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Caledon Agricultural Society receives incredible donation

TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley and Humeniuk family announce \$250,000 multi-year donation to Caledon Agricultural Society's fundraising campaign

TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley and the Humeniuk family announced earlier this year a \$250,000 multi-year donation to the Caledon Agricultural Society (CAS), supporting the organization's fundraising campaign to expand facilities at the Caledon Fairgrounds site.

A foundational component of the community since the first Caledon Fair was held in 1860, the CAS provides space for events including the annual Caledon Fair, Caledon Canada Day and Strawberry Festival.

The donation, which will take place over a three-year period, represents a contribution to a \$3 million capital fundraising campaign focused on expanding facilities, improving fairground offerings and creating a functional space to anchor a strong and thriving community hub.

"We're proud to be a part of this vibrant community and to have called Caledon

home for more than 30 years. The Caledon Agricultural Society's ambitious plan to improve and expand offerings for community events at the fairgrounds site is admirable and important, and we are pleased to play a role in helping this plan become a reality," said TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley President Chris Humeniuk.

Ed Taccone, Caledon Agricultural Society President, said campaign organizers are confident that facility upgrades, combined with the fairgrounds' advantageous location, will enhance its appeal as an event destination and generate widespread positive impact throughout the community.

"We are planning for future generations and want to ensure the needs of our ever-growing community are met with quality facilities and abundant opportunities," said Taccone. "We believe this legacy community project will create so many benefits

throughout Caledon, and we are so appreciative of TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley and the Humeniuk family's generosity in helping it become a reality."

Among the plans for improving facilities include a new building designed to complement the existing Heritage Hall and maintain the charming rural character of the fairgrounds while adding modern improvements.

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

"Since launching this fundraising campaign last year, we have been seeking the generosity and support of

community members, local businesses and philanthropic organizations to contribute to this legacy project," said former Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson, who serves on the Caledon Agricultural Society's fundraising committee. "As they have done for many years, this commitment from TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley and the Humeniuk family is a commendable example of giving back and supporting a worthy community cause, and we are so appreciative of their support."

Taccone and campaign organizers are optimistic that successful fundraising efforts will see construction on new facilities begin in 2026. For more information or to make a donation, please visit www.caledonfair.ca.

The 2025 Caledon Fair will take place on June 13, 14 & 15. For details visit the website www.caledonfair.ca

AGcalendar

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.

February 10th to April 16th: Winter Webinars & Courses

Grey Ag Services schedule of winter webinars and courses for the month of March can be found on page 14. Full details can be found on their website www.grayagservices.ca or by calling 519-986-3756.

March 13th & 14th: North Simcoe SCIA Seed & Feed Fair

North Simcoe Soil & Crop Improvement Association presents the 70th annual Seed & Feed Fair taking place at the Elmvalle Community Hall, 33 Queen St West in Elmvalle. Memberships are \$50. Prizes and Presentations! Looking forward to seeing everyone there! Contact Nicole at simcty.fed.agriculture@outlook.com

March 14th: News and Advertising Deadline

The advertising and news deadline for the April issue of Farm View is **Friday, March 14th**.

March 15th: Russell deCarle Concert at the Utopia Hall

Live music takes on an entirely "up close and personal" meaning on Saturday, March 15th with the return of Russell deCarle to the stage at the Utopia Hall (8396 6th Line, Utopia Ontario).

Date: Saturday March 15, 2025

Time: Dinner @ 7pm; Concert @ 8pm

Advance Tickets: \$45 (includes light dinner and concert)

Order tickets at www.utopiahall.ca

March 28th: Addis Grain Annual Marketing Meeting

Addis Grain hosts their annual Spring Marketing Meeting on Friday, March 28th. The event takes place from 9:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Speakers begin at 9:45 a.m. and lunch is provided. Call 705-720-0431 to RSVP. Addis Grain is located at 274 Third Line South in Oro-Medonte, ON. **Information in the ad on page 13.**

March 28th: Canadian Foodgrains Bank Regional Meeting

Canadian Foodgrains Bank Regional meeting will be held at Bond Head United Church on Friday March 28th at 2pm. Come and hear the latest update on CFGB's mission to end world hunger. **Read the article on page 3** for more information or visit <https://www.facebook.com/LoavesandFishes-Simcoe>

April 1st: Hall of Fame applications due

Do you know a farmer in Simcoe County that deserves to be recognized by the Agricultural Hall of Fame? If so, please send an email to simcty.fed.agriculture@outlook.com to request a nomination application. All applications must be in by April 1st 2025. If you have any questions, please contact Nicole at simcty.fed.agriculture@outlook.com

April 12th: SCFA hosts Keep Kids Safe Workshop

Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture is pleased to once again present the Keep Kids Safe Workshop to be held at Huron Tractor at Cashtown Corners on Saturday, April 12th. **Full details and registration information can be found in the ad on page 7.**

April 26: Simcoe Area Women's Institute Women's Day

Simcoe Area Women's Institute will be hosting a Women's Day on April 26, 2025 located at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 170 Steel St. Barrie, ON L4M 2G4.

Registration is from 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. The cost for the day including lunch is \$25.00 or \$15.00 without lunch. **More information can be found in the article on page 14.**



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First Tapping Ceremony of the Simcoe and District Maple Syrup Producers Association

Article and photo by Andrej Baca

Maple syrup in Ontario, is the year's first agricultural crop. On January 31, 2025 the first tapping was conducted at Maple Heights Farms, 3358 5th line Innisfil, Ontario. The First Tapping event signifies the beginning of the 2025 maple syrup season in Simcoe County. Greg Bray farm owner, has been making maple syrup products for 11 years, at this location, with farming experience going back to his childhood. Tapping 2000 trees on 52 acres used to take weeks with a hand auger to drill and manually put in the spigot. Now, food grade tubing runs miles from tree to tree back to the processing building.

It takes approximately 40 litres of maple sap to make 1 litre of maple syrup. The sap, which comes out of the tree with a sugar content of approximately 2%, is boiled until it reaches between 66% and 67.5% sugar content. So you can see that a lot of hard work and dedication goes into each litre of maple syrup produced.

Greg Bray's first tapping event was supported by other maple syrup producers, the association president and 2 members of parliament. Video and written media along with approximately 40 people participated.



Pictured above are members of the Simcoe and District Maple Syrup Producers Association. Left to right are: Greg Bray of Maple Heights Farm, Jack McFadden President of Association of Maple Ridge Enterprises, Orval Hutchinson of Hutchinson Maple Syrup, Paul Partridge, of Backwoods Maple Syrup and Peter Lorrman of Windlee Farms Maple Syrup.



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Loaves and Fishes Growing Project Summary 2024 Working together to end Global Hunger for 27 years

The Loaves and Fishes Growing Project has just completed its 27th year raising funds for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB) to end world hunger. The CFGB collaborates with over thirty denominations providing emergency food assistance and long-term responses to countries all over the world. Projects ranged from promoting conservation agriculture and creating self-help groups to providing unconditional food assistance.

In South Simcoe County, crops were raised in different fields growing a total of 94 acres of winter wheat, soybeans, and corn for the growing project. Farmers and agri-businesses donated their labour, equipment, crop inputs, and time to grow and harvest the crops. Churches and individuals donated cash. Over \$66,000 was generously donated from individuals and churches from cities like Toronto, Richmond Hill, Newmarket, Bradford, Tottenham, Alliston and Cookstown, Innisfil, Barrie

and others. This past year, the project had, after an extremely wet spring, above average crop yields and more modest commodity prices, \$90,000 was donated to the CFGB! After growing crops with the donations through the growing project, the Canadian government matches by 4:1. Just like the 5 loaves and 2 fishes fed crowds, our efforts are multiplied as well to feed our neighbours in need all around the world. After 27 years, Loaves and Fishes has amounted to a total of \$3,388,947 in donations to the CFGB (without any matching funds).

The work continues to end global hunger. The challenges are great, but we do not do this alone. God has blessed this work, and it is making a difference.

Loaves and Fishes is happy to host the Canadian Foodgrains Bank Spring Regional meeting on Friday March 28th @ 2pm at the Bond Head United Church. The meeting gives supporters

and donors an opportunity to learn more about the work at Canadian Foodgrains Bank, a brief update of anything new at the Foodgrains Bank and there will be a guest speaker who will go into some more depth on the work in developing countries. Details are still being finalized, please reach out to me for more information.

Thank you to everyone who contributed. Plans are underway for our 28th year in 2025. Our project is always looking for more individuals to contribute to this worthy cause, in any way possible. Thinking Globally and acting locally.

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OPINION

GUEST EDITORIAL

Conservation authorities are a pillar in our communities

By Jonathan Scott

In January, I had the honour of being elected chair of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA). As I step into this new role, I've been reflecting on why conservation authorities matter so deeply to our communities, our province and our country.

What could be more Canadian than protecting our lakes, rivers, forests and wetlands? Conservation authorities like NVCA are responsible for stewarding these natural resources and preserving them for future generations. But this work isn't just about environmental responsibility—it's also about safeguarding our local economy.

In regions like ours, where agriculture and tourism thrive, conservation is as much about protecting livelihoods as it is about protecting nature. Our farmers depend on healthy ecosystems to sustain some of the best agricultural land in Ontario. Likewise, the beauty of our lakes and forests draws tourists, hunters and anglers from far and wide, fueling local businesses. Without clean water, thriving fish stocks or healthy wetlands, these economic drivers would suffer.

The work of conservation authorities is vital, but it's not always visible. Behind the scenes, our teams are planting trees, restoring creeks and riverbeds, and implementing nature-based solutions to tackle the impacts of climate change. These solutions—such as wetland restoration to reduce flooding or reforestation to capture carbon emissions—are among the most effective tools we have to address the environmental challenges of our time.

I've been passionate about the environment since high school, working on policy at both the provincial and federal levels and supporting environmental NGOs in my professional life. As a Councillor in Bradford West Gwillimbury, I've chaired our award-winning Green Initiatives Advisory Committee, where we've tackled everything from water conservation to energy retrofitting older buildings, expanding recycling programs, and advocating for the right to repair electronics and agricultural equipment. These

initiatives are rooted in a simple principle: protecting the environment is both the right thing to do and the smart thing to do.

But conservation authorities aren't just about policy and projects—they're also about people. At NVCA, I've seen the dedication of our staff firsthand. Their work to plant thousands of trees, protect water quality and restore natural habitats is extraordinary. At the same time, we know that serving the public is at the heart of our mission. Residents, farmers and businesses deserve clear, efficient and fair processes when it comes to planning and permitting. Time is money, and we have to strike the balance between thorough reviews and expeditious customer service.

That's why, as chair, I'm committed to fostering a culture of continuous improvement at NVCA. This means responding quickly to enquiries, streamlining development approvals and ensuring consistent application of standards. It also means celebrating and communicating our successes. Conservation authorities do incredible work, and we need to share those stories to build trust and confidence in our role.

Conservation authorities like NVCA represent a uniquely Canadian way of protecting what matters: the natural beauty and resources that define our communities. This work isn't just about today—it's about ensuring a sustainable future for generations to come.

As I begin this new chapter, I'm optimistic about what lies ahead. With the support of our dedicated staff, board, municipal partners and the wider community, I'm confident we can continue making a difference—protecting our environment, strengthening our economy and serving the people who call this region home.



Jonathan Scott is Chair of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority.

LETTERS

Farm View enjoyed by family

Hi Roslyn, We got our paper today and to no surprise my son couldn't wait to open it and see what's inside.

He and Ashton both thoroughly enjoyed your article about the pioneer John Brooks. Reagan actually read it back to me while I was getting supper ready.

Jaiden said "save the word puzzle for me."

Thought you'd want to know the family is enjoying it!

Lisa van Kolfschoten
Thornton, ON

On the Cover

Greg Bray of Maple Heights Farm held the Simcoe and District first tapping event of 2025. Maple weekend is taking place April 5th and 6th. Visit <https://ontariomaple.com/maple-weekend/> to find a producer and event near you!

—Cover photo by Andrej Baca

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Amazing harvest of 2024 for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank

Article and photo provided by Luke Langman

“You reap what you sow” is not only practical wisdom for life, it also applies to the corn crop that was grown this year for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. A decent planting season stretched into a good growing summer and ended with an epic open warm fall with an amazing harvest. I will be telling my grandkids about the “Harvest of ’24”. Our local group of farmers grow crops and donate the money to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank of Canada which helps to alleviate poverty around the world. The group this year included the Langman’s who planted the corn, Roger Spence who applied the herbicide and a busy harvest day with combines provided by David Spring, Ray KleinGebbnick, Matt and Jeremy Hummelink, John Parnell and Matt Ververs. Grain buggies were brought by Don Greidanus, Trevor and Bryson KleinGebbnick, Matt and Jeremy Hummelink, David Spring and Justin Jarick and Art Turner with the Langman’s. The harvest was trucked away by Dave Graham Trucking, Langman Trans-

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Grey Bruce Farmers' Week Beef Day: panel on raising calves

By *Cathy Hamill-Hill*

Grey Bruce Farmers' Week Beef Day featured three local beef farmers and one veterinarian on a panel giving insight into raising calves for a profit.

Scott Kuhl has incredible expertise in the beef industry with being both a beef cattle farmer with 135 red beef cows and an auctioneer/co-owner of Keady Livestock Auction.

Keady Livestock Auction began in 1950 when Alvin Kuhl purchased the Keady United Church shed that was originally built to house Churchgoer's horses and buggies. Pens and a ring were added to the shed and the Keady Auction began. "It really hasn't changed all that much," Kuhl said explaining the Auction still has the Farmer's Market taking place at the same time. How the livestock auction is managed has seen considerable change- to meet market demands.

Today's sales are more structured- and better tell the story about the animals being auctioned. Cattle come in the night before sale day and are now sold in an order. The cattle are listed in a sales catalogue with important information like vaccinations and seller's names so the buyer knows the history behind each sale lot and this is available to all buyers.

"Presort Sales" are an idea from western Canada with cattle being sorted and weighed prior to sale day. This means cattle are pre-sorted before sale day so lots of cattle come into the ring together that are similar in size and conformation which the buyer appreciates when they want a specific size to fit into their future plans. The biggest advantage of the presort sales is "having big and small producers on the same page," Kuhl says.

In early 2000, Keady's Livestock Auction met with about eight local veterinarians to discuss "vaccination protocol." "Each vet had good ideas," Kuhl remembers. Vaccinations have been proven to greatly reduce common calf illnesses especially respiratory diseases. Cattle producers had to have vaccination records on sale animals to be allowed in special sales. "Sellers got real good money for having cattle vaccinated- and we had a good number for that first sale. A lot of producers are still with us that started with those first sales," Kuhl added.

Barry Ostendorff, owner of Ostendorff Farms is a full

time farmer in Elmwood beginning his herd at 12 years old with 2 heifers. Barry's operation has 300 commercial cows and 30 purebred show quality cows. One of his key markets is supplying top quality Charloais type bulls across Canada.

"Bulls are a huge part of our operation. We have one bull for 25 cows. We look for top genetics. We want consistent birth rate at 90 pounds. We want good feet and good temperament," he said adding that with a set market, he has set goals.

This large operation has a set breeding program for the commercial cows with bulls going with the cows on May 22nd- and leaving the cows on August 22nd. This leaves a set 90 day breeding program. There is a set "90% calve in the first 60 days," he said. This breeding season happens on 200 acres with the cattle "being moved to a different pasture every two weeks" on rotation, he explained.

The purebred cattle start calving in January.

The commercial cattle usually start calving close to March 1st and the cattle are then moved into a bank barn and "we pretty much live there until May 1st," he said adding that this is done by pulling in a camper trailer and literally living in it next to the barn.

Cameras in the calving barn are monitored in the camper to catch anything that might go wrong. Every year, he says, there are about 10 calves that need intervention to get their noses cleared off to breathe. Usually the mother cow will get up to do this but sometimes "the cow cannot get up quickly enough," the farmer says adding, "with cattle the price they are now, we want to make sure all calves get to sale day."

Calves stay in a private pen for about two days to fully bond and to administer vaccinations. In about three days, the new calves and cows leave the barn and move to "sand hills" on his property. The sand hills are naturally dry and he considers them a key part of making his operation work.

The calves are put on pasture on May 10th until July 10th. There is 2nd cut baylage out until October to supplement the cows.

The calves are sold at the Bruce Peninsula Calf Sale in a

pre-sort sale held at Keady's Livestock Auction.

Showing the purebred show cattle are considered "family time" as the cattle are shown across Ontario including at the Youth Forum in Lindsay in the spring and the Royal Agricultural Fair in November.

Anyone who went to Swiss Chalet during Christmas, likely ate potatoes from Tupling Farms owned by Bert Tupling and his family. Swiss Chalet bought 8 to 10 tractor trailer truckloads of potatoes containing about 1200 50 pound bags each per week during this season. This successful farmer is now going back to his roots, having added beef cattle to the four generation family Tupling Farms operation.

Tupling won the prestigious Queen's Guinea competition when he was a youngster with a Hereford steer- and he never lost his interest in beef cattle. Today, the farm operation operates a feedlot on the farm. He says the biggest challenge to his beef operation, "is finding labour. We got to have people interested and invested enough in what they are doing," he said.

Tupling Farms has 2,000 acres of potatoes in a 5,000 acre operation. The plan is to grow all the feed needed for the beef cattle operation. A new barn was built for the feedlot. The plan is to market loads of cattle every week to "reach the market highs and have cash flow coming in."

He says as a buyer, he consistently looks for "uniformity and quality. Breed is not important. When I buy in presort sales, I want lots then I can feed them all in one pen as this works for Tupling Farms," he said.

Dr. Jacques van Zyl of Metzger Veterinary Services reminded people how important vaccinations can be. He said he had a producer call him with a "pneumonia outbreak" but the cattle were on a vaccination program. He said that with just one phone conversation, it was seen that the vaccination times were wrong. "It was a very simple fix but it came after a huge loss, 10 700 pound animals were lost." He strongly suggested that farmers contact their veterinarians on a regular basis to catch any problems early before losses happen.



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Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association to expand delivery of the On-Farm Climate Action Fund to Ontario farmers

The Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA) is pleased to have been selected by

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) to continue delivery of the On-Farm Climate Action Fund (OFCAF) to Ontario farmers. On January 28, 2025, the Honourable Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, announced the expansion of OFCAF, providing an additional \$300 million nationally to help farmers become more climate resilient over the next three years.

OSCIA's delivery of OFCAF Ontario: Empowering Ontario's farmers and advisors to implement climate-friendly practices will commence April 1, 2025 and support projects over the 2025 to 2027 cropping seasons. Funding will support Ontario farmers in their ongoing adoption of beneficial management practices (BMPs) that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and store carbon, specifically for in-field nitrogen (N) management, expanding cover cropping, and implementing rotational grazing practices.

By lowering implementation costs for adopting on-farm practices, and enabling knowledge sharing among producers and agronomists through outreach and training, OFCAF helps de-risk the adoption of proven climate-friendly BMPs. "With several years of successful OFCAF delivery under our belts, OSCIA is pleased to be entrusted to continue supporting Ontario farmers," says Phil Oegema, OSCIA President. "As our industry faces unprecedented challenges, the support OFCAF provides signals to our customers and partners that Ontario farmers are ready to meet evolving environmental expectations, strengthen the resilience of our agricultural systems, and continue to be leaders in sustainable and productive farming practices."

OSCIA is planning application intakes for projects that will be implemented in the 2025 cropping season. A targeted intake for projects that address in-field N management is planned to open in March, with intakes for cover cropping, and rotational grazing systems opening later in the spring.

Under N Management, funding will be available for eligible farm businesses to cost-share a wide array of practices that achieve GHG emission reductions, including equipment upgrades to improve N-fertilizer placement, the use of dual-

action N stabilizers, and the use of soil organic amendments as synthetic fertilizer substitutes including manure, compost, and digestates. To be eligible for cost-share funding, the practice must be new to the acres proposed in 2025. However, new to OFCAF's expansion phase is the opportunity for farmers to propose multi-year projects; this provides support for continued implementation of the practice on the same acres for up to three growing seasons in 2025, 2026 and 2027.

Farmers should look for program details to be released by OSCIA in the coming weeks and can receive the latest programming updates by subscribing to OSCIA's mailing list. With regards to a user-centred experience, OSCIA is equipped with the technology platforms necessary for the effective management and delivery of program intakes. The OSCIAportal.org platform serves as an online resource where OFCAF participants can submit their applications. Additionally, the OSCIA Program Guide is a comprehensive catalogue of programs and best management practices, providing detailed program information such as application intake dates, project category descriptions, eligibility criteria, and application procedures, not just for OFCAF but all available funding initiatives. These tools ensure that OSCIA staff are well-positioned to deliver programs efficiently and successfully.

OSCIA will continue to pair cost-share support under OFCAF with participation in a Knowledge Sharing Event (KSE) which aim to increase understanding of eligible BMPs. As experts in the delivery of educational workshops and peer-to-peer learning opportunities, OSCIA recognizes that BMP demonstration and access to professional advice and the first-hand experiences of peers play a key role in farmers' successful implementation and long-term adoption of BMPs. "The KSE model was a really successful feature of the initial phase of OFCAF," says Angela Straathof, OSCIA's Director of Research and Knowledge Transfer. "We have a lot to learn from farmers who are having success with these practices and who can tell us what to watch out for! As OFCAF continues, we're excited to think creatively and strategically about how the expertise of our network of partners and advisors can get even more information into the hands of farmers." Resources will be made available through OSCIA to organizations, experts and innovators interested in delivering KSEs themselves.

While the BMP categories and KSE opportunities are consistent with those supported in the initial phase of OFCAF, OSCIA is excited to integrate several new programming features into our delivery opportunity. New to OSCIA's expanded phase of OFCAF is support for the training and capacity building of agricultural advisors across Ontario. This initiative will be supported by a new Agricultural Advisor Liaison staff position at OSCIA. The development and delivery of training materials in OFCAF-supported practices will be conducted in consultation with the Certified Crop Advisors (CCAs) of Ontario. "We are very pleased to hear that OSCIA has received funding from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada to expand their OFCAF activities," says Nicole Weber, Ontario CCA Board Chair. "We are particularly excited that Ontario CCAs will be included in OSCIA's plans moving forward in regard to training resources and professional development opportunities. The Ontario CCA Board is eager to contribute to the impactful work ahead."

Founded in 1939, the OSCIA is a unique not-for-profit whose diverse grassroots membership has significant presence in all agricultural areas and across all major sectors. With over 35 years of stewardship programming delivery and producer education expertise, OSCIA is well-positioned to support Ontario's farmers in their adoption of climate-friendly best management practices.

Funding for this project has been provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada through the On-Farm Climate Action Fund. The Fund is part of the Government of Canada's Agricultural Climate Solutions initiative under the Natural Climate Solutions Fund (NCSF). The NCSF is implemented by Natural Resources Canada, Environment and Climate Change Canada, and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

To receive up-to-date information on the upcoming OFCAF intakes, and other OSCIA programming opportunities, please join OSCIA's program email list at: <https://www.ontariosoilcrop.org/mail-list-subscribe/>.

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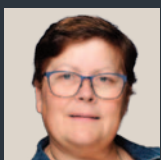
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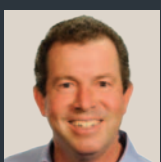
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South Simcoe 4-H rally night highlights clubs for 2025

Article and photo provided by South Simcoe 4-H

South Simcoe 4-H hosted a rally night for new and returning participants of South Simcoe 4-H on Saturday February 8th. Attendees of all ages had a chance to ask questions and share 4-H highlights and goals as they learned more about the clubs available for 2025. The open house was followed by an hour of skating and more community building. There are over 25 projects offered this year including Cloverbuds (youth ages 6-8), livestock projects - dairy, beef, rabbits, sheep, poultry, horses, and life skill projects such as cooking, hiking, crafts, community involvement, for youth ages 9 - 21. We invite you to join our organization as a youth participant. Joining 4-H is as easy as 1-2-3. Step 1. Find your local 4-H association. Step 2. Register with 4-H Ontario using the QR below. Step 3. Register for available club projects; in South Simcoe, once registered with 4-H Ontario, you will receive an email from our association to register for projects in our area. Early registration is encouraged as some clubs fill-up quickly. We look forward to you joining us for another year of "learning to do by doing".



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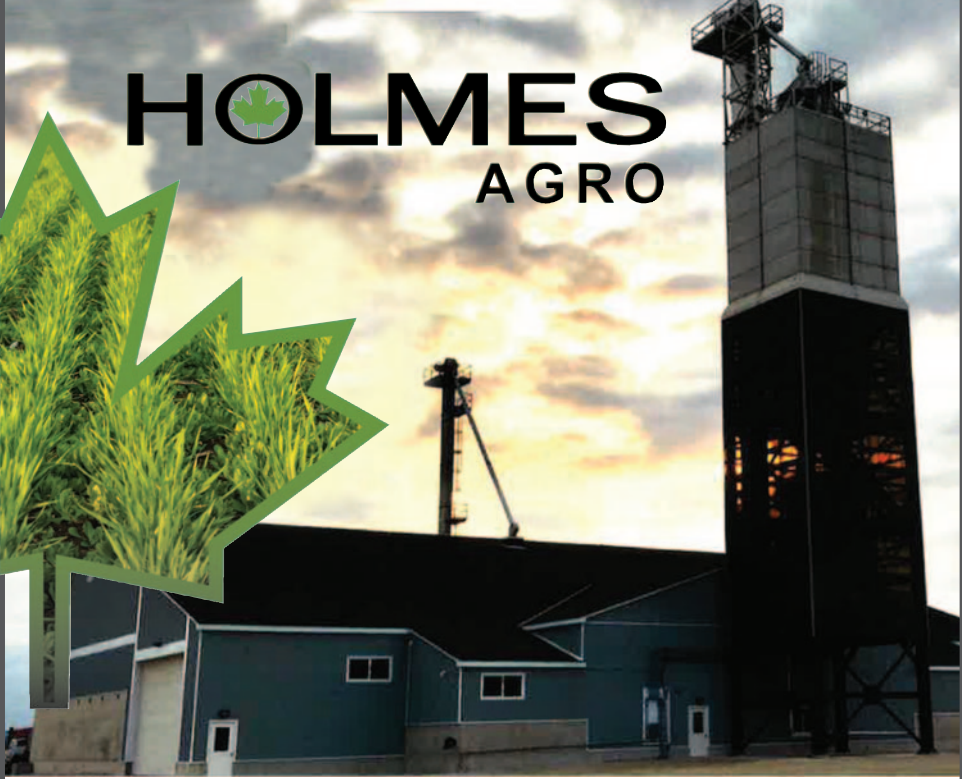
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Article by Andrew Hind
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Farming has changed a lot over the last few decades. Farms have grown exponentially as farmland has been bought up by corporate farming companies. At the same time, farming has become more complex.

The same can be said of the insurance brokers that farmers rely upon. The mom-and-pop insurance companies of yesteryear don't have the scale or expertise to provide the services farmers of the 21st century need. Crewson Insurance, with 30 staff in three locations (Shelburne, Mt. Forest, and Wasaga Beach), does.

“Over the last 40 years Crewson Insurance has built a reputation for being a leader in supporting the communities in which we serve,” says Jennifer Crewson, director of client experience. “Whether it's the local hockey team or the local hospital, we feel it is integral to be involved.”

This drive to be an integral part of the community has been a core value of Crewson Insurance since it was founded by Jennifer's parents, Ed and Wendy Crewson, in 1985.

“What makes Crewson stand out from our competitors is that we recognized an opportunity to serve our members of the farming community,” says Ed, who remains an active part of the company. “Farming has become large scale and more diverse and there was a lack of knowledgeable brokers who could understand the needs of farmers and deliver superior insurance solutions.”

While Crewson Insurance had always catered to farmers and rural customers, in 2016 the decision was made to build on their success in the agricultural sector and differentiate themselves from competitors by offering farmers the highest quality personalized service (“in farming, which is so complex now, there is most certainly not a one-size-fits-all solu-

tion when it comes to insurance,” explains Jennifer.)

The best way to realize this ambition, it was determined, was to hire someone with deep roots in the community who shared a love and knowledge for farming.

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Just as farming is evolving, so too is the insurance that provides peace of mind should something go awry. Farmers need and deserve specialized insurance advice. That's what Crewson Insurance has been providing for four decades.

“We are proud of what we have built,” says Jennifer, “and are excited to provide expert service to the farmers of our communities for the next 40 years.”

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Scott Horner, Crewson Insurance, is pictured on the right while touring a local farm.

The Guelph Organic Conference: A Hub for Growth, Learning, and Community

The 44th annual Guelph Organic Conference and Trade Show, held from January 22–25, 2025 at the University of Guelph, proved once again to be a premier event for farmers, producers, and anyone passionate about organic agriculture. Over the four-day event, more than 600 attendees gathered to share knowledge, build connections, and learn about the latest developments in sustainable farming practices.

The conference featured a diverse range of educational opportunities, with over 40 events including information sessions, engaging demonstrations and hands-on workshops. These sessions offered participants the chance to gain practical skills that could be immediately applied to their farms. Topics ranged from mycology and vermiculture to garden design and cultural crop techniques.

A key highlight of the conference was the two-day trade

show. From farm equipment to yummy organic foods, the trade show brought together over 70 organic businesses serving as an excellent opportunity for attendees to connect with vendors.

The Guelph Organic Conference not only offered invaluable educational content but also fostered a sense of community within the organic farming sector. For those who attended, it was a memorable and enriching experience that highlighted the vital role of organic agriculture in shaping a more sustainable and resilient food system.

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Worth a Chuckle... and life lessons

by Aunt Hazel

After 35 years of marriage...

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On and on and on: neglect, lack of intimacy, emptiness, loneliness, feeling unloved and unlovable, an entire laundry list of unmet needs she had endured.

Finally, after allowing this for a sufficient length of time, the therapist got up, walked around the desk and asked the wife to stand. He then put his arms around her, embraced her and gently gave her a long passionate kiss. The husband watched this with a raised eyebrow.

The woman, after being passionately kissed, quietly sat down in a daze.

The therapist turned to the husband and said, "This is what your wife needs at least 3 times a week. Can you make this happen?"

"Well, I can drop her off here on Mondays and Wednesdays, *but on Fridays, I golf...*"

Prevent eye injuries

By Dennis Gannon

Do you wear glasses? Since I was a child I have had to due to an optical problem. Our eyes are precious and it's important that we protect them from unnecessary injuries. Regrettably many people attend our hospital emergency departments every year as a result of an eye injury. Some suffer serious consequences and their vision is forever altered. It doesn't matter if you are an adult or a child or work in a hazardous environment or just around the home precautions are necessary to protect yourself.

Watch when striking or scraping objects. Small particles or objects can strike or scrape the eye. This includes dust, cement chips, metal slivers, and wood chips. Larger objects may also strike the eye or face, or if you run into an object it may cause blunt-force trauma to the eyeball or eye socket.

Penetration of the eye by objects like nails, staples, slivers of wood or metal can go through the eyeball and result in a permanent loss of vision.

Chemical and thermal burns don't just happen to those who work in industrial environments. Industrial chemicals or household cleaning products are common causes of chemical burns to one or both eyes. Thermal burns to the eye also occur, often by not shielding your eyes from welding but also from directly looking at the sun. Solar and partial solar eclipse are events that require proper protection.

It's easy to protect yourself and your eyes from injury by doing the following. Wear the appropriate safety glasses, goggles and face shields to protect your eyes and face when you know or feel it is required. Error on the side of safety. Wearing sunglasses while working outside is key in protecting your eyes from the sunlight and UV rays. Always wash your hands after working and any time before touching your face. Not only is this for hygienic purposes but it also prevents the transfer of foreign substances from coming into contact with your eyes.

Eye injuries aren't always as a result of working outdoors or with physical objects. Many eye injuries can be caused by long exposure to a work screen like a computer. It is equally important that we protect our eyes as eye fatigue and irritation are common issues related to computer vision syndrome.

How do we protect our vision? Repositioning your screen will help. Keep it 18-24 inches from your eyes. Adjust the screen so it is at a right angle away from any direct light source. Consider investing in an anti-glare screen for your monitor to make computer work gentler on your eyes. Blinking is important. Post a note on your screen reminding you to blink regularly. This will help your eyes from drying out. Remember the 20-20-20 rule. Every 20 minutes, you should look at an object at least 20 feet away for at least 20 seconds.

Finally, if you have any concerns about your vision, do not delay in having your eyes checked by a healthcare professional as quickly as possible. Healthy eyes are essential for your vision.

SouthWest Agricultural Conference

Crop prices different this year

By Cathy Hamill-Hill

Steve Kell of Kell Grain Elevators is a crop farmer from Simcoe County with 34 years of expertise in the grain business.

"The past South American drought in 2022 caused sky is the limit pricing for corn and soybeans- it's a different situation this year," Kell explained.

Corn prices are hugely affected by the United States (USA) corn crop. This year's crop, according to Kell, is "smaller than last year at 15.1 billion bushels, last year it was 15.3 billion bushels. Media talked about how big the USA crop was going to be- but it wasn't that much bigger," he said adding, "it is reasonably likely we are going to burn our way through it."

The USA corn crop usage is more than 1/3 for livestock feed and another 1/3 for ethanol use. Livestock feed has increased in usage but this is slow as it takes time to grow herds. Ethanol usage has quickly increased, "Last year there was 1 million barrels of ethanol produced in a day, now there is 1.1 million barrels produced in the USA per day," Kell explained.

The ethanol market has "about a 20 to 30 year lifespan as the shift to electric cars happen," he predicted adding that there is a new market on the horizon for ethanol.

"Within the last year there has been requested use of renewable fuels for aviation. If this hits the target, there could be 1.2 billion bushels of corn used," Kell said. He noted that he cannot see any replacement possible for fuel usage any time soon for planes.

The corn market should remain stable because corn demand is stronger than corn production.

The biggest wheat crop ever was produced last season in the USA and Ontario, both prompted by the high wheat prices in the re-

cent past.

The biggest wheat producers are China and India who use their crops to feed their large populations. The biggest wheat exporters are Argentina and Australia. "There is 60% of wheat exported in the world market to Europe," Kell said.

For Ontario wheat, Kell suggested a lot of it could be fed to livestock. With prices comparable to corn, wheat could be used in livestock feed. Wheat markets need to be developed or the wheat prices are just not going to improve much, he predicted.

Soybean production in the USA for last year was tied as the biggest crop ever at 4.46 billion bushels.

The USA is also looking to expand crushing soybean operations that turn soybeans into bio diesel and vegetable oils. In Ontario, there are two crushing plants, one in Hamilton and one in Windsor. "There is a third crushing plant in Quebec, there is a domestic market for soybeans possible for those east of Brockville, Ontario," Kell said.

The biggest soybean producers are the USA, Brazil and Argentina. In Brazil, there was a 13% increase in production over the last five years," Kell reported adding that that means there was 30 million more acres put into soybeans.

With the increased acreages put into soybeans, there is more production than consumption now of soybeans in the world making the soybean market going forward to be challenging.

One of the positives on the grain markets is the Canadian dollar and this has pushed up the price of soybeans recently, he said

Marketing grains in the future has "great opportunities" but will take considerable planning to reach them, he concluded.

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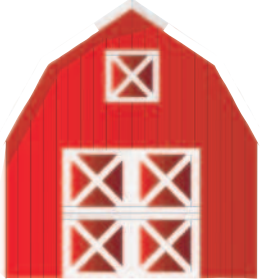
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The Simcoe Area Women's Institute will be hosting a Women's Day April 26, 2025

This is a day that the Simcoe Area W.I. invite ladies from across the County to come together to learn something, meet some new people, enjoy a lunch and have some fun.

Registration is from 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.

Cost for the day including lunch is \$25.00 or \$15.00 without lunch.

This year the event is being held at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 170 Steel St. Barrie, ON L4M 2G4

Presentation by Molly-Claire Gillett, a researcher working at the University of Galway and Trent University on the history of craft practice in women's organizations, specifically the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario and the Irish Countrywomen's Association. She will be sharing her information and having a hands-on approach to her research.

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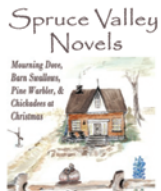
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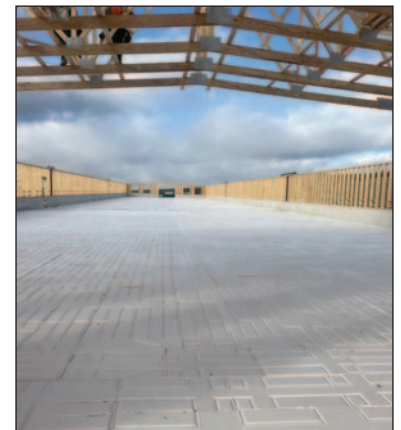


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Buried in White, Blessed in Spirit: Finding Meaning in Winter's Embrace (Even When I am Tired of Shoveling)

I will be honest, after the fourth time clearing the driveway this week, my usual welcoming relationship to and with snow feels less like a spiritual connection of the beauty, relaxation, and seasonal wisdom it can bring and more like an exhausting chore. Although I am grateful for the tractor and the snow pusher that helps me clear most of the snow at the farm, there are not enough hours in a day, my back is aching a little and I have lost track of where I put my good shovel. Chances are high, it was buried in this last round of snow. As I stand catching my breath, watching the flakes drift down, I know deep in my heart that snow has always been more than just an inconvenience. It is a gift, a challenge, and if I am willing to see it, a teacher.

There is wisdom in winter and beautiful blessings in the snow. Beyond the icy inconveniences, snow carries a deeper meaning. It is nature's way of cleansing, renewing, and preparing the land for what comes next. Farmers know that beneath the frozen surface, the soil is resting, gathering strength for spring's rebirth. Spiritually, snow reminds us that stillness has purpose, that even in dormancy, there is unseen growth. There is something undeniably peaceful about the way snow blankets the earth, smoothing over the rough edges, quieting the noise, forcing the world to slow down. It is as if nature is saying, "Rest, reset, and prepare." The land is not dead under all this white, it is resting, much like our souls sometimes need to. I try to remind myself of this as clumps of heavy snow melted off my boots leaving a puddle for me on the mud room floor to slip in.

In spiritual traditions across the world, snow has long symbolized purity, cleansing, and renewal. We are being asked to pause. To reflect. Even if that reflection happens while through another round of snow removal. I know that come spring, I will be grateful for every flake. Snow

is not just a frozen burden, it is a slow release of nourishment, melting into the soil at just the right pace to sustain life. The snowpack protects the fields, insulating the roots of perennials in the garden, keeping moisture locked in, ensuring that the growing season will be abundant. Snow is both a challenge and a promise, one that farmers, gardeners, and even a tired spiritual woman with a shovel must trust.

I will admit it: some days, snow feels less like a lesson and more like a hardship. But isn't that always the way with things that shape us? Farmers know that hardships like late frosts, droughts, or back-to-back blizzards are part of the deal. You endure, you trust, and you keep showing up. I know that snow is a teacher. It is a reminder that the earth needs rest before it can bloom. That nourishment often comes in inconvenient forms. That patience is rewarded.

Spiritual traditions often use winter as a metaphor for trials of faith. Snow is harsh, but it holds the promise of transformation, on the other side, watching the first green shoots of spring push through the softened earth.

Snow is not just a weather phenomenon; it has long been woven into the spiritual fabric of human cultures. Whether seen as a purifier, a storyteller, a guardian, or a divine gift, snow teaches patience, endurance, and trust in the cycles of nature. Even when it feels like a nuisance, like when shoveling for the tenth time in a week, snow carries deep spiritual wisdom, reminding us that beneath every frozen moment, life is waiting to bloom again. Spring will come, as it always does, but this year, we will greet it with a deeper appreciation for the blessings that only winter can bring. I will leave you with that thought, as I smile and head back out to find my favourite shovel knowing that worse case, it will reveal itself in the spring.

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Endless ideas to engage your youth in quilting projects

By Janis Hamilton

Now there have been no excuses with our freezing temperatures, icy roads and no visibility days, and schools closed almost as many days as they are open for not finding a bit of time to sew.

March 15th is Worldwide Quilting Day, hope you find something special to work on.

On a recent PA day, I had the pleasure of having my friend's children ages 12 & 11 come for the day. Yes, we made homemade pizza including rising of the dough, went sliding and made rubber stamped Valentine cards but the highlight and surprise was when I took them to my sewing room. I'd made towels for them to hang over their oven at home as a Valentine present for Mom and Dad. I certainly didn't expect them to do the towel, so made 3 ahead of their visit and they could choose their favourite and all they had to do was sew on the button. Well, that went much faster than I expected, and the only challenge was the knotting of the thread. Ok, one thing off the list. Then the boy sat down at my machine and said, "How does this work?" I plugged it in, and he opened the side door of the machine. "Wow, that's cool...I want to learn to sew!" And off they both went so keen to create whatever they wanted. My bin of pieces of fabric I'm embarrassed to say is way too full, but we dumped it on the floor and both kids flew into my "candy" store in record time. Both were so quick to make sure fingers stayed away from the needle, move your foot once you stop so the machine doesn't start by accident and keep the sewing foot on the side of the fabric and the lines will be straight. Ideas flew and projects grew. Two pillows for the living room- 1 complete with applique, a sunglass case, doll pillow, mug rug complete with Mom's name on it and he quilted it as well on the machine, (entered letters manually that had to be punched in and remembering to hit "memory" and once

they found fancy stitches their ideas just exploded. They have both asked to come back and make lots more. I know their parents will be surprised as they open their Valentine gifts made from the heart. The only project that was a bust was making "slime" but we laughed till we all cried at how it was such a failure. Don't waste a day, make sure you laugh.

So with Easter on the horizon...April 18 -20th depending on when you celebrate the day, there is time to involve your kids in a sewing project or just immerse yourself in your sewing room and close the door. I'm going to list a few links with free patterns so the ideas can be limitless depending on your time and energy.

<https://craftyforhome.com> will show you how to make a reversible Easter Bunny Treat bag. Or even an egg that is a pouch to hold a few treats at your dinner table or special pencils for the kids.

<https://seamwhisperer.com/> Under "holidays" will show you how to make fabric carrots for your table, a different Bunny bag and lots more. Just click on the link if you are reading this online.

<https://bomquilts.com/free-easter-quilted-table-runner-patterns/> These ideas use basic sewing and some may even teach you a new technique. Worth a try, of course. These patterns are for individuals only and are not to be sold.

"Spring Bunny Table Runner" is a Free Easter Table Top Quilted Pattern designed by Julie Cefalu from The Crafty Quilter!

With Spring ahead, there will be many road trips scheduled to your favourite quilt shop and quilt shows and time to find new shops and that makes for a fabulous day out. Shop hops will surface once the spring weather bounces into our area. Happy Easter and Happy Quilting.

Sunshine Fibre Fest a great destination for a spring road trip

By Marie Sternberg

Looking for a great spring road trip? Thinking of exploring the beautiful town of Orillia, nestled between Lake Simcoe and Lake Couchiching? Add the Sunshine Fibre Fest to your calendar! Taking place Saturday May 3, 2025, at ODAS Park in Orillia, this is the greatest farm/indie/handmade/rural festival featuring live fibre animals (alpacas, sheep, angora rabbits) and fabulous small vendors from Ontario and beyond. There's lots of free parking on-site, it is wheelchair accessible, and you can add a pilgrimage of sorts to your trip by visiting the downtown memorial to Gordon Lightfoot or walking the Lightfoot trail at the waterfront. And if you're interested in pre-history, be sure to visit the Mnjikaning Fish Weirs National Historic Site of Canada located at the Narrows between the two lakes, an important Indigenous site for thousands of years.

Sunshine Fibre Fest made its debut in May 2019, and is the brainchild of Sheila Klugescheid and Marie Sternberg, both crafters since early childhood, in addition to being small business owners (Heartland Creations and Greenelf). Plans began a few years before this, when frequent discussions about "somebody should put on a fibre show in the Orillia area" evolved into what you see today. Sheila and Marie wanted a friendly rural venue where they could showcase fibre animals and host all sorts of demonstrations to celebrate hand crafts.

Juried entry, the show's mandate includes vendors who can demonstrate their craft and offer kits suitable for beginners of all ages, as well as supplies and inspiration for the most seasoned crafter. Hand crafts are a wonderful antidote to our increasingly technological lives, and help maintain heritage skills and techniques that are in danger of being lost. Sunshine

Fibre Fest is also interested in sparking an interest in crafts in children, which helps foster independence, self-sufficiency, fine-motor skills, and communication between learners and teachers, whatever their age. And then there's the pride of ownership in making something for themselves.

There's increasing interest in both the slow craft and the slow food movement, and the Orillia Fairgrounds Farmers' Market is also on site and open from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. the same day as Sunshine Fibre Fest, catering to both interests! People are concerned about knowing where their fibre comes from, and are happy to support small independent businesses in their community. At Sunshine Fibre Fest you can meet the fibre animals and purchase fibre at all stages of processing. If you like to spin (or would like to try it) the Huronia Spinners Guild will be demonstrating spinning both with spinning wheels and drop spindles. The Orillia Sunshine Rug Hooking Chapter will be showing traditional rug hooking. If you like hand-dyed yarn and fibre (including using natural dyes), you can find it here. New this year are patterns, kits and hand-dyed yarn from Indigo Dragonfly from Haliburton, as well as upcycled clothing and other items. Many other vendors feature everything from sheep, angora rabbit and alpaca fibre, to processed fibres ready to use, and all manner of textile craft accessories. Thinking about trying cross stitch - kits are available from Greenelf. Want to try rug hooking or find that perfect colour of wool for that ongoing project - check out the Heartland Creations booth, as well as others. What about needle felting? You can find kits and supplies at Sunshine Fibre Fest.

"When your hands get busy, your mind gets right" was an advertising slogan a few years back, and it says it all. There's

now a huge body of evidence that shows how important hand crafts are to your mental health. Repetitive motions are meditative, and there's a powerful sense of accomplishment when you master a new craft, or complete an item made by hand. Not to mention that you are keeping traditional crafts alive, and creating one-of-a-kind masterpieces to cherish or give as gifts. Using needles, whether knitting needles, crochet hooks, or sewing needles, or spinning and working with fibre and yarn, helps us all become more self-sufficient. To this end, show co-organizer Marie regularly does volunteer work with school children aged 9 and up to "put a needle in every hand", producing cross-stitched ornaments to give as handmade gifts. The greatest gift you can pass on to your child or grandchild or niece or nephew or any young person in your life, is to teach them the magic of making something with fibre.

Sunshine Fibre Fest in 2025 happens on May 3, and runs from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Remember, attending events counts as self-care, with the added benefit of meeting up with friends old and new from the fibre community. You might find a new craft to pursue, or a much-needed new supply for your current textile interest. The opportunity to purchase locally made fibre and finished items, and to talk to their creators and to the owners of fibre animals, is what makes a show like Sunshine Fibre Fest so special. Bring a friend, pack the car, and set off for your next adventure!

Check out our website, www.sunshinefibrefest.ca, or follow us on Facebook and Instagram to learn more about Sunshine Fibre Fest and our amazing vendors and farmers.

Article previously published, with minor revisions, in Canadian magazine A Needle Pulling Thread.

After The Chores: Neighbour in snow

By Cathy Hamill-Hill



The only positive this snow winter is realizing we have an incredibly wonderful Neighbour.

Last year, Sweetie had to use the old David Brown tractor hitched up to the snow blower exactly zero times to get through winter. The winter before there might have had three times a need to snow blow out the lane. This year, it is up to close to 17 times- and counting.

It was early in January when I got the Ford Escape very stuck in our lane. The plan was to call in the local tow truck company. That option does not apply to lanes that are not plowed. That time Sweetie left his work and rescued me.

After being rejected by the tow truck and adding another 12 inches or so of this hateful stuff called snow, having the truck stuck the next week was a big problem. Sweetie and the David Brown tried everything to get that truck out. I turned the steering wheel this way and that way- and nothing good happened. The old tractor was just not strong enough to pull out a truck that was as stuck as this one was. After seeing the David Brown start sliding away, I told Sweetie this was not going to work- we had to call in some help. I could see only one option: Neighbour.

Neighbour has big tractors. With no snow for three years, we had no reason to bother Neighbour for a rescue mission in snow so the first job is to find his cell number. I track his work down online and call there and they will leave a message on our behalf. I find an email address on our hay invoice from Neighbour and send a "please call!" message. We have two messages now out to one busy Neighbour. Then, Sweetie and I sit here to wait, worry and stare at the phone. Within 30 minutes, the truck was out and safely parked thanks to the Neighbour and his big tractor.

The very next day was my off-farm work day. The Escape that I usually drive had the battery stop so Sweetie said his work would allow him, for one day, to drive me to work. Sweetie gave me a time and I was to meet him on the road as the lane was drifting in bad and he didn't want to risk getting stuck. I felt that I was back in school catching the school bus trudging down the lane. I did my mental check off in my mind- and realized that I had forgotten my keys that I needed just at the end of the 1/4 kilometer lane. I had to go stomp through all that heavy snow yet again to the house and back. I did not know that this day was just going to get worse.

It was dark and I got a frantic phone call from Sweetie at my workplace. He was talking so fast I could barely catch the words: Neighbour's phone number and tractor is stuck. After the stuck truck, I had posted in

big letters, our Neighbour's name and phone number like one would put up a rock star poster. I told Sweetie where to look- and he abruptly hung up the phone. Sweetie was frantic and now

I was frantic. The old David Brown was extremely stuck sliding off the edge of the lane and was close to 1/4 kilometer from an electrical outlet. This old tractor needs to be plugged in to start on even close to a cold day. With the windchill, it was easily in -25C cold sitting unprotected in that snow bank.

Having an old tractor stuck in snow attached to the snow blower is bad in winter time. Add a shrieking northwest wind and snowsqualls on top of an old tractor stuck in snow at night time makes anxiety at an all time high. Neighbour said he was out of the area but would be over with his tractor in an hour- and then Sweetie felt so bad that he had to say no to that offer as he had to come pick me up at my workplace.

The snowbanks here are easily eight feet high along the roads so this 80 km/h winds made about as bad driving conditions as possible. Sweetie tried every road from Municipality owned sideroads to Regional roads to find a fast route home. There was a constant moving, swirling curtain of thick snow on every road so it had to be slow going. We were both visualizing what in the world could we do if this old tractor froze solid in that snow bank? What does one even do with a totally frozen tractor? And would an old tractor even be able to recover from being frozen up? That lane had to be blown out tomorrow morning if Sweetie was ever getting to work. What would we do in winter like this with no snow blower? So many questions with no answers while so much snow continued to fall and blow around.

We finally got to our lane. Sweetie jumped out of the truck. He raced to the old David Brown. He came back inside the truck a few minutes later, his heart was full of pure gratefulness as the old tractor had started right up. Thank God, the tractor was not frozen when it really should have been. Sweetie and I discussed that this time we would have a big bill to pay to Neighbour and we would pay it- gladly.

Neighbour was called again and yet again, that huge John Deere came into the lane. This rescue was in a raging snowsquall. Massive lights from this huge machine lit up the area. Neighbour first put down his huge snowblower and blew a path out for the little David Brown.

Sweetie came back in the house after with his David Brown tractor and the snow blower tucked safely into the garage. Instead of making us feel like the needy pests we are this winter, the situation was made so much better. When Sweetie said he owed big time for all this pulling out of the snow, this nice guy that lives near us answered with only one word: "Neighbours" and then he left for his home farm just down the road.

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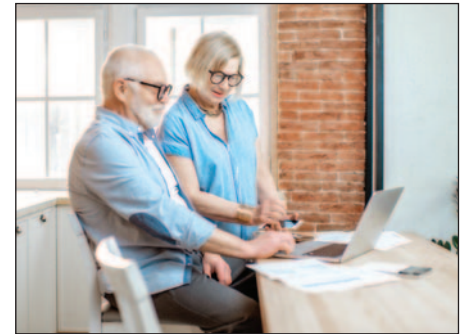
For many people the approval process with the banks can be grueling. Tracy Green Mortgage Broker (level 2 licenced to provide all mortgages including private funds) owner of Ontario-Wide Financial has been a mortgage provider in the industry for 37 years and has always had the "if there's a will there's a way" approach.

She says "for myself as a broker I kind of refer to what I do as assembling a jigsaw puzzle, you must work with the pieces until they all fit, sometimes this means being creative. Many of my clients feel defeated with the banks (sometimes) timely approval process and unwillingness to think outside of the box, whether the reason is bad credit, self employed, previous bankruptcy, consumer proposal, mortgage or tax (property or CRA) arrears, location, type (out of town, farm or hobby farm) or condition of property, age, clients on disability or clients looking for short term financing. Whatever the reason, the banks are unwilling to lend. Well, let me tell you that there are alternative lenders willing to work with open eyes to help these clients achieve their mortgage goals and work through the tough times.

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Draining the Holland Marsh

Today, the Holland Marsh is widely recognized as being some of the richest vegetable growing land in Ontario. The cultivated fields of black soil are the result of 20th century human engineering, however. In its original form the marsh was a landscape of swamp, brackish ponds, beaver meadow, and wet woodland atop mud so deep it could swallow a man. Sunlight was filtered by a dark, tangled forest of tamaracks, alder, cedar, and shrubs.

The wetlands were fed by the Holland River, a slow moving and sometimes almost stagnant waterway that ran 18 miles from its source near Schomberg before emptying into Lake Simcoe. Lake Simcoe essentially acted as a reservoir for the Holland Marsh during dry periods, ensuring the soil always remained thick with moisture.

To the early settlers of the area, the marsh was economically useless. One couldn't farm the quagmire-like soil, and the trees were of limited value for timber even if they could somehow have been extracted.

The draining of the Holland Marsh was the brainchild of Dave Watson. Born on a farm in Bond Head in 1867, W.D. (Dave) Watson was a farmer and, later, a grocery store owner in Bradford.

A visionary, Watson saw unfulfilled potential in the Holland Marsh. He believed that the land could be reclaimed for farming and devoted much time to realizing that dream.

Watson began in 1910 by inviting Professor William Henry Day of the Ontario Agricultural College to come to Bradford to study the feasibility of draining the marsh. Day was certainly impressed with what he found. The muck, he discovered, measured anywhere between two and forty feet in depth, and was extremely rich in organic nutrients. What's more, Day was convinced that a system of canals, dike embankments, and pump installations could drain the marsh and make it ideal for raising crops.

Enthused, Watson and Day formed the Holland Marsh Syndicate and negotiated the purchase of 4,000 acres of marshland. Then, suddenly, King and West Gwillimbury Townships raised obstacles to the reclamation project and the whole thing stalled. Watson grew disenchanted and left it in the hands of Professor Day and others, instead turning his attention to selling insurance and raising rare Karakul sheep.



It wouldn't be until 1925, a year after Watson's death in 1924 aged 57, that the process of draining the Holland Marsh finally overcame municipal intransigence and began in earnest. It was a monumental effort, requiring the construction of 28kms of canals, six pumping stations, and the clearing of 7,000 acres of land.

The result was a vast stretch of land with incredibly rich soil.

Farmers still had to be found to cultivate the land. Muck farming is a very specialized form of agriculture, however,

and Canadian farmers had very little experience in it. John Snor, the Canadian representative of the Netherlands Emigration Foundation, had a solution. Why not resettle Dutch farmers from other parts of Ontario to the Holland Marsh?

The Dutch certainly had the required expertise as much of the Netherlands had been reclaimed from the sea. They would also have the motivation as it was the height of the Depression, and it was rumored that landless and unemployed immigrants might be sent back to their countries of origin.

The government agreed to Snor's plan and in 1934 fifteen Dutch families were resettled in the marsh, forming the village of Ansnorveldt (literally 'On Snor's Field', in honor of John Snor). Each family received a five-acre plot valued at \$90 per acre, a \$600 government grant to cover the expense of building, and living expenses for 12 months.

The first years was full of endless toil, men and women working side by side dawn until dusk. The farmers had to build homes (small, 20-foot by 20-foot cabins built atop stilts in case of flooding) and ready the black, spongy soil for planting. At nightfall they could do no more than flop into their beds.

Even once homes had been built and farms established there were tough times ahead. At one point, it is said that the families were so destitute that they resorted to eating stewed groundhogs.

Yet, through skill and determination, as well as the natural richness of the soil, things turned around quickly and by 1938 the farms were producing a wealth of crops. Within another decade, the Holland Marsh's black fields were among the most bountiful in Ontario, fulfilling the promise originally envisioned by Dave Watson and Professor Day.

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Crazy Land Prices *By Cathy Hamill-Hill*

There are reasons why Farmland prices have gone up so high. Ryan Parker, a real estate appraiser specializing in farms and agri-businesses with Valco Consultants Inc. is, along with his family, a small cow calf producer from the area of London. He gathers land prices each year from eleven Counties which are: Huron, Perth, Oxford, Middlesex, Elgin, Lambton, Kent, Essex, Bruce, Grey and Wellington Counties for an annual study. The land he collects information from is "vacant lands only or minimally improved land only. I am looking for land value only. The lands have farming as the main use. These rates are for tillable/workable acres not total land acres," he explained.

There are two major impacts to land prices- interest rates and crop prices. With past low interest rates and high crop prices, it was the perfect storm for "crazy high" land prices. Parker reported from his study, "In 2010, an acre was under \$6,000 average per workable acre was sold and in 2024, the average per acre per workable acre is \$26,000."

When COVID-19 hit, interest rates really dropped and crop prices went up- and that resulted in a 20-30% price increase.

With higher interest rates and crop prices staying at level prices, it is expected that land prices will be increasing at about 1% on average for 2025. He explained averages are way different when more people move into the area. In 2023, Grey County land values increased on average 9.37%. He said adding, "Grey County has some areas that are \$5,000-

\$10,000 higher than a year ago."

There is one main buyer of local land found in the study, Parker reported, "The majority of purchases of local land in the 11 Counties are 90% local farmers."

"Since COVID-19, urbanites have come out (of the city) to buy hobby farms of 50 acres or so. These properties are now almost all fully unavailable for the small cash crop farmer," he said adding, "these owners have an off-farm job to pay for this."

Drew Crinklaw is a Policy Advisor for the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agriculture business. He agreed that commodity prices and interest rates greatly impact sales however, there is also one more factor he sees just as important for lands closer to urban centres. "So much land value is devised by the potential for urban development," he said adding that the pool of buyers wanting to buy farmland continues to increase for these properties.

"It is not just farmers buying farmland, the buyers are more diverse which drives up demand and with it, prices."

"Accommodating a growing population results in pressure to expand urban boundaries into prime agricultural areas to provide housing, employment and accessible infrastructure," he said adding, "parts of Ontario are getting crowded."

"Recent changes mean that requests for settlement area boundary expansions can be submitted at any time, rather than waiting for the comprehensive review period, which typically only occurred every 5 to 10 years," he said adding

that in London, Ontario for example, there has been a surge of acres moved from farmland to non-farmland use.

"From 2000-2022, there were 650 acres meaning a 1.1% increase in acreage out of farmland use. In 2022-2025, there were 4,942 acres meaning a 8.4% increase in acreage out of farmland," he explained adding, "value increases exponentially when farmland is designated for non-agricultural uses."

London is not unusual with its numbers of acres moved out of farmland, Waterloo, Ontario had 5,900 acres changed out of farmland recently and also Durham Region had 10,000 acres moved out of farmland.

Crinklaw advised that "doing more with what land you got" is an option that farmers should consider. He reported, "Investing in the land you already own like tiling or re-tiling with tighter spacing can have a 10% productivity in yields. Using cover crops, crop rotations and soil amendments are investments in soil health and can have a 22% yield increase," he says.

He said that any farm buying in additional acres to add to the farm needs to buy productive land. He advised adding, "learn local knowledge to your advantage. Pass (forget about) buying farms that you know have issues that make them challenging." Leave the farm properties with known problems to non-farm purchasers who are "not needing the farm to generate cash flow" he said.

Farmland prices are not going to go down, he said. "High farmland values are a reality of farming today."

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