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Third-generation plower Andrew Robinson of Cookstown carries on his family tradition at the Victoria County Plowing Match, driving his 1941 Massey Harris 81 and 1941 two-furrow plow.

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AGcalendar

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October 14th: News and Advertising Deadline

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

October 23rd: SCFA Annual General Meeting

Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture Annual General Meeting will take place on Friday October 23rd at Our lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Elmvale. More details in the ad on page 10.

October 28th: Program announcement for E.D.G.E.

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November 25th: Growing Success Workshop

Planning for Growth Workshop will be held Nov 24th at the Sunnidale Corners Community Centre. Information can be found in the ad on page 9.

Worth a Chuckle... and life lessons

by Aunt Hazel

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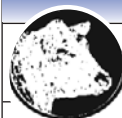
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Fall Brings Harvest, AGMs and Plenty to Talk About



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Fall seems to be when everything starts happening at once.

Harvest is underway, agricultural organizations are holding their AGMs, and municipal politics are taking up plenty of attention with the October 26 municipal election just around the corner. It seems October is also the month when everyone's calendar suddenly fills up.

For those of us who work with municipalities and agriculture, there is a bit of a transition happening. Some familiar faces may be returning to council, while others may be new around the table. Either way, municipal government has a significant impact on agriculture, so I would encourage everyone to take a little time to learn about the candidates in your municipality and get out and vote.

For me, this time of year means a lot of meetings and conversations with farmers, municipal staff, councillors, and our local federations. I always find these conversations useful because they give me a better sense of what is happening on the ground and what issues are starting to come up in different communities.

One thing that continues to come up is the importance of having good working relationships at the local level. Whether it is a planning issue, a road concern, a tree by-law, or a question about development, it is much easier to have a productive conversation when people know who to call and are willing to listen to each other.

That goes both ways. Farmers don't always have the time to follow every municipal issue, and municipalities don't always have a full understanding of how a particular decision may affect a farm operation. Sometimes a quick conversation can prevent a much bigger problem later.

October is also AGM season for many of our local federations. These meetings are a good opportunity to hear what has been happening over the past year, find out what is coming up, and have some good conversations with other farmers. I know everyone's calendars are busy, particularly during harvest, so I appreciate those who make the time to attend.

Once the local AGMs are wrapped up, attention turns to the Ontario Federation of Agriculture's AGM and Convention, being held November 24–25 in Toronto. Members who can't attend in person can also watch the convention online. Information about the AGM, convention schedule and online viewing will be available at ofa.on.ca.

As we head toward the end of the year, there will be plenty to keep us busy. There are municipal issues to follow, federation priorities to discuss and, of course, the never-ending list of things that need to get done on the farm. Somehow, the to-do list never gets the memo that the year is almost over.

I also want to thank everyone who has taken the time to talk with me over the past year. Some conversations are about a specific issue, while others are simply a chance to catch up and hear what is happening on the farm. Both are valuable.

Enjoy the rest of the fall, and here's hoping there are more days in the field than in the shop!

Weed Control is a Year-Round Process

By Taylor Legge, Agronomist Holmes Agro, 705 428 4444

When I look at what differentiates progressive growers in our region, weed control always stands out. Clean fields are a long-term investment that pays dividends, and the rules are getting more complicated as we continue to innovate and elevate our crop rotations. This article should actually be titled "Weed control is a multi-year process", and it's time to launch our strategy.

Nothing is worse than walking a field full of weeds and knowing you're well past the point of prevention. As we move into fall, our 2027 playbook for weed control is not just about addressing the weeds of this year in this crop, but rather examining trends across your whole crop rotation.

Several things can be causing weed seed banks to get out of hand, and the seasonally high rainfall of 2026 put those on full display- especially in soybeans. Considering two important factors can make your weed control work smarter, not harder: your crop rotation and your weed spectrum. What we grow affects the type of products we can use, and the timing we can use them.

Diverse crop rotations require planning and thought, but they also offer the best chance at weed control through crop competition and multiple modes of action. This is connected closely to our weed spectrum: different species have different life cycles and times where they are most yield limiting, or most vulnerable to treatment.

Where do these themes seem to show up most today? A common scenario is perennial weed control. We see weeds like sowthistle, horse-tail, and dandelion show up in our fields year after year- and usually by the time we notice them in June there is little we can do. Perennial weeds exist for multiple years, and are best controlled with fall burndowns, when they are sending energy reserves to their roots to over-

winter. Even weeds like chickweed and field violet, which are not perennials but winter annuals, are persistent in the winter wheat crop because they establish in the fall. Another scenario that is becoming more prevalent is glyphosate-resistant weeds in soybeans. Glyphosate is a fantastic product, but no longer controls weeds like Canada fleabane and rag-weed, and doesn't have enough residual activity to control any later-emerging weeds. Putting a stronger offence on these weeds in other crops can also be important.

Many other examples exist of trends in weed control that are modernizing, or will need to be soon. Field-by-field planning in the winter is the easiest way to tailor your programs for maximum success. One of my favourite quotes is that "Planning is not about predicting the future, it's about creating a framework so that not every decision feels urgent", and I think this holds incredibly true for farming. If you find yourself between tasks this fall, consider taking a tour through your fields to look at your weed spectrum, and start planning your attack for 2027.

A Strong Future for Agriculture in Simcoe North

A message from MPP Jill Dunlop

Agriculture has always been an important part of life in Simcoe North, and I am proud to represent a region where farmers and agri-food businesses work hard to put food on our tables, support local jobs, and contribute to our economy.

Earlier this year, Ontario introduced the Protecting Ontario's Food Independence Act, 2026, along with updates to the Grow Ontario Strategy. These measures are focused on strengthening domestic food production, supporting Ontario farmers, and improving the resilience and competitiveness of our agri-food sector. This is important work for communities like Simcoe North, where agriculture plays such a significant role in our local economy and way of life.

I am particularly proud of the farmers, producers, and agricultural organizations throughout Simcoe North who continue to embrace innovation while carrying forward the traditions that have shaped our rural communities. Their dedication helps ensure that Ontario remains a strong and reliable source of food.

As we move through the year, I look forward to continuing to meet with farmers and agricultural leaders across Simcoe North, hearing about the opportunities and challenges they face, and advocating for policies that support their success.

Thank you to everyone who works in agriculture for everything you do for our communities. Your hard work, commitment, and perseverance are deeply valued, and I look forward to continuing to support a strong agricultural future for Simcoe North.



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News release issued September 15, 2026

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At the first Canada Investment Summit, Prime Minister Carney announced that the federal government is building on that success with the new Productivity Mega Deduction. This game-changing new tax incentive will increase the amount of assets covered from roughly 15% of assets to more than 65%, including fibre-optic cable, mining property, oil and gas pipelines, software, research and development, computer equipment, aircraft and vehicles, patents, rail track, bridges, and roads.

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Supporting Youth in Agriculture: The Cookstown Agricultural Society presented two bursaries at the 2026 Barrie Fair. Pictured left to right are Oliver Marling, Petra Hewson (Secretary), Dorothy Lange (Director), and Nicole Palmateer. The annual bursaries are awarded to applicants involved in South Simcoe 4-H and the Cookstown Agricultural Society.

On the Cover

Third-generation plower Andrew Robinson of Cookstown carries on his family's tradition at the Victoria Plowing Match at the Starr Family Farm in Cambridge. Robinson is pictured with his 1941 Massey Harris 81, pulling a 1941 Massey Harris 26 two-furrow plow. Even pouring rain couldn't stop the dedicated competitors from taking to the field. For more coverage of the Victoria County Plowing Match, please turn to page 6.

Cover photo by Cathy Hamill-Hill

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Victoria County Plowing Match Showcases Tradition and Skill

Story and photos by Cathy Hamill-Hill

The Victoria County Plowing Match was held August 30 at the farm of Paul and Donna Starr, bringing together local farmers and agricultural enthusiasts for a day celebrating the tradition and skill of competitive plowing. Competitors put their plowing skills to the test, with the event providing an opportunity for spectators to watch the competition, visit with members of the agricultural community and enjoy a true rural gathering. The Victoria match is one of the local branch matches held across Ontario each year, helping to keep the long-standing tradition of competitive plowing alive.



Above is the incredibly successful plower, Ken O'Brien of Midhurst, who has won the Antique Plowing Class at the International Plowing Match (IPM) level an impressive 12 times. Ken began plowing at just seven years old in York County and has continued the tradition throughout his life. Here, he is competing at the Victoria County Plowing Match, tackling the field in the pouring rain. Ken is driving a 1952 Farmall Super C, pulling a 1952-1954 International Fast Hitch Plow Ace Bottom.



Pictured above is Victoria County's 2025 Queen of the Furrow, Rachel Tamlin of Kawartha Lakes. As her final duty, Rachel will represent Victoria County at the 2026 International Plowing Match Queen of the Furrow competition. A young dairy farmer, Rachel has her own Jersey herd under her prefix, "Miracle Jerseys." She is currently in her third year of the Animal Science program at the University of Guelph and plans to build a future in agriculture.



Pictured above is Terry Linton of Roseneath with his team, Marty and Gus, both with dark manes. Terry is a highly accomplished horse plower who has qualified through the County Plowing Matches to compete at the International Plowing Match (IPM) every year since 1992, and he will once again be competing at the 2026 IPM. His daughter, Apryl, made history as the first Queen of the Furrow competitor to plow with horses in the competition. For Terry, one of the best parts of competitive plowing is "the social side of this—we (plowers) are all friends." Here, he is plowing with a Massey-Harris Jointer competitive plow dating back to the 1950s.



To the left is 4 year old Gregory Bickle who is from a competitive horse plowing family. Young Gregory was having so much fun with his Mom, Laurie, measuring furrows at the Victoria County Plowing Match.



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When I was a very young boy, an elderly Dutch gentleman from down the road used to come to our farm every week delivering eggs to our family. He didn't speak a lick of English, yet somehow we always understood him perfectly. His language was hand gestures, hard work, and a great big smile.

Every visit started with breakfast at our kitchen table and a hot cup of coffee. There was definitely a language barrier, but to us, he wasn't just the egg man — he was family.

What always amazed me was how much he simply loved being part of farm life. He would spend hours ploughing our fields, not for money, not because anyone asked him to, but because it brought him joy. I can still picture him bouncing across the field in the homemade cab of Dad's old 504 International on cool fall days.

Mom would send me out with a thermos of hot coffee for him and always remind me: "Wave him down good and stay to the side. He can't see very well. Don't go near that tractor until you know he sees you."

At the time, it just seemed like one of those normal farm instructions kids grow up hearing. Looking back now, I realize Mom understood something important long before many people talked openly about it.

Sometimes we need to have one of the hardest conversations farm families ever face — when to tell Dad, Grandpa, Mom or even ourselves... "No."

No, maybe it's not safe to drive the tractor anymore. No, maybe climbing into the combine isn't the best idea. No, maybe milking cows alone at 5 a.m. isn't wise any-

more. No, maybe reaction time, eyesight, balance, or hearing just aren't what they used to be.

That conversation is incredibly difficult because farming isn't just a job. It's an identity. It's purpose. It's pride. It's a lifetime of getting up every day to care for land, animals, and family.

I went through that with my own Dad and truthfully, it hurt. Here was a man who had spent his entire life farming and loving every minute of it. Telling him to slow down felt almost cruel at times, but loving someone also means protecting them and protecting everyone around them.

Thankfully, we never had any major mishaps. Just the usual farmer battle scars: a bent unloading auger arm from clipping a tree, a dented fender from backing into something you swear wasn't there five minutes earlier, and the odd "that gate post jumped out at me" moment.

The truth is, most farmers don't quit because they want to. They quit because their body eventually starts negotiating terms their heart refuses to accept.

As for me... I'm still waiting for my kids to tell me "No."

Most days I'd actually welcome it if they told me not to milk the cows, bale hay, fix fences, or do some of the other monotonous jobs around here.

But joking aside, I know how blessed I am to still do what I love every single day. Farming has given me a lifetime of purpose, memories, friendships, and stories and hopefully I can keep doing it for as long as I safely can or until I'm told "NO"!

Farmer Tim farms in Southern Ontario and has been sharing his stories through social media for many years. Tim is quoted saying "All farmers need to get their stories out there and have fun while they do it!"

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Barrie Fair Celebrates Agriculture, Family and Community

Story and photos by Cathy Hamill-Hill

The Barrie Fair, a long-standing community tradition, brought together families and agriculture enthusiasts for another year of fun and competition. From children's activities and livestock shows to equestrian events and breed competitions, the fair celebrated agriculture and community while marking a special retirement for a longtime rabbit judge.



This year's Barrie Fair marked the end of a long and highly respected rabbit judging career for John Richter of London, Ontario. He earned his rabbit judging license with the American Rabbit Breeders' Association (ARBA) 44 years ago and has judged rabbit shows across the United States and Canada. John often made the trip to Barrie Fair to judge the Dominion Rabbit and Cavy Association show, and he decided to honour that request one final time this year. He is seen here enjoying his last show while judging Angora rabbits.



The Kids Zone was introduced in 2019 as a way to give children a fun, interactive connection to farming and food. Activities included potato-sack races, food-related games and story-telling. The idea was to help children understand where their food comes from while enjoying the traditional excitement of the fair. Here is 21-month-old, adorable Clayne Foster from Orillia, who clearly enjoyed his time at the Barrie Fair.



This is Alyssa Bell from Stayner. She is showing a North Country yearling ram here at the Barrie Fair.



Above is Cheryl Hodgkin from Windsor riding on her horse, Fireball. Cheryl was in competition at the Barrie Fair at the sanctioned show for the Ontario Xtreme Cowboy Club. This sport has a horse and rider team navigate through a timed obstacle course using skills needed by cowboys working on a ranch. The races test horsemanship, agility, speed and trust.

Pictured at left is Katie Cox handling this massive Senior Yearling Hereford bull named Elzevir DBL H JR EWING 510 N. at the Barrie Fair. The Barrie Fair held the Ontario Hereford Association's West Zone Mark of Excellence Show on Saturday. This bull is owned by Paul and Laura Stafford of McNab/Braeside, ON.

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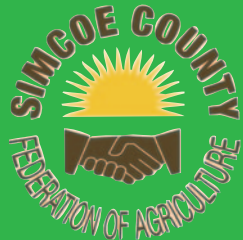
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As Autumn Arrives, Make Safety a Priority

By Dennis Gannon

As summer gives way to autumn, our routines begin to change. The days become shorter, temperatures drop and we spend more time indoors. On farms, harvest activity is in full swing, while homeowners begin preparing their properties for winter. Autumn is a wonderful time of year, the leaves are changing colour and we are enjoying the outdoors before the cold weather begins. It is also an important time to think about safety.

Fire safety should be at the top of the list. As the weather gets cooler, furnaces, fireplaces, woodstoves and other heating appliances begin to see more use. Your heating equipment should be inspected and serviced as recommended, and have chimneys and flues cleaned when necessary. Woodstoves need particular attention. Keep anything that can burn well away from heating appliances and be cautious with electrical cords and appliances.

This is also an excellent time to check your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Test every alarm in your home and replace batteries if required. Smoke alarms should be located on every storey and outside sleeping areas, with additional alarms inside bedrooms where appropriate. Carbon monoxide alarms are equally important, particularly in homes with fuel-burning appliances or attached garages. Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are required by the Ontario Fire Code. Remember that alarms have a limited service life so check the manufacturer's recommendations and replace older units.

Every household should have a fire escape plan, and everyone should know it. Identify two ways out of every bedroom or sleeping area whenever possible. Choose a meeting place a safe distance from the home where everyone can gather after escaping. Practice

the plan with your family, including children, pets and anyone who may need assistance. A fire is not the time to figure out what to do.

A written home fire safety plan can provide an extra level of preparedness. Record emergency contact information, utility shut-offs, the location of fire extinguishers, special medical or mobility considerations and other information that could assist firefighters. Keep the plan where it can be easily accessed and make sure family members know where it is.

All properties, farm, suburban and rural also need good address identification. Make sure your civic address, PIN number, is clearly visible from the road, especially at night. In an emergency, every second counts, and responders need to find you quickly.

Finally, don't overlook personal safety. Autumn means cooler temperatures, wet leaves, darkness arriving earlier and potentially slippery surfaces. Wear appropriate footwear and reflective clothing when walking or working outdoors after dark. Use caution on ladders when cleaning eavestroughs or making seasonal repairs. Let someone know where you are going when working alone, particularly on a rural property.

Autumn is a season of change, but it doesn't have to be a season of risk. A few simple checks, a practiced escape plan and a little preparation around the home and farm can make a significant difference.

Your local fire department is a great resource for more safety information and they are always happy to help.

Take the time now to prepare. When an emergency happens, preparation can be the difference between a close call and a tragedy.



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Fun Farm Science by weird reporter Don Beaulieu

Milking the Cockroach

On September 3, 2026, the 36th First Annual Ig Nobel Prize ceremony—in a break from tradition—took place across the pond in Zurich, Switzerland, and doled out 10 new awards.

The Ig Nobel Prizes celebrate scientific achievements that first make people laugh and then, ideally, make them think. This year's theme was "fungi," although the Chemistry Prize wandered somewhat off the mushroom patch and into the dairy barn.

Well, sort of. The prize honours an international group of researchers who studied something that sounds like it came from a particularly bad episode of Fear Factor: Cockroach milk.

Milk is pretty familiar territory for farmers. Cows produce it. Goats produce it. Humans produce it. It's a rather mammalian thing. There are even plant-based beverages that have somehow managed to convince us to call themselves milk. But cockroaches? Apparently, yes.

More specifically, the Pacific beetle cockroach, *Diploptera punctata*, produces a milk-like secretion to feed its young. And this is no ordinary cockroach.

Not your average cockroach

For starters, *D. punctata* doesn't lay eggs in the usual cockroach fashion. It is the only known cockroach species that is truly viviparous, meaning the embryos develop inside the mother and are nourished before birth. The female has a specialized brood sac that functions somewhat like a uterus. And this is where things get really weird.

The mother secretes a nutritious liquid into the brood sac. Her developing embryos drink it. Shortly afterward, the milk proteins begin forming tiny crystals inside the embryos' digestive tracts. Yes, crystals.

Forget the image of a farmer sitting on a three-legged stool trying to milk a cockroach into a miniature stainless-steel pail. Nobody is doing that. The milk is produced inside the mother, consumed by the embryos and then turned into

microscopic nutritional storage packages inside their guts. Scientists call the milk proteins Lili-Mip, which sounds considerably more appetizing than "cockroach milk crystals."

The crystals contain protein, fats and carbohydrates, and they provide a concentrated source of nutrition for the developing embryos. *Concentrated* is the operative word. Researchers calculated that the energy contained in the crystals, by weight, is more than three times that of an equivalent weight of mammalian milk.

No tiny barns on the horizon

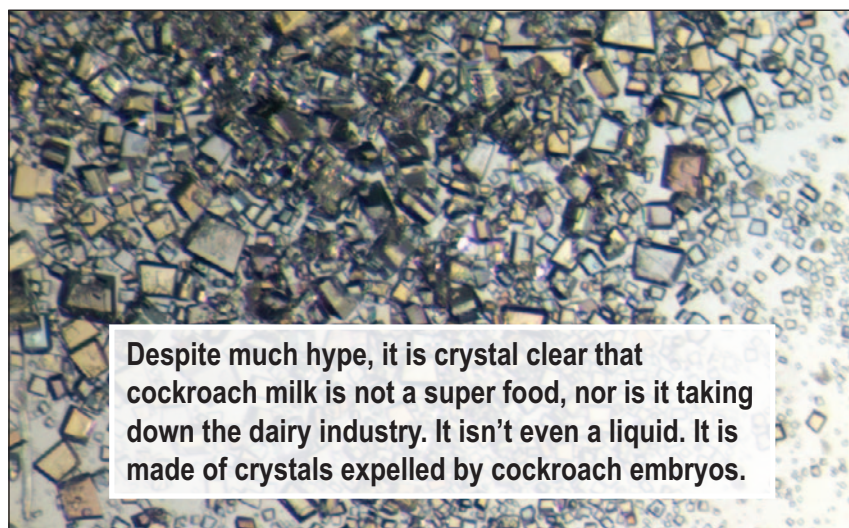
Now, before anyone starts looking at the barn and wondering whether cockroach dairying might be the next big thing, there are a few things to consider.

For one, a female *D. punctata* doesn't produce gallons of the stuff. She has somewhere around 9 to 13 embryos developing inside her, and the entire operation is on a decidedly microscopic scale. During their roughly 60- to 70-day gestation, however, those embryos grow more than 70-fold in weight. That's some serious feed conversion.

And the researchers aren't actually milking cockroaches in the conventional sense. Earlier experiments involved collecting the secretion from the brood sac under laboratory conditions. The 2016 study that attracted the Ig Nobel recognition was particularly interested in the crystals naturally formed inside the embryos and used X-ray crystallography to determine their structure at atomic resolution.

So why bother studying something that most of us would prefer to exterminate? Nature has a habit of coming up with ingenious solutions to problems that humans haven't even thought to ask.

The cockroach has essentially developed a way to turn



Despite much hype, it is crystal clear that cockroach milk is not a super food, nor is it taking down the dairy industry. It isn't even a liquid. It is made of crystals expelled by cockroach embryos.

liquid food into microscopic, energy-dense packages that can be stored and digested as a developing embryo needs them.

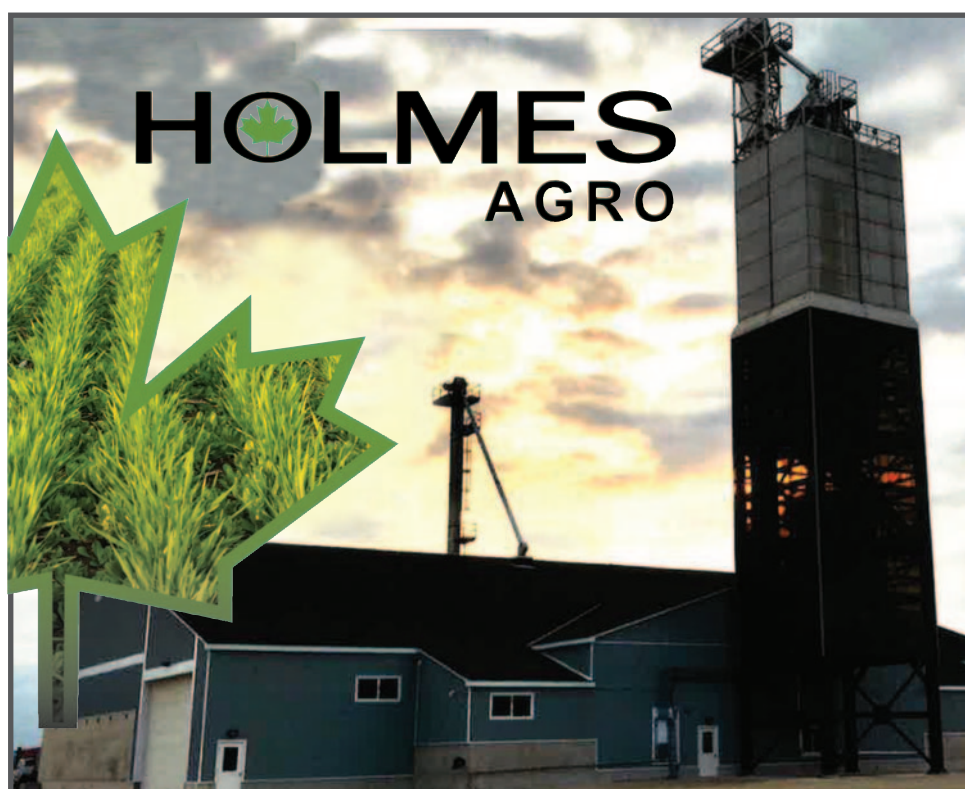
Farmers recognize the basic principle. A mother provides nutrients. The offspring converts those nutrients into growth. The better the food supplies match what the youngster needs, the better the youngster grows. Cows do it. Hens do it. Sows do it. And apparently, cockroaches do it with crystals.

Could cockroach milk become the next superfood?

Technically, researchers have suggested that its unusual nutritional properties might someday have applications in food or biotechnology. But there is a fairly significant obstacle between the laboratory and your breakfast table. Production is just one. To get a useful quantity, we'd need an awful lot of pregnant cockroaches.

And even if somebody solved that logistical problem, I suspect "Would you like cream with your coffee?" will never be answered with, "Certainly. If it's from your cockroach herd."

And to be sure: There are no superfoods—at least not in the magical sense the word and misleading promotions suggest. Some foods are exceptionally nutritious, but our bodies need a team effort from many different foods.



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The Ghost Wagon's Forever Journey

Village stories

by Andrew Hind

their goal is fulfilled and they can be at peace. Such is the case with the Wild Wagon of Parry Sound.

The driver's last journey is replayed repeatedly in the northern woods. His ghost urges his horses through the dark night, desperate to complete his ride, heedless of the fact that the road he travels has long since been reclaimed by the forest and that the camp he seeks has been abandoned for more than a century.

Although almost entirely overgrown today, the Thirty Mile Road was at one time very important to the region. It was built around 1880, through the forests and over the rocks in Blair and McConkey townships to supply and service the operations of the Ontario

Lumber Company. The road was the lifeline of the company and its far-flung lumber camps. A busy thoroughfare also used by settlers, it ran from Port Loring west to Kidd's Landing on the Pickerel River. About 10 miles from Port Loring, the road passed through the farm and buildings of the company's inland depot where supplies were stored, horses were pastured over summer, and the company manager made his headquarters.

The legend of the Wild Wagon varies. Some say the wagon belonged to the lumber company and that the driver was an employee. Other versions say that the driver was a farmer delivering supplies to the depot. What both versions agree on is that the Wild Wagon began its final ride from this long-gone depot.

Many ghosts are restless spirits bent upon completing tasks left unfinished in life. They are bound to our world out of a stubborn commitment, reliving it endlessly until

The driver – whoever he was – lingered too long at the depot so the sun was already getting low in the sky by the time he headed out again. The wagon rattled down the dirt track, and with each passing mile the sun dipped farther beyond the horizon, casting the forest into shadow. It was dark when the wagon reached a wooden bridge over the Pickerel River.

In the darkness, the driver didn't notice that a flood had carried away the middle section of the bridge. Horses, wagon, and driver all fell into the swirling waters below.

The man's body was never recovered, so he was never given a proper burial. Perhaps that's why his spirit revisits the scene of his demise, supposedly most often on nights of a full moon. His ghost urges his horses through the night, still trying to complete the journey.

A farmer named Bain had an encounter with the ghostly wagon back in the 1930s. John McFie recounted the story this way in his book *Now and Then: Footnotes to Parry Sound History*. "One night on the Thirty Mile Road, when he [Bain] stopped to rest his horses, he heard another team and wagon approaching at a headlong pace. Bain pulled off to the side to give the careening rig right-of-way and



waited for it to pass. And waited. It kept coming, and coming, but never came."

More recently, a woman was hiking along a trail when a distinct rumbling and squeaking sound caught her attention. The sound seemed to grow ever closer. Soon she could also make out the rattle of harnesses, the pounding of hooves on fallen autumn leaves and the neighing of horses. She looked around; with the trees bare of leaves, she could see deep into the forest and yet found no source of the mysterious sounds. It was frightening.

The ghost wagon can never complete its final journey and therefore is doomed to repeat it for all eternity. A poor decision led to the wagoner and his horses being swept away by the river and into folklore.

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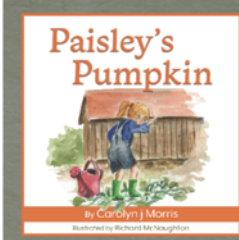
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Generosity Towards Young Farmers and Community

Story and photos by Cathy Hamill-Hill

The Victoria Beef Farmers annual BBQ and the Second Annual Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton 4-H Market Beef Club Show and Sale came together in an organized, happy event on Sunday, August 16th. The event was held near Bethany at Shealand Farms owned by Adam and Marie Shea and Family.

It takes months of dedicated work and countless hours to get market-sized steers ready for the show ring. Calves must be trained from a young age to lead easily by the time they reach market weight of more than 1,000 pounds. Consistent handling is essential to ensure the cattle become as quiet and well-behaved as they were at this event. Five young people took on this challenge and successfully made it to show day. The five 4-H members were Hannah Cameron, Ben Hayes, Evelyn Yates, Wesley Jones and Crawford Patterson.

Generosity started with the judge, Brett Webster of Manilla, who volunteered his expertise. He selected the Simmental/Hereford steer "Nerford," owned by Hannah Cameron, as Grand Champion. Nerford was bred and raised from Hannah's own Hereford herd. The Reserve Grand Champion was "Maverick," an Angus/Simmental steer owned by Ben Hayes.

Greg Snaddon of Hartley volunteered his expertise as the auctioneer. This meant that 100% of the proceeds of the sales go directly to the young 4-H member owner. Beef prices are high today but were still topped generously by a local business owner. Ron Hall and his wife, Brenda, founder and owners of Ron Hall Meats topped the sale price paying an incredible \$7.25 per pound for the Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer that weighed in at 1,520 pounds. Ron and Brenda also stepped up to purchase the Grand Champion Steer weighing in at 1,322 pounds for \$6.25 per pound.

The third place steer owned by Wesley Jones named Hardy was sold to Adam and Marie Shea. The fourth place steer named Nighthawk owned by Crawford Patterson was purchased by Callaghan Farm Supply. Fifth place Li'l Petey was purchased by the Kawartha Lakes Salebarn and was owned by Evelyn Yates.

A commemorative high quality colour booklet was given out, produced by Pasture Point Marketing, owned by Madison Webster. The booklet contained professional quality pictures of each of the five members with their 4-H market steer and also had a message from each thanking those that helped get them to this day. All five members wrote that a portion of the proceeds will go towards post-secondary education.

The Victoria County Beef Farmers served the hundreds that came to the event with total organization. A silent auction with many local businesses and individuals generously donated items ranging from a mineral block for livestock to travelling mugs.

The VCBF asked that guests bring food bank donations to the event. Guests generously gave \$500.00 and 185 pounds of food on this day, the Kawartha Lakes Food Source reported.



Pictured above are the two top-placing Market Steers at the Kawartha-Haliburton 4-H Market Steer Show, held at Shealand Farms in Bethany. From left is judge Brett Webster, followed by Ben Hayes with his steer, Maverick, who was named Reserve Grand Champion. Next is Hannah Cameron with her Grand Champion Market Steer, Nerford. Standing beside Hannah is Dylan Jones.



GENEROSITY: Ron Hall and his wife, Brenda, owners of Ron Hall Meats of Manilla, were the top purchasers of both this animal and the Reserve Grand Champion at the Kawartha-Haliburton Market Steer Sale held August 16. The generous business owners paid \$6.25 per pound for Nerford, a 1,322-pound steer shown here with his owner, Hannah Cameron.



Pictured above is Evelyn Yates at the Kawartha 4-H Market Steer Show with her Charolais-cross steer, Li'l Petey. Evelyn and her sisters are building a growing herd of Charolais and Charolais-cross beef cows on their family farm, where Evelyn also has her own flock of sheep. This is Evelyn's third year in 4-H. This year, she is a member of both the Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton 4-H Dairy Club and the Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton Woodville and Little Britain 4-H Beef Club.

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After The Chores: Hate Mornings

By Cathy Hamill-Hill



meant no Nissan was there in my morning mind. REALLY? I was so not happy as I loaded up the rabbits and started the horrible trek through those kids. The kids wanted grain and they weaved in and out, worse than usual as I hung on to my carriers making sure I didn't

I might be awake and moving early mornings but I'm as stupid as a bucket of rocks. Rabbits are transported in carriers. I show standard rabbits meaning full size. I decided to take eight rabbits meaning four carriers worth to the Fenelon Fair in July. I can only carry one carrier at a time and I was dreading making the four necessary trips wading through the goat kids.

This year's goat kids live in the aisle between the pens. I find they do extremely well here as they can go in to their mothers and they can sleep and play by themselves. The two does I kept from that horrible polar vortex time in January I raised myself so they are like shadows. I can hardly get a step in before I have them beside me. They have no fear meaning I can yell at them to get out of my way and they just look up with love in their eyes and don't move. The other kids follow these two leaders.

Moving rabbit carriers through these kids is a huge job. It is basically wading in goat kids. The kids don't just walk beside me, they get in front and either turn to see if I have grain, or they go the other way. It is like a moving obstacle course- and by the time I weave back and forth through them, I have added another 1 kilometre of walking for just getting two carriers out of the goat section of the barn.

I decided since Wonderful Neighbour Brian cut our hay so early this year that his path might work for our new-to-us Nissan I drive to the shows. The path goes right by the back door of the barn where the rabbits live. I could move rabbit carriers with no kids involved. The Nissan is still at the "everything works and no lights on the dash" quiet running life stage. Sweetie said the Nissan certainly could get to the back door and he said he would move it for morning.

I get up at 6:00 and get to the barn by 6:20 and see the back barn door closed. This

drop the rabbits- and I didn't trip over a kid. My balance, so far, is good but these kids could end that fast. I decided to take out one carrier and then go get another thinking maybe that might distract them for a bit as kids are naturally curious. The kids decided to climb ONTO the carrier which frightened the rabbits so that idea did not work. I decided the only way was to get each carrier out to the front of the barn, out of the barn.

By the fourth trip, I was at the point of being mad. Wading through kids is not fun but this day with these big senior rabbits, it was downright hard work. WHERE was Sweetie anyway? If he didn't move the Nissan, at least he could make a rabbit trip.

I finally, with lots of huffing and puffing and yelling at the kids that adore me so they never moved out of my way- I finally got the fourth carrier outside. Finally. It was nearly 40 minutes later but this show is close so I'm okay for time.

Sweetie finally shows up, with the dog Isaac. He had been walking.

Sweetie does chores for me on show day, such a nice thing to do. I kept that in my mind when he said, "What are you doing?" I was THINKING, what a stupid question, what does it look like? I said, trying to not show how MAD I really was, "I am moving rabbits."

"Where are you moving them to?" Sweetie asks. Now I'm getting really mad but again, think chores being done. "To the Nissan," I said trying not to snarl too much.

"And where is the Nissan?" Sweetie asks. "It is..." I say and look..... to where the EMPTY space is.

"Should I call 911 and report a stolen vehicle?" Sweetie laughs explaining the Nissan was at the back door where he put it last night when I was feeding goats in the front part of the barn.

I hate mornings.

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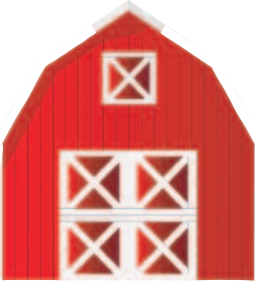
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Stitching Up Some Fall Fun

By Janis Hamilton

Well, the leaves are turning or dropping depending on the condition of your trees. I've noticed red maples are curling up at an alarming rate and streets that have been planted with this one variety, look like the trees are dying. Let's hope not, we need our trees. Fall sewing can be fun if you aren't tied up doing last minute outside painting or gardening. I hope you made it to a few fall fairs. Coldwater, Orillia, Collingwood and Oro-Medonte usually offer many crafts and events to get us in the spirit of feeling like fall is about to come.

Sewing projects can take many forms, and those that visited the Simcoe County Artisan and Quilt show Sept. 18-20th will know that from all the crafts and artisans there. Always an excellent way to Christmas shop early.

Fall table runners and easy and make great hostess gifts if you are invited for Thanksgiving.



Here are some ideas to try: I just typed in free fall table runners on the google search. If you read this digitally just click on the link and the pattern will be right there.

<https://bomquilts.com/free-autumn-table-runner-patterns/>
<https://fity.club/lists/suggestions/pumpkin-table-runner-patterns/>
https://luminarc.su/res/gemini-2021.html#google_vignette



Now Halloween, of course, is in the mix and why not make a few goodie bags for the kids in the neighbourhood.

Just choose the fabric, like that's a hard thing to do and decide the size and don't forget a drawstring. Make a very simple one and your imagination can soar. You could applique ghosts, pumpkins or even spiders on the backpack. I've also included their site, it demonstrates how to applique by sewing machine. It's quick and if you can do a satin stitch on your machine or a blanket stitch that is all you need plus of course, "heat and bond-lite ONLY" once you trace out your pattern of your Halloween creation.

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Hopefully you get your fall sewing done so you can concentrate on what projects need to be done for Christmas. Oh, the thought of shovelling snow will make you head into the sewing room and grab a fleece jacket. Happy Sewing!



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4-H Members Wrap Up Summer with Learning, Adventure and Achievement

South Simcoe 4-H Hiking Club Cookstown 4-H Beef Club

By Parker Beaudry



the Trans Canada Trails signs along the way. It was rainy, but it was a great adventure.

The last meeting of the 4-H hiking club was held at North Simcoe Rail along George Johnston Road. A small group of members braved the rain and mosquitos with raincoats and umbrellas to hike on a dreary day. We saw lots of fall plants including Queen Anne's Lace. The trail led us through a swamp area which was home to Great Blue herons. We enjoyed reading

By Ben and Morgan Gilpin

The Cookstown 4-H Beef Club had our final meeting on Sunday August 23 2026 at the Gilpin farm, the members brought their 4-H projects. We were joined by a guest, Nichole Smith, who did a showmanship clinic with the members. She gave some great pointers. Then we went on to have Nichole help the members clip their projects in preparation for our achievement day Friday August 28 2026 at the Essa Agriplex.

Our achievement day went well. Winning Champion Showmanship was Kylee Chantler, Reserve Champion was Trinity Flavell-Thwaites.

Champion Heifer was awarded to Morgan Gilpin and Reserve Champion went to Trinity Flavell-Thwaites.



South Simcoe 4-H Explores Fish Hatchery

By Madeleine Cullen

The South Simcoe 4-H Associations members and volunteers were invited to tour the Georgian Triangle Anglers' Association facility in the Blue Mountains. What an excellent learning op-

portunity for those who ventured out to attend on Friday September 4th.

We learned a lot about caring for larvae or hatchlings. Did you know that hatchlings carry a yolk sac for food.

Many fry fish are raised and eventually released thanks to the volunteers who run the Georgian Triangle Anglers' Association. They are always looking for enthusiastic hard working volunteers.

I was surprised that they don't need to heat the building in the winter, that the fish are kept in and the water doesn't freeze. It just keeps flowing. I didn't realize how many fishing derbies this group organizes as well. Big thanks to Isabella Cullen for organizing and getting us invited to a great event. Thank you to the Georgian Triangle Anglers' Association volunteers who showed us the facility.



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1. The project is located on farmland within the participating Severn Sound wa-

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· Conversion of Marginal Cropland to Grassland

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· Pollinator Habitat

· Shelterbelts

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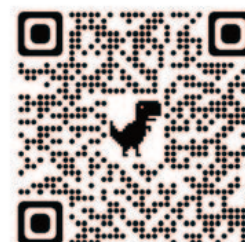
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