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October 14th: News and Advertising Deadline

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

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. Speakers are Jean and Neil Cloes with a wonderful trunk show. Guests are \$5.

October 22nd: DFA Annual General Meeting

Dufferin Federation of Agriculture Annual General Meeting and Ontario Federation of Agriculture Regional Meeting to be held Tuesday, Oct 22nd, 7 pm Amaranth Rec Hall. Special Guest: Senator Rob Black. More details in the ad

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.

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". At the Legion 7 John Street, in Elmvale 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 6.

November 16th: Georgian College Open House

Come visit us at the Georgian Dining Room on the Barrie campus during Georgian College's Open House on November 16th from 9am to 2pm to explore our Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation programs. Please see the ad on page 12 for more program information.

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For those interested in smaller-scale setups, Ben Caesar will guide you in designing a low-maintenance garden using perennial crops and permaculture principles.

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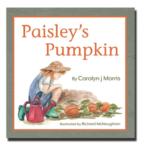








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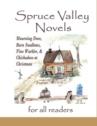


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Cookstown Agricultural Association bursary presentation

Story and photos by John Beischer

The Cookstown Agricultural Society has been around since 1855. The society provides financial support to local 4-H clubs and hosts the Cookstown 4-H Achievement Day at the Barrie Fair, held on Aug. 23 this year.

It also presents an annual bursary to graduating students going on to post secondary education, who are South Simcoe 4-H members or past or current members of the Cookstown Agricultural Society.

The annual bursary is widely appreciated by its recipients and can help with costs such as tuition, textbooks and living expenses.

Congratulations to this years recipients, Rachael and Aaliyah!



The Cookstown Agricultural Association bursary presentation took place Friday, August 23rd at the Barrie Fair. Left to right are: Ernie Parker [director], Petra Hewson [secretary -treasurer], Aaliyah Kell [bursary recipient]. Rachael Lange [bursary recipient]. Dorothy Lange [director]. Mike Elines [president].



A proud moment for Dorothy Lange, center, as her granddaughter, Rachael, receives a bursary cheque from Mike Elines of the Cookstown Agricultural Society.



Mike Elines, director of the Cookstown Agricultural Fair, is shown above presenting a bursary cheque to Aaliyah Kell at the Barrie Fair last month. Fellow director Dorothy Lange is pictured in the centre.

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Happy Fall Y'all! I first heard this phase on a family vacation in Virginia about six or seven years ago and have loved it ever since. That was one of many trips that my family, my sisters family and my parents took together. I remember how much my Mom loved going for the guided trail ride, one of the few times she got on a horse. This issue brought back quite a few memories of my mom that I don't typically think of when I'm remembering her.

Especially while reading Janis Hamilton's quilting article. Most of you knew my mom quite well and even if you didn't, you probably know she was an avid quilter. My Mom was the reason my Dad (former Farm View publisher) created the quilting page in the first place. What better way to spend more time together than to combine my mom's favourite hobby with his work? I am teasing to a certain extent. Reading the quilting article brought back memories of my mom showing me her recent fabric purchases and her plans of what to make with everything. I am truly blessed to be able to see a project(s) that my mom made in each room of my home. If you are lucky to be skilled in any way, gifting your projects to your friends and family makes for wonderful lasting memories.

Another reason for me mentioning the Virginia trip, is the reminder to take time off. Whether it is a short break, or a good vacation, listening to your mind and body's cues are vital for keeping you safe while you're working. Dairy Farmer, Brad Hulshof, shared his own farming accident at the recent York Region Federation of Agriculture's annual Farm Safety BBQ. Perhaps most of you are already aware of this incident from 2012, I wasn't and I was compelled to share some of the details in the article on page 14.

We are heading into the season of harvest and thanks. In a world where the word gratitude is bordering on overuse, I am getting better at taking a moment each day and being grateful for the food in my belly, the family surrounding me and the number of quality friends I can call on to talk to or not to talk, those quiet moments where you just need a little bit of support and the best friends of all understand right away. My dearest sister, Diana, is certainly one of those friends and I wish her and my beautiful niece, Brianna, a wonderful birthday month of happy celebrations!

Take care of yourselves and one another, Roslyn Watkins

Cover photo by Cathy Hamill-Hill.

LETTERS

Thank you Farm View

Hi Roslyn:

As Chair of the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation I would like to thank you for printing our "Harvesting Connections" announcement for our upcoming event at Brian and Patti Snell's Adjala Acres on September 26. You have a wonderful reach into the agricultural community and we are hoping thanks to folks like yourself that we will have a very successful event. Thank you again.

Dr. Ted Vandevis

Board Chair: Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation

Thank you volunteers

St John's United Church, Alliston, held their 49th Potato Pancake Breakfast during the Alliston Potato Festival. The weather was great, and although the lineups were long at peak times, over 1000 people enjoyed the potato pancakes - a huge social event for our community. As always, a portion of the proceeds will go back into community groups. This year we are contributing to the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation, The Canadian Mental Health Association, The Krasman Centre, and to St John's Benevolent Fund. Organizing and preparing for this event takes a lot of volunteers hours. I want to thank all the volunteers, including 4-H Community Involvement, local area high school students as well as other local volunteers and church members who helped make this, such a big success.

John Morrison



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

As fall arrives and Thanksgiving nears, it's a perfect time to look ahead to the upcoming OFA Regional Meetings. These gatherings are an excellent opportunity to learn about Ontario Federation of Agriculture activities, events, and programs, and to get involved in promoting agriculture within your community. During these meetings, you'll also have the chance to elect members to the OFA Policy Advisory Council and delegates to the OFA Annual General Meeting.

In addition to the Regional Meetings, don't forget about your local County Federation's Annual General Meetings (AGMs). These local AGMs are crucial for engaging with your community, electing directors, reviewing yearly activities, and receiving financial updates. Many AGMs will also feature social time, entertainment, or guest speakers.

As an OFA member, you automatically belong to your County Federation, which works hard throughout the year to advocate for local agricultural issues and serve as a resource for both the farming and agri-food sectors. If you're interested in supporting your local agricultural community and can volunteer a few hours each month, attending your County Federation's AGM is a great way to get involved.

All OFA members with a valid current membership are invited to attend. We look forward to your participation and thank you for your continued support of agriculture in our communities.

OFA Regional Meetings & County Federation Annual General Meeting

Peel - October 2th @ 7pm - Brampton Fairgrounds, 12942 Heart Lake Road, Caledon

York – October 15th @ 8pm - York Region Admin Building, Newmarket.

OFA Regional Meeting

Simcoe – October 3rd @ 7pm – Simcoe County Administration Centre, Midhurst

Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture Annual General Meeting

October 24 @ 5:30pm, Living Faith Community Presbyterian Church, Baxter. Dinner with guest speaker David Philips, Senior Climatologist at Environment Canada. Tickets are available on Eventbrite—search for Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture.

Mark your calendar for the OFA Annual General Meeting in Toronto on November 26 & 27. It will be live streamed on our website. www.ofa.on.ca

If you're feeling increased stress, don't hesitate to reach out to Wellness Ontario and the Farmer Wellness Initiative. They offer unlimited, confidential counseling for farmers, their families, and farm workers. This free service is available 23 hours a day, 7 days a week, all year round.

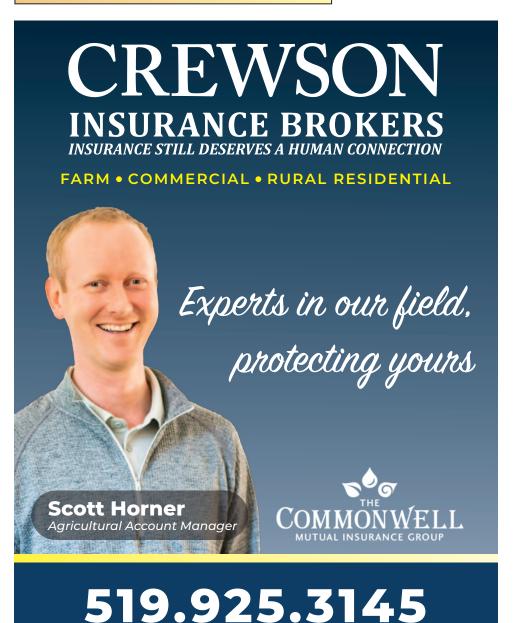
As fall harvest time approaches, please remember to check that your equipment has a visible, brightly colored Slow Moving Vehicle (SMV) sign and that all lights are operational

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Wishing everyone a safe harvest season and a joyful Thanksgiving with your family and friends.





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Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture
Annual General Meeting
Thursday October 24th, 2024

Guest Speaker:
David Phillips, Senior Climatologist

at Living Faith Presbyterian Church in Baxter, ON Tickets are \$25.00 per person Doors open at 5:30PM David Phillips presentation at 5:45PM Dinner at 6:30PM AGM agenda at 7:00PM

All OFA members in good standing in the Simcoe County area are invited to attend.

Register on Eventbrite.ca under

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The Essa National Draft Horse Show showcases the magnificent heavy horses **Photos by Cathy Hamill-Hill**



It was a sea of cameras and cell phones pointing at the ring when the magnificent 6-horse hitches came in. The 6-horse class was part of the prestigious North American Classic Series Six Horse Hitch. The winner, pictured at left, got points towards the final competition that was held in Shipshewana, Indiana, United States. This hitch of Belgians are owned and driven by Dave Zister, of Peak & Valley Farm of Chepstow, ON. The assistant driver is Nate Fenevh.



There is nothing that stirs the heart more than seeing a 6-horse hitch like the one pictured above in the show ring. This 6-horse hitch is owned and driven by Pat Stokes of Moffat, ON. Assistant driver is Mike Stokes.

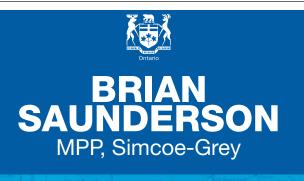


Shown above is Katie Fleming from Burgessville. Katie is riding one of her Belgians in competition at the Essa National Draft Horse Show held at the Barrie Fairgrounds.



Civic Holiday weekend this year was hot- but that sure did not stop the crowds for coming to see the incredible Essa National Draft Horse Show. Pictured above the 4-horse hitch of Belgians from Lindsay owned by Richard Robertson. The driver is Rusty McArthur.





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Step back in time at Lang Pioneer Village

Story and photos by Cathy Hamill-Hill

Lang Pioneer Village located near Keene is a step back in the life of a village in the 1800's in Peterborough County. A team of volunteers work the Village, in costumes of the times, and are able and enthusiastic to explain how their Village operates. Within the Village is a Church, a weaving shop, a general store, a schoolhouse and a working Grist Mill. Organ music from the Church and fiddles playing from a front porch can be heard. The volunteers work and play as settlers of the day and within the Village, the life of today is forgotten as visitors stroll through more than 30 homes and businesses from the 1800's.

Pictured to the right at work is volunteer Melinda Downie at the Lang Pioneer Village. Melinda is seen here making dye to colour fabric that would have been used in the late 1800's. The dyes are made from plants that would have been easily found on the farm. Goldenrod, Queen Anne's Lace and Curly Dock. Melinda is stirring a pot of vibrant yellow made from Goldenrod.

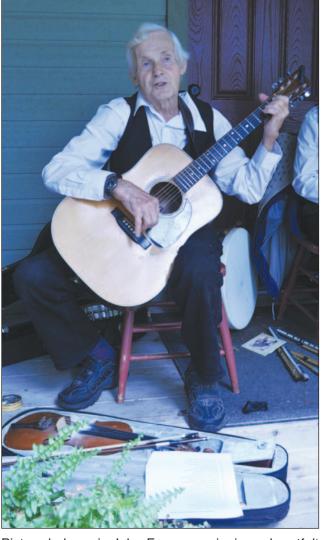
Pictured below is Lang Pioneer Village team member, volunteer Terry in the S.W. Lowry Weaving Shop. These looms are from the collection of Samuel Wallace Lowry, a weaver from the Peterborough area in the late 1800's. The looms would create woven fabric that would be used for blankets, shawls and rugs.







This was an important place for all farmers in the late 1800's, the General Store. The General Store carried everything from hardware to tea to the post office as it was the only place to go for supplies within a horse and wagon's ride from the homestead. Volunteer Lauren Stoyles, pictured above, explains the Store was a "social centre, it broke the cycle of the farmer's work life to make the trip to the Store." She gave an example of pricing of those times, "in 1902, a couch and loveseat ordered would cost about \$20, the same cost as a ladies dress." She added that farm women made their own clothes. Lauren is wearing an outfit of a floor length walking skirt and blouse with puffed out sleeves that was the dress of a store clerk in the 1800's.



Pictured above is John Foreman, singing a heartfelt version of "Wreck of the Edmun Fitzgerald", a ballad by the late Gordon Lightfoot. John remembers seeing the ship, before it was lost in Lake Superior, in his days working from 1957-1966 in the Canada Steamship Lines. John is part of the volunteer team operating Lang Pioneer Village, he usually works in the mill as he is an expert with authentic broadaxe hand hewing. He is also part of the band, Appalachian Celtic. John is 85 years young and is from Bancroft.

South Simcoe 4-H reports

South Simcoe 4-H Games Club

By Sara Ford

On Monday August 12 the South Simcoe 4-H Games Club met at the Cullan's home for a night full of fun picnic games!

We started the night off with a three-legged race. The members would tie scarves around their legs and race to the finish line! Some of the other games we played were Frisbee, pong, horseshoes, and many others. To cool down after some of our games, we had a freezy break and then got right back to the fun! The final game we played was a game where members guessed how many candies were in a jar. The person who guessed closest to the number got to take the jar home

At the end of the night our president adjourned the meeting and everyone enjoyed some cookies as they went home.



South Simcoe 4-H Farm Safety Club

By Olivia Livingston

The South Simcoe Farm Safety Club had their fifth meeting on Thursday August 22 at Homes Agro, Stayner. We were given a tour of the parts of the facility and tried to find the dangers and the safe parts in each part. We talked about the prevention of some of the dangers and how we could solve them. As a group we identified some warning symbols in the chemical room and talked about the layout and what the purpose of the layout was, we than went to the seed room and talked about dangers and the importance of PPE, after that we walked to the fertilizer plant and talked about how the fertilizer is brought in by the tons and kept in a

room with a big door and how the door works from keeping it all from flowing out. We ended the meeting by going outside and looking at some heavy machinery and took turns sitting inside while the rest of the group wandered around trying to find the drivers blind spots while the driver searched for them. We adjourned the meeting with snacks and were very generously provided with hats from Homes Agro. A huge thank you to Homes Agro, Stayner for hosting our meeting and letting us walk around and take a tour!

Turn to page 13 for 4-H reports and photos from the Beeton Fair.

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Soul Sisters Celebrations

The transformative powers of a dino shirt

I hope everyone has been enjoying the beautiful summer we have been having so far! The crisp air and golden leaves serve as a gentle reminder of nature's cycles and the deeper rhythms that govern our lives. In this time of harvest and change, we are offered a unique opportunity to pause, reflect, and realign with our inner selves. From the practice of gratitude to the celebration of community, fall's serene beauty encourages us to embrace the transformative power of this season.

I read a quote recently that made me think of the power of transformation! The quote read "Whatever vou do, do it with the confidence of a three-year-old wearing a dinosaur shirt!" I'm sure you can all picture this threeyear-old, (maybe even your own three-year-old), strutting around, living their best life without the fear or worry of anything around them. That image is what really intrigued me! It got me thinking about how we can so easily find ourselves filled with uncertainty or doubt as we go through our daily lives. Something as simple as changing the shirt that is being worn, can transform a toddler in moments. I pictured this toddler filled with pure excitement, proudly wearing their favorite shirt. Their enthusiasm untouched by doubt or self-consciousness. The power that their pure expression of joy and belief creates for them really got me thinking about the spiritual lessons we can reflect on as we approach our daily actions and challenges.

A three-year-old wearing a dinosaur shirt exhibits a kind of confidence that many adults might envy. They don't second-guess their choices or worry about how they're perceived; they're fully immersed in their enjoyment. This confidence invites us to consider how we might approach our own lives with similar convictions. Imagine approaching your tasks, goals, or dreams with the same boldness. Whether you're starting a new project, facing a daunting challenge, or pursuing a personal goal, channeling

that toddler-like confidence can transform your experience. When we engage with the world confidently and authentically, we align with our truest selves, which helps us to shed the self-doubt that can often hold us back.

I am not an expert by any means in this area, but I do have some insight I will share with you! If you find yourself struggling with confidence in your own life, there are some things that you can implement to help you gain some dino shirt-wearing childlike confidence! You can start by recognizing the unique qualities and passions that define you. Ask yourself; What excites me? What brings me joy? Once you have those answers, embrace them with the same enthusiasm as a toddler wearing their favorite shirt and see where it takes you! Allow yourself to act from a place of joy and certainty, rather than letting fear or doubt dictate your actions. When we act with genuine enthusiasm and belief, we align ourselves with our inner truth, fostering a deeper connection with our purpose.

Another suggestion is to surround yourself with people who support and uplift you. Surround yourself with those who create an environment where you feel empowered to pursue your dreams with unjudged confidence. Our world is filled with a lot of judgement but when we fill our lives with those who genuinely love and support us; those who hand us our own dinosaur shirt; it really helps us to ignore the haters and focus on the things that bring us joy. I like to believe that by embracing life with the same joy and certainty as a child, we unlock a deeper connection with ourselves and our purpose.

So, as you go about your lives this month, I encourage all of you to look into your own spiritual closets to find an item which gives you the confidence to channel a fearless spirit. Wear your metaphorical dinosaur shirt with pride and approach each moment with the confidence and enthusiasm that only a child truly understands.

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

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King Charles III Coronation Medal Nominations from Senator Black

The Honourable Rob Black, Senator for Ontario, is honoured to announce his nominations for recipients of the King Charles III Coronation Medal.

The following nominees reside in Farm View territory. Congratulations and thank you for your outstanding work in agriculture.

Ms. Evelyn Chambers - Lindsay, ON (Agriculture, Community Service, Youth De-

Ms. Christine Dukelow - Beaverton, ON (Agriculture, Youth Development, Education)

Mr. Russell Gordon Gammon – Fergus, ON (Agriculture, Education, History)

Ms. Susan Lorraine Harrop – Fergus, ON (Agriculture, Arts/Culture, Education)

Ms. Janet M. Horner - Mulmur, ON (Agriculture, Community Service)

Ms. Cathy Lennon – Rockwood, ON (Agriculture, Community Service)

Mr. Donald Wilbert Lobb - Rockwood, ON (Agriculture, Conservation, Education)

Mr. Tim May – Rockwood, ON (Agriculture, Education/Public Awareness)

Ms. Lillie Ann Morris – Rockwood, ON (Agriculture, Conservation, Education)

Ms. Wendy Whittaker – Rockwood, ON (Agriculture)

Mr. Scott Wilson – Orangeville, ON (Public Service)

In recognizing these individuals, Black honours their exceptional dedication and contributions to Canada and their communities. Their achievements exemplify the values and commitment that the King Charles III Coronation Medal seeks to celebrate, reflecting the strength and diversity of our nation.

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Sixteenth Annual Grey Bruce Farmers' Week Prize Áwarded

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On June 14, 2024, the OVC

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Class of 2024 had their Convocation and Veterinary Oath Ceremony. The GBFW Committee is delighted to announce that Dr Jacky Normandeau is the recipient of the 2024 GBFW award.

Jacky grew up outside the rural town of Uxbridge, Ontario. Despite growing up in a town, she has an abundance of farm experience. In high school she worked on a hobby farm doing the daily chores and at a local dog kennel. During university she milked cows on a dairy farm on the 3am shift, collected turkey eggs at a large pedigree facility, and worked at a small thoroughbred breeding facility. Her farm experience has varied widely, and she enjoyed each job she had.

Jacky knew from age 6, that she wanted to drive around in a vet truck and take care of all kinds of animals. She thought it would be great to work outside on the road instead of in an office. She also looked forward to being part of a rural community, seeing everyone's farms and helping her neighbours with their animals. As she gradually found out more about veterinary medicine, the surgical, problem-solving, and physical aspects of the job also appealed greatly to her because she enjoys anything hands-on, and active. A large animal practice has always appealed to Jacky due to the down-to-earth mentality about the care of animals, the group/herd aspect of animal health, and especially the physical and outdoor nature of the work. She finds a special level of care can be provided when she's able to see an animal's husbandry first-hand on the farm.

Dr Normandeau started working at Walkerton-Hanover Veterinary Clinic in May and she is very excited to practice in Grey Bruce. She commented, "It's a lovely area with very

friendly people. I'm most looking forward to getting out on the road and meeting everyone at their farms to help with their production animals and horses." She is excited to perform surgical procedures because she finds that it is very rewarding to be able to resolve a problem for an individual animal and the producer through surgical correction.

Jacky is very grateful for this award that is directed to new graduate food-animal veterinarians.

The Grey Bruce Farmers' Week Committee congratulates Dr Jacky Normandeau, and wishes her all the best in her future endeavours!

For further information or interviews, please call Grey County Agricultural Services 519-986-3756, or email lorie@greyagservices.ca.

You may also contact Dr. Normandeau via email at normandeaujacky@gmail.com or call her at 587-589-7620.

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Agricultural Anecdotes from Farmer Tim



"Do not judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant."

~Robert Louis Stevenson

The fall harvest has always been my favourite time of the year. It's a time of apple cider, vibrant leaves, cozy sweaters and that first fire in the hearth. As a farmer, it is a time to reflect on a busy year of planting and harvesting along with all the stresses that went along with it. Barns and bins are stuffed and brimming with the fruits of our labour. Droughts, floods and infestations are behind us as we start to focus on next year's crops; always hoping for a better year.

As the years have passed, I've become more sentimental about the harvest. The actual work of bringing in the sheaves seems much less important to me than the people who work by my side. I am blessed to still have great neighbours share in my labour but times are changing. The highlights of the harvest were the meals shared by family and neighbours alike – pies, roast beef, mashed potatoes and veggies all homegrown and cooked with love. We talked, laughed and shared stories of harvests gone by and of the friends who had passed since we last gathered. We lost my mom last year so we also lost those amazing meals and with fewer farming neighbours, meals are now often on the go as automation requires less help. I still enjoy the ritual of the harvest but it is just not the same with fewer human interactions.

The fall harvest is a time when farmers and non-farmers share in our great country's bounty. I wish I had a harvest table big enough to fit all of you around it so we could be thankful together and put more of the human touch back into the harvest.

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!"

Georgina's Field to Table Tour promotes local farms

Story and photos by Cathy Hamill-Hill

The Town of Georgina hosted a Field to Table Farm Tour on Saturday, August 17th. This event began in 2018 and is held to celebrate agriculture and to promote local farms directly to consumers. Stops included farm tours and a designated picnic area.

The stop on Old Homestead Road in Georgina was at the Cloverhill Flower farm. Cloverhill Farm is owned by Mom and daughter, Debbie and Amanda Gordon. Debbie is hugely dedicated to the environment and the flower farm follows her values of being chemical-free with sustainable practices being used. The gardens are home to many pollinator insects, birds and rabbits. The farm's main product is cut flowers. The name for the farm was based on logic, Amanda explains, "This farmhouse was built in 1903 and it sits on a hill. The lawn was mostly clover. So the name Cloverhill Farm fit." The mother-daughter came together to form the farm partnership merging their skills, Amanda has a business back-

ground and Debbie is a floral designer. Cloverhill Farm was a founding farm member of Georgina Field To Table Farm Tour

Hiveshare was also at the Old Homestead Road stop. Hiveshare is an innovative idea from beekeeper, Christopher Campbell from Sutton that offers people the chance to buy a share of an operational bee hive's honey harvest. There are full hive, half hive and quarter hive options. A full hive will yield about 51 pounds or 23 kilograms of honey. Christopher reported he has sold about 100 shares so far. He began beekeeping in 2012 out of fascination for honeybees and wanting to help the honeybee population. His display at the Field to table tour featured honey in different container sizes and included chocolate honey spreads. Customer service is important to Hiveshare explaining, "I deliver honey for free to anyone, anywhere in Georgina." Hiveshare is also a founding member of the Georgina Field to Table Farm Tour.



Pictured above is Sutton beekeeper, Christopher Campbell and his assistant, Cassandra Vasik at their display at the Cloverhill Farm stop on the Field to Table tour in Georgina. The two were kept busy all day as close to 400 people came through to visit. Their business name is "Hiveshare" which is an innovative way for people to get fresh honey, minus all the work. Visit https://www.hiveshare.ca for more details.



In the above photo are the owners of Cloverhill Flowers, this is mother/daughter, Debbie Gordon (at left) and Amanda Gordon. The duo grow all the flower varieties they are holding and own the gardens in the background. An incredible 400 people, many from Toronto, came to their site on the Field to Table tour in Georgina. For more information about Cloverhill Flowers visit https://www.cloverhillflowers.ca



South Simcoe 4-H celebrates Achievement Day at the Beeton Fair

Reports and photos submitted by South Simcoe 4-H

South Simcoe 4-H Automotive and Mechanics Club

By Nicholas Senick

This year the members of the South Simcoe Automotive and Mechanics Club worked on a 1970 Dodge Challenger. Members were provided opportunities to hone their skills in mechanics, auto body, general maintenance, detailing and were able to learn more about welding from local welder Gord Munshaw.

Looking forward to next year.



South Simcoe Automotive and Mechanics Club members are shown above participating in their achievement event at the Beeton Fall Fair.



The Line Dancing 4-H South Simcoe Club held their Achievement Day Program at the Beeton Fall Fair. The members would like to say a big thank you to the Beeton Agricultural Society for inviting them to perform at their Fair and supplying them with complimentary ride passes. They had a wonderful time and great memories were created.



The South Simcoe 4-H Poultry Club had their achievement day at the Beeton Fall Fair. The members wish to thank the volunteers, parents and judges that made this day successful.



The South Simcoe 4-H Rabbit Club enjoyed a fun and educational day at the Beeton Fair.

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Farm Safety top priority at the York Region Federation of Agriculture annual BBQ



From left to right are: Nathan Pegg, new Director, Kim Empringham, director, treasurer and secretary and Larry Pegg of Homestead Orchards in Sutton, serving up hot dogs for the hungry crowd at the York Region Federation of Agriculture's annual farm safety BBQ. Thank you to the Sutton Fairgrounds for the use of the pavilion for the evenings event.



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Investing in Food Safety and Growth

Ontario is investing up to \$5 million through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership to help smaller businesses in the agriculture and food industry modernize their food safety systems and stimulate growth. businesses can now apply to receive up to 50 per cent of eligible project costs, to a maximum of \$75,000 for projects that improve food safety and traceability and improve consumer confidence.



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Towards the end of August my husband, Shawn, and I joined the York Region Federation of Agriculture (YRFA) for the annual farm safety BBQ. Members gathered at the Sutton Fairgrounds for an informal evening of good conversation and a BBQ dinner. Nathan Pegg and Kim Empringham manned the BBQ while Walter Rey kept the crowd in good supply of fresh corn purchased from Holtrop Farm.

After the guests enjoyed dinner and a selection of desserts, Kim took to the microphone asking the crowd what they may have noticed about the tractor that was stationed in the pavilion. Many answers were offered of the different safety issues they had noticed with the tractor, such as the loader not being attached and the pallet fork wasn't hooked up properly. The safety demo was a good reminder to everyone to always have a thorough review of your equipment before beginning a job. Once the safety demo was complete Kim introduced the evenings guest speak, Brad Hulshof of Hulsdale Farms.

Brad captured the audiences attention with his frank and in depth retelling of his own farm accident that ocurred

in 2012. Brad began by describing the mood of that summer leading up to his accident. His family was very busy with the farm and had many other obligations on the go such as his wife's first pregnancy, barn renovations and hosting that summers York Region Twilight Dinner. Brad explained that it was the pressure of trying to get it all done that led him to working longer hours while being fatigued. Something I'm certain we are all guilty of no matter what our occupation is.

Brad described that as a young, fit, 25 year old man he thought he could avoid trouble easily enough. And thought with the forage wagon just idling, he could reach over the beater but

then he was caught and dragged in. Brad's father, Paul, heard him shouting and came running. He shut the tractor off and pulled him out. In a tenth of a second Brad suffered many broken bones and his hamstring was seriously damaged, losing the majority of the muscle. Both his tibia and fibula were also badly damaged.

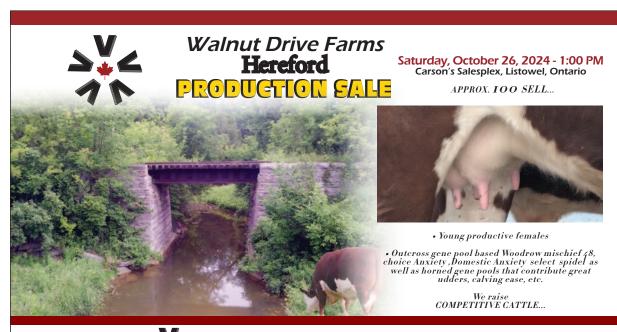
911 was immediately called and Brad was airlifted to Sunnybrook Hospital. It took 45 mins from time of call to be in the Operating Room. Brad has had seven operations and it took three months to learn to walk again. It took a full two years for recovery. There were eleven first reponders who helped save Brads life that day. They all received the Police Chiefs Medal of Merit.

Brad takes the time to talk to other farmers about farm safety. To end his presentation he discussed simple steps to keep farmers as safe as possible. Don't work fatigued, look for hazards, don't take short cuts, do it the right way, wear snug clothing, stay away from rotating machinery. Advice to keep you sharper and alert; take breaks, stop when you're tired and have proper nu-



Walter Rey was the expert corn cooker of the evening. The delicious corn was purchased from Holtrop Farm.







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The Ivy orange Lodge delivered another successful family event

Story and photos by John Beischer

Last month the Ivy Orange Lodge [Essa Township], presented the 22nd annual family day at Victoria Park in the hamlet of Ivy, 5 miles south-west of Barrie in Simcoe County.

A cool and wet day greeted the 'Ivy Guys' in the morning hours as they prepared the hall and park for the days events and activities. As the morning progressed the sky cleared and all members tackled their respective tasks with vigor and enthusiasm. More than 300 local residents and visitors from the surrounding area attended this well known and greatly appreciated event which included the following: St Judes Anglican Church presented a garage sale, the Ivy Presbyterian Church conducted a very successful bake sale. Area vintage car and tractor enthusiasts displayed their vehicles on the grass at the far outfield of the ball field. The Essa Historical Society provided visitors to the hall with an informative outline of all the communities in Essa Township. Several books were sold by Joan Truax [secretary] and Mary Elliot a long time member of EHS and a strong proponent

of all things historical in our community. Shortly before noon the sun shone on this beautiful park and Orange Lodge members conducted old fashion races and games, with prizes for kids of all ages. Mister Balloon-man returned by popular demand! A large jumping castle provided kids the opportunity to expend excess energy while their parents took advantage of the BBQ lunch which consisted of burgers, hotdogs and corn on the cob.

New this year was a delightful and entertaining fiddle band that played wonderful tunes from the American songbook of music that was familiar to all of us that enjoyed our lunch in the upstairs hall.

The Barrie / Thornton Fiddle Club provided the music and it was a large crowd that applauded at the end of every tune. This talented group of musicians meet on the second Tuesday of every month from September to June, at the Thornton Banquet hall [upstairs]. For more information visit www.barriethorntonfiddleclub.org.



Members of the Barrie / Thornton Fiddle Club entertained a room full of visitors at the Ivy Orange Lodge last month.







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The joys of making cherished quilting memories

Article by Janis Hamilton

We were thrilled to have 3 winners at the Barrie Fair's youth category quilt entries. Simcoe County Quilters' Guild sponsored this class in recognition of their 40th anniversary. It could be any quilted item. The winners were: 1st place: Ellis Klein Gebbinck, 2nd place Anya Farbotko and 3rd place Malcolm Goose. Each was given a certificate recognizing their efforts on behalf of the Quilt Guild. Certainly exciting to have up and coming quilters in the area! Well

I hope you got a chance to visit the Simcoe County Quilt, Rug and Artisan Fair Sept. 20-22 held at the Simcoe County Museum. There were opportunities to purchase items for sale, see 9 different arts and crafts that are in our area and with chances to visit their meetings or even try your hand at their demos. A lot of planning and countless volunteers make this happen. They even have a luncheon outside put on by the Friends of the Museum.

Another event you might be taking part in is the "Lake Loop Shop Hop held Oct. 3-5. Six shops: Hummingbird Sewing-Barrie; Country Concessions Quilt Shop-Cookstown; The Quilting Gnome-Jackson's Point; The Quilt Store-Newmarket; Thimbles & Things-Orillia; Quilters Cupboard-Uxbridge. They offer visitors the chance to enjoy seeing new fabrics, an opportunity to purchase a different kit at each shop and then have your name entered in a draw for some amazing prizes. The shops also offer finishing kits to purchase. If you missed this, you could still visit these shops and they'd love to help you.

One upcoming show you don't want to miss is in Toronto, till November 17 at the ROM Level 3, third floor Centre Bloc. From ROM's permanent collection of intricately designed quilts from as early as the 1850s to the present. Twenty quilts will be on display. The show is free with general admission.It is cheaper to go Tues.-Thursday and it would be not as busy as well. The Go train in Barrie will get you there in no time at all.

Getting the proper instructions for beginners can be challenging if you don't have access to a local quilt shop. Sometimes I use the internet to look for help because I'm wanting to finish something, and time is of the essence. If you find something you like, I'd suggest you bookmark it on your computer in your "quilting" file. Sometimes the link is no longer available but if it's already on your computer it is much quicker than time spent searching.

I've listed a few of my favourites and hope you find them

Linda Mielke Quilts: Linda is a retired teacher from Georgian College and has videos on many subjects. Batting, joining a row, concentric circles, quilt as you go and scrappy quilts. She has over 1k views on her site, so check her site

My very favourite for joining binding is only 3 minutes long but makes perfectly finished binding every time. Type in your search for: "Heirloom Creations Quilt Binding connecting the ends."

Many shops offer tips or videos as well. Thimbles & Things (Orillia) do a monthly Saturday Zoom and will take 100 quilters to see what is new at the shop and usually a tip or two as well. You must sign up for their newsletter and they automatically email you the time and date to log on.

Another one that even has its own magazine is www.missouriquiltco.com "Best of Block" is available monthly at any quilt shop. Filled with patterns and helpful techniques.

They have many online tutorials, and it is a family business out of Hamilton, Missouri and they have so many videos you can spend days just trying to see them all.

Moda, Northcott, Robert Kaufman and Riley Blake are a few of the designers who also offer free patterns and information. All you have to do is find what interests you. And you don't have to start with a huge quilt. Baby quilts are a great way to get your pedal to the metal on your sewing machine. Travel bags can also be quilted or even a mini quilt for a grandchild's baby doll crib.

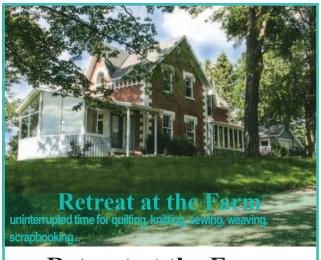
If you are a bit hesitant about what to buy to get started, find a pattern you like, then look for fabric that suits where the project is going. A wall hanging, a lap quilt or after a lot of consideration you decide to go for a full quilt needs to be the right colour depending on where it will end up. There are precut fabrics available at all the stores and of course online. Most quilters want to touch the fabric, we are very tactile it seems. Precuts contain one print of every fabric in the collection and sometimes duplicates. It will guarantee you will not miss anything in the collection. This saves you wondering what will go with this wonderful odd colour of turquoise you are holding in your hand. Some quilters really struggle with finding colours that work well together, so the precuts avoid this issue. Time is usually an issue for most and this saves time cutting, and it is very accurate, so it also helps eliminate wasted fabric and your scrap pile of fabric won't suddenly grow.

Jelly rolls are: $40 - 2 \frac{1}{2}$ " x 44" strips Honeycomb: 40 laser cut 6" hexagons Layer cakes: 42 -10" x 10" squares Fat Quarter Bundle: one of each 19.7" x 22" Junior Layer cake: 20 – 10" x 10" Ft Eighth Bundle: one of each 9" x 22" Charm Pack: 42 squares are 5" x 5" Mini Chams: 42 squares 2 1/2" x 2 1/2"

From Fat Quarter bundles you can cut them into layer cakes, charm squares, jelly roll strips and mini charm squares. You get every fabric in the collection so your quilt will match perfectly, and everyone will be very impressed. Quilt shops do not necessarily order all the fabrics in a collection so the way of precuts eliminates this problem.

At a recent quilting event, a proud grandmother was showing a video of her 6-year-old granddaughter making a quilt. She worked on it easily for 3 hours. Such fun and great memories were happening. The grandmother's dilemma was since they didn't live close could she buy her a machine for Christmas how would the child cut the fabric...6-year-olds and a rotary cutter are not a good idea as her mother isn't inclined to learn how...we all suggested buy precuts and pick an easy pattern. Maybe this Christmas this youngster will get a gift that can last a lifetime.

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Many creative vendors attracted the crowds at the Fibre Spirit Festival

Story and photos by Lizz Smekal

The 2024 Fibre Spirit Festival took place on August 24th at the Barrie Curling Club. The one day festival featured all things knitting, weaving, spinning, crocheting, needle felting, tools, kits, books and more! There were over 45 vendors, demonstrations, classes, fashion shows and even door prize draws. Keep an eye on their website for next years details https://www.fibrespirit.ca.



Sue Needle, wool and fibre artist and owner of Exquisite E Yarns and Rovings in Barrie demonstrated spinning Angora rabbit fibres her third visit at the annual Fibre Spirit show in Barrie this past August. Susan raises Angora rabbits for their fibre. Sue specializes in hand spun skeins, rovings, batts and handmade accessories. Her rabbits are plucked rather than sheared ensuring longer fibres which are easier to spin and use in projects. Contact her at sueneedle20@gmail.com or www.facebook/angoraproducts4you

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Yarnsomniacs came from Prince Edward County for their first Fibre Spirit show in August. Susan (left) in front of a carder, the tool used to straighten fibres and Bobbi Jo (right) using the picker to separate fibres. They keep their own sheep and llamas as guardian animals. The sheep are shorn, the fibres are processed, blended, spun and dyed to finished yarn. They were happy to demonstrate and speak to the attendees about their processes. You can contact them at: yarnsomniacs@gmail.com





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James Keating still a fixture at Discovery Harbour



bour recreates the former Royal Navy establishment that operated at Penetanguishene during the first half of the 19th century.

If one man were to be associated with this base it would be James Keating. Not only was he one of the it's highestranking officials, but he also served longer at this isolated posting can any other individual. If the stories are true, he may remain a fixture to this day.

The History

James Keating was born in Ireland in 1786 and joined the British Army during the Napoleonic Wars. In 1812, the United States declared war on Britain with the intent on capturing Canada, igniting a war that lasted three years. Keating, then serving as a sergeant in the Royal Artillery, was sent to Canada and was present at several battles. As a reward for his skillful handling of cannons, he was made an officer and rose to the rank of Captain.

After the war, Keating was named adjutant (a civilian general manager) at Penetanguishene. It was his responsibility to coordinate all aspects of overall operation of the garrison, from paying soldiers to ensuring maintenance of facilities.

His home was supplied by the British government, and all his worldly needs - from food to clothing - were culled from military stores, providing him and his family a standard of living well above that of the average settler in what was then very much a frontier community.

Keating provided a sense of continuity for the military establishment. While other senior officers came and went as detachments were rotated, Keating was always on hand to ensure the seamless flow of organization and authority. He

Discovery Har- was equally prominent in the young village of Penetanur recreates the guishene as a respected citizen.

James Keating died in 1849 while still serving as adju-

The Hauntings

Some say that he remains at his post to this day.

Ask anyone who ever worked at the reconstructed Keating House, and they have little doubt that ghosts exist. If you work in the building long enough, you'll meet the man of the house. Sometimes it's a subtle meeting characterized by mysterious noises coming from an empty room or a door swinging shut on its hinges. Often, however, introductions with James Keating are more startling.

Most of the ghostly activity in the building seems to take place on the second floor, where all the Keating children were born – and where James passed away. One interpreter, after seeing a cradle rocking on its own in one of the second-floor bedrooms, bolted down the stairs and refused to ever return. Another interpreter was in the kitchen mixing batter for cookies when she heard the thud-thud-thud of heavy footsteps and the sound of something being dragged across the floor directly above her. When she investigated, the woman found the home empty.

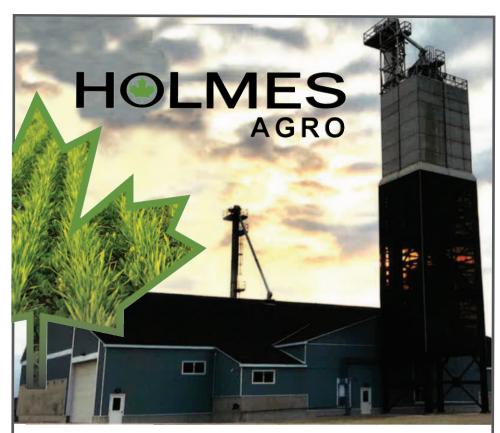
There are even times when a mysterious figure, said to be James Keating himself, peers out from an upstairs window that has the unnerving habit of swinging open on its own. One day in 2000, shortly before the park closed for the day, a staff member passing by Keating House saw a man looking out the window. She entered the building to let the man know the park would be closing momentarily. The staff member found the house empty. Since there was no way for someone to get past her unnoticed, the woman knew the person she had seen could only have been a ghost.

James Keating, in life and in legend, is a fixture at Discovery Harbour.



The photo above is of the James Keating Memorial Plaque at Discovery Harbour. The photo below is of the James Keating house.





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Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) Member Appreciation Luncheon

Story and photos by Roslyn Watkins



Throughout this past summer the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) hosted a number of member appreciation luncheons to welcome OFA members and thank them for their support. Leah Emms, OFA Member Services Representative for Peel, Simcoe and York, welcomed members on August 29th at the Ernie Dean Chevrolet, Buick and GMC dealership in Alliston. Paul Maurice, director with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture since 2021, and representing farmers in Peel, Simcoe and York, and members of the Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture (SCFA) joined Leah in greeting guests. The luncheon

provided an opportunity to address any concerns or questions that members may have but mostly it was an afternoon to visit, catch up and relax. Caterer and private chef Stephanie Reich from The Cookhaus provided a delicious meal. Representatives from Hearing Life, Telus, OFA, and Scotia Bank were also on hand providing information about their services. Music from FM 92 South Simcoe kept the toes tapping. Everyone was invited to fill out a ballot to win the Chilly Moose cooler provided by Ernie Dean and the lucky winner was Ross Reynolds.



Sandra and Grant Dunstan, photo above, enjoyed some one on one time chatting with OFA Member Representative, Leah Emms, pictured to the right. It was a great afternoon for friendly conversation and good food.

Stephanie Reich, pictured to the left, from The Cookhaus, put together a very tasty meal for the OFA appreciation luncheon. Stephanie provides catering and private chef services. She can be contacted at thecookhaus@outlook.com



Left to right in the above photo are: Leah Emms, OFA Member Representative, Paul Maurice, OFA Director, Janice Currie and Keith Currie, President of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA). It was very nice for OFA members to have the opportunity on a personal level to visit with Keith and his wife Janice.



Dave Ritchie, president of the SCFA, to the left in the above photo joined Frank Dean of Ernie Dean's Chevrolet, Buick and GMC Dealership in Alliston to show off the great door prize provided by Ernie Dean, the Chilly Moose cooler. All guests were encouraged to fill out a ballot, congratulations to the winner, Ross Reynolds.







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Celebrating Agricultural Heritage at the Barrie Fair

Story and photos by Cathy Hamill-Hill



Above we see 2.5 year old Myles Leduc who just loves tractors. Myles was at the Barrie Fair with his Grandma and Uncle. Myles is from Lefroy.

together in 1853. They are a non-profit organization that operates out of the Essa Agriplex, in Thornton, ON. The Essa Agriplex is host to the Barrie Fair and the The Essa National Draft Horse Show as well as many other events throughout the year. This year, the Barrie Fair was bigger and better than ever with a record attendance and many exciting attractions. To fill your day, you could wander through the homecraft displays, check out the kidszone, watch the animal shows and demonstrations, or shop though the vendors. The grounds lit up at nighttime with the lights from the show rings, the tractor pulls and the Midway. If you are interested in volunteering your time visit their website https://essaagriplex.ca and be sure to attend the Fair next year!

The Essa & District Agricultural Society (EDAS) came

Pictured at right is cultural

Fair. Dragon is a show horse on the "A" circuit

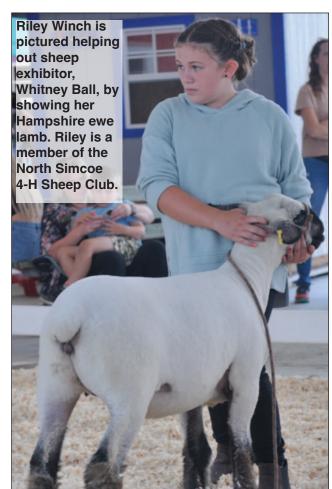




Pictured above is 11 year old Jacob McNaughton just after he competed in Junior Showmanship at the Barrie Fair's Open Breed Beef Show with this Hereford heifer calf. Jacob is in 4-H and is from Gravenhurst. His family farm name is Roots and Wings Farm.



Shown in the photo above is Rabbit Judge, John Richter from London, Ontario, judging a Netherland dwarf rabbit in the Dominion Rabbit and Cavy Breeders Association show held at the Barrie Fair. There were close to 200 rabbits at the Show. John is a longtime licensed judge with the American Rabbit Breeders Association Inc. Judging Rabbit Shows both in Ontario and throughout the United States.





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After The Chores: Lost

By Cathy Hamill-Hill



Spending my life on a farm with twice a day chores to do, I never was a big traveler which I hope is a justified reason for having no sense of directions. I just found "Google Maps" on my phone which has directions that are so clear even I can manage them.

The new directions though are all based on having a working cell phone.

It was a beautiful day at Lang Pioneer Village located at Keene that was the location of the Rabbit Show. I was glued to Google Maps for directions on how to get there. The rain had finished and the sun was out, there were snow cones for sale and the Village to explore so I was thinking this had to be one of the best show days ever.

Lang Pioneer Village is exactly that, it's a series of actual buildings that would be in a village in the late 1800's in Ontario. There is no hydro in the Village and the only public transportation is by horse and wagon. All the volunteers are in full dress of the times, right down to the puffy sleeves on the ladies' tops and the floor length skirts.

I decided that after my Rabbit show classes were over, I needed to get a snow cone. The snow cone stand was steps outside of the Village so this place had hydro and lights. I

left my camera bag back with my friend Dawn at the rabbit show.

I fully lost my last cell phone, just a few months after we bought it. That happened in a box store and that was my stupidity of leaving my purse open. The phone with its 3 year plan cost close to \$700 which is not a good surprise in early January. I've been crazy careful since that day to keep my phone with me at all times.

With my cell in my pocket and my camera on its strap around my neck, I found the washroom and bought my snow cone.

Back at the rabbit barn, I met a sweet 70 something Lang Pioneer volunteer, Penny, that happily told me all about her life. Penny is a cheerful person that fit right in with my snow cone time. I spent a happy half hour. After Penny left, I was in reality again and decided to check on the time. My phone is my way to tell time.

I went to my camera bag to get the phone. It was not there. It had to be there. No, it was in my pocket. My pockets were empty. I went through my stuff, no cell phone. Oh, my...now I remember.

There was absolutely no way I could get home without that phone. I am east from home but what direction is east? Keene is where? I HAD to have that phone. I debated to alert my rabbit show people for help but we all know what happens with a bunch of people freak out and I was already freaked out. And this was entirely my problem so not fair to concern others. Calm down I told myself. First, pray. First made for the second, make a plan.

I left everything with Dawn and left to go with the plan. I could have hugged the first volunteer I found that said yes a phone was found in the bathroom. FOUND! I could get home, I was SAVED.

The only issue is that someone had it now "at the office". The "office" was at the top of the Village. I assured the volunteer that I could walk, anywhere to get back this phone. I followed the road and found all kinds of buildings for the ½ kilometer. I asked a volunteer quilting under a tree where the Office was after asking two other volunteers that sent me to where I thought they said. Even on foot, I seem to be directionally challenged.

I found the office and asked for my phone. The volunteer was not someone that was said to be here. A Village visitor said she was the one that found the phone but it had a dead battery. I expect now she was looking for a reward of some type but all she got for that news was a mumbled thank you as my heart nearly stopped... my phone was working as it had to get me home. My phone was not the one found, after all. I was so done. The office volunteer said she would "go check" with another volunteer. She returned with the news that a "phone was found in a burgundy case" but it was at "The barn" she said. She looked so sad explaining I had just come from there.

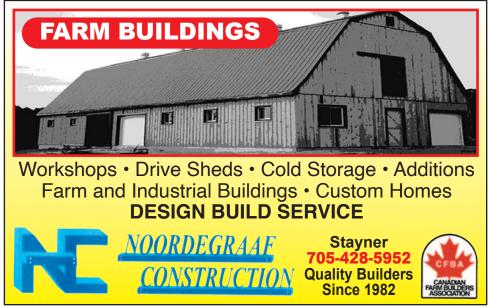
I go on this nice ½ kilometer route again praying to God to please give me my phone back in working condition. I get to "the barn" and the volunteer finds another volunteer who says the phone is now at the schoolhouse.

I'm asking for directions to the schoolhouse when a volunteer that was working selling food, rushed over with my beloved cell phone in her hand. She explained she had it all along and apologized for the miscommunication with huge sincerity.

I have lived the experience of losing something in a Pioneer Village in the 1800's.

I did get home in time for chores thanks to my working phone. My next purchase is going to buy a map made of paper.









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