the threshing machine can only work with dry grain. This straw came from sheaves that were fed into an historical threshing machine at the show, between the rains that came down for much of the two day event.



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Kawartha Antique Power 44th Annual Heritage Show

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Story and photos by Cathy Hamill-Hill

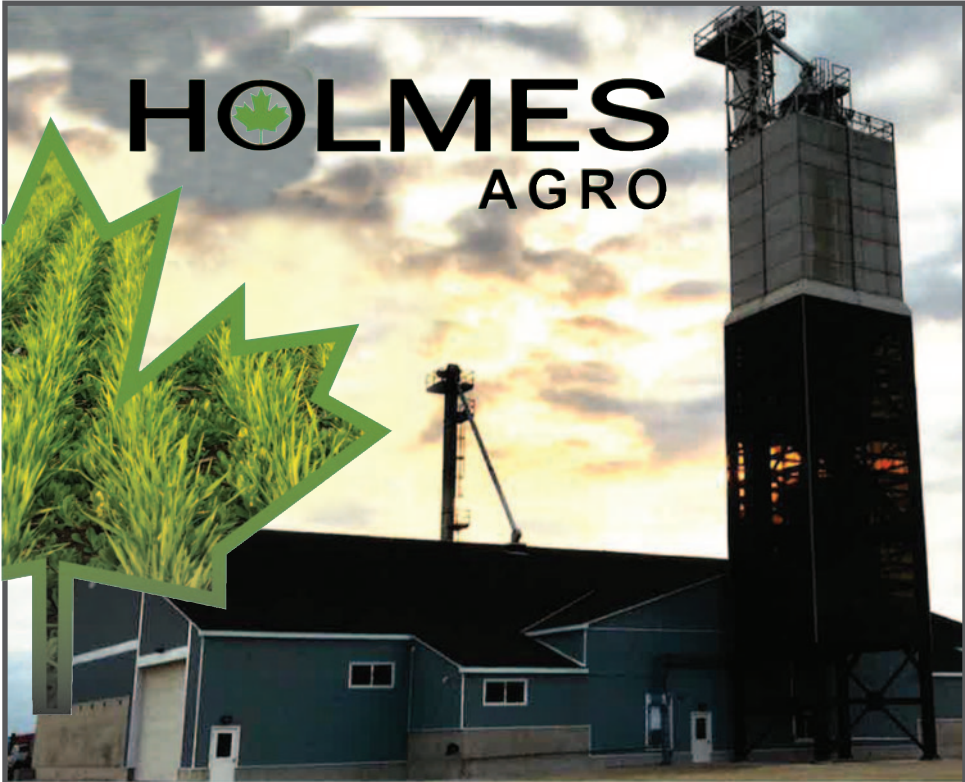


Pictured above is James Borma from Belleville operating his Steam Traction Engine which is a 1/4 scale model of a Steam Engine. An outdoor house contractor by trade, James and his Dad, Owen, worked together for six years to design this small steam Engine that is seen here with its water wagon being pulled behind it. This was one of the displays at the Kawartha Antique Power's Heritage Show.

The weekend of the Kawartha Antique Power's Heritage Show was a typical one in Spring of 2024, rainy. When the rains really came down, visitors went inside and were entertained by the duo, North Country Express, pictured to the right. North Country Express is comprised of Belinda Wilson and Terry Obie. The duo played country music favourites from Loretta Lynn's music to Darius Rucker's well known signature songs.



Pictured to the right is Luke Struik from Little Britain with an International Harvester Hit and Miss engine built in around 1912. This would have been used as power for a grain grinder. Luke was helping his Dad with his collection of heritage farm equipment showing the public how farming was done years ago at the Kawartha Antique Power's Heritage Show.



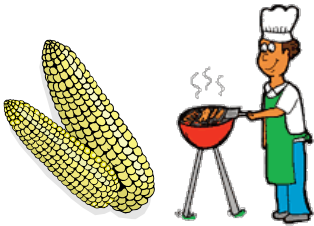
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Safety considerations at post secondary school

By Dennis Gannon

The month of August traditionally is warm and not much thought is going on initially about September and the return to school. For those who are attending post secondary school August can be a very busy time as for some students they are leaving home for the first time and living on their own. For parents this is challenging not only having their child, now a young adult, leaving home for another city, but also finding the right accommodations that will keep them safe. There is no question that student housing has become a challenge with lack of suitable accommodations, sky high prices and absent landlords. For those who are fortunate enough to live on campus in school housing, there are not usually any concerns. The approved school housing has gone through rigid approvals and inspections. But what about those who have to live off campus. Do you know what should be looked at before you sign that rental agreement? Here are some areas that should be top of the list before allowing your young adult to reside there.

Is the house built so that there is minimal chance of a fire occurring? Ask the landlord if the entire building meets the requirements of the Fire Code for Ontario or the province where you are looking. Are there working hardwired smoke alarms in each bedroom and outside the bedroom. Who is responsible for checking them monthly and can they show records? Who are they to call if the smoke alarms require maintenance. Will there be less than 10 people residing in the building? When there are sleeping accommodations for 10 or more a fire alarm system is required. What about carbon monoxide detectors? Are they on all levels of the building and up to date? What about exits? Are there two ways out from

each level? Bedrooms in basements must have an opening window that can be done without any additional tools and there are requirements on minimum size and distance from the floor.

Make certain that they open and close easily. If there is a stairwell, does the door open and close properly and on their own? Almost everyone lives with numerous electrical devices. A computer, laptop, cell phone, tablet all require regular charging. Are there enough electrical outlets available so that power bars are not required. Is the electrical system large enough to supply all the electrical needs? Many times students bring their own small fridges and microwaves as well which is a consideration that must be taken into account. Look for openings in the drywall of the ceilings and walls. Make certain that they are in fact drywalled and not paneling. There should be no openings which could allow fire or smoke to migrate.

Is there a fire safety plan that is posted so all living in the building know what to do in the event of a fire. Is the building address clearly visible and is the property clean with no refuse lying around.

If you can answer these questions and are satisfied that it is safe, ask to see the latest fire inspection report from the fire department. If you see issues that could have a life safety impact on someone who lives there, the local fire department should be contacted with your concerns in order to make the property safe. Should you need further information on student fire safety, your local fire department is always willing to assist. All you need to do is contact them. May the 2024 - 2025 school year be safe and productive.

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Lavender North

Paradise for pollinators

Story and photos by Roslyn Watkins

On the Saturday of production weekend for this issue of the Farm View, I was fortunate to be whisked away for an afternoon break at Lavender North in Oro-Medonte. My good friend had gotten to know the owners of the property and we were invited to have a tour while the lavender was in full bloom and to see the distilling process. Upon our arrival we were immediately welcomed by the beautiful scent of lavender in the air and a warm welcome by Nancy and Steve, farm owners.

As Nancy gave us a guided and most educational tour of the 110 acres her love of nature and its habitants quickly became apparent. Nancy and Steve's goal is to provide a safe habitat for all of Mother Natures creatures as well as creating a pollinator's paradise. Nancy's scientific approach to the property has guaranteed success in both of these areas. Nancy and Steve have also partnered with the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority for reforestation and wetland projects on the farm. For Nancy and Steve it isn't simply about growing lavender, it is the responsibility of being Stewards of the Land.

More on this incredible organic farm will be in the September issue of Farm View. In the meantime you can find Lavender North on Facebook to see what local market they will be at next.



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Memories of Life on a Hardscrabble Farm

Village stories

by Andrew Hind

But we can still remember.

John Johnson does. He was born in Lewisham in 1939, representing the third generation of the Johnson family to live in the backwoods community east of Gravenhurst.

For the Johnsons, as with everyone in Lewisham, self-sufficiency was the order of the day. Cows, pigs, and chickens were kept. The family had a large garden where they grew potatoes, carrots, turnips, cabbage, squash, beans, and corn. John's mother, Louise, canned a lot, so there were vegetables year-round, and his father Angus shot deer for meat.

John recalls that store-bought canned items were alien to him growing up. Candy was a rare luxury that was only afforded to him when he accompanied his father to Barkway to visit the mercantile run by his aunt and uncle. "Aunt Annie would give me a small sucker on a stick," John remembers. It was a small token, but to the child of a cash-strapped family it was a memorable delight.

Money was rare. Instead, the family bartered farm goods. "My mother turned cream into butter," John says. "Mom had a wood mould, so the butter was put into the mould in butter paper and the paper folded around the block. It looked professional. My dad traded butter for what was needed." Additional income came from Angus working at logging camps or from the trap line he kept.

Still, it never seemed enough, and in 1945 Angus and Louise sold their 300-acre farm for \$300. As an example of how little value property in Lewisham held, the family made more money for the sale of the cattle (\$400) than for the land they grazed upon. The move to Severn Bridge was particularly hard for John because it would mean he was losing a dear friend, an old Jersey cow named Old Pet.

Old Pet seemed more dog than cow. She was affectionate and gentle, and when John and his siblings were outside playing, she would follow them around like a dog. If the kids had settled on an area to play in, she would lay down to watch them attentively. When whatever game the kids were playing took them to another part of the yard, she would get up on aging legs and move with them. Consequently, when she was sold with the rest of the herd, John

was devastated.

"We pleaded with him to not sell Old Pet, but he did. The buyer wanted all the cattle. So late one afternoon the truck came and all the cattle, including Old Pet, were loaded up and taken away. We all cried," remembers John.

"Next morning, we woke up just at daybreak with the sound of a cow bawling," he continues. "We jumped out of bed and ran outside, and there was Old Pet. I guess my dad made a deal with the cattle buyer. We kept Old Pet and took her to Severn with us."

It represented a happy ending, both to this childhood memory and to the Johnson saga in Lewisham.

You can read more about Lewisham and its stoic farming families in my book *Lewisham: Foundations in the Forest*.

The Johnson children, photo courtesy of John Johnson.





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Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture holds annual barbecue

Submitted by Don Beaulieu

The annual summer barbecue for the Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture was held at Ross Langman's Langerest Farms in Springwater Township last month, a little west of Elmvale.

The event got underway at 2 p.m. with tours of the dairy barn where the robotic milking system was looking after the cows. Via electronic tagging, the system provides more details, instantly, about the cows and product than is available with traditional hand milking. Seeing the cows line up and enter the milking room on their own, being cleaned and milked automatically when they feel like it is something that continues to amaze people. A robot keeps their barn clean and keeps their feed within reach.

A few vendors had displays on hand from banking to watershed concerns. It was a good opportunity for gathering information, discussions, meeting up with old acquaintances and making new acquaintances. Now and again, the topic of the weather came up among the farmers.

There were a few guest speakers scheduled and a scholarship bursary awarded. SCFA president Dave Ritchie was pleased to present a cheque for \$1,000 to Sadie McPhail, a large cheque in more ways than one. Sadie was very appreciative of the financial help towards furthering her education.

Drone technology

The first speaker to address the afternoon crowd was Felix Weber of Ag Business & Crop Inc. His topic was the use of drones. The presentation included an in-field demonstration with the aid of Lucas Weber, also of Ag Business & Crop Inc. A horse-drawn wagon took guests across the road to the drone location.

Felix stressed legal and safety aspects,

which inherently go hand-in-hand. Licensing was discussed as were the types of potential cargo and what is not allowed. The presentation was aimed at crop spraying, but other aspects were covered to be sure the audience knew the laws and limitations. Due to their size, power and capacities, drones for spraying fall under some serious guidelines; they are not the "toy" drones many people operate for recreation.

To be sure, drones and the necessary equipment are less expensive than ground sprayers, offer greater accuracy and can be used at times when the field is too wet to enter.

Sustainability

Nick Williamson from Great Lakes Grain spoke to the ever-popular topic of sustainability for about twenty minutes. He spent time in greenhouse farming before moving to field crops. Williamson explained how greenhouse farming can be presented to sound ecologically friendly, but he warned "You can also leave out the part about the concrete you pour out over 1,000 acres; You can leave out the fact that you are drawing so much energy to turn the lights on in the greenhouse". Field farming has been a "punching bag" for media and social media about what farmers are doing wrong.

Not the only one to suggest this in recent years, Williamson re-enforced that farmers need to get their message out about what "we are doing on the farm. Telling our story is crucial today, in what we do" he said.

With regard to carbon tax, he says "Science and common sense don't line up when money comes into play" Paying carbon credits to make up for "...how much you damage the world, that doesn't make sense".

Williamson has graded over 100 farms using the Sustainability Agriculture Initiative Platform. It is a checklist of 200 questions the global farming population answer; it's measured and verified with a green stamp being awarded. From a small farm in south-western Ontario to Pembroke; "Everybody has passed with flying colours with no issues, just by doing what they're doing every day". End users (in manufacturing

food products) as well as the consumer don't know this. We need our global leaders to be better informed to implement the best possible solutions for our farmers.

Economic Development

Ruth Walker-Scott spoke for about 20 minutes providing an overview the many of the initiatives the Economic Development Plan office at the County of Simcoe has to offer the agricultural sector. She also touched on the EDO's work-plan including a business development structured advocacy support system. She spoke of the County's support of agritourism and recently undertaken workforce development initiatives.

Shorter presentations

Paul Maurice, Zone 13 director for the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, spoke briefly to the attendees. "We should be very proud of where we were, where we are and where we're heading". He also encouraged making our story more prominent in the public arena. Paul noted the lack of provincial government representation at this year's event saying "...they need to understand this also". In fact, all attending members were surprised by the lack of provincial government officials.

Doug Measures, Mayor of Clearview Township and a County councillor spoke to the crowd. Measures was impressed by the event in general as a learning experience, particularly the activities of the robotic milking barn and the drone demonstrations. "It's been really enlightening and enriching for me". He alluded to wishing more people had attended. He offered greetings from Warden Basil Clarke to the SCFA. He introduced the many local politicians in attendance.

"More than one in eight jobs in our community is tied to agriculture" which is why, he said, "The County has named it one of the key sectors in our economic development strategy". He mentioned the relatively new Simcoe County Agricultural Working Group.

Paul Van Staveren, deputy mayor for Clearview Township and representative for the SCFA took a few minutes to address everyone. He noted that 65% of his township's business comes from agriculture and food-related industries. Van Staveren encouraged farmers to keep the County and Township informed of issues so they can provide the best support.

Member of Parliament Doug Shipley spoke to the SCFA members, representing all the MPs in attendance. He thanked Ross Langman and his family for hosting this event. Shipley described visiting half a dozen Simcoe County Farms with MP John Barlow. That has enabled them to take farmer concerns to their leader.

Over 70 folk attended this year's SCFA barbecue. A roast beef dinner was provided by Valley Farm Market. As always, it was a very social event and very informative. This synopsis can barely portray the full presentations of the guest speakers, all were packed with insight.



Nick Williamson, Great Lakes Grain.



Lucas Weber is seen here showing the display on a smart 'phone to SCFA members and how it is used to control a drone to spray a crop.

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South Simcoe 4-H shares their outdoor adventures!

Reports and photos submitted by South Simcoe 4-H

South Simcoe 4-H Hiking Club

By Isabella Cullen

The South Simcoe 4-H Hiking Club hiked the Tiffin Centre Conservation area on Saturday June 8th. Naomi, a 4-H leader, showed us an area that they have cleared and are planting to attract rare birds to this area. We viewed turtles in the pond. We learned that used Christmas trees can be used to strengthen river beds. We had a really great time and even played frisbee. We decided to do the election of officers at the second meeting and ended with the 4-H pledge and motto.

The South Simcoe 4-H Hiking Club had their second meeting and hiked the Nottawasaga Bluffs on Saturday July 6th. We left the parking area and did a loop hike that brought us



back to the main trail. We went on the side trails and enjoyed the views on the bluffs. We travelled through caverns and crevices and even a small cave. Our group loves the caves. We had a great time and would recommend the Nottawasaga Bluffs to casual hikers.

South Simcoe 4-H Biking Club

By Isabella Cullen

On July 13th the South Simcoe 4-H Biking club held their first meeting at Base Borden on the bike trails. The group started off on Trillium trail and then on to the streets. We returned to the parking lot that we left from. A very scenic trail and interesting bike ride to start off with for the club. Next meeting we will be going on a mountain bike trail which will prove more challenging.





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Saturday night stock tractor pull at the Kawartha Antique Power Show

Story and photos by Cathy Hamill-Hill



Steve Denouden of Uxbridge is pictured above driving an Allis Chalmers tractor competing in the Tractor Pull that was held as a new event on the Saturday night of the Kawartha Antique Power Heritage Show weekend.



Pictured above is Dave Hollinger of Manilla in competition at the new Saturday night tractor pull event held as part of the Kawartha Antique Power (KAP) Heritage Show weekend. It was a muddy track and the person in the orange jacket, Michael Bruce, Past President of KAP, was the finishing line flagman for nearly the entire event, often during the pouring rain.



This huge Massey Ferguson tractor is owned by the Snoddon Family of Sunderland.

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Saturday night stock tractor pull at the Kawartha Antique Power Show

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Story and photos by Cathy Hamill-Hill



Shown in the photo above is a 1962 770 62 horsepower Cockshutt tractor that was part of a dairy farm operation owned by the McPhail Family of Woodville. The tractor was parked behind the barn when it quit working- and was quite forgotten about for decades. The second generation of the McPhail family, Charles, offered the tractor to his brother-in-law, Tom White, who is an active member of Kawartha Antique Power (KAP). It took two years of work to get the tractor restored and in such good condition, its new owner, Tom, drove the tractor in the KAP's new tractor pull event held on Saturday of KAP's Heritage show's annual weekend held at the Lindsay Fairgrounds.



The new Farm Tractor Pull at the Kawartha Antique Power Heritage Show went on despite the rain. Pictured above is Jake Otter of Epsom in competition.



The new Farm Tractor Pull held Saturday night at the Lindsay Fairgrounds was close to a two hour long event. Guests were dry under the huge covered grandstand seating. Here is one of the final pulls for the event, this is a John Deere tractor operated by Wes Huitson of Little Britain.



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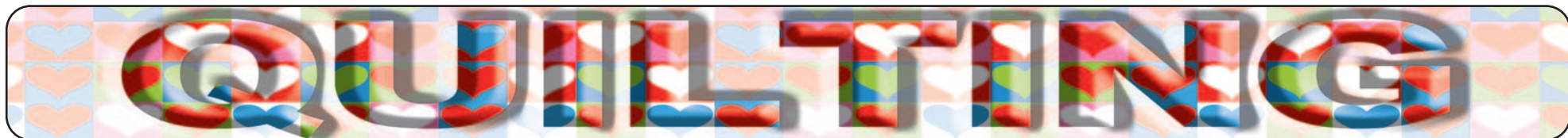
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Discover the beauty of quilting this summer

Article by Janis Hamilton

With one month left before the leaves start turning and we prepare for back to school we can turn our thoughts to fairs, outings with families and the last road trips before our schedules get too busy.

One outing I'd like to suggest is the annual Simcoe County Quilt, Rug & Artisan Fair held at the Simcoe County Museum located at 1151 Highway 26, Minesing about 5 minutes north of Barrie. The dates are Sept. 20-22 from 9:30-4:00 daily. The normal event rate applies for entry.

Every age group would enjoy this event. It is great to see children experience the world of colour through the crafts there. For the quilts on display in the large room visitors are given a ballot for viewers' choice voting and the kids are the best to overhear their discussions with parents about why a quilt should be chosen. The skill level of the quilts are from beginners to those with years of talent and skill. Some are hand quilted, and quilters are asked to write the details of the quilt i.e. pattern, technique used, quilted by and any interesting information that will add to the display. The quilts are hung so that you see the whole quilt and volunteers with white gloves are willing to show you the back of each quilt-you just have to ask. The volunteers are usually able to answer questions you may have about the quilt or even find the quilter if they are present to talk with you about the quilt. Some are for sale but that would be indicated on the quilt.

There is a corner store where the members of the 7 guilds have made items for sale and it's a great way to get Christmas shopping done at a very reasonable price. Hourly demonstrations occur throughout the weekend. There are lots of draws and raffles to be won and you could be the lucky recipient. The seven quilt guilds bringing their work are: Barrie Modern, Georgian Bay from Penetanguishene, Kempenfelt in Barrie, Orillia, Quilting Corners in Alliston, Simcoe County in Minesing, and Slope to Shore from Wasaga Beach.

Moving on from the quilts at the fair, you will see demonstrations as well as items for sale throughout the museum. The following groups will be there: Huronia Handweavers' Guild, Huronia Spinners' Guild, Orillia Sunshine Rug Hookers, Simcoe County Embroidery Guild, Simcoe County Lace-makers, Simcoe County Potters' Guild and Simcoe County

Arts & Crafts' Association. As well there are usually vendors selling related items. The museum is yours to explore once your admission is paid and you will have an inspiring adventure as you explore all that is offered for the weekend. Don't forget to check out the museum's own gift shop where there are lots of local artisans including local honey.

One of the Simcoe County Quilters' Guild is having a massive fabric sale Sept. 7th at Salvation Army at 115 Lillian Cres., Barrie at 10:30-2:30 and no early sales. There is ample parking. There will be fabric, Ott Lites, thread, patterns, scissors, cutting mats, rotary cutters, templates, non-quilting sewing items and much more. Prices will be so reasonable, and sales will be cash and square. You won't be disappointed. All proceeds will go towards the guild's program and outreach programs. Quilters are very generous people, and this guild is no exception. They give quilts to paramedics, firefighters, police for those in crisis, new Ukrainian families, Barrie Women and Children's Crisis Centre, Elizabeth Fry Society, Centre for Grieving Children and countless other organizations within Simcoe County. So all proceeds will be kept within the county.

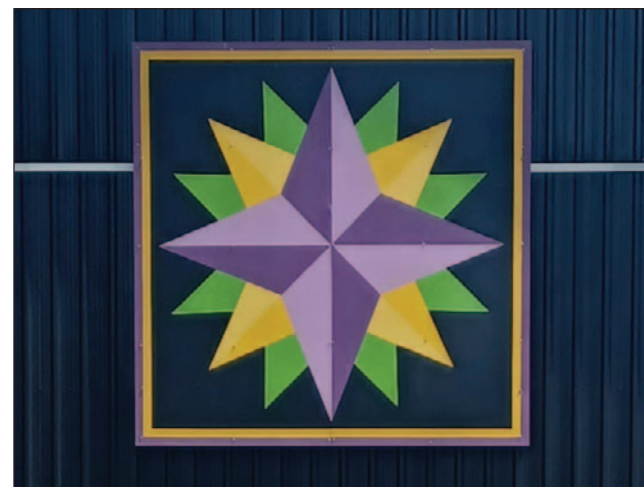
If you are out exploring the fall colours, why not pick up a map from the Museum of the Barn Quilt Trails in Simcoe County (free at the information stand at the museum). It is a well routed map of all the barn quilts within Simcoe County. This was a project taken on by the Museum & County a few years ago and includes 156 barn quilts on this self guided tour. The quilts on the barns are painted on aluminum 8 x 8-foot sheets. In the guide are the photos of what each business or farm have created. If you are not sure check them out at: <https://experience.simcoe.ca/places/4-seasons-barn-quilt/> Also if you want to go further afield, you can visit many more areas from going on the site: <https://www.destinationontario.com/en-ca/articles/ontarios-barn-quilt-ales-and-trails>

This site covers the areas of: Grey, Bruce, Southeastern Ontario, Southwestern Ontario, Kawarthas, Northumberland, Niagara Region and Muskoka.

A friend was given a smaller barn quilt as a present. This 2 x 2-foot painted quilt sign was made of sign board and

after 4 coats of primer each one created is guaranteed to be left outside and it will not fade or flake. Although they do not have a web page, they will send you any photos of their work. After making a call I was told they were on Facebook under "Barn Quilts by Dawne & Lou" but I wasn't able to bring it up. They can be contacted at 519-436-4439. But I know there are many others around or even try one yourself. Your fence or shed will be the talk of the neighbourhood. What a wonderful way to express your creativity. Paint, primer, painters' tape and lots of acrylic colours should be fun. A great project for the cooler days of fall.

Hope your road trips are filled with great memories, ice cream stops and inspiring reasons to snap those photos.



This Christmas Rose barn quilt is one of 156 barn quilts included in the Barn Quilt Trails in Simcoe County project. It is located at Lavender North in Oro-Medonte. The colours were specifically chosen for their representation of the farm. The purple represents the lavender, the yellow represents the solar panel on the property and the green is to honour the relationship with Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority.

—Photo by Roslyn Watkins

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Quilting Corners Guild presents Christmas in July 2024

Story and photos by Senora Baldry



Well Christmas in July was awesome, very busy, but so enjoyable for our guests and our members. We are always so proud and pleased to share our creativity and hard work with our community partners: The Alliston Foodbank, Matthew's House Hospice, My Sister's Place, The Good Samaritan and Simcoe Manor. Altogether 122 Quilts of Comfort were donated to these important local partners. As an extra special addition to the evening we were able to share the it with some of our recipients who came to visit from Simcoe Manor. Thank you to all of our members, and friends of QCG, who work together to make such an important event possible. We are already busy preparing quilts and planning ahead for our December donations.





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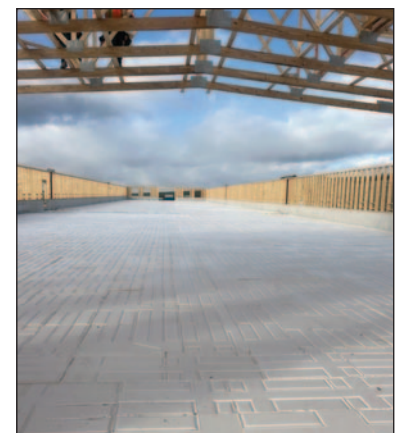
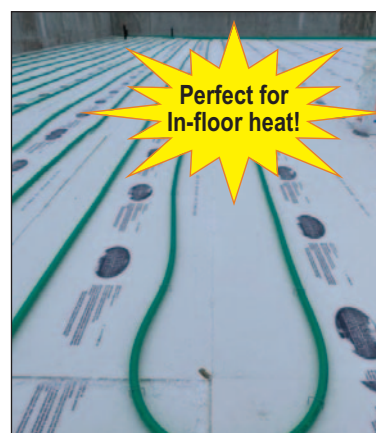


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Agricultural Anecdotes from Farmer Tim



Crop farming isn't as simple as buying some seed, making a hole and dropping it in the ground. It's all about planning, taking risks and relying on science.

This was my thought process for this year's crops...

First and foremost, I need to plant enough of what I need to feed my cattle - this comes from experience but a year of poor weather can throw those estimates out the window so it's always good to plan on a little extra. Any acreage that is left over goes into "cash crops".

Rotating crops is extremely important. It is unwise to plant the same crop in the same field year after year. Rotations help prevent insect, disease and weed buildup.

Corn loves nitrogen so I usually plant it into an old stand of alfalfa hay in early to mid-May after the threat of frost is over. Alfalfa fixes its own nitrogen so the residues it leaves after the field is worked up gives my corn a boost and saves me money on nitrogen fertilizer. The manure from my cattle also goes onto my corn fields to further add nutrients and save money.

Hay is an amazing crop. We mostly grow alfalfa with some grasses mixed in. We take 3 or 4 cuttings of hay a year and a field can stay in hay for 3 or 4 years before it thins out and needs to be planted back into corn. As I mentioned earlier, hay fixes nitrogen via a symbiotic relationship with ribosomal bacteria in its roots. I need to plant my hay on well-drained land so that it won't be flooded out in the spring or heave in the frost. Most varieties don't like wet feet. Alfalfa produces autotoxins so it isn't advised to plant a field back into alfalfa right away.

Barley is used for both its grain and its straw. We often plant it after corn or soybeans. It doesn't like the heat of the summer so it is usually the first crop we plant - the earlier the better.

Soybeans are often planted after corn in early to mid-May in our area after the threat of frost and into warm soil. Sometimes our fields are so fertile that they don't need any extra nutrients added for them to grow. It is one of our cash crops. Soybeans are a very forgiving crop to a point. It matures with the season so two separate crops planted three weeks apart will be ready to harvest around the same time.

Winter wheat is a time saver because we plant it in the fall - spring is busy enough. We usually plant wheat in mid to late September in soybean fields after the soybeans have been harvested. It must go through a winter dormancy phase to produce a crop. The wheat is sold as a cash crop and the straw from the stalks is used to bed our cattle.

Pasture land is permanent. The cattle do the harvesting and the fertilizing. I love our pasture fields because they require no work except for the occasional clipping and fence repair.

As far as seed selection goes the sky is the limit. No one forces me to buy certain seeds. I make choices based on my soil type, soil nutrients, topography, market trends, the needs of my cattle, latest research and environmental protection. A local agronomist helps me make those complicated decisions and helps me determine seed populations and planting depths.

Soil is probably the most important resource on a farm and perhaps in the world. Without soil, life wouldn't exist and without life, soil wouldn't exist. The world survives on just a few precious inches of it. We take soil samples every 2-3 years and the lab results tell us which fields are lacking in certain nutrients. That way we only feed our soil what it needs.

Of course, once the seed is finally in the ground there is no guarantee that there will be a bumper crop - disease, weather and pests always play a role. Here's to a safe and prosperous planting season.

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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Spiritual Awakening

A spiritual awakening is a profound shift in consciousness that often brings about significant changes in a person's perspective, behavior, and overall sense of being. While the experience is deeply personal and can vary widely from one individual to another, there are several common themes and stages that many people encounter during a spiritual awakening. People often ask, why? why now? It is not unusual for someone to feel overwhelmed when awakening. These can occur for various reasons, often as a response to significant life events, personal crises, or a gradual deepening of spiritual practice. While each person's experience is unique, several common factors can trigger an awakening.

One of the first signs of a spiritual awakening is an enhanced sense of awareness. People often report feeling more in tune with their surroundings, noticing details and nuances they previously overlooked. This heightened perception can extend to their inner world as well, leading to increased self-awareness and introspection. This period of heightened sensitivity can be both exhilarating and overwhelming as individuals become more attuned to their thoughts, emotions, and the energy around them. They often begin to question long-held beliefs and assumptions. This can include religious or spiritual doctrines, societal norms, and personal values. This process of questioning can lead to a period of confusion and uncertainty, but it is also a crucial step in breaking down old paradigms and making way for new insights and understandings. Individuals may seek out new philosophies, teachings, or spiritual practices that resonate more deeply with their evolving sense of truth.

It's important to be mentioned that a spiritual awakening often brings unresolved emotional issues to the surface. This can be a challenging phase, as you may have to confront past traumas, fears, and insecurities. However, this emotional upheaval is an essential part of the healing process. By facing and processing these emotions, people can release old wounds and patterns, leading to a greater sense of peace and emotional freedom. Practices such as meditation, journaling, and therapy can be invaluable tools during this time.

Many people who experience a spiritual awakening report a profound sense of connection to all living things. This feeling of oneness can extend to nature, other people, and the universe. This newfound sense of interconnectedness

often fosters a deep sense of compassion and empathy, as individuals begin to see themselves as part of a larger, interconnected web of life. This can also lead to a desire to engage in acts of service and contribute positively to the world. As a result of their shifting consciousness, people often make significant changes in their lives. This can include changes in career, relationships, and daily habits. They may feel drawn to pursue more meaningful work, surround themselves with like-minded individuals, and adopt healthier, more mindful lifestyles. These changes are usually guided by an inner sense of purpose and alignment with their true self.

I encourage you to always listen to intuition, allowing to tap into their inner guidance more easily. Acknowledging this can manifest as gut feelings, dreams, synchronicities, or a strong sense of knowing. Trusting and following this inner guidance becomes a key aspect of navigating the spiritual journey. It can lead to a greater sense of confidence and trust in oneself and the unfolding of life's path.

Ultimately, a spiritual awakening can lead to a profound sense of inner peace and contentment. This does not mean that life becomes free of challenges, but rather that individuals develop a deep sense of resilience and self-assurance. They come to understand that true happiness and fulfillment come from within, rather than from external circumstances. This inner peace allows them to navigate life's ups and downs with greater grace and ease.

Spiritual awakenings are complex and multifaceted, arising from a confluence of factors. Whether prompted by crisis, health, curiosity, disciplined practice, or seemingly random events, the journey of spiritual awakening ultimately leads individuals to a place of transformation, marked by a deeper understanding of themselves and their place in the universe. It is a process that can lead to profound personal growth and a deeper understanding of oneself and the universe. While the journey can be challenging, it also holds the promise of greater clarity, purpose, and inner peace. Spiritual health is a deeply personal journey, I encourage you to trust yourself and the process. We are forever learning, growing and seeking to understand our life journey, it looks different for everyone and there is no best way, just your way.

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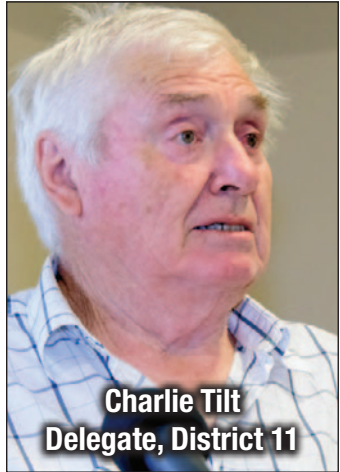
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GFO producer meeting presented engaging speakers

Report by Don Beaulieu

District 11 of the Grain Farmers of Ontario held an excellent information/producer meeting in Baxter in mid-July. They met at Living Faith Community Presbyterian Church, a location familiar to many agricultural groups. The church members provided a lovely roast beef dinner, as always.



Charlie Tilt
Delegate, District 11

Because of the high quality of the scheduled speakers, *Farm View* has decided to present a couple of them here and will continue our report in the September issue of the paper.

Master of ceremonies was delegate Charlie Tilt. He welcomed everyone, anticipating more growers would find their way in, to join the 20 who were in attendance at the start.

In lieu of a land recognition he offered: "(Natives) practiced stewardship of the land, back when; I'm going to say that the agricultural community from what I see, is keeping up that stewardship and providing food and whatever for the people of this country. That's my statement; I am Metis".

Leo Blydorp

After a few introductory words, Tilt invited Leo Blydorp the District 11 director, to the microphone.

Blydorp farms in Dufferin County, his district with the Grain Farmers of Ontario includes Halton County, Peel Region, York County, Dufferin County and Simcoe County.



Leo Blydorp
Director, District 11

He assured the audience that he and the GFO were working on a number of files, looking out for their best interest. Unfortunately he doesn't see the federal government as a friend or an ally "...not the way they seem to be with the automotive industry; We have many struggles with cost that they seem to add to us, the carbon tax is one of them". He said he spent as much on carbon tax as he spent on gas to dry his corn. The fertilizer tariff is another cost that competing

jurisdictions don't have. The change in the exclusion rate on capital gains will be having a negative effect on farmers who want to transfer or exit the industry. "Hopefully" he

said, "a change in government will change the exclusion rate back to where it was in the past". These are some of the larger issues the organization is dealing with currently for its members.

They are also working with the provincial government to get research and production funds released.

Every four or five years GFO reviews their strategic plan; they have begun to do that this year. It guides what they do and how they advocate for the farmer. As members and delegates, there will be opportunities to have some input.

Traditional sources for fertilizer have become problematic and the GFO is trying to get the federal government to help get some of that production back home. He suggested we can't produce our own nitrogen due to regulations that mitigate expanding some of those industries.

Stephen Denys

Not having been given a topic to speak on, Stephen Denys said he was going to talk about a bunch of things that were on his mind. Denys made it clear that although he works for Maizex, the opinions he would be making are his own, not those of the company. He believes farmers are eternal optimists, including himself.

Denys spoke about his father who passed away mid-June of this year. One story he told was from the 1960s of processing their pea harvest. They had rain like we had last month and it wiped out the second half of the pea crop. Some farmers had their peas harvested and some had not.

Denys father, with a group of farmers and couple of industry people went around to those who had their crop harvested and asked "Would you share your income to those who did not get their crop harvested so that everybody can cover their costs?"

They convinced everybody to do that. Afterwards they went to the government and said "We can not let this happen again". That became a discussion that lead to crop insurance in the processing industry.

Denys mentioned a strip of land, between Sarnia and St. Thomas that caught every rain event we had so far this summer. He figured that just past the half-way point of July, those farmers were still waiting to get their first crop of soy beans into the ground. He does expect a good seed corn crop coming out of south-western Ontario this year. Early wheat has been good.

Denys is wondering what the future of bio-fuels will be and how that relates to corn crops. "Do we look for

alternative crops?" he asked. He sees more winter canola in the south-western area, as an example. Long-term investment decisions will be affected by a change in bio-fuel demands.

He also brought up "population deflation" in China, wondering what that may mean in terms of demand on crops and the results of impending consolidation.

Prime Minister Trudeau was mentioned: "He's no friend of mine. The only gift he's given us has been the gift of mismanagement and that helps keep the dollar low".

Denys mentioned cycles, saying "We're in a century cycle right now, you could look at the pandemic as a century cycle. Another cycle becomes apparent when we look at free trade versus not so much free trade." He cited global free trade in 1900, "We had isolationism in the '20s and up to the '40s. The last two generations we've benefited from free trade."

He continued that Trump has the desire to place a 10% tariff on everything. What that means to the population there is a 10% increase in their costs. Back in 1930, the United States introduced tariffs as they were entering a recession. "That helped turn it into a depression" Denys pointed out.

"As any trading nation knows, we need freer trade (in order) to be profitable. The Americans need that too; They just forget about it every once in a while". He concluded this portion of his talk with "It's crazy that we're going through the cycle again".

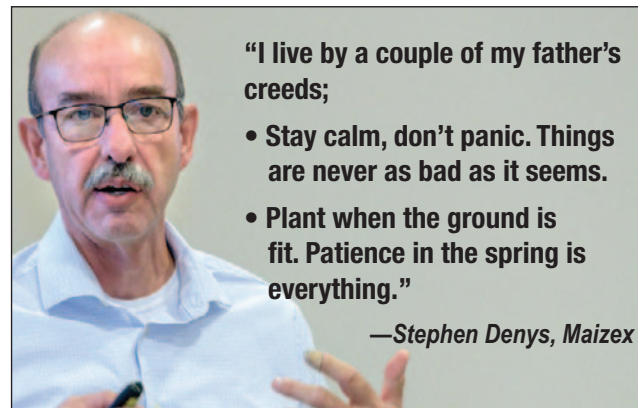
Next on Denys' mind were interest rates. "Farming is about managing cash flow" and said "We really need to know our cost of production"

He offered some insights

into keeping track of expenses and being very cognitive of yield potential. This lead to discussing details of diseases and management of them. He recognized the GFO is working with researchers as diseases change and efficacy of older methods wane, to keep growers in good stead for high, healthy yields.

He warned that our pest complexes are going to intensify over the next 20 years. "Whether it's diseases or insects or weeds; not only because of our warming climate but because of what's moving in from other parts of the world and from the U.S. in particular".

In the September issue of *Farm View*, we will continue with Denys' presentation and will have words from the Honourable Lisa McCormick Raitt P.C., Steven Kell (markets), Patrick Esson (conservation), Shannon Beiman (Secan) and Rachel Telford of the Grain Farmers of Ontario.



"I live by a couple of my father's creeds;

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After The Chores: Holidays

By Cathy Hamill-Hill



I can remember two family vacations, known as “Holidays” in our farm home.

My Dad was a hard worker and had to rush through his days to get everything he wanted done. He was not a big man, standing at 5’9 with a slim build but he could lift and mow 600 square bales in a hot summer day- and still be found with a hoe in the garden in the evening after chores until it was too dark to see. My Grandfather was not like my Dad, he would pet the dog, talk to the cat, watch the clouds go by as he strolled along in his work day. My Dad had the quiet barn cat ride on his shoulders, no way was he going to slow down his workday to pet no cat. It would have been a huge deal when my ambitious Dad asked his not as ambitious Dad to care for all the cattle, laying hens, goats, Mom’s huge garden and plus keep everything in order for an entire week.

Our first vacation in my memory was to Kentucky, USA and the draw here was to see the “bluegrass of Kentucky”. Kentucky is a long drive from Manilla, Ontario and now I see my Dad’s side in this- but I sure did not then. He had exactly one week meaning 14 chore times to get to and back from Kentucky with a wife, three young children and one red dachshund named Robyn. Dad was the only driver of an aged Chrysler 4 door car that was pulling a 4 person tent trailer. The blue grass of Kentucky must have been a strong pull for my Dad to rush his way to get through first cut hay in time to get a week off before second cut and the grain harvest. My Grandfather would not have cut one row before my Dad got home so the entire farm year was sitting on my Dad’s small

shoulders when he decided to take us on Holiday.

My Dad was a good natured guy, if you asked, it was almost certain you got what you asked for in a timely fashion so I was shocked on the first Holiday. When people had “my old man” complaints, I had none until my Dad became travelling Dad.

I remember travelling, me and my brothers in the backseat, the dog asleep in Mom’s lap and Dad driving with the windows all open. I was the first one to ask, “Dad, can we stop soon?” It was one of the surprises of my young life, when my Dad asked, “WHY?” I was so taken back that it was Mom who explained. Dad then looked back in the rearview mirror looking sincerely shocked at this wild request and said “soon”. My travelling Dad’s soon really meant HOURS. We all learned to hope that big Chrysler would go through a lot of fuel fast because then Dad had to stop and if we were lucky, there was an open public bathroom.

Breakfast was eggs out of the old heavy cooler from home, cooked over a green Coleman stove. This was the one time Mom got off from doing the cooking; Dad said she was not going to operate this stove. Dad cooked Coleman stove breakfasts were so good with piney scent of the trees around us and Dad not looking at his watch seeing if it was time to get back to the barn. Dad though usually hurried us up as he wanted to get on the road as fast as possible for the day. Lunch was a fast food place eaten in the car and then right back on the road. Supper was at the campsite and often at dark when Dad was too tired to keep driving any longer.

I remember the smell of that tent trailer, canvas, pine and traces of bonfire smoke though I never really liked the tent trailer much after that one night. The tent trailer was made for four and somehow Mom and the dog got the only other space which was on the floor. One night, I woke myself up with a hard thump as I had rolled right out of

that tent trailer on to the ground. Dad and Mom rushed out, fearing the worst. I was just so mad. I accused my sleeping brother of pushing me out and demanded to sleep with Robyn the dog and Mom could have that pushy mean brother as her bunkmate. I never did get to sleep with Robyn.

Dad happily paid for all our pointless souvenirs we found at gas stations and the occasional stop to tourist sites and he never complained about all the gas that Chrysler took. He did complain plenty about paying for wood. The idea of him having 50 acres of standing wood at home and him paying for wood on Holiday seemed so wrong.

We came home from Kentucky on time for chores. Grandfather was overjoyed to see us. Dad got right back to farm work and everything went so well that another Holiday was planned the next summer.

Our final vacation that I can remember had the destination of Moose Factory in northern Ontario. I remember looking intently out the windows of the train, the Polar Bear Express for herds of polar bears. I also remember Mom grabbing us close when we got alongside a huge “ocean” called James Bay to what seemed a tiny motor boat that was operated by a man with the longest, blackest hair we had ever seen in real life. I never knew what made Mom more fearful, all that choppy water, the tiny boat or that long hair. I do remember clearly how happy Dad was using all his carefully saved dried firewood from home at the campsites that time away, he commented joyfully every time he saw firewood for sale sign from Moose Factory to Manilla about how he had all he needed in the storage box of the tent trailer.

We all came home once again crumpled, rumpled, tired and dehydrated except for travelling Dad who was again fully energized from his Holiday and eager to get back to the hay fields for second cut. It took a week for Robyn to feel normal again too. My Grandfather passed away suddenly the next spring leaving nobody to leave all that work to so that ended our family Holidays.

I miss my travelling Dad.

COMING EVENTS

Junior Plowing Clinic

Sunday, August 11
Junior Plowing Clinic hosted by the Peel-Dufferin Plowmen’s Association at 14495 The Gore Road, Caledon, 12 pm. To give all participants the best experience pre-registration is mandatory. Deadline for pre-registration is Sunday, August 4, 2024. Must be a minimum of ten years of age before January 1, 2024. Must be confident enough to operate equipment. Equipment provided, although you are welcome to bring your own. Minimum of five plowers required for the event to proceed. Lunch is included. Please click the link to register: <https://tinyurl.com/JuniorPlowClinic>. Rain Date: Sunday, August 18, 2024.

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Thursday, August 29
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Caledon Agricultural Society calling upon the generosity of community members, local businesses and philanthropic organizations

Article by Anne Howden Thompson

The Caledon Agricultural Society (CAS) have launched a \$3-million capital campaign to expand facilities on the existing fairgrounds.

The fairgrounds are advantageously situated within the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) and organizers are optimistic the enhanced facility upgrades will make the fairgrounds an attractive consideration for many outside event organizers and generate a positive economic impact for the community.

CAS President Ed Taccone says when you believe in a dream and a vision, it attracts its own resources.

"I believe and have the confidence in our team to make this happen," he says.

This ambitious campaign represents a major milestone for the volunteer-run organization who operate both the Caledon Fair in June and the July 1st Caledon Canada Day and Strawberry Festival and is the realization of a decades-long dream for many volunteers.

"I have relentlessly maintained a vision to have a building on the Caledon Fairgrounds—not only for our Caledon Agricultural Society use—but as a much-needed community centre in northwest Caledon," says Taccone.

The new 15,000-square-foot building will have a 6000-square foot convertible banquet hall and multi-purpose space; a commercial kitchen with walk-in storage, refrigeration and a bar area; accessible washrooms; two large garage-style doors for easy equipment access; and much-needed office space for the Agricultural Society's administration team.

This new building will create a functional space anchoring a strong and thriving community hub available for residents to use or rent for a variety of purposes and Taccone says the new building's architectural design has been specifically chosen to complement the existing Heritage Hall and to maintain the rural character of the fairgrounds while adding much-needed modern improvements. The building will be located in the north-portion of the fairgrounds, near the existing gazebo.

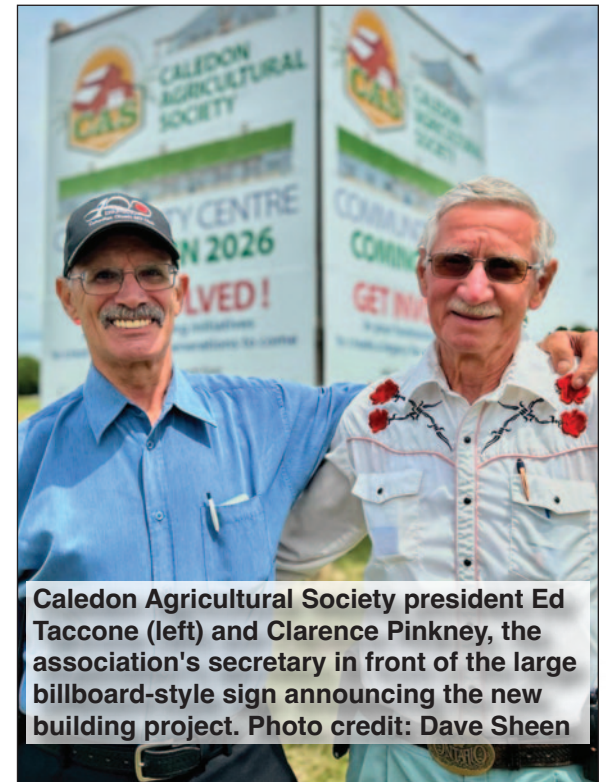
"We are planning for the next generations and we want to ensure we can provide the opportunities and the facilities to meet the ever-growing demands of our community," says Taccone.

But to make this project a reality he says they need community support.

The CAS is calling upon the generosity and support of community members, local businesses and philanthropic organizations and asking them to consider how they can contribute to this legacy community project.

Organizers are now focused on fundraising and hopeful enough support will be received that construction could begin in 2026.

For more information or to make a donation, please visit www.caledonfair.ca.



Caledon Agricultural Society president Ed Taccone (left) and Clarence Pinkney, the association's secretary in front of the large billboard-style sign announcing the new building project. Photo credit: Dave Sheen

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