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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! www.agfair.ca sunderlandfallfair@gmail.com

September 14th: News and Advertising Deadline

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

September 20th - 22nd: Great Northern Exhibition

The GNE takes place at 2220 Fairgrounds Rd N, Stayner, ON L0M 1S0 from Sept. 20th to 22nd, 2024. Animals, Midway, Tractor pull and much more! *See the ad on page 12 for more information.*

Sept. 25th: Program announcement for E.D.G.E

Elmvale District Garden Enthusiast Club, E.D.G.E will have David Hawke speak on Sept. 25th on "Wildflowers & Legends & Lore". We meet at the Legion at 7 John Street at 7 p.m. All welcome.

September 26th: Stevenson Memorial Hospital

Join us on Thursday, September 26, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. at Adjala Acres, located at 7518 Simcoe County Rd. 1, Tottenham, ON for "Stevenson: The Next Chapter, Harvesting Connections" at Adjala Acres, an event celebrating our agricultural community and regional health. *More details in the announcement on page 22.*

September 28th: Anten Mills Artisan Craft & Food Fair

Annual Artisan Fair takes place at the Anten Mills Community Centre and Park on Saturday, September 28th. Vendors still welcome! Shop for unique items! Door prizes from each vendor! *For more details see the ad on page 18.*

September 28th: Dufferin Farm Tour

Annual Dufferin Farm Tour takes place on Saturday, September 28th. Rain or shine! *See the ad on page 8 for details and contact information.*

October 17th: Simcoe County Quilter's Guild Meeting

Oct. 17th Simcoe County Quilters' Guild will meet at their new temporary location at the Lutheran Church at 510 Ferndale Dr N., Barrie at 1 p.m. Speaker is Jean and Neil Cloes with a wonderful trunk show. Guest are \$5.

October 23rd: Program announcement for E.D.G.E

Elmvale District Garden Enthusiast Club, E.D.G.E will have Sally Pittaway from County of Simcoe speaking on "Managing Waste". Guests are free and we are a very friendly group. We meet at the Legion at 7 John Street at 7 p.m.

October 24th: SCFA Annual General Meeting

Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture Annual General Meeting will take place on Thursday October 24th at Living Faith Presbyterian Church in Baxter. *More details in the ad on page 20.*

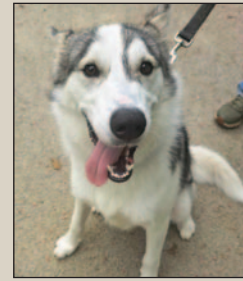
September: Registration opens for the Guelph Organic Conference

Registration will begin in September for the 2025 Guelph Organic Conference – January 22-25. The programming this year is dynamic and innovative, with more speakers to be announced in the coming months. *More details in the announcement on page 22.*

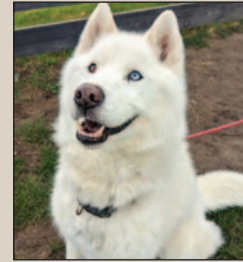
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Meet the Farmer: Lavender North

Conservation and protecting the environment top priority

Story by Andrew Hind, photo by Roslyn Watkins



When Nancy and Steve Astin purchased their 110-acre century farm thirty years ago, they had no agriculture experience. Today, driven by organic principles and passion, they have a thriving lavender operation called Lavender North and a property that has won awards for environmental sustainability.

When the couple retired from fulfilling careers – Nancy as a schoolteacher and Steve a police officer – they could have kicked back and simply enjoyed the tranquility of their rural Oro-Medonte property. Instead, they turned to growing lavender, which brings a different sort of satisfaction than educating youth and serving the public.

“There is nothing more beautiful or calming than being in the midst of a lavender field when the plants are in bloom,” says Nancy, “and when you grow the plants yourself there is pride and a sense of accomplishment.”

Nancy has always been interested in natural plants, healing plants, and plants with purpose. Lavender has long been considered beneficial for calming and stress relief, relieving depression, soothing headaches, supporting skin, and even treating headaches. For good reason has the plant been a staple in Old World gardens since the period when pyramids were being raised in Egypt. Indeed, the name Lavender is derived from the Latin word "lavar" for "to wash" because the ancient Greeks washed themselves with lavender oil to clean themselves and to smell fresh.

Nancy fondly remembers her first experience with a lavender farm, an experience which fostered her passion for the plant and helped inspire Lavender North.

“Many years ago, I visited a lavender farm with my mother, back when there were only four or five in Ontario and was blown away with the beauty of lavender growing in their fields,” she recalls. “The experience stuck with me.”

Now, decades later, there are about 80 lavender farms in Ontario and Nancy serves as a board member of the Ontario Lavender Association.

Nancy and Steve Astin began growing lavender in 2019. “We started small with just one plot,” Nancy remembers, “but we enjoyed the experience, and we started to expand. Today we have 6000 plants.”

Lavender North products include not just the flowers, but also infused essential oils and sachets, sold at local markets, especially the Oro-Medonte Farmers’ Market which they have been regulars at since 2021. “I love them,” Nancy enthuses. “They’re so much fun, and we’ve met so many great people that have become collaborators.”

As an example, in a mutually beneficial arrangement, the Astin property hosts five hives belonging to Beamish Honey. “The bees pollinate our plants,” Nancy explains, “and get a feast foraging on our lavender, wildflowers, and clover.” The end result of the bees’ frenzied summer labors is Beamish Farms’ lavender honey, which because of the bees’ diet has a distinct flavour.

Lavender is not natural to Ontario. It’s a Mediterranean plant that likes hot summers, mild winters, and rocky soil, and as a result Nancy considers it something of a miracle that it can be grown well in Ontario. “It’s a reflection of our changing climate,” she says.

Concern over the environment drives how Nancy and Steve manage their farm. Ground cover is clover, not grass. They use no chemical fertilizers, herbicides, or pesticides. Areas of the property have been reforested, and they’ve recently worked with Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority to have a wetland established.

“We are big into conservation and protecting our environment, and we pride ourselves in our efforts to naturalize our property,” says Nancy. “We just won the Healthy Land Award again from Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, which we’re really proud of.”

Nancy and Steve have toyed with the idea of opening their farm to agritourism but acknowledge that is a big step. If they do, the intent is to make it an educational and mindfulness experience, perhaps with workshops and meditative spaces.

For now, though, Nancy is just enjoying what she has accomplished and the joy it brings.

“The soil offers so much,” she says. “It’s a great place to grow, but it has also created so many relationships and collaborations. Lavender North has been an amazing experience.”

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FROM THE EDITOR



Roslyn Watkins
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This September issue is jam packed with photos and coverage of many summer events. When I became publisher of the Farm View in 2020 it was the beginning of the Covid lockdown and as you all know, there weren't any events to report on. This issue is a testament to how you have all put in the hard work, the majority of it volunteer work, to showcase the farming community and attract visitors to learn more about it. Hats off to Cathy Hamill-Hill for her tremendous amount of work in bringing photos of these events to the paper so we can all feel like we were there in person. There are still quite a few events coming up so if you haven't been to a fair or show yet, have a look at the ag calendar on page 2 and start planning.

I have been fortunate this summer to attend a few BBQ's and picnics hosted by the ag community. My family and I have really enjoyed the warm welcome from many of you. I appreciate you taking the time to say hello and introduce yourselves. I am really enjoying getting to know you, the readers.

This issue welcomes new Farm View contributor Andrej Baca. Andrej provides us with coverage of the recent Alliston Potato Festival, that can be found on page 6. I'm certainly looking forward to attending next year.

On a personal note, I'd like to wish my father, John Beischer, and my beautiful (inside and out) daughter Lily, both a very happy birthday this September. May your birthdays be as unforgettable as you are every day!

As the next school year begins and we head into harvest season, I wish all of you safe travels and lots of sunshine.

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

On the Cover

Andrew Webb from Coldwater, an Air Canada pilot by profession and the owner and operator of this Waterloo Steam Traction Engine posed for a photo at the recent Georgian Bay Steam Show. The steam engine was built in Waterloo, Ontario and then was sold to farmers in Manitoba to work breaking up sod on the prairies. It came back to Ontario in the 1930's to work in a gravel quarry. It was sold to a collector in the 1970's- and then in 2018, Andrew bought the steam engine that weighs in at 15 tons. It took two years of work to fully restore the steam engine to operate again and to look this beautiful. For more photos from the Georgian Bay Steam Show turn to page 10.

—Photo by Cathy Hamill-Hill

Saved by the Beep

By Dennis Gannon

Beep, beep, beep! Why is that darn smoke alarm going off again? I'm going to take it down now and throw it out! Believe it or not, that's a common statement and one that could be costly, not only because it's against the Fire Code, but it cost someone their life.

Last year the Office of the Fire Marshal started a campaign encouraging all residents of Ontario to take a few moments and check their smoke alarms to make certain that they were working properly and that everyone in the household knew what to do if it did go beep, especially if it was when they were sleeping. The purpose of the campaign came about as too many people died due to a fire. In many of those cases, there wasn't a working smoke alarm. Last year the number of people who perished was down slightly from the record number in 2022. The numbers currently are similar to last year but we must remember that we are in the back to school and back to turning up the heat mode as we move into fall and winter.

One death is one too many. Smoke alarms are inexpensive safety devices that every building where people live or sleep require. That's the law. They are required on every level and outside every sleeping area. Failure to comply can result in a provincial offence ticket or worse, injury or death.

Why take the chance. Don't remove a smoke alarm. If it beeps without any particular problem, replace it. Your local fire department is very willing to assist you if you are having problems. If you can't afford one, the fire department will likely give you one.

The publisher of this paper advocates for working smoke alarms by her commitment. On page 9 in this edition you will see how she rallied like minded people to create an advertisement reminding everyone to be Saved by the Beep. On Saturday, September 28, gather your family around, test your smoke alarms, review your emergency safety plan and be Saved by the Beep. You will never regret it.

Eliza Goslin honouring the Clydesdale



At the recent Essa National Draft Horse Show Eliza Goslin, the 2024 Clydesdale Horse Association of Canada Queen, was busy presenting awards. Eliza lives in Blackstock and she and her family show Clydesdale horses. This title is an honour given to a person that shows Clydesdales and is appreciated for all the work they put into promoting the Clydesdale. Eliza will be representing Canada this summer in the United States. Stay tuned for more photos from the Essa National Draft Horse show in the October issue of Farm View.

—Photo by Cathy Hamill-Hill

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2nd annual Farm Tractor Pull a family event

Story and photos by Cathy Hamill-Hill

Two young farmers from the Oakwood area, Bram Bons and Faith Mulock, decided they wanted to host a family friendly local community Farm Power Tractor Pull. Bram's family offered their Bons Elm Tree Dairy Goat farm as the location and their help. They found local sponsors and the event was a success in its first year in 2023.

This year, on social media it was stressed that this was a "family event" and the word got out. It was like a step back in time to see families together, adults sitting on lawn chairs visiting with farming neighbours while their children beside them played on blankets. The event was held at the back of the Bons farm where all one can see is green second cut alfalfa beside the track where the Pulling took place. The day began with the Durham West 4-H Lawn Tractor Pull in the morning which had about 40 lawn tractors and 100 guests. The Farm Tractor Pull began pulling close to 5:00pm and did not end until the full moon was high in the sky at midnight. Approximately 600 people came to the event.



Tim Parker is pictured competing at the Farm Power Tractor Pull. This event is only in its 2nd year and already has become a family community event. It is held on the postcard beautiful Bons Elm Tree Goat Farm owned by the Bons Family.



The Farm Power Tractor Pull had local sponsors and help from the community. There was a food booth available and it was staffed by local volunteers with all proceeds going towards the Pull's expenses. In the photo above is Dennis Whitton, volunteering as a flag-man and having a good time helping out.

Event organizer's Father, Martin Bons, is pictured at left competing at the Tractor Pull with his special tractor. This is a Pampa tractor, a small tractor made in Argentina. No more than 4,000 of these tractors were made.

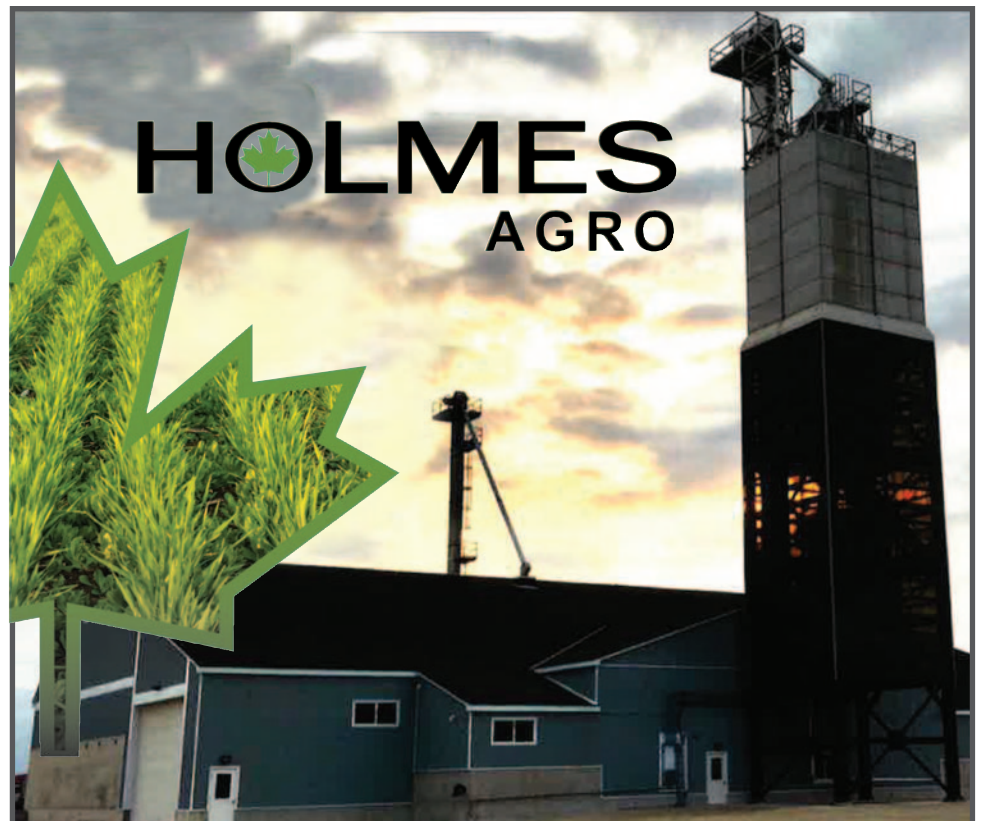
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Alliston Potato Festival full of fun, history, and community!

Story and photos by Andrej Baca

Davis Willis laid the foundation to have a festival celebrating the community, and local groups coming together, making this year the 50th anniversary.

The Alliston Potato Festival is a tradition, with new activities and adventures for the whole family.

On Saturday, August 10th the popular festival started with potato pancakes for breakfast with 1000 tickets presold and 1500 hungry people expected at Saint John's United Church. Made with potato flakes, the exact recipe is a secret. With all the eyes, I don't know how the secret has been kept for so long. However, this year there's a global po-

tato flack shortage and a local distributor had to get a shipment from Poland to meet their needs.

The festival is full of things to see and do. You could wander through the vendors with a global list of goods from clothing, games, jewelry, furniture and so much more. A global variety of foods from local pies, meats, deli, honey and lunch or dinner from local to Africa to Hawaii. Then enjoy the Midway and on to treat your furry family members while watching the dog show.

If you managed to attend this year, let others know your experience, so they can enjoy the next Alliston Potato Festival.



Volunteers from Banting High School, municipal employees and the general public, got things ready for the 7:30 AM start. Front line volunteers Sharon Smith, (volunteers) in the photo above, Janice Monahan (Recycling) in the photo above right and Ken Pratt (cooking) faced the hungry crowd.



On to enjoy the Midway through the afternoon and into the night. There were so many rides and activities. Food and treat vendors for the dogs, along with a dog show.



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Remember the phrase "good fences make good neighbours"? While the expression is attributed to poet Robert Frost, a renowned American, who penned it in the 1914 poem, "Mending Wall," it became a part of our popular lexicon because it rings true.

The concept of defining clear boundaries for harmonious coexistence predates Frost. Ontario's early farmers knew it and would invest considerable time in building and maintaining solid fences.

When lands were initially settled, property owners weren't overly concerned with fencing. They tended to allow livestock to wander relatively freely, and in any case, neighbors were separated by distances of heavy forest. They might throw up what was known as a 'slash fence' using whatever was at hand – brush and branches – to enclose a garden or to surround a pig pen or chicken coop. Such fences wouldn't do much to deter determined livestock from getting out or hungry wildlife from getting in, but it was better than nothing.

More substantial were the next fences to appear, those made from tree stumps. Clearing land for fields was one of the first tasks a settler set himself to. At first, they would cut down the trees and cultivate crops around the stumps. Time was of the essence, after all, and removing stumps was an ordeal. But a stump-ridden field made the task of plowing, seeding, and harvesting more challenging so eventually stumps had to go.

Waste not, want not - or so the expression goes. Farmers would use the stumps along the edges of fields as fencing to help keep cattle in and serve as a windbreak. Roots were often interlaced, forming a formidable barrier.

Eventually, the split rail fence, a fence iconic to the pioneer period, appeared. In southern Ontario such fences would typically be arrayed in a straight line. In places where digging holes was problematic – such as the Canadian Shield - we instead find the 'snake fence'. This adaptation of the split-rail fence didn't have posts. Instead, they consisted of rails stacked on top of one another and laid out in a zig-zag fashion to make it self-supporting.

Snake fences had an additional benefit. The distance between the zigs or the zags were generally 16.5 feet (5 m), or one rod. As a result, the acreage of a field could easily be calculated by counting zigs or zags along one side and one end. The drawback, however, was that they took up more space than a split rail fence, reducing area under the plow.

Stone fences similarly make use of resources found on

one's property, namely the rocks that were cleared from fields under cultivation. Typically, these fences were more properly called stone and rail fences – rocks to a height of perhaps a meter topped by wooden rails.

Village Stories
by Andrew Hind



Barbed wire was patented in 1859 and began to be widely used in Ontario about a decade. It was controversial in the American West, leading to conflict between ranchers and farmers, but Ontario was largely spared such conflict. When farmers adopted barbed wire, they typically strung it from the posts of earlier split rail fencing. It was game changer: quick and easy to install, effective in keeping livestock in, durable, and the barbs prevented cows from rubbing up against it and knocking down the fence as sometimes happened previously.

Fences became more important as Ontario developed. No one wanted a neighbor's cow trampling their crops, after all. That's the making of a feud between families. Townships appointed prominent figures in their community to serve as a 'fence viewer', an official tasked with adjudicating boundary disputes and issues with roaming livestock. They would also head-off potential issues by ensuring that fences were well-repaired.

Whether keeping livestock in or preserving goodwill between neighbors, fencing played an important role on early farms.



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Georgian Bay Steam Show a steamy affair

Story and photos by Cathy Hamill-Hill



Pictured to the left is a 4 cylinder radial steam engine that would have powered a mechanical stoker in a boiler house in the manufacturing industry generations ago. This is owned by Ed Helmich (in red) from Stayner. Helping out for the day is Riley Carreiro, also pictured here.

At the 59th annual Georgian Bay Steam Show there was a huge display of the feature tractor, Allis-Chalmers, as pictured below. The Steam Show has about 3,500 visitors each year to its annual event which brings history of the agricultural world to moving life.



Pictured above is "Mrs. MG Bees" also known as Dottie Batt from Pottageville. Dottie married a second generation beekeeper, Morley Batt, and she still doesn't like to be around bees unless they are under glass like in this picture. Dottie does enjoy being around bee made products and especially making all natural yellow beeswax candles from hives at home. MG Bees has been a vendor at the Georgian Bay Steam Show for about 40 years.



DREAM COME TRUE: Bob Dike from Stouffville poses for a photo beside his childhood dream purchase, a robin egg blue coloured truck. This truck is a fully restored working 1953 GMC Half Ton. He found the truck listed for sale from around the Tennessee, USA area in a print publication in Ontario. The truck is "all original" and its odometer reads 71,495 miles.



The Georgian Bay Steam Show has a team of hard working volunteers including Lisa Frampton, pictured above. Lisa is the Chair of the Souvenir section of the organizing team and has been working in this section for nine years. Souvenirs include these bright shirts, sweat-shirts, hats and buttons. She spends a week helping to set up the Show, then works the Souvenir booth for the duration.

Through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership:

Ontario is investing up to \$360,000 to expand the Farmer Wellness Initiative to farm workers and their families in the province, including international agricultural workers, and adding \$178,000 to offer services in Spanish, supporting the many international agricultural workers whose main language is Spanish.

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EastGen's Youth Events Draw Enthusiastic Participants

The theme for EastGen's 2024 youth events was "Youth Leading Our Future." Keeping this in mind, participants sported lime green shirts on show day emblazoned with this slogan – a sign of achievements to come from youth in agriculture. Each year EastGen organizes and solely sponsors a series of Challenges and Showcases held across their service area, in Spencerville, Ont.; Woodstock, Ont.; Markham, Ont.; and Truro, NS, for 4-H youth aged 14-21 (Ontario) and 13-21 (Atlantic provinces).

Participants spend time team building while learning at education sessions and then enter the ring with their calves for showmanship and conformation evaluations. This year 300 Ontario 4-H dairy members and 138 dairy and beef club members from New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia participated.

EastGen's youth events are a yearly highlight for staff and directors demonstrating the company's unparalleled commitment to youth. "The EastGen Challenge and Showcase events have become a very strong brand among 4-Hers and events that they circle on their calendars. We take great pride in working with our young agriculturalists to inspire them to learn, grow and develop friendships that will last throughout their lives," said Brian O'Connor, EastGen General Manager.

In Farm View's distribution area the following are the 2024 EastGen Challenge East (Markham) Results:

July 11-12, 2024

Judge: Bobby Jarrell, Corbyville, ON

Grand Champion Showperson: Emi Lange, North Sim-

coe

Reserve Champion Showperson: Robert Goodwill, Grey
Hon. Mention Showperson: Weston Phoenix, Durham West

Grand Champion Calf: Lily Beckett, York, with Gold-enflo Master Dragon

Reserve Champion Calf: Peyton Phoenix, Durham West, with Dappledale Eyecandy Prancer

Hon. Mention Calf: Paige Werry, Durham West, with Vale-O-Skene Jordyns On Trac

Overall Champion: Emi Lange, North Simcoe

Reserve Overall Champion: Mya Kingsbury, Kawartha Lakes

Top Quiz: Grant Barkey, Durham East

Top Display: Wellington

Premier County: Durham West

Dr. Tim Henshaw Award of Excellence: Kyle Meek, Durham East

Committed to supporting youth in agriculture, EastGen's administrative head office is located at Guelph, Ont., and services our farmer-owners across Ontario, New Brunswick, PEI and Newfoundland. EastGen leads the industry with unmatched genetic innovation, leading edge technology and advanced reproductive solutions. EastGen, and their two partner cooperatives located in British Columbia and Quebec, are proud owners of Semex, which is recognized as a leader in developing and marketing elitedairy and beef genetics to customers around the world.

South Simcoe 4-H Dairy Club represented at the 2024 EastGen Challenge

Article and photo by Katrina Kort

On July 11th and 12th eleven members from the South Simcoe 4-H Dairy clubs travelled to Markham to compete in the EastGen Challenge. They participated in a farm tour at a local dairy farm, listened to a speaker from Ag Careers, wrote a quiz, and competed in showmanship and conformation classes, as well as a team display competition. The team had a great couple of days and really embraced this 4-H opportunity. Team members were Katelyn Mann, Larissa Walker, Rachael Lange, Anika Mortelliti, Wiggy Tibbitts, Brooklyn Lloyd, Carson Brander, Connor Walker, Sara-Reene Lord, Rebecca Lange, and Megan Woodhouse.

Some of the result highlights are:

Showmanship

Katelyn Mann - 7th Junior

Rachael Lange - 14th Intermediate

Brooklyn Lloyd - 12th Senior

Conformation

Rebecca Lange - 2nd Junior Calf

Larissa Walker - 7th Junior Calf

Brooklyn Lloyd - 5th Senior Calf

Carson Brander - 12th Summer Yearling

Connor Walker - 7th Junior Yearling

Quiz

Katelyn Mann - 5th Junior

Display

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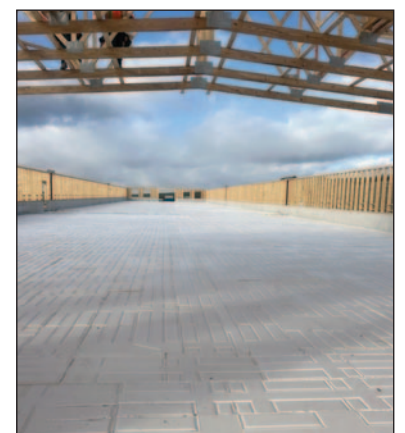
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Ontario Summer Show a highlight of the season!

Story and photos by Cathy Hamill-Hill



Pictured at left is Kyle Rivington from Carp, Ontario. Kyle was a judge for the Jersey Show at the Ontario Summer Dairy Show held at the Lindsay Fairgrounds. Kyle helps operate Glennholme Holsteins and Riview Jerseys with his wife and family. Glennholme Farm is a two time Master Breeder Herd, in 1977 and again in 2012. Kyle is the seventh generation working this family farm. He is a judge with a big resume including the TD Canadian Dairy Classic and shows in Brazil and Portugal in 2023.



Pictured to the right is Keaton Phoenix handling Ferme Cerpolaite S.E.N.C in the 4 year old class at the Holstein Show as part of the Ontario Summer Show.



This is Joe Russwurm from East Garafraxa, Ontario handling Patience Acrisp Dare Me in the 4 year old class of the Holstein Show.



This is Andrew Vander Meulen handling WF Shaquille Cupcake in the Female Senior 3 Year old Class of the Jersey Show.

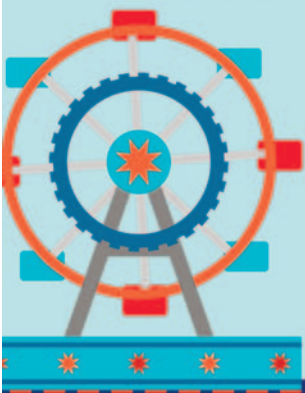


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South Simcoe 4-H shines in competition

Reports and photos submitted by South Simcoe 4-H

4-H Region 4 – Go for the Gold Competition

By Nicole Cross, Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture

When most kids are out enjoying their summer Saturday at the beach or at the pool, about 20 4-H kids from across region 4 competed in the “Go for the Gold” competition on Saturday July 27th. Four teams competed in three trivia games that tested their knowledge of various 4-H project manuals to try and get to the final game. Both South Simcoe and North Simcoe 4-H teams competed along with Wellington 4-H and Brant 4-H. Participants showed off their knowledge by answering 50 questions composed



The winning team and coaches are all smiles. (Left to Right: Coach Tamara Fisher-Cullen, Isabella Cullen, Krysta Downey, Brooklynn Downey, Milana Palmateer, Nicole Palmateer, Trish Downey)

of short answer, multiple choice, pop-up, team discussion and true or false Snapper questions on topics such as bread making, dairy health, goat housing, field crops and cooking with red meat. The first game saw North Simcoe’s team, comprised of Isabelle Strachan, Alec McNiven, Abby Martin and Magdalena Zingl, compete against Isabella Cullen, Krysta Downey, Nicole Palmateer, Brooklynn Downey and alternate Milana Palmateer from South Simcoe. South Simcoe came out ahead to win over North Simcoe. Game two had South Simcoe 4-H take on Brant 4-H with Brant 4-H taking first place and South Simcoe 4-H with a close second place. In Room two, North Simcoe 4-H took on Wellington 4-H resulting in another close game where Wellington came out ahead. After refueling with a wonderful lunch organized by the South Simcoe 4-H volunteers, the participants were all fueled up to begin game three. North Simcoe took on

Brant who had a fast trigger finger resulting in a win over North Simcoe. South Simcoe took on Wellington in room one where a risky strategy played by Krysta Downey when answering the true or false snapper questions saw the team pull ahead to finish with an impressive win over Wellington 4-H.

Once all of the scores were tabulated, the final game was played between South Simcoe and Brant. Although they started off slow, South Simcoe quickly caught up to

Brant and the score was tied 265 to 265 on the 49th question. With one true or false question remaining to determine the winning team, the spectators in the room fell silent in anticipation. Even though Brant 4-H

buzzed in first, they chose the wrong answer resulting in a loss of 5 points and locking in South Simcoe’s win with 265 points to 260. “That was a nail-biting game!”, remarked one audience member. Congratulations were given to all of the participants for a job well done. Thank you to all of the volunteer officials for making the day run smoothly, the volunteers who helped with the meal and registration, and a big thank you to South Simcoe 4-H for organizing and hosting this year’s event. Isabella, Krysta, Nicole, Brooklynn, and Milana and their coaches Trish and Tamara will be heading to the provincial competition which will be held during this year’s Royal Winter Fair in Toronto.

South Simcoe 4-H Crops Club

By Kaitlyn Dunlop

The South Simcoe 4-H Club held their fifth meeting August 2nd at my family’s farm, Dunlogon Farms. It was a beautiful evening to be outside. We had many soybean plants brought from a field setting to our meeting. We performed pod counts, bean counts, as well as node counts. Along with the soybean plants, weed species from the field setting were also brought and discussed. We learnt about pests and insects that can have an impact on soybean health and yield. We concluded the meeting by discussing what is expected of us for our crop judging which will take place at the Great Northern Exhibition in September.

South Simcoe 4-H Sheep Club

By Tyler Lange

South Simcoe 4-H Sheep Club held their 5th meeting Wednesday July 24th of 2024 at The Ontario Stockyards in Cookstown. Members learned about the shipping and receiving of Livestock and also learned how they are auctioned off and sold to buyers. Ab Carroll Owner of Ontario Stockyards

South Simcoe 4-H Arts & Crafts Club

By Chloe Bagshaw

Our fifth meeting was on the 25th of June. We met at Trish Downey’s house. Kelsey Cox opened our meeting with the 4-H pledge. Our first activity was to make cards for the people at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home. We also made our initials and stick figures out of sticks and string. It was our youth leaders/vice president’s 16th birthday, so we celebrated with her, by having pop and cupcakes. Our sixth and final meeting took place on July 16th again at the Downey’s house. We opened our meeting with the pledge. At this meeting we did tie dye. We each got to do two cotton items of our choice. Once we were done with our own items, we dyed one big sheet to finish up the dye. After we had ice cream and juice, and closed the meeting for the last time this year.

showed the members around the pen area and auction ring. Some members got to try Auctioneering and even auctioned off some of their fellow members. On Behalf of the South Simcoe 4-H Sheep Club we would like to thank Ab Carroll and the Ontario Stockyards for having us tour their facility.

South Simcoe 4-H Heritage Club

By Maggie Sufferm

The Heritage Club’s August meeting was exciting as we explored Saint-Marie Among the Hurons in the dark!

We visited during their Shadow and Stones tour to see what life was like during the 1600s at the fort.

We saw the blacksmith working at his forge and learned how he was one of the most popular people there due to his ability to make everything from nails to tools to lamps.

We learned how the Wendat people helped the Jesuits adapt to life in Canada to survive the harsh winters.

We also saw the graves of two Jesuit priests, Jean de Brébeuf and Gabriel Lalemant, who were tortured and killed during

an attack near Sainte-Marie which led to the creation of the Martyr’s Shrine.

We had mint tea and heard the exciting story of why Fox and Wolf are now enemies while we sat around the fire in the smokey long house.

There was also livestock at the fort and we saw a La Canadienne, a heritage breed of cattle from north France that the Jesuits brought with them.

We all loved hearing this history of our area that is over 400 years old and so close to home!

The Heritage Club would like to thank FCC for their support of the club’s activities this year.

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Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario 25th anniversary picnic

Synopsis by Don Beaulieu

On a lovely summer evening in late July, Rounds Ranch in Springwater Township hosted this year's picnic meeting of the Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario. Over 70 people attended, partaking in the camaraderie, the meal and Federation news.

Before the dinner was served, president of the Central Ontario District, Ted Woods offered some corny jokes and then introduced Henk Vaarkamp, the executive vice president to say the evening's devotion. Of special mention in Woods' welcoming remarks were the current and previous publishers of Farm View, Roslyn Watkins (current) and John Beischer (previous) and their contributions to the farming community. He also thanked Ken and Geri Rounds of Rounds Ranch and pointed out a few other key CFFO officials in attendance.



Ted Woods
President Central Ont. Dist.

Henk Vaarkamp, Executive Vice President

Following the relaxed dinner, Vaarkamp was invited to provide members with an update on CFFO activities. He expressed regrets on behalf of CFFO President Ed Scharringa who was not able to attend due to health reasons.



Henk Vaarkamp
Executive Vice Pres.

Staffing changes were taking place in the office, with the anticipation of a couple of positions that had become open, being filled by the end of the year.

The group was apprised of the renovations at the Ingersoll office, which at the time were very near completion. The new facility has plenty of room and can accommodate meetings very well.

Paul Bootsma, Member Relations

Paul Bootsma, the member relations manager for CFFO addressed the members. He thanked the district board (Simcoe County/Central Ontario) for the work they put in providing for the evening's event, but "...also for being your advocate... you've got a great bunch of board members that keep us busy, keep us informed and when you bring up a concern with them, they for sure bring it back to the office". He made note that the president of the Central Ontario district is now a director on the executive board, Sandy Kursis, and she will be an asset to all the good work the organization does.

Bootsma mentioned the Canadian Outdoor Farm Show which is happening at Woodstock, Ontario this month. The CFFO will have a larger presence this year with a 40 by 35

foot space (approximately) and a 20 foot square tent and participation by their partners. This event happens September 10-12. He also noted that the East Central District is organizing a bus tour to the show on the 11th, the Wednesday, leaving Peterborough at 7 a.m. That includes breakfast on the bus and lunch by the Food Grains Bank. A light lunch at the new office will be provided before heading back east. Non-members are welcome.

The provincial council format changed this past summer, Bootsma explained, and is now called The Grass Roots Forum. "The whole meeting is geared for our members" he said, to allow our members "...to have conversation together on current issues".



Paul Bootsma
Member Relations

As of the end of July, the format "seems to be going very well". The third meeting will be held on the 25th of this month, September. This month's meeting will be held virtually from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. He offered that it would be a good opportunity for discussion and solutions.

During the district meetings this year, there was the Speaker Series; Ian Cubitt spoke about transitioning the farm. There will be a report available, including in booklet form. With all the information that was passed around, Bootsma says it is really nice to have a booklet "...that will help us out for years to come".

Sandy Kursis

Bootsma handed the stage over to Director Sandy Kursis. She thanked everyone for attending, recognizing "all those hands who put the food together".

Kursis addressed the confusion that the Simcoe County District banner actually reads *Central Ontario*. She explained that "Our district always stretched from Georgian Bay right down to Lake Ontario. Our district always included Simcoe County, York Region and the Greater Toronto area". She imagines some folk may wonder if there are farmers in the GTA and indeed, there are. She cited a roof-top bee-keeper in downtown Toronto (a CFFO member), as perhaps an extreme example.

Another instance she brought up was a concern of an East Gwillimbury farmer regarding a battery storage facility proposal in that municipality, on Class-A farmland. That member was not sure that the Simcoe County District was his representative with the CFFO. A motion was made that there be a name change to the more inclusive moniker; "Therefore, we are Central Ontario District now" she confirmed.

Kursis noted that Ted Woods sits on

the Nottawasaga Conservation Authority board's agricultural advisory committee. "They are very concerned about hearing what the farmers' perspective is". This also provides the CFFO a "head's up" on changes are being proposed.

Kursis sits on the Simcoe County Agricultural Committee. She is the only non-staff representative on that committee. She stressed how well the CFFO does at having people in such positions, advocating for farmers.

There are a great number of issues, and hence much reading required for these volunteer positions, "...not only across Canada, but right here in Ontario" she stressed. She said there is some confusion between what Premier Doug Ford is saying and what some of the ministries are doing. One of the issues has been farmers finding out that their lands have been recently categorized as wetlands; drainage ditches are not allowed to be cleaned.

"There were some very overzealous, environmentally oriented people in the ministry who took it upon themselves to re-map the wetlands in Ontario. Former Class-A farmland was also being shown on the official mapping as wetlands. That whole mapping programme is now on hold."

Adding to the issue of the battery storage mentioned above, Kursis mentioned that the fire department in East Gwillimbury is concerned about the fire hazard it may pose and how the volunteer firefighting force would be able to deal with it.

Land use is a large issue as we keep hearing about how much more housing we need. Farmland is often cited as vacant land. There is pressure from wind turbine and solar entities for acreage. Premier Ford has put municipalities in charge of planning "There is no tertiary safeguard" she warned.

CFFO members were encouraged to let the organization know of local issues so our voices can be heard and "we're living up to our fundamental responsibilities of stewardship".



An exceptional main course was provided by Rounds Ranch, with a variety of salads and dessert supplied by attending members of the CFFO.

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Fenelon Fall Fair bringing old and new friends together

Story and photos by Cathy Hamill-Hill



The Fenelon Agricultural Society was pleased to put on a successful Fair this past July that included events and attractions for everyone of all ages.

A few highlights from the Fair begin clockwise top right; Lily Cook and her rabbit, Marshmallow, comfortable on her Dad, Geoff's lap at the Fenelon Fair. Marshmallow, a dwarf Hotot competed in all the all day Sunday shows and games with the popular Fenelon Falls Feather 'N' Fur Club.

The Fenelon Fair held an open Rabbit show on Sunday; July 21st of its 3 day Fair. This rabbit was best in its Dutch breed division, best in the overall fancy category and went on to be chosen as Reserve Best in the entire show. The owners of this prized Dutch rabbit are seen here, Brian McCabe and Lynn Hodgson from Cannington.

Mya Kingsbury, of Kingview Farm from Kawartha Lakes, had her sheep in fine show condition. Mya has her own flock of North Country Cheviot sheep.

Many Kawartha Lakes farmers will recognize Muriel Burnett (bottom photo in the blue). Muriel has been a longtime sheep farmer, 4-H Kawartha Lakes Haliburton sheep club leader and past President of the Fenelon Agricultural Society. She is now the Chair for the Agricultural Products section of the Fenelon Fair and was at the Fair's sheep show as a sponsor for this class, the best ewe and reserve best ewe of the Sheep Show. The winner of this class is this ewe owned by Jessica Bryans (in red shirt) and reserve in show is this ewe owned by Whitney Ball.

These ladies spent their time at their hometown fair working on a handmade quilt. The handmade quilt is queen size and is the "Walk About The Spiced Garden" pattern. The quilt will be sold and all proceeds will be given back to the homecraft section. The quilters are: in front row to the left, Mary Henderson and next to her is Anne Gamsby and back row (in blue) is Verna Humphries and to her left is Homecraft Chair Samantha Watson.

Lila Hill from Omemee stands with her 4-H Project dapple boer doe kid that she named "Proj". Proj was one of the best behaved kids in the class at the Fenelon Fair's practice show for the Kawartha Lakes Haliburton 4-H Goat and Sheep Club. Lila is considered by her family as a "goat whisperer" as training goats is her speciality.



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We would like to give you a warm Kawartha welcome to this year's International Plowing Match and Rural Expo Quilt Show. It is being held at the Lindsay Fairgrounds from October 1st to 5th in the Commonwell Building. We will be showing quilts from 8 local Quilt Guilds. Each day, we will have quilting demonstrations and a Quilting Bee to teach hand quilting. As well, there will be a Bed Turning showing historical quilts and their stories. Looking forward to having you join us!



This is a picture of a miniature quilt that will be on display at the Lindsay International Plowing Match and Rural Expo taking place October 1st to the 5th, 2024.

UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS

Quilt Show 2024
"Quilting for the Holidays"
September 7
10:00am - 5:00pm
September 8
10:00am - 4:00pm
Quinte Curling Club
246 Bridge Street West
Belleville, ON \$8

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.

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
\$10

London Friendship Guild
Quilt Show:
Saturday, November 2
Sunday, November 3
10:00am - 4:00pm
Thorndale Community
Centre
London, ON
\$12.

Take some time for quilting fun this fall!

Article by Janis Hamilton

School is back and there may be a moment of some "me" time to pursue things of interest or some dreams you may want to take a serious look at for you. Getting time to do some worthwhile things for yourself is so wonderful! If you are looking to try your hand at quilting there will be many cool days ahead that maybe you won't want to spend outside so take a look at your local quilt shops for lessons. They are usually very reasonable and will get you started on the right path. Not much point in trying to make a quilt only to realize your definition of a quarter inch seam sure wasn't the same on all the sewing and by the time you put 10-12 blocks across you will realize you are out by many inches and nothing will line up. Frustrating and costly, so invest in a class or two. I met a lady the other day who hasn't quilted for 15 years and she signed up for a few classes as she needed to see what new techniques are going to make life just a little easier.

The GNE Collingwood's Fall Fair will be taking place September 20-22. They have the best display of quilts locally than any fair in the area in my opinion. The quilts are hung so you can see them and well rewarded with ribbons! There is also the Coldwater Fall Fair coming up. Located at 11 Michael Anne Drive in Coldwater and admission is \$15 for adults. They have a wonderful selection of crafts you may be interested in trying and of course there will be lots of quilts.

With Thanksgiving soon on the horizon why not try a table runner for starters. There are several links if you can't find a pattern you like. The fabrics for fall are just so exciting! Fabric designers have expanded their imagination, and we are the lucky recipients.

Here are a few: Some are a bit advanced, so have a look at what you might like.

The first two are just so easy just 10 minutes and you are done: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IExkwc491FY>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0JUAK2STAu4>
<https://www.allpeoplequilt.com/quilt-patterns/table-runners/love-autumn> this one makes placemats as well to match.

For those more adventurous try making fabric pumpkins for the table. Just use cinnamon sticks for the stem of the pumpkin or if you have a small branch cut it with your pruners and glue it in place. Pipe cleaners work for the vines and felt for the leaves. All fun and even the kids can get involved even if it's just stuffing the pumpkin and finding the stick for the stem.

Here are a few links:
<https://www.thebirchcottage.com/pumpkin-pattern/> once you sign up for the newsletter she will send you the free pattern. You can unsubscribe at any time.

<https://nanasewing.com/fabric-pumpkins-pattern/> Cushions, decorations and much more.

Happy Exploring your dreams!

Old-fashioned Bed Turning; new exhibit at the 2024 international Plowing Match

Article and photos provided by Barbara Doyle, Managing Director Kawartha Lakes Museum & Archives

The Kawartha Lakes Museum & Archives is pleased to participate in the 2024 International Plowing Match, through the creation of a new exhibit to be displayed in the Commonwell Building, and presenting an old-fashioned Bed Turning daily during the IPM, featuring 20+ locally significant heritage quilts from the museum's Collection.

The museum is dedicated to telling the untold stories of our community. Often the women's stories are shared through their creative work, such as quilts, giving an opportunity to learn more about them and their lives. During the Bed Turning, we will share the stories attached to these beautiful quilts, such as the story of "Mabel's Quilt" pictured at right.

Born in Millbrook, ON, on the 30th of June 1900, Mabel Richards Adams Johnston and her loving parents Nettie and Adelbert Adams, soon moved to 19 Francis Street in Lindsay, ON. It is unknown if the quilt was made for the home by mother or daughter, but it stayed with Mabel for her lifetime and we refer to it as "Mabel's Quilt".

We can nearly see her home from the windows of the museum building and can imagine Mabel playing there under the large trees in her yard, having tea parties with her dolls on this very quilt or curled up in its warmth on a cold winter's day. This quilt saw the life of a girl named Mabel, and upon her death in 1980, the quilt was donated to the Kawartha Lakes Museum & Archives. Appreciating this quilt's beauty and skill in construction gave us the opportunity to learn more about the woman that owned it and find out that she was indeed our very neighbour.

The pattern of the quilt is "Garden Wreath" and was shown in Ruth McKendry's "The Quilt Book" which features a

history of bedding in the Upper Canadian traditions. This quilt is appliqued with red flowers and buds, green leaves and stems, on a white background. It is hand quilted in a shell pattern. This pattern was popular in the late 1800's.

The Kawartha Lakes Museum & Archives is open Tuesday-Saturday, 10am-4pm year round. Please visit our website www.klmuseumarchives.ca for more information. Or contact us at info@klmuseumarchives.ca and 705-324-3404.



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Stepping back in time at Harlaine Heritage Day

Story and photos by Cathy Hamill-Hill

Paul Harder, maple syrup producer, dairy and crop farmer, welcomed guests from atop his 1947 International KB8 truck which was originally used as a fire truck. He was happy to once again host the Harlaine Heritage Day that was held near Sunderland on August 11th. Paul is also a collector of antique farm equipment manufactured by the International Harvester Company and others.

The Harder family, neighbours and friends in the Heritage Farm community all came together for the day, despite the threat of rain, to celebrate the harvest season and to experience how farming was done long ago.



Pictured above is Curtis Goodhand who is apprenticing to be licensed to be a steam engine operator. He always had a fascination with steam engines that began from going to Heritage shows as a child and growing up on a farm.



Shown above in the pouring rain, is Jim Cox from the Kitchener area, plowing with a McCormick #39 Rollover plow that was made in the 1940's in the USA. Jim says there were five of these plows in Ontario including this one. He is driving a Farmall 450 tractor that was built in the 1950's. Both the tractor and plow are part of the collection owned by Paul Harder. Pictured above and to the right is a sample of Paul's collection of International Harvester and Farmell Tractors.

To the right is Harold Quinton of Durham Heritage Gas and Steam Society. Harold is moving sheaves of grain by pitchfork into the threshing machine. The sheaves came from the binder that cuts the grain in the field and then binds it into these sheaves. The sheaves then had to be manually moved in upright bundles often called "stooks" to naturally dry- and then had to be manually lifted again to a wagon. The amount of physical work done by farmers of years ago at grain harvest time is incredible as shown by this demonstration at Harlaine Heritage Day.



This is a historical vision that came true at the Harlaine Heritage Day that shows how farming was done a century ago. This is a 1916 Waterloo Steam Traction Engine powering a Waterloo Threshing Machine. The Steam Engine is owned by Durham Heritage Gas and Steam Society and the threshing machine is part of the collection owned by Paul Harder. Both are from Waterloo Manufacturing Company in Waterloo, Ontario.



South Simcoe 4-H Biking Club

By Isabella Cullen

At our second meeting the South Simcoe 4-H Biking Club went mountain biking in Essa. We had lots of fun climbing the inclines and going over all the terrain. A few of the younger members found that the dirt was harder to pedal over than the firm trails at Base Borden. The members all had fun and are excited about our next mountain biking meeting.

Turn to page 13 for more 4-H reports!

Farm View welcomes 4-H reports from all clubs in its distribution area! Simcoe County, Dufferin County, York Region, Peel Region, Muskoka Region, farm communities in Grey, Bruce, Victoria, Durham, Wellington and Haliburton Counties. Submit your report and photo to farmview@on.aibn.com by the 14th of the month.

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After The Chores: Sprinter

By Cathy Hamill-Hill



I learned this summer that I'm no sprinter and sheep never forget.

It is not fair to label sheep as "stupid". Once sheep learn something, it is embedded in their sheep brains to the point they never forget. Sheep can learn. My sheep remember how to get snacks.

This year we made sure that the sheep were sheared and not put outside to pasture that day after we had a disaster one year. The sheep were all sheared in the morning so early afternoon we decided to put them outside. The sheep got out of the barn and instead of racing to the pasture, they refused to run and instead milled around going "Baa Baa" in obvious confusion. I could not figure out what was wrong. A longtime shepherd explained that the sheep did not know each other in their new sheared outfits upsetting them to the point they forgot their routine.

This year my problem is with one sheep that is a big planner which is abnormal for a sheep. This sheep races out with the rest, eats some grain and then zooms out of the pasture paddock past the gate as fast as she can sprint. I'm doing my version of sprinting from the barn to the pasture field to try and get the gate closed.

This abnormal sheep has a plan. A sneaky plan that involves snacks. She gets out of the paddock and then baas. Any sheep not fully emerged into the grain looks up and follows the baa. If I'm fast, I can slam the gate shut but if I'm not fast enough, other sheep race out to the abnormal sheep. Three sheep make a flock- and now this "flock" has no more ties with the main flock which is sheep logic. This new flock then races to the small hay field where the extra yummy alfalfa is now growing in thick and green.

There is no way I can leave sheep outside loose. I'm no skilled gardener but I do try to have some annual flowers here. Sheep don't eat flowers but mine enjoy pulling the flowers out, roots included and then shake them before spitting them out. Flowers cannot survive here after being spit out by a sheep as I tried replanting with no success. If I want a flower here, I must keep the sheep contained.

When the small flock breaks out in the hay field, I quite freak out. I have what I consider a nice marigold flower bed this year and I can just vision them all getting spit out dead by sheep. I go after the sheep in the alfalfa and wave my arms making a lot of noise to scare them back to the barn.

The abnormal sheep swallows her stolen alfalfa snack on route to her next snack plan. Once the abnormal sheep gets close to the barn, her head goes up and she says "Baa!" and starts sprinting. Her partners in sheep crime dash in line behind her. She runs around the paddock by the barn as she has one destination in mind: the back door. The back tractor door is open in the summer to let the breeze come in for my rabbits.

The sheep criminals race for behind the barn every single time. I always find these bad sheep stuffed into the chicken, turkey, rabbit or sheep grain bags with only their well padded

behinds showing. They stuff themselves as full as possible looking like chipmunks with full mouths when I either pull them out of the grain or tap their fat behinds to get them out of there if my yelling does not get them moving out. Next, I have to get them grain so they will go into the side paddock with the hay feeder beside the barn. They just stand in the barn and Baa if they don't get this third batch of grain.

At the end of all this, I have walked nearly 1 kilometre and these bad sheep have eaten some fresh green alfalfa and extra grain they don't need.

I thought the new pasture would have eliminated this sprint. My plan was a failure as the sheep sped past the open gate and into the alfalfa and back of the barn again. Next on the never ending list for Sweetie is building a barrier to slow down the speeding sheep and let them see the new open gate with fresh pasture.

A boring day in the summer with sheep would be nice.

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GFO producer meeting speakers, continued report...

Report by Don Beaulieu

In our second part of presenting a synopsis of the Grain Farmers of Ontario growers' meeting held in Baxter in July, we continue with more of the afternoon's guest speakers.

Lisa MacCormack Raitt

Lisa MacCormack Raitt (former politician) spoke to the group on a variety of topics. She was anxious to answer questions.

For two years, and until 2030, her and former Deputy Prime Minister Anne McLellan co-chair the Coalition for a Better Future. They use 21 key-performance indicators to show how well the country is doing. These are measured every year. This pair know that politicians "will spin the statistic that most benefits their narrative". She continued: "That isn't fair and that is not good for the country as a whole, so we aim to let Canadians know how we're doing economically".



MacCormack Raitt believes that agriculture is one of the most incredible areas "...where you can see application of new technology that's going to be for the betterment of society". She feels drones are the way of the future in farming and says "Don't let Transport Canada over-regulate it, over-licence it, over-everything it so that it's not going to be usable in the hands of a regular farmer".

She touched on and offered insight on many factors having gone on, and going on, in the political forum and fielded many questions during her hour at the microphone. Finishing off, MacCormack Raitt said "I want to thank you for all the work that you do to keep us all fed; food security is most important... if it wasn't for you we wouldn't be able to feed ourselves; even the people in downtown Toronto understand

the importance of agriculture policy and continue to talk about it. People like farmers."

Shannon Bieman

From Secan, Marketing Representative Shannon Bieman addressed the crowd for about half-an-hour. She said that every sector of agriculture is looking for employees... "whether that's fisheries, whether that's bee-keeping, whether that's dairy, beef, the grain industry". The difficulty in finding workers "...threatens not only the ability to survive, but it also threatens us to be better and bigger than we are today".

She suggests a labour shortage could cause a food security crisis and an economic issue. Bieman had a slide presentation with charts and graphs showing statistics and trends. She figures by 2030 "one in three jobs in agriculture will be vacant". Two in five farm businesses can not operate at full capacity due to staff shortage. She spoke at length on this topic and potential solutions, including temporary workers.

The advantages of artificial intelligence and remotely operated machines were discussed including 3D printing and prosthetics for livestock. The use of drones was touched on.

Bieman explained that blockchain can "create transparency in the food sector and it can (provide) more consumer trust and confidence". An online definition of blockchain is; "...a distributed database that maintains a continuously growing list of ordered records, called blocks. These blocks are linked using cryptography. Each block contains a cryptographic hash of the previous block, a timestamp, and transaction data. A blockchain is a decentralized, distributed and public digital ledger that is used to record transactions across many computers so that the record cannot be altered retroactively without the alteration of all subsequent blocks and the consensus of the network". In farmer and consumer terms,

this is a method of traceability via a barcode/QR code on the product or packaging.

Steve Kell

An ever popular speaker at many speaking events is Steve Kell. For someone who has to deal with what may be a very dry topic, the markets, Kell commands the attention of his audience every time. This is particularly demonstrated during question and answer segments as he is pressed for more details on topics he has spoken about, or perhaps not spoken about. This interest is no doubt due to the vital interest his audience, grain growers, has in world markets which are affected by climate and political situations.

Rachel Telford

Providing an update on the Grain Farmers of Ontario, Rachel Telford touched on governance. The GFO is divided into 15 districts and has 150 delegates. She explained who can be, and how to be a delegate. Telford is the manager of member relations. The key roles/objectives of the GFO are market development, research, government relations, communications, member relations and administration.

The organization holds a Women's Grain Symposium each November. It is designed to be a networking opportunity. Stress management will be a topic this year as well as artificial intelligence (and more).

There is a "young farmers" group and a "farmer leadership" group as well for those segments to be involved with.

Telford encouraged farmers to "get their story out there" into the public.

The afternoon wrapped up with Charley Tilt thanking all the speakers and the folk who helped organize the afternoon stressing how much everyone had learned from the guest speakers.

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Meaningful discussions to be had on Bradford Bus Tour

Story and photo by Nicole Cross, Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture

Members of the North Simcoe Soil & Crop Improvement Association (NSSCIA) enjoyed a day away from the farm for a day of comradery and learning. First stop on the trip was Alliance Agri-Turf in Ivy. The group was divided in two and toured the seed cleaning and treatment areas learning about the auto-treat program capabilities, the colour sorter which can be the difference between accepting or rejecting a load of seed and the packaging section where participants learned about the high standards and the sampling process to ensure high quality seed. The second stop was Gwillimdale Farms in Bradford where they toured the potato packaging section and watched the carrot washing and packaging line in action. The members were educated on the health and safety protocols that are in place for the produce and as well

as for the staff and the traceability and high standards of yet another industry leader. The members overlooked the production plant as they enjoyed a boxed lunch from the newly renovated Fairview dairy barn that has been a meaningful project for the Hambly family. The last stop on the tour was Peter Harvey's farm. Peter took members into the fields where he explained strip cropping of corn and soybeans and no tillage farming. It was here, that meaningful discussions about methods, sunlight interception, yield numbers and more were had amongst members. The tour continued with a discussion on cover crops as well as touring the equipment Peter uses on the farm. Before heading back to North Simcoe, members stopped by Peter's black bean field where more connecting and discussions were plentiful.



MEETINGS Word Search

Farm View attends & reports on a lot of meetings with guest speakers & many farmers attend such. This month's puzzle contains meeting-related words. The words may be frontwards, backwards, horizontal, vertical or diagonal.

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Agricultural Anecdotes from Farmer Tim

Back to the Classroom

I get super sentimental during this time of the year. The shorter days, the gradual colour change of the leaves and the cooler weather are hinting at the long, cold winter to come. The completion of the hay, grain and straw harvest in late August always signalled that it was time to get back to school.

I used to dread that yearly request asked by my latest homeroom teacher, "Share with the class something that you did exciting over the summer." What did I have to share? From the moment I finished school for the summer until it started back up in September, it was all work and no play. There were no family holidays and I didn't see a glimpse of my classmates until I returned in the fall. However, as the years have gone by, I have been able to reflect on my summers on the farm. I now realize that my learning never stopped during summer break. I gained a work ethic and a sense of pride that is second to none. I learned valuable lessons of life and death that few have had the privilege to witness. I grew a respect for the weather and all it gives and takes. Most of all I gained an appreciation for family and teamwork with neighbours. The farm was the ultimate playground and a perfect teacher.

It's been 30 years since I graduated from university but I still get the back-to-school itch. Maybe that's why I still strive to try and learn something new every day. From the time we are born to the moment we pass, there isn't a day that we can't learn something new. This post is dedicated to all of you who are heading back to class. You may not realize it now, but your time at school will be some of the best days of your life. Make lasting friendships, learn lots, ask tons of questions and don't forget to have a little fun.

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!"

Spectator's enjoyed the competition at the Simcoe County Plowing Match

Story and photos by Roslyn Watkins



Mel Karpenko, Ontario Queen of the Furrow, was in attendance at the Simcoe County Plowing Match. She has been travelling across the province attending events to promote the next IPM which is being held this fall in Lindsay, Kawartha Lakes October 1st to October 5th.

On Saturday August 17th Shawn (my spouse) and I went for a drive to nearby Klondike Kreek Farms to enjoy the Simcoe County Plowing Match hosted by Rob Noordegraaf's family. The plowing match featured a horseshoe tournament, modern and vintage tractors plowing as well as horses. The conditions of the field proved a little challenging due to the recent rain but spectators certainly enjoyed the day.

Stewart's Equipment sponsored a complimentary pulled pork lunch for everyone to enjoy. Donations were voluntarily made and the proceeds will be given to the Clearview Stayner Food Bank. One of the committee members, Debbie DeGeer, said the

Simcoe County Plowmen's Association aims to donate the proceeds each year to the community in which the family hosting the Match lives. The Match is moved throughout Simcoe County and is hosted on a volunteer basis.

Judge Ken Ferguson took some time to fill Shawn and I in on the criteria for the day. He said judge's were looking for straight and identical furrows that are no less than 12" wide and usually 6" deep. While we were talking to Ken Ben Gilpin was nearby driving a team of Belgian horses. Ben's father Scott was next to take a turn. Ken commented "In the given conditions horses can really plow. It's a real art and they can really do it."



Avery Brown stands proud in front of his furrows. Avery is a 4-H member from Grey County who participated in the Match along with his brother, both plowing with a John Deere 1120 tractor. Avery's younger sister is excited to plow next year in the 4-H club as she will be nine years old.

Scott Gilpin competed in the Simcoe County Plowing Match with a team of Belgian horses. Scott has been competing since 2014. Bill, Scott's father, and Ben, his son, were studiously taking the measurements.



Lyndon Little, son of Heather and Kevin Little, is enjoying his second year of plowing match competition. Lyndon is 12 years old and his family farms in the Shelburne area.



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Join us on Thursday, September 26, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. at Adjala Acres, located at 7518 Simcoe County Rd. 1, Tottenham, ON L0G 1W0. Our gracious hosts, Brian and Patricia Snell, along with Foundation staff & volunteers, will provide light refreshments and snacks. We look forward to connecting with you and sharing important updates about your community hospital. Your support is invaluable to the health and well-being of our region. Please RSVP to Kara Harris at k2harris@smhosp.ca by September 19, 2024.

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