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Renfrew County Agricultural Wall of Fame Inductees

In March this year, the Renfrew Armouries was the place to be for anyone agriculture, to witness the induction of five people into the Renfrew County Agricultural Wall of Fame – Ian and Lynn Clelland, Welland and Margaret Crozier, and Allan James – who were honoured for their agricultural contributions and community involvement. From left, front row inductees Margaret and Welland Crozier, Allan James, and Ian and Lynn Clelland; at back, Mayor Hal Johnson (Township of Whitewater Region), Mayor Michael Donohue (Township of Admaston/Bromley), MC for the evening MPP John Yakabuski, and nominees Myles England, Larry Raeburn and Erica Rice.

Courtesy Connie Tabbert photo

Renfrew County Agricultural Wall of Fame

RENFREW – On March 24, the Renfrew Armouries was the place to be for anyone agriculture, with a “happy hour” scheduled for 6 p.m., followed by a banquet and the induction service. This year –

five people – Ian and Lynn Clelland, Welland and Margaret Crozier, and Allan James were inducted into the Renfrew County Agricultural Wall of Fame.

Welland and Margaret Crozier

were nominated by the Renfrew County Plowmen’s Association. Welland was born in Renfrew and raised on the family farm in Admaston. Margaret was born and raised in Calgary for 23 years and them moved to Renfrew where she

married Welland in 1974. They have two children, Jared and Natalee.

Welland operated a dairy farm from 1951-1999, after which to 2012 he raised beef after getting out of the dairy business, then from 1999-2013 some cash cropping until he sold the farm in 2013.

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Crop outlook

by Scott Banks
Special to AgriNews

THE FIRST REPORT OF THIS YEAR SHOWS WINTER SURVIVAL FAIRLY WELL, BUT THERE ARE SMALL POCKETS OF WINTER KILL IN THE FIELDS IN EASTERN ONTARIO. **Alfalfa/Forages**

Alfalfa is just breaking dormancy. Roots seem intact, with some new growth just starting. The consensus is that winter survival is good in Eastern Ontario, other than some of the poorly drained land where there was some heaving of the crowns two to three inches out of the ground. Further west, mainly along the lake broke dormancy last week and coming ahead nicely, less advanced further north. Grass stands doing well.

Low-lignin alfalfa: Quality Seeds reports that their variety "Boost" has about 9,000 acres to be planted in 2017. Boost was described as a non-GMO, that is shorter, leafy and branchy plant, with seven to 10 per cent less lignin than conventional varieties. Quality Seeds recommends the same harvest schedule as you would with conventional varieties, but the lower lignin gives a wider window for harvesting the second and third cut while keeping feed quality. These high-lignin varieties go into dormancy early. Seed cost for Boost is \$8/lb of seed, with Roundup Ready® varieties (such as HarvXtra®) are \$12/lb; conventional varieties are \$5-7/lb. Roundup Ready® varieties are better suited for fields that have lots of manure, high weed pressure and/or after a cereal crop that's been harvested to control the volunteer cereal to reduce competition with the new alfalfa seedlings.

Very little fertilizer has been spread yet.

Priaxor ® fungicide is now registered on alfalfa for feed. Apply when it's six to eight inches tall. It may be difficult to get it applied before first cut, so will likely aim for a second cut. Maximum two applications per season. The pre-harvest interval is 14 days. Registered for common leaf spot disease control and white mould suppression. Gives better leaf retention resulting in better alfalfa quality for feed. Cost is same as corn or soybeans, at approximately \$17/acre.

Winter Wheat

Some geese feeding again this spring; more snow geese have been around and they are worse for digging roots out (especially in alfalfa). Not late for nitrogen application yet. Some may be applied by May 1 weekend if it gets cold enough. Fields are starting to green up as fields begin to dry up. Even in tough areas of the fields green tissue is beginning to come through. Wheat in Western Ontario is more

advanced than in Eastern Ontario. Agricorp reports only one winter wheat damage report so far and it was due to mechanical damage from an ATV. Less growers are under-seeding red clover in the winter wheat, but instead waiting to seed a cover crop after harvest. This has resulted in better establishment and less problems if selling the straw.

Spring Cereals

The trend to reduced acres of oats and barley

continues, particularly in areas of Renfrew County, which are switching to early soybeans.

Corn

Intended acres are still about the same as last year, although the market is showing slight favour of heading in corn to soybeans. Most acres won't change from what was planned. Seed supply is better on corn than soybeans.

More growers are seeing the value to put fertilizer on both corn and bean

crops this year. The high fertility fields held out better in last year's drought than low testing fields.

Soybeans

Identify Preserved soybean acres are down but not a big indication on percentages of different type of soybeans due to reduce demand in Asia this year. Limited seed supplied is available of Roundup Ready 2 Xtend® soybeans. Demand in Eastern Ontario is low and the acres planted are not expected to be

sprayed with dicamba. Reports of lower per-cent germination in this year's soybean seed. Growers should check seed lot germination rate and adjust seeding rate accordingly.

Cover Crops

Still lots of interest in cover crops in corn and it seems to work for people. Cedarlodge Farms found the only yield drag last year was where they 'planted green' into a three foot high cereal rye cover crop.

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Wall of Fame

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In the meantime, Margaret kept busy at the Renfrew County Senior Games, a shuffleboard medal winner in 2005, silver in 2010 and 2011, gold in 2012, silver again in 2013, and bronze and another silver in 2014. In 2011, she was part of the Eastern Regional Games Champions.

The Croziers have both been involved with a number of organizations and associations. Welland's was in 4-H (1951-1960), serving one year as president; in Junior Farmers from 1955-1970, as president from 1964-1965; a Renfrew County Fair Director from 1955-1985; in the Holstein Club 1958-1990, as its president from 1973-1974; a Federation of Agriculture director for 20 years; a Soil & Crop member for 20 years; as Renfrew County Plowmen's Association Director from 1988-2015, and president of the Plowmen from 1998-2000. Welland and Margaret hosted the County Plowing Match in 1989. In 1993, he was involved with the International Plowing Match (Walkerton) and sat on the Lands Committee, and again in 1994's International Plowing

Match in Renfrew County where again he sat on the Lands Committee.

Margaret was a 4-H Leader from 1985-1990 and served as Renfrew County Plowmen's secretary/treasurer from 2002-2006 and treasurer only from 2007-2008, as well as a Renfrew County Fair committee person. In addition, she has been a Champlain Seniors 55 Plus member since 2001, serving as treasurer from 2006-2016.

Both have been volunteers involved in the community, contributing in many ways. Welland helped get the rink up and going at the Northcote Community Centre, on the Rosebank Cemetery Board, the Admaston Millenium Committee 1999, and received an Ontario 15-year Volunteer Service Award in 2003. Margaret also volunteered at the Trinity United Church, on the United Church Women (UCW) kitchen committee for 40 years and its secretary for four years, in addition to sitting on the Funeral Committee. She too helped out at the Northcote Rink as a canteen helper, and in the Northcote Community Association. In 2004, she received a 10-year Volunteer Service Award.

Allan James was nominated by the Renfrew



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Courtesy Connie Taffert photo County Soil & Crop Improvement Association. He was born in Almonte and attended school at Ramsey #12 School in Ramsey Township in Lanark County. He updated his education by taking courses provided by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture.

His agricultural contributions include over the years of his farming hosting Ontario corn variety trial plots for Agri-Canada and

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The Editorial Page

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Editorial Unsettling

Renfrew mega farm machinery collector George Nesbitt has settled with the Ministry of Labour after close to two years of dealing with muddled charges under the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*.

Allis-Chalmers collector Nesbitt hasn't quite decided to grin and bear it... but he will grudgingly pay thousands of dollars in fines levied against him by the ministry just so that he can move on with his life.

In the newspaper business, we used to call such a settlement... well, it's a rude term signifying payment of a minimum amount on a nuisance suit just so the person behind the action will go away.

Nesbitt's lawyer advised him ministry inspectors wouldn't let up until they got something out of him so he decided to go for the minimum. He pointed out that his legal bill just kept growing and he isn't backed by cash-strapped Ontario taxpayers like the ministry.

Nesbitt will pay a total of \$36,270 for several convictions filed against him and his Nesbitt Aggregates Ltd. for failing to ensure that adequate safety measures and devices were in place. Every alleged shortcoming inspectors cited was rectified a long time ago but the ministry pursued him anyway.

The charges carry full fines of up to \$25,000 each where an individual is named, and \$500,000 each where a company is named, so Nesbitt figures he caught a break.

Although the action by the ministry was directed towards his 50-year-old custom aggregate business, it impacted his Allis-Chalmers collection housed on the same premises. Public tours of the collection held April 8 and 9 will likely be the last, Nesbitt noted.

That's because he's been forbidden from using employees during down time to restore his machinery collection. Restoring and painting pieces off-site is too costly and the quality isn't as high, he explained.

Nesbitt has scaled back his main business, reduced his employee roster, and this summer he's looking to sell his antique machinery collection valued at up to \$5-million.

It all started in July of 2015 when ministry officials came to Nesbitt's quarry and apparently didn't like what they saw. The intervention cost him "a couple of million" dollars in lost sales which Nesbitt doubts he'll ever recoup. His business, which specializes in ornate granite sold across North America, has been reduced to a fraction what it was.

The moral of the story: Do everything you can to stay under the radar of MOL inspectors... and any other government inspectors for that matter.

Sweet success

Two hundred and fifteen years? Let that time span register for a minute. That's 65 years before this country Canada existed.

That's how long Spencerville's Drummond family has operated a sugar bush in Grenville County... 215 years, starting so long ago that the Drummonds had barely arrived in the future Canada as United Empire Loyalists.

Drummond's Sugar Bush is believed to be the oldest continuously operated business of the type in Ontario, possibly in the entire country. In fact, it's probably one of the oldest businesses of any kind in Canada.

The family credits Native North Americans for twice helping them along their way, the first time by escorting them through the Mohawk Valley, and then by teaching them the fine art of boiling down syrup from sap tapped from maple trees. With its many nutrients, the syrup was like a magic elixir.

Nine generations later and the latest crop of Drummonds is working the pancake house during syrup season – now ended for 2017 – keeping the sweet business alive and thriving.

In talking to current bush boss Robert Drummond, you get the clear message the family doesn't want to make the operation any bigger, to extend the season like other Eastern Ontario maple producers have done with all sorts of activities and attractions. They're content to sell most of their limited run of syrup applied to pancakes on site or bottled to take home.

Yes, the Drummonds – whose primary income comes from a fuel company
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AgriGab Budding 150 project

By Tom Van Dusen

What's your agricultural organization doing to celebrate Canada 150?

There's no doubt that Ag 150 celebrations are underway on a national scale. Going back to last fall, the Ministry of Agriculture and Agri-Food set the stage by using the latest in GPS and hands-free technology to carve the Canada 150 logo in a Saskatchewan wheat field.

And the Canadian Federation of Agriculture has launched "Canada 150: Our Farms. Our Food. Our Future," a campaign intended to raise awareness of how Canadians enjoy an abundance of safe affordable chow at some of the lowest costs in the world.

Those are big-ticket projects intended to promote the policies and messages of their sponsors as much as celebrate the 150th. But what about more modest local efforts piloted together by volunteers for no other reason than to acknowledge the fact that, after 150 years of Confederation, Canada remains a remarkable country, the best place to live and practise agriculture in the world, county by county.

I haven't heard of many of those yet. However, the Lombardy Agricultural Society is one group that has a 150th project underway which started last year with one of its directors winning a seed company contest. Now the fair board is looking forward to launching its 2017 season with a splash of complimentary colour in honour of the 150th.

After director John Joynt won the contest co-sponsored by Prince Edward Island mail-order seed company Vesey's, and the Canadian Garden Council, the society was awarded 1,000 red and white tulip bulbs with which to create a 150th celebratory flower bed.

The bulbs were received and planted last fall at the fairgrounds along Highway 15 south of Smiths Falls and now Joynt and other Lombardy directors who organized the project are patiently awaiting the manifestation of

their 150th Celebration Garden.

"The plants are coming up but it's still too early for the blooms,"

Joynt says, adding organizers decided not to create any fancy patterns but to plant the tulips in an orderly way in front of the main agricultural hall.

"The thing is, when you try to get too creative, some of your plants might die or get destroyed somehow, ruining your design."

In connection with what they hope will be a full blooming, volunteers Joynt, his wife Mary, Aline Hicks and Bonnie Covell are organizing a Canada 150 celebration May 24 at the grouping of white, orange-roofed fair buildings which has become a local landmark.

John was told that Lombardy is the only agricultural society to have claimed a 1,000-bulb prize in the contest. A recipient of the Vesey catalogue distributed across Canada and the United States, he noticed the company was sponsoring a contest requiring entrants to describe the merits of their organization, appropriately in 150 words or less.

"I mentioned our activities in general and our special attention to children and seniors and I was notified that we'd won."

Michel Gauthier, executive director of the Garden Council which promotes the role and benefits of Canadian public gardens, has confirmed the "praiseworthy" win: "The response across Canada was overwhelming."

In conjunction with the 150th celebration, the society will officially open its accessible washrooms and doors, newly renovated at a cost of \$45,000. The fair board's next major project is a new heating and air conditioning system towards which it has already raised \$25,000.

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by Tom Van Dusen

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Ontario invests in local food access to support agriculture and agri-food sector

PETERBOROUGH – ON WED., APRIL 19, THE GREENBELT FUND ANNOUNCED 24 LOCAL FOOD PROJECTS THAT WILL INCREASE ACCESS TO LOCAL FOOD ACROSS ONTARIO, MADE POSSIBLE WITH FUNDING FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO. THESE INVESTMENTS SUPPORT FARMERS AND AGRIFOOD BUSINESSES AS AN ESSENTIAL BEDROCK OF ONTARIO'S ECONOMY.

Jeff Leal, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, made the announcement along with Burkhard Mausberg, CEO of the Greenbelt Fund, at McLean Farms in Peterborough. This investment includes a \$15,000 grant to Farms at Work to partner with Transition Town Peterborough to strengthen the impact and sustainability of Peterborough Local Food Month.

Farms at Work's project is one of 24 new projects across Ontario, totalling over \$800,000 in new investments from the Greenbelt Fund through the province's Local Food Investment Fund program.

"Farms at Work showcases local food through Peterborough Local Food Month, which celebrates local food leaders and farmers bringing local food to our plates,"

said Mausberg. "The Greenbelt Fund invests in projects all along the food value chain from farm to table, increasing the sale of local food and strengthening the local food economy."

"Through the Local Food Investment Fund, our government is making it easier for Ontarians to enjoy the good things grown, harvested and made in Ontario. When we invest in projects that support Ontario's powerhouse agri-food sector, we are helping strengthen our communities, both rural and urban, create good jobs and boost our local economies," added Leal.

"Through Peterborough Local Food Month, we engage the community about the benefits and value of choosing local, which supports our farmers and ensures that farmland stays in production," said Pat Learmonth, Director of Farms at Work. "The support from the Greenbelt Fund and province means we can solidify Peterborough Local Food Month as a signature agricultural event in the region."

About the Local Food Investment Fund:

In 2015, the Ontario government provided

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Crop outlook

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Cedarlodge Farms uses only cereal rye as a cover crop. Target to broadcast seed in the first to second week of September into the corn when there is less competition from the corn and they don't have to worry about herbicide residue. They target to seed about 75-80 pounds per acre. Cereal rye seed was selling for about \$400/T but lots on the market now so will be down closer to \$200/T.

Most growers have had their biggest success planting cover crops after cereal harvest. Big difference between broadcast and drilling in the cover crop. Most popular post-cereal harvest mixtures are red clover, annual rye, oats and tillage radish. Most growers do not want to spend more than \$20/acre for cover crop seed.

Some have broadcast seeded cereal rye with a fall application of potash fertilizer into standing soybeans about a week before harvest. When soybeans come off, the rye is off to a good start, but hard to convince guys to run over (trampling losses) soybeans before harvest. Some growers have had good success by broadcasting cereal rye after soybeans have been harvested and then ran over with vertical tillage tool. The plan is to no-till (plant



Winter Wheat

green) corn into it and spray off immediately after planting. If the cereal rye is sprayed first, it's like planting into straw rather than the planter cutting through the green cereal rye plant. People who have been using cereal rye for awhile are beginning to see better water infiltration, and mellow soil in the spring making it easier to plant into. Soil is dryer under the rye than under corn stalks so need to watch planting timing so it doesn't get too dry.

Note that GF2 now provides funding relating to cover crops.

Markets

Not great on soybean side of things as there is a great harvest in South America. Our base is not as high because of the higher dollar, but we still have stronger commodity prices as compared to the United States' growers. Corn prices still good. Planting progress will have an influence as we move further into the planting season.

Conventional corn acres are small but are predicted to steadily grow over the next few years, depending on consumer demand.

Neonic Seed Treatment

Reminder that growers will need to have an inspection each year to buy seed (e.g., can't do an inspection in April 2017 and buy your seed for 2018 in March 2018 on the same inspection).

Other

Mike Cowbrough has produced a new book, *Problem Weed Guide*, which contains management strategies for 19 weed species in corn, soybean and cereal crops; look for it at fieldcropnews.com/2017/03/problem-weed-guide/. Limited copies are available at the Kemptville OMAFRA office.

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Local food access

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the Greenbelt Fund with \$6-million over three years to support initiatives that will help support the province's local food strategy by enhancing consumer awareness and access to local food, as well as generating demand and supply of Ontario foods and beverages. The investment supports initiatives such as the Local Food Investment Fund, which is a grant program for farmers and other businesses along the food value chain, broader public sector institutions, and not-for-profits working to increase the amount of Ontario-grown and made food purchased and enjoyed across the province. The Local Food Investment Fund's three grant streams focus on enhancing local food literacy, increasing market access for small and mid-size Ontario farmers and processors and increasing purchases of local food in the broader public sector, such as hospitals and universities.

The Greenbelt Fund's innovative investments get more local food onto the plates of Ontarians by working with businesses, institutions and NGOs to

make Ontario's farmers the first choice for consumers. The Fund's work has generated a 13-fold return on their investments, permanently changed the food value chain and improved local food awareness and education around the province. As a not-for-profit, the Greenbelt Fund is supported by public and private sources.

The Ontario Government is investing over \$830,000 in 24 innovative projects bringing more local food to Ontario plates across the Province. Since 2015, the Greenbelt Fund has invested \$3.8-million to support 77 projects across Ontario. The projects are:

- Bayfield Berry Farm, Huron County (\$37,250) – increasing processing of Ontario fruit juices, cider, preserves and fruit liqueurs– will expand their on-farm processing facility to meet growing demand for fruit juices, ciders, preserves and fruit liqueurs. The expansion will allow Bayfield Berry Farm to develop packaging and labelling, including requisite nutritional information, to sell their products to wholesale and retail markets, in addition to their on-farm shop. The project is expected to increase sales by up to 50 per cent in their

first year.

- Cauldron Kitchen Inc., Ottawa – Local Food Entrepreneurship Program (\$5,000) for four to eight participants to build the skills to create a viable local food business. Participants will have access to business development classes, mentoring and commercial kitchen use.

- Cohn Farms Processing and Distribution Hub, Bradford (\$72,500) – will be scaling up capacity at its processing and distribution hub to meet growing demand for local food, which is outpacing supply. The project is expected to double the number of farms supplying Cohn Farms to 25-30, create over 15 full-time equivalent jobs, and increase sales of local food by over \$4-million per year.

- Deep Roots Food Hub Grow, West Carleton – Food Hub (\$48,500) – will increase access to local produce by investing in a new co-packing approach for its roots cellar, providing storage, distribution and marketing opportunities to area farmers. In addition, the project will expand the Good Food Box program and include an "Eat West Carleton" promotional campaign.

- Earth Fresh Farms, **Continued on page 7**

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Local food access

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Burlington – increasing access for Ontario’s new innovative white potato (\$42,900). Earth Fresh Farms will work with nine Ontario growers to grow premium Polar White potatoes and extend the season for Ontario white potatoes. The project is expected to increase the market for Polar White Ontario potatoes significantly, with increased sales of well over \$1-million a year.

- Ecological Farmers Association of Ontario, Guelph – supporting local food market access for Ecological Growers across Ontario (\$14,475). The EFAO will increase market access for small to mid-scale ecological producers by providing specialized training through workshops and farm tours, including selling to new markets (food hubs, retail, wholesale, farmers’ markets), on-farm value-added opportunities, and new and emerging markets (world crops, heritage grains, ecological fruit).

- Farmersville Community Abattoir, Athens – processing equipment (\$30,141). FCA is a new, not-for-profit initiative to establish a community-owned abattoir to meet the needs of the farming communities in Leeds and Grenville, Frontenac, Lanark and Ottawa-Carleton. By establishing a community-owned facility, the Abattoir will help ensure the long-term viability of the agricultural system in Eastern Ontario for 1,300 farmers in the region and increase local food sales by \$240,000.

- Farms at Work – Tides Canada, offices in Vancouver/Toronto/Yellowknife – initiatives expanding impact and sustainability of Local Food Month in Peterborough (\$15,000); by working in partnership with Transition Town Peterborough to facilitate local food-related workshops, events and

tours throughout September and culminating in the Purple Onion Festival.

- Flanagan Foodservice Homegrown, Kitchener – Local Food Project (\$42,840); is Canada’s largest family-owned foodservice distributor and funding will increase sales of Ontario foods by increasing its local food offerings, improving traceability, and investing in a promotional campaign to improve awareness of Ontario food available to its customers. The project is expected to increase local food sales by \$1-million in 2017.

- Greenhouses Canada Northern Ontario mobile growing facility (\$52,283) – will purchase a mobile “grow truck” to serve as an indoor demonstration and training site, and allow for transportation of fresh produce to remote northern communities (including on seasonal ice roads). The project is expected to increase local food sales by \$117,000.

- Halton Healthcare Good For You, Locally Grown – Phase 2 (\$51,500) – will build on the progress made to increase local food served in its hospitals by working with farmers, manufacturers and other industry colleagues to develop recipes using Ontario food that meet the nutritional needs of patients. The project will also establish branding to identify local food choices to patients, as well as a marketing campaign to promote the local food offerings at Halton Healthcare facilities.

- Len & Patti’s Butcher Block, Lindsay – improved production efficiency to increase Ontario raised pork, beef, lamb, elk and goat (\$46,438); to meet growing demand for Ontario raised meats, Len & Patti’s Butcher Block will invest in modernized machinery to increase production capacity. The project will include a new smoke house, tumbler, sausage stuffer, and patty machine. The increase in production capacity is expected to increase the sale of

local meat by \$2.5-million by the end of 2017.

- Local Line Inc., Kitchener, Food Hub Project (\$28,316) – will build custom local food hub software for Ontario food hubs, based on a market assessment of the needs of Ontario’s existing food hubs. The platform will leverage existing Local Line marketplace and reporting software to create easy-to-use software for new and established local food hubs.

- Munye Kitchens, Toronto – increasing local food outreach – multi-ethnic African communities and beyond (\$23,495) – will create a local food guide for multi-ethnic African communities to increase awareness of locally-grown foods relevant to the African communities and identify where Ontario-grown produce can be purchased. The project will also educate consumers on how to use African crops like okra and callaloo, grown in Ontario and the Greenbelt.

- Muskoka Foundry market assessment for the development of a local food hub (\$30,000) – will establish a new aggregated local food hub in Northern Ontario in Bracebridge’s historic Foundry building. The space will include 10 permanent retail spots for agri-food processors, and provide mentorship opportunities for new processors and producers through an additional 10-15 temporary vendor stalls. The project is expected to increase local food sales by \$1.5-million per year.

- National Farmers Union, Ontario – building a network of local food advocates (\$32,675) – will enhance local food literacy across the province by building a network of local food advocates across a number of sectors, including educators, health-care providers, faith communities, artists,

academics, outdoor professionals, and youth. The NFU will create tailored local food information material for the different advocates and create a directory of local food advocates.

- Neyaashiing Smoked Fish – (\$13,250) – will invest in upgrades to its smoking facility to improve food preparation, food safety and production output; will allow increased access to new markets for smoked fish sourced and processed in First Nations communities, both through retail and wholesale market channels.

- Poechman Family Farms, Walkerton – microgreens for pastured eggs (\$38,100) – will invest in significant changes to its barn to improve quality of life for its hens as well as quality and flavour of its eggs, meeting consumer demand for humane eggs. The project will involve the introduction of a new perch for the hens, and specially grown greenhouse microgreens for the hens’ diet. The pilot will allow Poechman Family Farms to share learnings with other egg farmers in the Organic Meadows Co-Operative and the Yorkshire Valley Farms distribution family.

- Reiche Meat Products Ltd., Pembroke – growing opportunities for local poultry (\$14,550) – will meet a significant gap in the agricultural system in Renfrew County by establishing poultry processing facilities, which are currently not available in the county. The availability of an abattoir in the county will allow existing small-scale poultry farms to scale up and meet growing demand for local poultry at farmers’ markets and in stores. The project is expected to increase local food sales by \$100,000 and bring 20 new farmers to market.

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KCAT and his farm is a weather station monitor for OMAFRA for rainfall and heat units. Chronologically, his involvement in organizations and associations include the 4-H Dairy Club in Almonte, Appleton Junior Farmers, the Renfrew County Soil & Crop Improvement Association and the Cobden Agricultural Society, a member and director of the Heritage Farm Antique Club and the Vintage Iron and Traditions of Eastern Ontario. He hosted Hayday for Renfrew County Soil & Crop in 1991 and the Renfrew County Plowing Match in 2006. In 1998, he started the Renfrew County Antique Tractor Square Dancing for fairs and for plowing matches held local and internationally as well as for local fundraisers.

Allan started farming at the early age of 13 on his family farm on the 1st Line of Ramsay Township in Lanark County. In 1956, his family purchased the home farm on the end of the Queens Line in Ross Township. Allan and his new wife moved to the farm in 1957. Here he milked Holstein cows and cultivated the land. He loved agriculture and sought new and innovative ways to improve his farm abilities. While still milking cows, he started a beef herd and then later become a feedlot operator. With health problems appearing, he sold off the beef herd and moved onto cash cropping. He has a passion for antique tractors and has his own private collection with the Massey Harris ones being his favourites. Many of these tractors are also used in the tractor square dancing.

Lynn and Ian Clelland were nominated by the Renfrew County 4-H Association and Renfrew South District W. I.

Lynn was educated at Admaston Public School and Renfrew Collegiate Institute to Grade 13, then went on to receive her Bachelor of Arts and Science, at the University of Guelph. Lynn helped on the family farm as a child and is a past Junior Farmer member. In addition she had 4-H Leader training. After graduating from the U of G, she worked as a

home economist for OMAF. In 1977, she received her Bachelor of Education at Queen's University and began teaching at Fellows High School for seven years and then to Renfrew Collegiate Institute until her retirement in 2013.

She worked on a Trillium Grant for the restoration of SS # 2 School into a Living Museum where Grade 3 students can visit and get a feel for historic schooling. She also sings in a Ladies Barbershop Group called "Just for Fun."

Lynn was a member of the Renfrew Collegiate Institute Riffle Team, during which time on the team she won the Strathconna Award.

Ian's resume includes public and high school education, and then a Bachelor of Science. Ian was a city boy until he met Lynn in 1973. They bought their beef farm in 1984 and he designed the Passive Solar house which they built in 1987 and now

reside in.

Their agricultural contributions included: the Clellands own and operate a beef farm and Lynn is involved with the local Food Grains Project in Admaston, and on the Renfrew County 4-H Board of Directors. She has been a Renfrew County 4-H leader for over 20 years and was a developer of several Renfrew County 4-H Clubs. In 2013, she received the Syngenta 4-H Ontario Arbor Award and is President of the Renfrew County Farm Safety Association.

Ian has been a Renfrew Agricultural Society Director for 15 years, a Renfrew County Cattlemen's Director and past secretary, a livestock evaluator in Admaston/Bromley Township and a 4-H leader for over 15 years.

Lynn's community involvement includes being on the Renfrew Victoria Hospital Board, on committees within the Grace United Church – an Elder,

Presbytery representative and Vacation Bible School helper. She has served on many committees with the Balsam Hill Women's Institute and taken executive positions within Renfrew South District W.I. She has been a domestic science judge for local fairs and is a member of the Renfrew County Agricultural Water Quality Leadership Group.

For the last 20 years, Ian has been the Grace United Church treasurer (over 20 years), the Admaston Pastoral Charge Central treasurer and the Renfrew Food Grains Project treasurer; is on the Renfrew and Area Health Services Village Physician recruitment committee, treasurer of the Admaston Cemetery board, and has been director of Admaston Cemetery for 1985-2013, taking over the management of the cemetery in 2012. He was the 2013 Citizen of the Year for Admaston/Bromley Township and helper with the Admaston School rink.

150 Project

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Asked what the connection might be between the accessible renovations and the 150th celebration, Joynt admits there isn't one other than timing and practicality: "It just seemed like a good opportunity with a crowd on hand to point out the new washrooms."

During the celebration, the town crier will draw attention to local dignitaries asked to say a few words and *O Canada* will be sung. The society will offer free hotdogs, ice cream and drinks, and will light up and release into the sky 150 bio-degradable lanterns... which aren't

about Canada 150.

Once again, it's a question of practicality: "The lanterns are a holdover from last year which was the fair's 150th. It was an extremely dry season in 2016 so we decided to play it safe and not let them go until this season."

In addition to providing public access to the Celebration Garden, Lombardy organizers have agreed with contest sponsors to install signage, document activities for a program report, and participate in evaluation of the program.

There's no doubt a good, practical, patriotic time will be had by all.

Sweet Success

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and a construction business – are happy with what they have, content to open for a relatively short spring season almost as a prolonged social gathering of family members and close friends who come out on weekends to lend a hand.

Up to 500 people a day can pass through the doors searching out a feed of pancakes, sausages and matriarch Marilynne Drummond's home-baked beans, keeping the help hopping.

"We simply couldn't do it without family and friends," Robert states, another reminder of the importance of those closest to us.

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Scapegoats

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Farmers are caught in a vicious cycle. When markets are up, farms often expand and production increases to take advantage of better prices. When the milk supply goes up and markets are down, farms often expand and production increases as they try to keep their heads above water. If that's not a recipe for more of the same, I don't know what is.

Here in Wisconsin, state programs like the Grow Wisconsin Dairy 30x20 Initiative have made the situation even worse. Beyond pushing Wisconsin dairy farmers to reach 30-billion pounds of milk production by 2020, the initiative — with no sense of irony — provides grants “to improve the long-term viability of Wisconsin's Dairy Industry.” If you dive into data from USDA and the Wisconsin Agricultural Statistic Service, we've lost 2,411 dairy farms since March 2012 when the 30x20 initiative was announced. That's an average of almost 500 dairy farms per year. We are growing our production but it is being done by fewer and fewer, larger farms.

This all has a predictable end. Refusing to change our policies in agriculture right here at home will lead us further down the road to monopoly. We're already firmly in the grasp of oligarchic practices with a small handful of massive, multinational conglomerates running the show in most sectors of agriculture.

Consolidation of land, farms, and corporations coupled with the death of the mid-size farmer is encouraging ever-more mergers, more vertical integration and more distance between your average citizens, the food they eat, the farmers who produce the food and the rural landscape that used to be the backbone of the nation. If farmers continue to accept this as some sort of unavoidable reality, we will have to take prices that guarantee a future no one but the titans of industry can navigate once they've shrugged us all off.

Consumers have an even greater role in all of this, as the never-ending pursuit of cheaper production in agriculture is generated by the foodstuffs we purchase. Affordable food is certainly laudable, but we should ask ourselves if there's room in agriculture for anything but the excessively large farms that will be able to create profit for shareholders while minimizing costs of production to levels that defy belief and honest accounting. When we reach that point, will they be, like the banks that sunk the economy only a few years ago, too big to fail?

As the old saying goes, no one likes to see the sausage being made, and that is exactly what this fiasco is. That's why farmers received their unsigned, uncaring letter with less than a month to figure this out. If they had been given longer, they would have had more time to move their milk or reinvent their lives to something beyond dairy farming, but that's not what's really important here from the PR perspective. Rather, the 30 days only gives everyone else who is upset by this a month to be outraged by it. If you're a farmer, you have a month to fatalistically hope for the best for your peers while also hoping to God that the invisible hand of twisted industry policy doesn't grab your livelihood by the throat and squeeze it out of existence, too.

No, this is a glimpse behind America's

curtain and into the abattoir that we were never meant to see. Only this time, it's farms, farmers and the dairy cows that will be culled out of production and transformed into something far more palatable and easier to digest — a hamburger perhaps.

If we're going to be honest with ourselves, there's only one thing to blame Canada for in all of this and it's that they've held up a mirror and forced us to reluctantly turn around and take a look at our troubled visage. Make no mistake, this is a moment that many will try to prevent from ever happening again. There's just too much made vulnerable for those who have a lot invested when the background noise of economic injustice is brought to the fore. The powers of industry and their political allies have been telegraphing their intentions for quite some time now and managing the pace of those intentions is clearly important given the visceral reactions people have when confronted with them.

Many dairy farmers say they get one good year out of every three, so it won't be long before dairy farmers will get another chance to test their mettle. While looking for a new home for milk from the farms that were dropped from their processors is a good short-term solution, the industry needs to also look at the long-term and seriously consider oversupply management or other measures like the Market Driven Inventory System that has been proposed by National Farmers Union for other commodities in the past. If we hope to see robust family farms and rural communities in Wisconsin's future, we need to reduce volatility in the markets.

American farmers need to stick up for themselves and demand better for themselves, their families, their farms, and their animals. If we cannot muster the energy to do so in moments like this one, we never will. At that point, Canada won't be around to scapegoat, and we'll only have that reflection in the mirror to blame.

Chris Holman is District 6 Director for Wisconsin Farmers Union. He and his partner, Maria Davis, run Nami Moon Farms, a diversified livestock, poultry, fruit and vegetable farm near Stevens Point. Chris has represented Wisconsin family farmers in advocacy efforts locally and abroad as a member of the National Farmers Union's Next Generation Advisory Council.

Note: Wisconsin Farmers Union welcomes the opportunity for discussion between United States and Canadian dairy farmers. “We very much need to build a shared understanding about the economic and political forces that are shaping the future of our dairy farms. Chris Holman's opinion piece provides a clear explanation of how U.S. dairy policy has failed our farmers, and a clear refutation of the attempt to blame Canada for that failure. We are working to engage U.S. farmers in supporting a dairy policy that manages overproduction and provides price stability, and we welcome the chance to work with Canadian farmers in finding common ground around solutions that benefit family farmers in both of our countries.”

Editor note: After this article was written, the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, the head of the U.S. Department of Agriculture was appointed — the former Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue took office on April 25.



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Letter To The Editor

The Editor: Some food for thought on supply management

During this morning's two-hour milking, the conversation with my son Ryan turned from hockey to supply management. As a young farmer just entering the business, he is caught up in the social media spin surrounding supply management.

I provided the following perspective to him on why I support the supply management market model and why I feel it is sustainable going forward.

Every developed country in the world has a mechanism to provide stability for its food production industry. Each sector in Canada has an established process whereby primary producers and governments at all levels engage in productive dialogue to move the evolution of the industry forward.

That process has resulted in a Canadian agricultural industry that is the envy of the world. Our record for quality, efficiency and environmental stewardship is second to none and if you pay attention to provincial and national budgets, agriculture is virtually invisible,

not bad for Canada's No.1 revenue and job-creating industry.

Canada's supply management system is a big part of that industry profile; it has evolved over 50 years to a market model which has unprecedented support from consumers, industry, governments, and farmers. As evidence I point to new plants in Guelph and Kingston and upgrades in many others that will provide good jobs as we produce for the growing demand for Canadian dairy.

Some of our aspiring leaders on the federal scene have undermined their credibility with statements that are simply not true. To suggest Canada should subscribe to a market model similar to New Zealand is troubling because it indicates no knowledge of the mess the world dairy market is in because of blind over production.

Every time the supply management argument surfaces numerous economists get on the band wagon and I struggle to understand the difference between dairy's regulated format and the structured market that exists in countless other sectors of

society.

The same week that a Conservative leadership candidate took aim at Canadian dairy, Canadian governments endorsed the merger of Union Gas and Enbridge because it makes sense and increases efficiency. That move, however, effectively created a monopoly...nothing in the press, yet Canadian dairy is called a cartel. We have more young producers in the industry now than at any time in our history.

The United States Congress very shortly has to decide if it will further extend its borrowing ceiling for a national debt already creating incredible political pressure. With all due respect, the timing of President Trump's comments on Canadian dairy while he proposes to cut \$5.7-billion off the U.S. Farm Bill is irony at its best.

As a Canadian farmer, I sympathize with the farmers involved with the Grassland Dairy situation but the evolving market model used in Canada is responsive to the demands of processors, consumers, governments and farmers. It is generating market growth, investment,

jobs and consumer confidence. If Canada lined up milk transports on the Wisconsin and New York borders filled with top quality milk and priced with a 75 cent dollar words could not describe the reaction that would generate.

In closing, I would like to leave you with this analogy which I think illustrates the unique nature of Canadian agriculture. The ring of fire in Northern Ontario is one of the biggest mineral deposits left in the world, but it is limited, in time, it will be developed and in 50 or 100 years it will be GONE...Canadian Agriculture's biggest advantage over most other resource-based industries is that if we are smart we will be even more productive in 50 or 100 years, more environmentally conscious, and more responsive to consumer expectations. As we grow, for that market model to succeed, it has to be built on a stable foundation and in dairy that stability comes from supply management.

**Jim Wert,
Dairy Farmer
Stormont County**

U of G gets largest-ever gift to lead agri-food revolution

GUELPH — THE UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH RECEIVED ITS SINGLE LARGEST-EVER GIFT, A \$20-MILLION DONATION FROM THE ARRELL FAMILY FOUNDATION TO CREATE THE ARRELL FOOD INSTITUTE AT U OF G.

The University will provide matching funds for a total commitment of \$40-million. The announcement was made in Guelph on March 29.

The purpose of the Arrell Food Institute is to transform the global food economy and further strengthen U of G and Canada as agri-food leaders.

"This landmark gift will allow our University to address the defining challenge of our time: food security, safety and sustainability," said U of G president Franco Vaccarino. "The Arrell family has shown incredible generosity and foresight in making this gift, and we are grateful to them for their faith in our agri-food prowess."

Along with recent government and private funding — including a \$77-million award from the Canada First Research Excellence Fund for the Food From Thought project — this new gift brings the total investment in agri-food at U of G to more than \$150-million in the past year.

Tony Arrell and his wife, Anne, who is also a U of G graduate, created the Arrell Family Foundation in 1999. They took part in the gift announcement, along with their daughters Laura, Ashleigh and Nicole, all of whom are directors of the foundation.

The University receives substantial provincial funding under its longstanding partnership with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. The new funding will support new research chairs and scholars, international food innovation awards and a prestigious annual conference.

"This gift will help U of G and Canada to lead the agri-food revolution," said Prof. Evan Fraser, director of the Arrell Food Institute and holder of the Canada Research Chair in Global Food Security. That revolution is based on widening uses of technology in agri-food, he said. "The same technologies that created the Internet and are transforming medicine are now being applied to farmers' fields and to food processing factories — we can produce more food on less land using fewer inputs."

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Local food access

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• Select Food Products – implementation of new cooking line to increase production capabilities and access the Ontario Market (\$75,000); has made a significant investment in a new cooking and production line in order to deliver a made-in-Ontario with Ontario ingredients French's ketchup. The project will nearly triple production capacity for Select and help French's to execute on its commitment to make and source ketchup in Canada.

• Victorian Order of Nurses, Windsor Essex – promoting local food literacy and increasing local food consumption in Southwestern Ontario Schools (\$18,988); VON delivers school breakfast and snack programs that feed over 100,000 students every year. This project will develop local food literacy awareness materials for students and parents, to accompany increased local food served through these programs.

• Wendy's Mobile Market, Rideau Lakes Township– season-extension, value-adding processing and services (\$71,538) – will retrofit a cow barn into a local food processing and storage facility to offer season-extending and value-added processing to local farmers. The facility will create new processed



New projects support Ontario agriculture and agri-food sector
On Wed., April 18, Jeff Leal, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, along with Burkhard Mausberg, CEO of the Greenbelt Fund, announced in Peterborough that 24 local food projects which will increase access to local food across Ontario were made possible with funding from the Greenbelt Fund and the Government of Ontario. From left are Pat Learmonth (Director of Farms at Work), Sam McLean (McLean Berry Farm), Deputy Mayor Sherry Senis (Township of Selwyn), Warden Joe Taylor (Peterborough County), Minister Jeff Leal (Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs), Cheryl Ellis (Board member, Transition Town Peterborough), and Burkhard Mausberg (CEO of the Greenbelt Fund).

Courtesy photo

products including jams, jellies, preserves, dried fruit, and frozen entrees.

• West Niagara Agricultural Society and Niagara 4-H Local Food Booth (\$14,463) – will partner with Niagara 4-H to purchase a road-worthy trailer for the volunteers of the 4-H club to bring to food and agricultural events throughout the region. The trailer will allow the 4-H to introduce their local food products to urban and near-urban students who might not otherwise be exposed to local food offerings.

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Blaming Canada for U.S. dairy industry's problems

by Candice Vetter
AgriNews Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. – THE LATEST SALVO SHOT ACROSS THE BOW OF THE CANADIAN DAIRY INDUSTRY BY UNITED STATES PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP IS AN ESCALATION OF EXISTING TENSIONS BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES, AND EVERY OTHER DAIRY EXPORTING COUNTRY IN THE WORLD, WHICH SEEM TO WANT TO BLAME CANADA FOR THEIR OWN PROBLEMS.

The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) which Trump frequently vilifies has been hard on many industries, including Canadian industries which left, first for the U.S., where labour laws are enforced less, then for Mexico, where costs are cheaper yet.

It did, however, allow protections for Canada's dairy industry. Unfortunately, there was a loophole, as always. The introduction of diafiltered, also known as ultrafiltered, milk, was essentially a sneaky way to classify a thickened version of skim milk, which is often a waste

product. It was able to be imported by food processors and included in food processed outside Canada as an "ingredient" not as "milk."

The issue of oversupply of skim milk is a few years old. Recently products containing high butterfat have become increasingly popular, including butter, cream, cheeses, and high-fat processed or pre-cooked foods. Consequently a lot of skim milk is left over. To prevent a product like this being dumped on the ground, Canadian dairy cattle owners and dairy processors wanted to use their own excess protein product in Canada. But, because American products are cheaper (a reflection on their higher dollar and lack of social safety net rather than efficiency in production), many food processors wanted to use American skim as a high-protein filler. By ultrafiltering it until it's thickened, they were able to have it classified as an "ingredient," and therefore could sell it or products containing it here without any problem.

Naturally Canada's dairy producers have a vested

interest in selling something instead of dumping it, especially considering the same product was being imported and sold, while theirs went to waste. So marketing boards reduced the prices of skim and diafiltered milk to be competitive with their U.S. counterparts. They petitioned the federal government to change regulations to include diafiltered milk as a milk product in a different class. Dairy Farmers of Canada Executive Director Caroline Emond appeared with three other dairy representatives in front of the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food on March 9, 2016. She testified, "We only produce as much milk as is required by the Canadian marketplace, while limiting surpluses that would otherwise end up on the world market at dumping prices. Without any control on what is imported, it is impossible to manage supply management to match demand. A lack of import controls will inevitably lead to overproduction and instability within the system." She gave an example which has

been an issue with DFC for some time. "People can be very creative in order to circumvent tariff and quotas," she said. "The pizza food topping preparation issue is a great example. Between 2009 and 2013, farmers lost an estimated \$62.6-million due to the importation of these preparations. We also have the butter-oil-sugar blend issue and more recently the case of salt being added to cream, all of which is in order to avoid tariff and quotas... Canadian milk used to be used as the main source and base component in making dairy products. However, while some cheese and yogourt makers still use 100 per cent milk, more and more are adding ingredients such as milk protein isolates, milk protein concentrates, and diafiltered milk in substitution of milk. These ingredients can either be produced in Canada or imported."

In April 2016, the changes were allowed. Internationally this was seen as illegal, not only by the U.S., but also Australia and New Zealand, both of which are anxious for a

piece of the Canadian dairy pie.

This situation has translated into the American president saying, "Canada, what they've done to our dairy farmers, it's a disgrace. It's a disgrace. I spent time with some of the farmers in Wisconsin. And as you know rules, regulations, different things have changed and our farmers in Wisconsin and New York State are being put out of business, our dairy farmers." The oft-quoted remark, uttered during a White House signing on another measure, has ratcheted up the long-standing dispute.

But who did information come to the president from? From powerful dairy lobbyists in the U.S., that's who. A letter sent Jan. 11 of this year to the president, from Michael Dykes, President and CEO of International Dairy Foods Association; Jim Mulhern, President and CEO of the National Milk Producers Federation; Matt McKnight, Acting Chief of Staff of the U.S. Dairy Export Council; and Barbara P. Glenn, CEO of the National Association

of State Departments; claimed, "Canada's latest actions taken in direct violation of its trade commitments with the United States with respect to dairy. Provincial policies for ingredient class milk pricing, adopted last April, are displacing U.S. exports into Canada and costing the U.S. thousands of jobs on farms, in processing plants and throughout the supply chain."

For reasons which have little logic but are based on tricky international agreements littered with clauses meant to tie our hands, Canada's own products, grown here, gathered here, processed here, are "displacing" American ones.

The letter to the president goes on to say, "This negative impact is conservatively estimated at \$150-million worth of ultra-filtered milk exports being lost by companies in Wisconsin and New York, who are highly reliant on their trade with Canada. In fact, the entire U.S. dairy industry is being hurt, as milk prices are being driven down nationally by Canada's trade actions. Further, these displaced U.S. dairy exports are also

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depressing global skim milk prices. Moreover, USDA estimates that each \$1-billion of U.S. dairy exports generates over 20,000 U.S. jobs and almost \$3-billion of economic output, and U.S. dairy suppliers are reporting that they are already losing business because of these programs. Thus, Canada's current actions are resulting in lost revenues and jobs for dairy farmers and processors across the United States. To add insult to injury the Canadian industry has put forward a National Ingredients Strategy that in broad terms would take the provincial programs and nationalize them, putting further pressure on the economies of the American communities that export ultra-filtered milk and other dairy products to Canada. Having an even wider impact on America's dairy farmers and processors, additional large volumes of skim milk powder will be forced onto the thinly traded global market resulting in a further depression of prices that will negatively impact the revenues of dairy farmers around the world. The U.S. dairy industry is already restricted by Canada's exorbitant tariffs and the limited market access granted under NAFTA. As one of our top trading partners, Canada's flouting of its trade obligations is unacceptable. It is clear that these policies were implemented to intentionally block imports from the United States and are therefore in direct violation of Canada's trade commitments under NAFTA and

the World Trade Organization. The U.S. dairy industry is highly competitive internationally, and overseas markets represent a vital source of future growth opportunities including thousands of new American jobs. Not long ago, the U.S. was a net importer of dairy products, but now our nation benefits from a dairy trade surplus of over \$2-billion. Enforcement of current trade agreements, whether bilateral or multilateral in nature, is central to strengthening the U.S. economy."

What the letter pointedly does not mention is that diafiltered milk was simply invented by American processors to get around NAFTA. It was a deliberate attempt to undermine the Canadian industry. And what is the real problem here? Well, the U.S. (and other countries), don't like Canadian marketing boards. Paranoia of anything seen as remotely socialist is something they would like abolished. They say they are "against free market principles."

Other countries have similarly complained. A letter to the International Dairy Foods Association from the Australian Dairy Industry Council, the European Dairy Association, the European Whey Products Association, the European Association of Dairy Trade, the Dairy Companies Association of New Zealand, the U.S. Dairy Export Council, the CEO of International Dairy Foods Association (the same association the letter went to), the National Milk Producers Association (U.S.), and the Mexico National Chamber of Industrial Milk, said, "Some examples of that deeply problematic policy approach by Canada include the following: Canada's compositional standards for cheese, imple-

mented in 2008, which have intentionally limited imports of ingredients including casein, powdered Milk Protein Concentrate (MPC), Milk Protein Isolate (MPI) and Whey Protein Concentrate (WPC) as inputs into cheesemaking; Targeting imported products, such as cheese used on foodservice pizza and chocolate milk, by allowing access to lower-priced Canadian milk for use in processing into such products; Ostensibly temporary special classes of milk pricing, such as Class 6 in Ontario which offers Canadian processors non-fat milk solids, at subsidized prices well below the domestic cost of production, for ingredient applications like skim milk powder, MPC and ultra-filtered milk. Broadly speaking the Agreement adopts this concept and nationalizes it. In addition to these examples, several other programs and policy tools have also been instituted in Canada in recent years specifically in order to undermine market access secured in previous trade agreements."

These types of responses illustrate the downsides of trade agreements. Essentially people in other places can influence, or even decide, what happens here. But Canada is still a sovereign nation and has the right to protect its agricultural industries as it sees fit. There are a great many problems associated with supply management, such as the outrageous prices of quotas and the lack of them, and measures often seen as draconian, but farmers are dealing with living animals that have very specific needs, including being milked two or three times per day, and very high costs for barns, feed and equipment. It is unreasonable to expect any dairy farmers, whether Canadian, American or other, to not have a stable

market for this type of product.

A quick Google search shows that all dairy exporting countries have some sort of controls and/or subsidies, whether direct or indirect, that benefits their producers.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau seems to understand that. In his response to Trump's comments, given on April 20 to *Bloomberg News* Editor-in-Chief John Micklethwait during a question and answer session in Toronto, Trudeau said, "Let's not pretend we're in a global free market when it comes to agriculture. Every country protects, for good reason, its agriculture industries. And we have a supply management system that works very well here in Canada. The Americans and other countries choose to subsidize to the tunes of hundreds of millions of dollars, if not billions of dollars, in their agricultural industries, including their dairy."

He also pointed out the difference in size between the two countries' production, saying, "I understand how certain (U.S.) governors are speaking to certain constituents ...at the same time the U.S. has a \$400-million dairy surplus with Canada. It's not Canada that's the problem here." He went on to mention a

shared desire to see citizens on both sides of the border succeed. "We know that the trade agreement NAFTA, the free and open trade between Canada and the U.S., creates millions of good jobs on both sides of the border. So we're not going to overreact, we're going to lay out the facts and have substantive conversations about how to improve the benefits for citizens on both sides of our borders."

Not all Canadian politicians feel the same way, however. Conservative party leader hopeful Maxime Bernier is opposed to the supply management system. (He is also from Quebec, and his statements suggest he is not concerned about losing the votes of dairy farmers in his own province.) In an open letter published in the *Globe and Mail* on April 19, addressed to the U.S. president he said, "You may have heard about me during one of your State Department briefings. I am running to lead my party and replace Justin Trudeau as Canada's Prime Minister after the next election. My whole platform is based on four principles: freedom, fairness, responsibility and respect. So I was very pleased when I saw that you stole one of my best lines by denouncing supply management as an 'unfair

thing.' I have been making this same point since the beginning of my campaign a year ago. I agree with you that this protectionist system is unfair for the farmers in Wisconsin and other states, who cannot make a better living by selling their products to their Canadian neighbours. But you will excuse me if I say I am mostly sorry for a much larger group: the 35 million Canadians who are paying on average twice as much as they should for their eggs, chicken and dairy products."

He then goes on to disagree with American policy on the ongoing softwood lumber dispute, which it appears he may consider a more important industry. "I am sure your Commerce Department people told you that for decades now your country has repeatedly imposed tariffs and quotas on softwood lumber from Canada, claiming that we were unfairly subsidizing our producers. Every time this issue was brought before a trade tribunal, we were cleared of wrongdoing. Yet, you seem to be falling under the influence of lobbyists for special interests in your country who are asking once more for protectionist measures. Isn't that unfair, Mr. President? ...It's time to fix this, Mr. President, for the

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Glengarry Agricultural Wall of Fame 2017 inductees

by Sharon McDonell
Special to AgriNews

THE GLENGARRY AGRICULTURAL WALL OF FAME SCHEDULED ITS INDUCTION DINNER, FOR THREE INDUCTEES, ON SAT., APRIL 29, AT THE METCALFE CENTRE IN MAXVILLE, WITH A SOCIAL HOUR BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M., FOLLOWED BY THE DINNER AT 7:30 P.M. THE WALL, WHICH IS LOCATED UPSTAIRS AT MAXVILLE FAIRGROUNDS' METCALFE CENTRE, BEGAN WITH 15 INDUCTEES IN 1992, THE WALL EXPANDED ANNUALLY UNTIL 2001, WHEN THE INDUCTION CEREMONY AND DINNER WERE SWITCHED TO A BIENNIAL BASIS.

The inductees for 2017 are The Glengarry Dairy Princesses (as a group), Bruce Sova, and William van der Byl, who are being celebrated for their past contributions to the local agricultural scene.

Glengarry Dairy Princesses (Glengarry Dairy Princess Era ~ 1957 to 1992) inducted on April 29, 2017

In 1957, the Toronto Telegram, the Ontario Milk Producers' Coordinating Board, the Ontario Department of Agriculture and the CNE (Canadian National Exhibition) decided to host a milking competition at the CNE, with the objective of publicizing and promoting the dairy industry.

Approximately 40 dairy princesses, one from each county or district in the province, were divided into groups of five, competing nightly during the week-long competition at the CNE. First, the girls were interviewed by the judges. Later, in the coliseum, they presented a speech, and then proceeded to milk one

of the cows representing the five dairy breeds. Nightly winners competed in semi-final rounds, until the Ontario Dairy Princess was chosen. The last public competition took place in 1992, when the role transitioned into that of a county-appointed dairy educator.

Each Glengarry Dairy Princess competed in a county level competition prior to the provincial competition in Toronto. During her year's reign, she attended meetings, agricultural events, visited schools, and participated in promotional activities emphasizing the value of milk and milk products.

The following are the Glengarry Dairy Princesses:

- 1957 – Clara (Olney) MacLeod
- 1958 – Aggie (MacDonald) Petrie
- 1959 – Sheila (Kennedy) McDonell
- 1960 & 1961 – Jean (MacRae) Brett
- 1962 – Dona (Fraser) Addison Urquhart
- 1963 – Colleen (McRae) Shepherd
- 1964 – Elaine (Christie) Shields
- 1965 & 1966 – Isabel (Blair) Kinnear
- 1967 – Elma (MacLeod) Godden
- 1968 – Shirley (Grant) Ritchie
- 1969 – Marion (McNaughton) Martell
- 1970 – Nancy (Vallance) Mann
- 1971 & 1972 – Heather (Vallance) Mode
- 1973 – Phyllis MacMaster
- 1974-75 – Janet (Vallance) MacCrimmon
- 1975-76 – Brenda (MacRae) Cavanaugh
- 1976-77 – Florence (McCrimmon) Boyd
- 1977-78 – Elizabeth MacRae
- 1978-79 – Greer

- MacDonald Thornbury
- 1979-80 – Mary MacCrimmon Leduc
- 1980-81 – Heather MacRae
- 1981-82 – Julie Lapierre
- 1982-83 – Shannon Kennedy Mcdougald
- 1983-84 – Karen Kennedy Moran
- 1984-85 – Jill Pemberton
- 1985-86 – Allison Arkininstall Shannon
- 1986-87 – Colleen Kennedy Poirier
- 1987-88 – Denise Dorie Willis
- 1988-89 – Heather Pasco Hughes
- 1989-90 – Ursula Vogel Flipsen
- 1990-91 – Christie Howes Thomson
- 1991-92 – Angela Vogel Fawcett
- 1992 – Megan Robertson.
- Bruce Sova (1918-2008)** – inducted on April 29, 2017,



Bruce Sova

Bruce Sova was born, and spent his lifetime, on the family farm west of the village of Glen Roy on Lot 15, Concession 9, in what was then known as Charlottenburgh Township. He assumed ownership of the farm in the early 1950s, married Chris Smith and together they raised four sons, all of whom received a college education. As an indication of his management ability, this was

accomplished while dairy-farming 55 tillable acres without off-farm income or supplementation. Prior to the advent of D.H.I.A., he set up his own monthly testing and record-keeping system using a Babcock tester.

Bruce was a lifelong volunteer, and has contributed much to the development of the county and the welfare of its citizens through his involvement in many organizations. He was the first secretary of the Char-Lan Junior Farmers that was organized in the early 1940s. He was a Director of the old Glengarry Cheese Producers' Association. In 1966, he was elected the first Secretary-Treasurer of the Glengarry County Milk Committee. Bruce occupied a Township Council seat for six years, followed by a three-year term as Deputy- Reeve.

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Bruce also served on the Township Planning Board, that later became the Township Committee of Adjustments, on which he was active for 10 years. He was a member of the Glengarry Memorial Hospital Board and served as Chairman in 1980-81. He served as a Director of the Glengarry Federation of Agriculture and the County Dairy Herd Improvement Association.

He was an active Elder of the Church on the Hill, Alexandria, and was Sunday School Superintendent. He also volunteered much time to the Heart and Stoke Association before he passed away in 2008.



William van der Byl

William Joseph van der Byl (1921-2002) – inducted on April 29, 2017.

William Joseph van der Byl was born in Alsmeer, Holland. He graduated from secondary school, specializing in agriculture. With the shortage of land availability in Holland, William began his research and discovered that Canada offered sponsorship Visas to immigrants.

William and his wife Margaret had a dream!

They and their three sons left their homeland for a place where their children would have ample opportunity for a better future. They taught their children that with hard work, dedication, and faith, they could achieve their goals in life. They dreamed that their children would own their own land and, of course, be their own boss. They first stepped on Canadian soil on Feb. 13, 1951. Their family grew to four daughters and seven sons.

William worked over two years for his Canadian sponsor fulfilling his agreement. He rented a 100-acre farm on County Rd. 21, Lochiel, in 1953 which he later purchased in 1957. This farm is now owned by his eldest son, Rudi. William owned 30 PMU (Pregnant Mare Urine) mares from 1957 until 1965. He also milked cows until the late 1960s. He fin-

ished with hogs and raised sows until his retirement in 1984 and was one of the first area farmers to start cash cropping in the mid 1960s.

William was a founding member of the Quigley Cheese Manufacturers' Association. For many years, he represented Glengarry County at the annual Pork Producer's meeting in Toronto. For three years, he attended Program 5, an adult agriculture education course in Alexandria. William and his seven sons were involved in farming from the 1980s into the 2000s. Together, they owned a total of 780 acres and rented approximately 2,000 acres. They specialized in cow-calf and feedlot farming. They owned 2,150 finishing cattle and 455 beef cows.

William passed away on Sept. 5, 2002, knowing that his and Margaret's dream for their children had come true.

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benefit of both our people. I would rather be there to negotiate directly with you, but you could talk about it to a mutual friend of ours, Brian Mulroney. Justin Trudeau did one thing right by asking him to help with those negotiations. He knows a lot about these trade issues. And he agrees with us, too, that supply management has to go. You're known as a tough negotiator, Mr. President. Continue to push hard on our government to open our agricultural markets. But the best way to negotiate in the best interest of your own people would be to do the same thing with your softwood lumber market. Not to succumb to protectionist nonsense. Deal?"

Not surprisingly, Bernier's suggestion that Trump "push hard on our government" has caused some blowback of its own. It's uncertain if it will affect his leadership chances.

Other Canadians have spoken out against supply management. Sylvain Charlebois, Dean of the Faculty of Management, Professor in Food Distribution and Policy at Dalhousie University, issued

a media release in which he stated, "Such a program could be expected in an emerging market, or even in a highly-organized economy. No one would expect a program such as supply management to exist in a developed economy like Canada's. Since Europe eliminated quotas several months ago, Canada is now the only developed economy with such a scheme in the entire world." He acknowledges that dairy farmers are exposed to high milk price fluctuations and must adapt quickly and that supply management allows dairy farmers to rely on predictable revenues, but he adds, "...maintaining such a system for more than five decades has come at a tremendous cost. First, our dairy industry is highly inefficient. Several studies over the years have pointed to how costly milk production is in Canada compared to other industrialized economies. Switzerland is the only other place where cost of milk production is more expensive. High farmgate milk prices is (sic) not allowing our dairy processors and restaurant owners to become more competitive. The entire food chains have been held back for years. Also, supply management in dairy has led to a sense of institutionalized entitlement."

To add fuel to the trading fire, lots of news has come out of Wisconsin regarding what many producers there feel is

the real problem, which has been precipitated by Grassland Dairy in that state, after it recently dumped 75 of its producers with only 30 days warning. (See Op/Ed Milking scapegoats by Chris Holman of Wisconsin on page 9) Holman says Grassland, and other similar businesses, have been buying up dairies in Wisconsin and pushed hard to expand at least one of them so they can vertically integrate their business. Holman says, "Perhaps that's just 'good business' these days in agriculture, but we've seen what this looks like in other sectors, and it's not pretty for most farmers." He finds blaming Canada ridiculous. "The processors involved don't have the luxury of distance from all of this, but there are plenty of actors in politics and industry who are stepping in to pass the buck, cleverly directing the blame toward Canada. Now, scapegoating Canadian trade policy is a brilliant move as morally flexible politics goes, but as is often the case with finger-pointing, anyone doing it in a situation like this looks suspiciously like a guilty four year old. Rather than look you in the eye and tell the truth about their complicity, they frantically look around for someone else to blame. If no one else is around, a convenient imagination will conjure up something to fill the void. Sorry Canada, this time that thing is you." Yes, blame Canada.

Farm & Food Care Canada transitions to Canadian Centre for Food Integrity

GUELPH – THE FARM & FOOD CARE CANADA BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS EVALUATED ITS MISSION, VISION AND ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND TRANSITIONED TO THE CANADIAN CENTRE FOR FOOD INTEGRITY (CCFI), ACCORDING TO A RELEASE LAST MONTH.

The importance of building public trust in Canada's food system is intensifying. The food system is seeking assistance to earn trust and to align resources. The Canadian Centre for Food Integrity with its research, training and consumer support services is well equipped to provide valuable expertise and support to the entire food system.

"We launched the Canadian CFI in June 2016 and after much consideration and consultation feel that this is the right strategic direction and organizational model that's needed to help Canada's food system earn trust in the future," stated Ian McKillop, Chair. "This refined focus will strengthen the CCFI's trust earning services and provide enhanced support for Farm & Food Care Ontario and Saskatchewan, and many other agri-food sector partners working in this area."

The new Canadian CFI is funded by partners and individuals from across the food system and across the country. It will be governed by a small Board of Directors, with a focus on operational excellence, and a larger Advisory Council representative of the entire agri-food

chain. The Farm & Food Care Canada board will serve as the transition board for the new CCFI until the new Board and Advisory Council is in place in the next few months.

You can learn more and be part of the progress along with farm and food system leaders from coast to coast and across all sectors at the CCFI Public Trust Summit: "Tackling Transparency – the truth about trust." Program highlights include the release of the 2017 public trust in food and farming research and a live millennial consumer panel. Register now for the CCFI Public Trust Summit in Calgary, Sept. 18- 20, at www.foodintegrity.ca

Farm & Food Care Canada was created in 2010 as a charity with the mandate to build public trust in Canadian food and farming. The new Canadian Centre for Food Integrity was launched in 2016 as a program of Farm & Food Care Canada, and an affiliate of The Center for Food Integrity, created in the United States in 2007.

The Canadian Centre for Food Integrity is a not-for-profit organization that helps today's food system earn trust. Their members and project partners, who represent the diversity of the food system, are committed to providing accurate information and working together to address important issues in food and agriculture. The CCFI does not lobby or advocate for individual companies or brands. For more information visit www.foodintegrity.ca.



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2016 4-H Canada National Volunteer Leader of the Year Award

OTTAWA – AS PART OF NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK IN LATE APRIL, 4-H CANADA RECOGNIZED AND HONORED A NUMBER OF EXCEPTIONAL 4-H VOLUNTEER LEADERS – INCLUDING THE RECIPIENT OF THE 2016 4-H CANADA NATIONAL VOLUNTEER LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD.

For more than 100 years, 4-H has been an organization driven by the dedication of volunteers who provide opportunities where Canadian youth can develop their leadership skills and grow as responsible, caring and contributing young people.

Caroline Boddy of the Golden Prairie 4-H Club in Alberta was chosen as the 2016 National Volunteer Leader of the Year by a panel of judges, who made their selection from the pool of provincial winners. This

award, which recognizes the significant and pivotal role volunteer leaders play in the 4-H program, is driven by nominations from 4-H members who want to share the positive impact their 4-H leaders have had on them and their communities.

“Winning this award is the highest compliment because I have been championing the 4-H program my whole life,” said Caroline Boddy, 4-H Canada’s 2016 National Volunteer Leader of the Year, in the release. “4-H Canada is the best youth program in the world. You may start out thinking you are giving a helping hand, but that sentiment will boomerang right back at you and you will find yourself benefitting far more than you give.”

The 2016 4-H Canada Volunteer Leaders of the Year are: National Volunteer Leader of

the Year – Caroline Boddy, Golden Prairie 4-H Club (Alberta); British Columbia – Joy de Vos, Deep Creek Dairy 4-H Club; Saskatchewan – Paul Mitchell, Eagle Hills Multiple 4-H Club; Manitoba – Philip and Leanne Fenez, La Salle 4-H Club; Quebec – Pamela McOuat, Lachute 4-H Club; New Brunswick – Lori Anne Thorne, King’s Country 4-H Beef Club; Nova Scotia – Sharlene Carter-Earle, Double “D” 4-H Club; and Newfoundland – Sheila Sullivan, I. Sullivan Memorial 4-H Club.

“The impact of our incredible volunteers are evident throughout 4-H – from the areas of knowledge and skills development they help youth develop through hands-on experiences, to the values of community engagement they instill in our youth members,” said

Shannon Benner, CEO of 4-H Canada. “Our 2016 4-H Canada Volunteer Leader of the Year Award recipients exemplify the best of positive youth development through caring youth adult partnerships and I am thrilled to congratulate them all for their accomplishments.”

As 2016 4-H Canada National Volunteer Leader of the Year, Boddy receives a prize package which includes a cash prize and a roundtrip to Ottawa, Ont., in July 2017, where she will be honoured at the 4-H Canada Annual General Meeting on July 10 and attend the Global 4-H Network Summit from July 11-14.

To learn more about 4-H Canada, visit 4-h-canada.ca and follow our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages.

Brad Found elected new Ontario 4-H Council President

ROCKWOOD – THE ONTARIO 4-H COUNCIL ANNOUNCED MID APRIL IN A NEWS RELEASE THAT BRAD FOUND, OF DURHAM EAST 4-H ASSOCIATION, HAS BEEN ELECTED AS THE NEW ONTARIO 4-H COUNCIL PRESIDENT. THE ELECTION TOOK PLACE AT 4-H ONTARIO’S CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL MEETING IN MARCH. FOUND PREVIOUSLY HELD THE ROLE OF VICE-PRESIDENT AND WILL REPLACE OUTGOING PRESIDENT TAMMY OSWICK-KEARNEY.

“4-H for me has made me who I am today,” said Found. “It has given me the confi-

dence to get up and speak in front of people, it gave me the skills to be a better critical thinker and problem solver, and it allowed me to broaden my network of contacts across the province.”

Found decided to run for president in order to give something back to an organization, from which he has received so much. Moving forward, he believes 4-H has a strong footing, which can be attributed to a great staff team delivering program materials to thousands of volunteers across Ontario and also to the board of directors who have a vast array of knowledge to provide policy direction to the

staff team.

“I look forward to strengthening relationships between 4-H and Junior Farmers to benefit both organizations into the future,” he added. “Many hands make light work.”

Found was a 4-H member in Durham East 4-H Association for 13 years and has been a leader and volunteer for the past 15 years since he graduated as a member. During his time as a member, he completed over 50 projects including sheep, field crops, farm machinery and various life skills projects.

He brings a strong background of experience in par-



Brad Found

liamentary procedure and effective board procedures, as well as knowledge of finance from being the Chair of the Ontario 4-H Council Board

Finance Committee since 2015.

His past Board experience includes: Ontario 4-H Council Vice-President from March 2015-March 2017; Director-at-large during his second year on the Board; member of the local 4-H Association Board and holding past positions of vice-president, president, association representative (AR) and currently holding positions as president and AR; active member of Durham East Junior Farmers, holding all board positions; provincial director role from 2001-2009 on the Junior Farmers Association of Ontario

(JFAO); member of JFAO Provincial Executive from 2005-2009, with positions including director of marketing (2005-2007), director of finance (2007) and president (2008).

Found has considerable past volunteer experience as well: as an active member of the Orono Agricultural Society and currently past president of that Board; member of Durham Regional Federation of Agriculture and currently Policy Advisory Council member; and Go For The Gold Coach of Durham East 4-H Association (regional and provincial competitions).



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DSCIA generous to local causes

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CHESTERVILLE — THE DUNDAS SOIL AND CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION HANDED OUT A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF MONEY TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS DURING ITS SPRING UPDATE MEETING ON WED., APRIL 5, AT THE CHESTERVILLE LEGION.

Andrew Harbers, DSCIA President, presented cheques to Kristen Casselman, who accepted on behalf of the Winchester District Memorial Hospital; Ian McKelvie, Administrator of Community Food Share (Dundas County Food Bank); Rhonda Schneckeburger of the

Dundas Farm Safety Association; and Brenda Velthuis of Dundas 4-H.

The meeting offered six seminars. Paul Sullivan of Sullivan Agro Inc. discussed improving yields by managing P and K. Scott Banks, an OMAFRA cropping systems specialist, gave an update on the Cron Y-Drop N project and on cover crop options and economics. Sean Cochrane, a Dekalb agronomist, discussed QuickRoots. Agronomist Gilles Quesnel presented lessons learned in the 2016 crop year. Horst Bohner, an OMAFRA soybean specialist discussed increasing yields. Peter Archer of Maizeing Acres Inc. discussed making a crop marketing plan.

In addition, Schneckeburger gave an update and said the DFSA is now under the umbrella of Workplace Safety and Prevention Services.

Upcoming DSCIA events include project trials. DSCIA members interested in participating in trial plots contact Garry Brugmans at 613-448-1214 or Gilles Quesnel 613-294-7977. The Ontario SCIA Forage Masters Competition also starts soon. Contact Holly Byker at 613-340-7625 or Dundas.oscia@gmail.com. Eastern Ontario Crop Diagnostic Day will be on Thurs., July 20, at the Winchester Research Station. For more information on these or other activities, contact Byker.



DSCIA donates to four causes

The Dundas Soil and Crop Improvement Association gave donations to WDMH, Community Food Share, Dundas Farm Safety Association and Dundas 4-H on Wed., April 5, at the spring meeting in Chesterville. Shown left to right are DSCIA President Andrew Harbers, Brenda Velthuis of Dundas 4-H, Rhonda Schneckeburger of the Dundas Farm Safety Association, Ian McKelvie of Community Food Share, and Kirsten Casselman of WDMH.

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Vet College Council sets standard on telemedicine

GUELPH — THE COUNCIL OF THE COLLEGE OF VETERINARIANS OF ONTARIO RECENTLY APPROVED A NEW STANDARD REGARDING THE USE OF TELEMEDICINE IN THE DELIVERY OF VETERINARY MEDICINE IN ONTARIO.

“With advancements in technology, the public can have improved access to veterinary medicine. This standard supports innovation in the delivery of safe, quality veterinary medicine in Ontario,” said Dr. Marc Marin, President of the College.

The professional practice standard, approved by Council in March, defines telemedicine as the delivery of veterinary medicine using information and communication technologies where the veterinarian and the patient are not in the same physical location.

“The College’s expectations of veterinarians remain the same whether they are delivering service in-person or through telemedicine. The College is actually one of the first regulators in North America to support the establishment of a veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR) via telemedicine,” said Jan Robinson, Registrar and Chief Executive Officer at the College.

A VCPR exists when the veterinarian

has been retained by the owner of the animal; when the veterinarian and the client agree as to the scope of services to be provided to the animal; and also when the veterinarian has advised the client that services will only be provided in accordance with the standards of practice of the profession. The VCPR is maintained by the veterinarian having recent and sufficient knowledge of the animal. The VCPR is the foundation of effective veterinary medicine and animal care.

“The standard also expects that a veterinarian will use his/her judgment to determine whether telemedicine is appropriate to each specific circumstance. The need for a physical examination in order to make an appropriate diagnosis will continue to be essential in many cases. As well, drugs cannot be prescribed through telemedicine alone,” said Robinson.

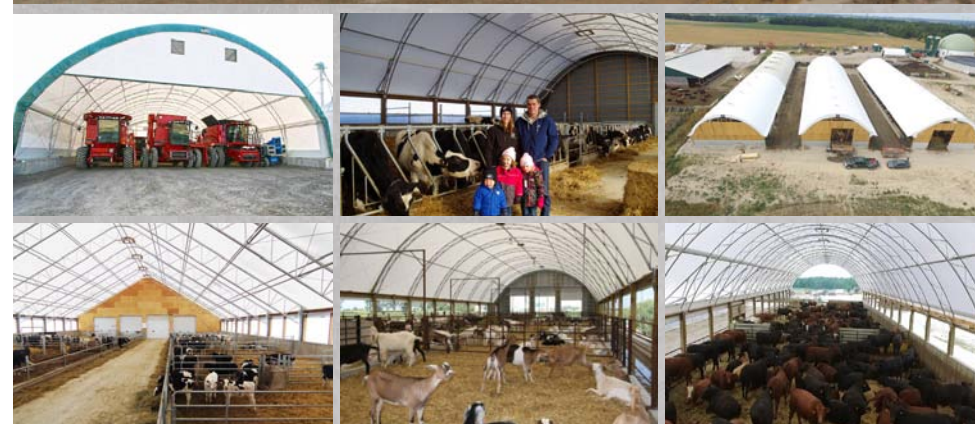
The College initially established a position on telemedicine in 2015. The policy was revised and posted for public consultation this winter. The Professional Practice Standard on Telemedicine is available at www.cvo.org.

The College regulates the practice of veterinary medicine. Accordingly, veterinarians are licensed, facilities are accredit-

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Stormont farms host open house tours

Michelle O'Donohue
AgriNews Contributor

STORMONT - ON SAT., APRIL 1, 10 FARMS ACROSS STORMONT COUNTY OPENED THEIR DOORS TO THE PUBLIC AS PART OF ONTARIO HOLSTEINS' 2017 DISTRICT TOURS. STORMONT WAS THE HOST FOR THE EASTERN ONTARIO REGION OF THE TOUR. PARTICIPATING FARMS WERE SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE AREA, AND INCLUDED: WENALLT HOLSTEINS, ROSEVINE FARMS, GLAUDALE FARMS INC., REDLodge FARMS INC., KROLANE HOLSTEINS, ROCLANE

HOLSTEINS, KNONDALE FARMS INC., KEMMATTEN FARMS INC., STANLEE FARMS, AND FERME SAZIEMAZ.

The tour was open between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. and attracted visitors from well beyond the county borders. While the day's poor weather did not deter the crowds, final attendance numbers were difficult to nail down. Many farmers mentioned their plans to count used boot covers at the end of the day to determine a head count. Thomas Speck, of Kemmatten Farms Inc., stated that they bought 250 pairs of protective covers, and they need-

ed to go out and buy more.

A lot of time and effort goes into getting ready for these events, and this year, the Stormont host farms had less time than usual to prepare. Joy Krol of Krolane Holsteins explained that Stormont was not initially scheduled to host this year's Eastern Ontario Tour. Krol mentioned that the county due to host had to drop out, and Stormont stepped in to host instead.

The tour was open to the general public; however, when asked who the primary visitors were expected to be, Lill Smith of Rosevine Farms said that



Philippe and Laurence Gutknecht with dog Olive stand in front of their Holstein herd in Newington, during the Stormont County Farm Tour, April 1. O'Donohue photo



Five generations of Glaude farmers gather for a photograph during the Stormont County Farm Tour, April 1. at Glaudale Farms Inc. From left at front are Solange and Diane; at back are Barbara-Ann, Michel, Denver, Kevin, Chloe and Samantha. Missing from photo is Marcel Glaude.

O'Donohue photo

this event was likely to appeal mostly to farmers, and provide an opportunity to see what neighbours in the area are doing, and dis-

cuss best practices.

The farms on the tour provided a great variety for visitors, showcasing different barn styles, herd sizes,

and preferred milking techniques.

Conversations in the barns included the topics of

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Stormont tour

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new technology, succession planning, expansion plans, milking schedules, and production numbers. There was of course also a focus on the Holstein breed and continuing genetics. Roclane Holsteins in Crysler is even home to this year's Stormont Breeder's Cup Grand Champion Dynamite.

Though the event provided a great opportunity to visit Stormont farms, many

farmers repeated that their doors are always open to visitors and questions, and encourage it as a learning opportunity for all sides.

The tour drew in participants of all ages. One of the younger farm visitors Calum Bretzler, age five, was certain of his favourite part of the tour. When asked, he replied that it was the doughnuts, especially the sprinkle ones! Ryan Wert, of Stanlee Farms, described the tour as a "great interactive activity for the community."

The event was a great success that highlighted the main similarities among host farms aside from their Holstein herds; their hospitality, and desire to share their knowledge.

Pampered cows

A cow brush provides cow comfort at Stanlee Farms, owned by Jim and Nancy Wert, who received the 2014 BMO Ontario Farm Family Award and continue to advocate for the agricultural community. *Vogel photo*



Milking parlour at Kemmatten Farms Inc. in Moose Creek during the Stormont County Farm Tour, April 1. *O'Donohue photo*



A few members of Krolane Holsteins' herd seen during the Stormont County Farm Tour, April 1. *O'Donohue photo*

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Weagant's open house attracts farmers from near and far

by Candice Vetter
AgriNews Staff Writer

WINCHESTER – WEAGANT FARM SUPPLIES LIMITED HOSTED AN OPEN HOUSE ON WED., APRIL 5, WHERE WEAGANT FAMILY MEMBERS AND THEIR STAFF WELCOMED ABOUT 500 VISITORS FROM ALL OVER EASTERN ONTARIO. THE EVENT WAS THE SECOND OF TWO OPEN HOUSES, WITH THE FIRST ONE AT THE BROCKVILLE LOCATION ON APRIL 1.

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Welcome to Weagant's

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on Cty. Rd. 31, north of Winchester, which offers horse, stock, cargo and landscape trailers.

Weagants employs 63 staff and several family members, including Bob Weagant, son of Fred and Anita, at their multiple locations. For more information see www.weagantfarm.com.

Deer hunter charged

KEMPTVILLE – AN ONTARIO MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND FORESTRY NEWS RELEASE ON APRIL 21 REVEALED THAT A KEMPTVILLE MAN WAS FINED A TOTAL OF \$1,500 FOR UNLAWFULLY HUNTING DEER.

Ernie Everett pleaded guilty and was fined \$1,000 for possessing illegally killed wildlife and \$500 for hunting deer without a licence. He also received a five-year hunting suspension.

The court heard that on Nov. 11, 2016, a conservation officer received a tip that there may be illegally harvested deer on a property near Kemptville. The officer determined that Everett had killed three deer on a neighbour's property and did not have a licence to hunt. Everett's rifle and the three deer were forfeited to the Crown.

Justice of the Peace Karen Baum heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Kemptville, on April 6.

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CFC new Executive Committee for 2017

OTTAWA - CHICKEN FARMERS OF CANADA ANNOUNCED THE ELECTION OF THE 2017 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN THEIR EARLY APRIL NEWS RELEASE. THE ELECTIONS FOLLOWED THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND THE 15-MEMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MADE UP OF FARMERS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS FROM THE CHICKEN INDUSTRY. THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTATIVES MAKE UP THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2017:

Chair Benoît Fontaine, from Stanbridge Station, Que., most recently served as the 1st Vice-Chair of the Executive Committee. He first joined the Board of Directors in 2013 as an alternate, and became the Quebec Director in 2014. He farms in the Lac Champlain area and raises chickens and turkeys. A former high school Canadian history teacher, and second generation chicken farmer, Fontane has also been heavily involved in the Union des producteurs agricoles since 1999 and has also served on Chicken Farmers of Canada's Policy Committee and the

Production Committee.

1st Vice-Chair is Derek Janzen, of Aldergrove, B.C., who with his wife Rhonda have farmed in the Fraser Valley since 1998. They currently produce 1.4 million kg of chicken annually and manage 22,000 commercial laying hens. Prior to farming, Janzen worked for B.C.'s largest poultry processor for nearly nine years. He worked his way up from driving delivery truck to sales and marketing where he took the position of major accounts manager. His experience in the processing industry has served him well with his board involvement, and he has held various positions on a variety of boards including Chair of the B.C. Egg Producers Association and also was appointed by the Minister of Agriculture as a member of the Farm Industry Review Board, B.C.'s supervisory board. Derek enjoys being involved in the industry and is excited to represent B.C. at the Chicken Farmers of Canada.

2nd Vice-Chair is Nick de Graaf, of Port Williams, N. S., who is a third-generation poultry farmer in the Annapolis Valley of Nova

Scotia operating the farm founded by his Dutch grandfather in the early 1960s. Today, the farm produces more than 660,000 chickens, and 67,000 turkeys per year. He is also part of Innovative Poultry Group (IPG), which farms 55,000 broiler breeders and owns Maritime Chicks, a new, state-of-the-art hatchery employing the HatchCare system. In addition to poultry, de Graaf grows more than 1,600 acres of wheat, corn and soybeans. He is self-sufficient in the production of corn and soybeans for his on-farm feed mill where he processes poultry feeds for his own flocks. He is in his eighth year as a director with Chicken Farmers of Nova Scotia. He has participated in Chicken Farmers of Canada as an alternate director and as a member of the Policy Committee. He and his wife, Trudy, have three children and two grandchildren.

Tim Klompemaker, Executive Member, lives in Norwood, Ont., and was elected to the Chicken Farmers of Canada Board in 2017. He started farming in 1984 along with his wife Annette and his three sons.

He is a third-generation chicken farmer with the fourth generation already in place and running chicken farms of their own. Klompemaker served as a District Committee Representative for Chicken Farmers of Ontario before being elected to the Ontario Board in 2000. He served as CFC Alternate Representative for Ontario from 2012-2013, and has represented Ontario on the CFC Production Committee, the AMU Working Committee, and at NFACC. He has also served as 1st Vice-Chair of Chicken Farmers of Ontario.

The Board looks forward to continuing its work together, ensuring that Canada's chicken industry continues to deliver on consumer expectations for excellence. With an eye to the future, Chicken Farmers of Canada will work with all its partners, ensuring clear, common goals for the future, and setting a solid path and purpose for all stakeholders, and for generations of chicken farmers to come.

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Chicken Farmers of Canada introduced its "Raised by a Canadian Farmer" brand in 2013 to showcase the commitment of farmers to provide families with nutritious chicken raised to the highest stan-

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Good Grain Farmers

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Each of these influential farmers will share their "day in the life of an Ontario grain farmer" throughout the farming season. Each week from April 2 to December 2, one of the Good Grain Farmers will share what's happening that week on their farm, with the goal of connecting rural and urban communities with farmers through social media.

This year's Good Grain Farmers are Justin Bell, Raleigh Township (District 2 - Kent); Paige Handsor, Wallaceburg (District 2 - Kent); Jake O'Neil, Lucan (District 4 - Middlesex); Donna Rogers, Bridgeport (District 7 - Waterloo, Oxford); and Tanya Legault, Moose Creek (District 14 - Prescott, Russell, Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry).

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First Ontario Shrimp is what it is!

by Theresa Whalen
AgriNews Contributor

CAMPBELLFORD – ONTARIO HAS ONE SHRIMP FARM CALLED FIRST ONTARIO SHRIMP LOCATED IN CAMPBELLFORD. THIS MINIMAL DISCHARGE FACILITY OPERATES YEAR ROUND RAISING PACIFIC WHITE SHRIMP WHICH THEY SELL DIRECTLY TO CONSUMERS AS FRESH PRODUCT FOR \$18 PER POUND, YIELDING 20 - 25 SHRIMP PER POUND.

In 2009, when the bottom fell out of the hog mar-

ket, Brad Cocchio and his father converted their three hog barns into shrimp tanks to establish the first and only shrimp production operation in Ontario. They now produce 125 pounds of fresh shrimp per week and always sell out.

The lifecycle of shrimp is about four months. The Cocchio's buy shrimp larvae from Florida. The newly hatched shrimp – which are about the size of an eye lash – are housed in smaller tanks for one month before being moved to “grow-out” tanks for the final three months.



Shrimp

Province starts small cidery and distillery support program

TORONTO – THE ONTARIO PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT IS MAKING IT EASIER FOR SMALL CIDERIES AND SMALL DISTILLERIES TO GROW THEIR BUSINESSES, ACCORDING TO AN ANNOUNCEMENT RELEASED ON TUES., MARCH 7.

Charles Sousa, Minister of Finance, and Jeff Leal, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, and Minister Responsible for Small Business, announced the details of the Ontario Small Cidery and Small Distillery Support Program. The program will provide eligible businesses with support to grow and scale up their operations, including hiring more staff and purchasing new equipment.

The release stated the province will invest \$4.9-million over three years for the Small Cidery and Small Distillery Support Program. Eligible cideries will receive up to 74 cents per litre and eligible distillers will receive up to \$4.42 per litre on eligible sales – to a maximum of \$220,000 per year per producer.

The cider and spirits industry in Ontario is growing and the provincial government stated several statistics supporting that perception. In 2015-16, LCBO sales of craft ciders grew 54 per cent over the previous year, with sales totaling \$5.1-million, and sales at small Ontario distillers' on-site stores and in the LCBO were \$5.5 million – 62 per cent higher than the previous year and significantly outpacing the overall spirits category. There are over a dozen small distilleries in Ontario and 100 per cent Ontario fruit cider and fruit wine is now available for sale at farmers' markets. Currently, up to 130 grocery stores in Ontario can sell beer and cider, including up to 70 that can also sell wine. The government states that beer and cider will ultimately be available in up to 450 grocery stores, including up to 300 that also sell wine.

The provincial program builds on previously announced initiatives to support small cider and spirits producers, such as permitting spirits manufacturers to have a bar or restaurant at each of their licensed manufacturing sites and small spirits producers will soon be able to deliver directly to bars and restaurants, creating more exposure for their products.

“Ontario's cider and spirits industry is growing at an exciting pace,” said Sousa. “The Ontario Small Cidery and Small Distillery Support Program will provide small businesses with additional tools to help them succeed. This program is good for business, good for customers and it's good for Ontario.”

Leal said, “This new program will further grow Ontario's food and beverage industry by supporting small cideries and small distilleries to scale up, creating jobs in local communities and laying the groundwork for future success.”

Thomas Wilson, Chair of the Ontario Craft Cider Association welcomed the news. “With the announcement of the Ontario Small Cidery and Small Distillery Support Program, the government has launched a new age in craft beverages here in Ontario using locally grown Ontario apples. After extensive consultation with the Premier's Advisory Council on Government Assets, the Ontario Craft Cider Association is looking forward to this new stage in the development of our beverage industry.”

“The announcement today is a good step forward to improve the competitive landscape for Ontario Craft Distillers,” said Mike Heisz, President of the Ontario Craft Distillers. “We are excited to continue working with the Ontario government collectively to make further changes to bring greater choice to Ontario spirits consumers while continuing to drive the growth of our Ontario small businesses.”

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New rules for drone use

by Candice Vetter
AgriNews Staff Writer

OTTAWA — FORMAL TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PERSONS PILOTING COMMERCIAL UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES (DRONES), UNDER NEW TRANSPORT CANADA REGULATIONS THAT TOOK EFFECT IN DECEMBER, 2016.

Pilots using drones for commercial purposes need a Special Flight Operations Certificate.

In mid-March, Minister of Transport Canada Marc Garneau announced additional regulations issued which are specifically for recreational drone users, prohibiting them from flying at night, within close proximity of airports or within 75 metres of buildings, vehicles and people.

The Transport Canada website summarizes the new rules.

Recreational users of drones weighing over 250g and under 35kg do not need

special permission to fly. Pilots flying where not allowed or not following any one of the rules could face fines of up to \$3,000.

The new rules say, do not fly your drone:

- higher than 90 m above the ground;
- closer than 75 m from buildings, vehicles, vessels, animals, people/crowds, etc.;
- closer than 9 km from the centre of an aerodrome (any airport, heliport, seaplane base or anywhere that aircraft take-off and land);
- within controlled or restricted airspace;
- within 9 km of a forest fire;
- where it could interfere with police or first responders;
- at night or in clouds;
- if you can't keep it in sight at all times;
- if you are not within 500 m of your drone;
- if your name, address, and telephone number are not clearly marked on your drone.

U of G ranked among top agri-food universities

GUELPH — THE UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH IS AMONG THE TOP AGRI-FOOD UNIVERSITIES IN THE WORLD, ACCORDING TO A NEW GLOBAL RANKING OF UNIVERSITIES.

The Center for World University Rankings (CWUR), publisher of the largest academic ranking of universities worldwide, released its inaugural subjects ranking last month. The rankings cover 227 subjects in all academic disciplines in the sciences and social sciences.

The U of G ranked third in the agriculture, dairy and animal science category, and fourth in food and technology. For both categories, U of

G was the No. 1 university in Canada, and the only Canadian school to make the "Top 10" lists.

"These rankings reflect the excellence of our faculty, staff and students, and the strong support of our many dedicated partners, especially the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs," said Rene Van Acker, Dean of the Ontario Agricultural College.

He said the results reflect U of G's recent agri-food successes, including a \$77-million grant from the Canada First Research Excellence Fund awarded last fall for the University's Food From Thought project and a

\$20-million gift announced last month for the Arrell Food Institute.

"These rankings also remind us of the leadership opportunities and responsibilities we have in agriculture and food not only provincially and nationally but globally," Van Acker said.

The rankings are based on faculty quality and research intensity, specifically articles published in top-tier journals.

The top-ranked schools in agriculture were Wageningen University and Research Centre in the Netherlands and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Wageningen was also the top-ranked school in food science and technology, followed by the China Agricultural University and Jiangnan University in China.

The list above is an overview of the new rules for recreational drone users. Consult the Interim Order Respecting the Use of Model Aircraft for the full list of provisions. Members of the Model Aeronautics Association of Canada (MAAC) who operate at MAAC sanctioned fields or events are not subject to these rules.

New online resource for Canadian dairy industry

ONLINE — AN INNOVATIVE INFORMATIONAL DAIRY PRODUCER WEBSITE WAS ANNOUNCED IN A MEDIA ALERT MID APRIL. DAIRY PRODUCERS IN CANADA CAN NOW ENJOY THE ONLY INDUSTRY-SPECIFIC PORTAL FOR DAIRY FARMERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY WITH DAIRYPRODUCER.CA (WWW.DAIRYPRODUCER.CA).

The Dairyproducer.ca website will house content such as news, market prices, commentary, editorial, events and industry-related videos.

Dairyproducer.ca arrives at a perfect time for Canadian dairy farmers. The percentage of farms that were using the internet for farm business increased from 34.9 per cent in 2006 to 55.6 per cent in 2011 according to Stats Canada, with a continuing trend upwards. Having a full-time

dedicated portal to serve the Dairy Industry in Canada will aid the industry in leveraging key technology.

Jim Eadie from Dairyproducer.ca talked about the excitement of the launch, "Dairyproducer.ca will aid dairy producers and industry professionals with the ability to access key information and decision-making tools. The website will consistently be updated with timely postings and live market prices. We look forward to continuing to build and add additional tools and content resources into the future for Dairyproducer.ca."

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Growing Canada's emerging sweet potato industry

by Lilian Schaer
AgInnovation Ontario

VINELAND – CANADA'S FIRST SWEET POTATO VARIETY IS EXPECTED FOR RELEASE NEXT YEAR. AND NOW WORK IS UNDERWAY TO ENSURE CANADIAN FARMERS CAN ALSO ACCESS SWEET POTATO CUTTINGS – CALLED SLIPS – RIGHT HERE AT HOME.

To help meet booming Canadian demand for sweet potatoes, Vineland Research and Innovation Centre (Vineland) is developing new varieties that grow well in Canada's cooler climate and shorter growing season.

About 1,700 acres of the healthy tuber are currently grown in Canada – mostly in southern Ontario's Norfolk County – but they're all longer season varieties from the southern United States.

That's also where Canada's growers are getting their sweet potato slips every spring to plant their crops, but they can be in short supply and quality could be compromised.

"Canadian sweet potato growers use U.S. propagators and breeding programs because we don't have the infrastructure and varieties

here," said research scientist Viliam Zvalo of Vineland. "Also, slip propagation has to be started in March when the ground could still be frozen in Canada. Our challenge is to figure out how we can produce them here so we can supply Canadian growers with quality slips at a reasonable price."

The current cost per slip may range from five to 15 cents per piece, depending on variety, market supply and volume purchased. Any Canadian slip production will have to be competitive in order to be successful.

In the U.S., growers bud smaller spuds in fields and hoop houses and then grow the slips, but in Canada, the cooler temperatures mean that type of work should be done in a heated greenhouse, increasing costs.

Last year, Zvalo and his team began testing slip propagation in the greenhouse at Vineland, with work on a covered, heated mat system starting this spring.

Researchers are also growing slips from vegetative sweet potato cuttings – the cuttings are rooted, then pruned several times to create a "mother plant" that develops shoots that then

grow into slips.

The third approach is experimenting with a multi-layer rack system with LED lights using either small potatoes or cuttings.

"I don't think there will be just one system for Canada, but more likely a hybrid depending on greenhouse space, production volume and market for slips – it will vary from place to place," said Zvalo.

And the slip propagation opportunity is a big one. Canada's growers supply less than one quarter of national sweet potato consumption, with 51.8 million kilograms of sweet potatoes valued at \$52.7-million imported into Canada in 2015.

According to Zvalo, that means 8,000 new acres of production to replace imports and at 12,000 to 15,000 slips per acre, the industry will need 125 million slips every year – an approximately \$12.5-million possible opportunity for propagators at average price of 10 cents per slip.

"We hope a big chunk of the 8,000 new acres across Canada will be grown using Canadian slips and Canadian varieties," he said. "If we can bring a shorter season variety to

market in time for Thanksgiving, when sweet potato demand is especially high, that would be a huge success for the Canadian sweet potato industry."

Vineland's slip propaga-

tion work is funded through the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs-University of Guelph Partnership.

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Wynne and Leal support Ontario's dairy farmers and processors

TORONTO – PREMIER KATHLEEN WYNNE AND JEFF LEAL, MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS AND MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR SMALL BUSINESS, RELEASED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT, APRIL 22, IN SUPPORT OF ONTARIO DAIRY FARMERS AND PROCESSORS.

“The supply-management system allows hardworking Ontario farmers and processors to consistently meet the demand for safe, high-quality products for Ontario and Canadian consumers. Our government continues to strongly support the integrity

of Canada's supply-management system, both nationally and in Ontario, which has served producers, processors and consumers well for almost half a century.

We commend Ambassador David MacNaughton and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau for their support of supply management and the mutual benefit of the existing dairy trade with our U.S. partners.

Ontario is the biggest customer of 20 states, and the second-largest of eight more. New York and Wisconsin have Ontario as their biggest customer, with Ontario-New York trade totalling \$24.8-billion and Ontario-Wisconsin trade totalling \$8.2-billion in 2015. Both states enjoy a trade surplus with Ontario, which supports hundreds of thousands of good jobs on both sides of the border. The agri-food sector is a funda-

mental driver of the shared economic prosperity of Ontarians, New Yorkers and Wisconsinites, with more than \$28.8-billion exchanged in Ontario-U.S. agri-food trade in 2016 alone.

Today, Ontario wrote a letter to Governors Cuomo and Walker underscoring the value of this economic partnership and the good jobs it creates on both sides of the border.

Our partnership with the United States is based on mutual respect and economic benefit. We will continue to closely monitor trade relations between Ontario and the United States and will stand up for the interests of Ontario farmers and processors every time.”

Government eases Red Tape on food processing sector

OFA commentary

Peggy Brekveld
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Ontario Federation of Agriculture

GUELPH – WHEN THE ONTARIO GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED ITS RED TAPE CHALLENGE IN 2016, ONTARIO FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE (OFA) ENCOURAGED ALL FARM BUSINESSES TO SUBMIT THEIR COMMENTS AS PART OF THE OPEN AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF REGULATIONS THAT IMPACT THE ENTIRE FOOD VALUE CHAIN. DURING AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER OF 2016, INPUT WAS GATHERED ON REGULATIONS AFFECTING THE FOOD PROCESSING SECTOR, AND THE FINAL REPORT FOR THE SECTOR WAS OFFICIALLY RELEASED ON APRIL 5, 2017.

OFA is encouraged the Ontario government took a broader agri-food system perspective in their report instead of narrowing in on only food processor red tape concerns. This broader perspective allowed the report to highlight regulatory challenges of concern to farmers. The report cited safety, labelling and marketing regulations with regards to food and various labour regulatory requirements. Some environmental, land-use planning and transportation regulations and policies were also noted.

To be effective, government regulations should make sense, and the ration-

ale for them should be obvious. Consultation feedback from farmers and others asked many “why” questions. Why the redundant reporting? Why the inconsistency with other regulations? Why is the regulation not taking a risk-based approach? The government should fully consider these questions when developing their action plans.

The report identified 57 opportunities for government action to modernize regulations. OFA is committed to ensuring government follows through on these opportunities. We believe the overall success of the government's Red Tape Challenge will be determined by outcomes. Meaningful regulatory and procedural changes must be made to address the concerns and issues submitted through the consultation process. Quite frankly, government plans to increase awareness and information sources about government-imposed requirements will not be enough to seize the opportunities identified in the report.

OFA will continue to provide input to government action plans as a participant on the Open for Business Agriculture and Agri-Food Sector Consultation Forum. We will be watching for regulatory changes that will create an environment that attracts investment, innovation and jobs, with regulations that help and do not hinder opportunities for farm businesses.

Ontario improving systems across the province

PICTON – ONTARIO IS HELPING CONNECT COMMUNITIES, CREATE JOBS AND BOOST ECONOMIC GROWTH BY INCREASING SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITIES TO IMPROVE ROADS, BRIDGES, WATER SYSTEMS AND OTHER LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE.

Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Jeff Leal made the announcement in an early April release in the Town of Picton. The province is investing in critical upgrades to the Picton Water Treatment Plant, including the rehabilitation of filters and improvements to the chlorine system that will improve water quality and safety, while protecting the environment.

“Our government is committed to improving roads, bridges and water infrastructure in rural Ontario. This important investment in the Picton Water Treatment Plant will not only help improve water quality and safety for the community, but will boost economic growth and create jobs in Eastern Ontario,” said Minister of Agriculture,

Food and Rural Affairs Jeff Leal, in the release.

Picton is just one of 55 communities that will receive support from the province through the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) to build and upgrade local infrastructure.

Ontario is making the largest infrastructure investment in hospitals, schools, public transit, roads and bridges in the province's history. Investing in municipal infrastructure is part of the government's plan to create jobs, grow the economy and help people in their everyday lives.

Ontario is investing up to \$60-million through the OCIF for these 55 communities. Prince Edward County will receive up to \$737,948 to support improvements to the Picton Water Treatment Plant.

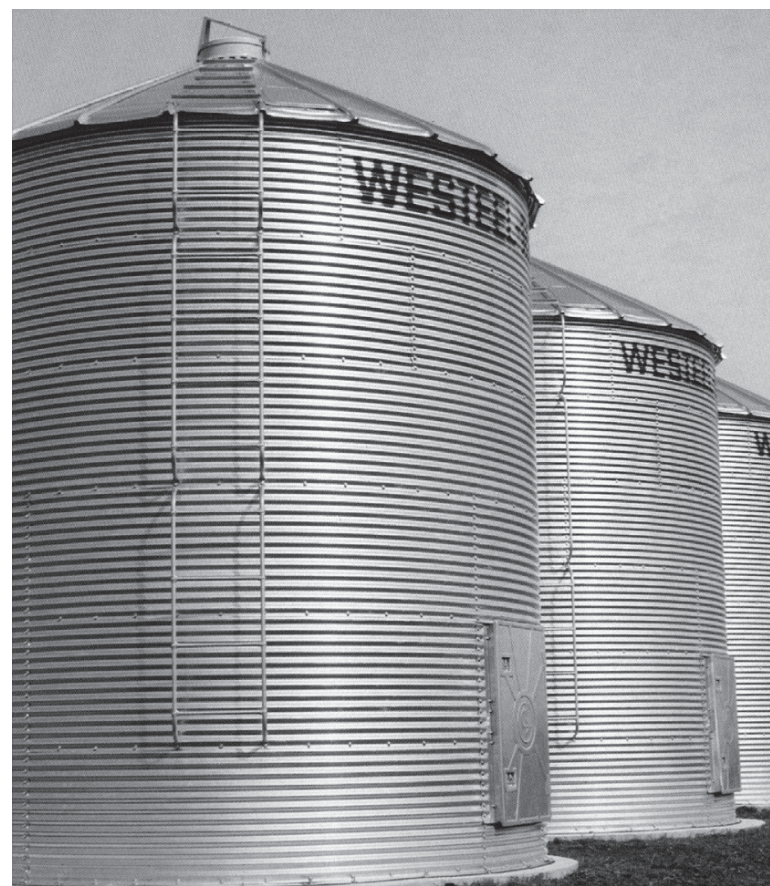
Ontario is tripling its investments through OCIF from \$100-million in 2016 to \$300-million per year in 2019. This commitment includes increasing the formula-based funding to \$200-million and increasing the application-based component to \$100-million by 2019.

OCIF supports projects in municipalities with a population of less than 100,000 as of the 2011 census, as well as municipalities that are located in northern or rural Ontario.

“The upgrades to roads, bridges, water and wastewater infrastructure made possible by the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund continue to lead to positive changes in our communities. We are proud to enable innovative projects that help spur local economic activity, create job opportunities for Ontarians and raise quality of life across the province,” Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Infrastructure, added.

To learn more about what's happening in your community, go to www.ontario.ca/BuildON or visit www.ontario.ca/data/ontario-community-infrastructure-fund-recipient, or www.ontario.ca/municipalinfrastructure; or www.ontario.ca/agriculture-news.”

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Olds College receives largest personal donation to an Alberta college

by Candice Vetter
AgriNews Staff Writer

OLDS, ALTA. – NEAR THE END OF MARCH ACCLAIMED CANADIAN ENTREPRENEUR, OILFIELD INDUSTRY LEADER AND PHILANTHROPIST, DAVID P. WERKLUND AND HIS PARTNER, SUSAN NORMAN, DONATED \$16-MILLION TO OLDS COLLEGE, IN OLDS, ALBERTA. THE AMOUNT IS THE LARGEST PERSONAL DONATION GIVEN TO A COLLEGE OR TECHNICAL INSTITUTION IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA.

An initial donation of \$2-million, with a matching component, wherein Werklund will provide \$1 per every \$3 raised, up to \$4-million, as well as a \$10-million estate gift, raise the potential final value to \$32-million. This provides

incentive for additional donations from others. A media release from the college said the purpose of the gift is to create the Werklund Agriculture Institute, which will specialize in Smart Agriculture. “With a vision to be the world’s premier destination for an integrated agricultural leadership learning experience, the WAI will engage students, researchers and industry in smart and sustainable agriculture and agri-business solutions, leadership and education to contribute to Western Canada’s leadership position as an agriculture and food powerhouse,” the release said. Olds College president Dr. H.J (Tom) Thompson added, “Mr. Werklund and Ms. Norman’s generous donation will accelerate engage-

ment, innovation and technology adoption within the agriculture and food industry, and open up new agriculture enterprise in Alberta and around the world.” The gift has already spurred additional donor momentum. Already two additional donations were announced at the Olds College Gala on March 24. The Students’ Association of Olds College and the Olds College Alumni Association have each com-

mitted \$1.25-million to the Beyond campaign, kicking off the matching component of the Werklund donation. The new Werklund Agriculture Institute will feature four key components. The Werklund Growth Centre will provide a hub for companies, entrepreneurs, investors and students to access Olds College land and facilities for development, and scale up and demonstration of Smart Agriculture technolo-

gies, products and services. Smart Agriculture is described as the optimization of technology and science for the efficient and sustainable use of land and water for economic and environmental benefit. It supports integrated, learning in precision, data-driven agriculture and food production systems, by utilizing big data, technology and enhanced internet connectivity to increase the quality and quantity of agricultural

production. Thought Leader in Smart Agriculture and Sustainability will be a unique, fully endowed industry leader to serve as a connector and advisor on smart agriculture technology, innovation and business for accelerating company growth and access to capital. A Producer Mentor Program will be a year-long partnership with Producers and Agriculture industry leaders, exposing students

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Van Dusen leaves OVFS after 17 years as manager

OTTAWA – IN A MID-APRIL NEWS RELEASE, TOM VAN DUSEN, LONGEST-SERVING MANAGER OF THE OTTAWA VALLEY FARM SHOW, ANNOUNCED HIS RESIGNATION EFFECTIVE APRIL 10, ALMOST A MONTH FOLLOWING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW MARCH 14-16.

At a meeting of the Ottawa Valley Seed Growers Association April 11 where Van Dusen’s resignation was discussed, four long-time directors also resigned: John and Mary Joynt of Smiths Falls, Lynda McCuaig of Manotick Station and Jim Arbuckle of Vernon. The OVSGA operates the farm show.

“For most of the time I served in the position, I was pleased and proud to be known as the farm show manager,” Van Dusen stated. “I felt I was part of something reflective of a vibrant Eastern Ontario agricultural industry.”

Van Dusen became manager of the show after answering a job posting. He was interviewed along with other applicants and eventually given the position: “I had been a reporter for daily newspapers and had worked on Parliament Hill. But my roots were rural and I had developed an appreciation for agriculture.”

At the time, he explained, the Seed Growers had established a trend of hiring news media people as manager, a nod to their promotional skills: “I had become an agricultural writer and managing the show on a part-time basis fit right in. I followed Hal Botham of CJET in Smiths Falls, and television personality Cindy Day who did the job for a year.”

“With the support of the board at the time and former Secretary-Treasurer Mary Joynt, I ran the show very successfully for 15 years, including relocation to a new site. It was a money-maker, it was recognized as one of the best in North America by the Farm Show Council, and it was seen as a friendly, down-home event. Faced with increasing undermining and obstacles, I’ve continued to get the job done. But the spirit has gone out of it, at least for me.”

“Even though it’s structured as not-for-profit, new personnel see the show as “big business” and want to operate it as such; they’ve imposed bureaucratic procedures typical of a government department; they push out anyone seen as getting in their way; and they don’t understand the essential nature of the show.”

Van Dusen thanked long-time board members, exhibitors, and the rural news media for their support over the years: “It’s been like one big happy family working for the advancement of agriculture.”



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Local leaders want protection for transportation routes

Tom Van Dusen
AgriNews Staff Writer

PRESCOTT – GREENVILLE COUNTY POLITICAL LEADERS ARE AGITATING ABOUT DEPLETED RESOURCES AT THE CANADIAN COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS IN PRESCOTT, CLAIMING THE SERVICE CAN NO LONGER PROTECT THE ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY AGAINST EMERGENCIES.

Speaking recently, Senator Bob Runciman – an area resident – noted the workforce at the Seaway CCG base has been reduced by two-thirds, from about 120 to 40, rendering it unable to deal with a significant spill or accident in the shipping channel used –

among general merchandise – to transport grain and other agricultural products.

Statistics indicate that, over the past nine years, there have been 40 shipping incidents between Montreal and Lake Ontario, including spills, groundings and mechanical failure. All of them tend to tie up traffic and pose a threat to shoreline communities.

“These people were trained to save lives, to deal with hazardous materials, to deploy a boom, to use emergency radios,” Runciman stated of the decimated CCG workforce. “Those positions are now long gone.”

There’s steady ship traffic past Prescott every day, with an average of 45 comings

and goings weekly at this time of year, including tugs towing barges and ocean-going freighters. A few kilometres east of Prescott is the Port of Johnstown where ships call regularly to pick up grain and offload a variety of cargo including road salt.

Runciman was backed by Prescott Mayor Brett Todd who lately has been lobbying with other regional politicians for changes in the transportation of hazardous goods in inclement conditions on Ontario highways, notably the 401 which passes through the community.

Todd’s concern was heightened by a fatal accident along the 401 in March that involved the spill of fluorosilicic acid. He wants

Minister of Transportation Stephen Del Duca to attend a meeting in Prescott to discuss transportation concerns.

One proposal is for implementation of lower speeds on the highway during inclement weather; another calls for further restrictions on hazardous loads. The Ontario Trucking Association has rejected the notion of any new limitations.

Turning his attention to nautical transportation, Todd called it a “travesty” what the federal government has allowed to happen to the Prescott base, one of the town’s more prominent facilities fronting as it does on King Street, the main business thoroughfare.

“It’s just a shell of what it used to be, with all of the base shops closed, jobs eliminated, and rescue operations cut back so dramatically that we no longer even have helicopters here to cover this big



Coast Guard at Prescott

stretch of the St. Lawrence.”

“I go by there on a daily basis and never stop thinking about what a tragedy it is to see the base in its current condition. Now the building which is still in excellent shape is mostly empty and I feel a sense of betrayal by the federal government.”

Like Todd, Runciman touched on the “dramatic” economic impact of the loss of well-paying Coast Guard

jobs. Todd said he’s been trying for two years to get more employment back to the base.

While crude oil doesn’t travel the Seaway, other petroleum products do, not to mention hundreds of thousands of litres of diesel which propel the freighters.

“The environmental and economic implications of a major spill in the region can’t be overstated,” Runciman concluded.



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The newly reduced delivery cost will be in line with the average Ontario residential cost, thanks to the hard work of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA). The reduction will apply to medium and low density residential, farm, and small rural businesses – referred to as R1, R2, and

GS customers.

Electricity is an important issue at OFA, with energy being one of the largest input costs on Ontario farms. OFA has pressed for lower distribution costs for several years, reminding the government that farmers and rural residents have been unfairly paying higher distribution costs than urban Ontarians. It creates energy poverty across our rural communities and disadvantages our farming businesses in a highly competitive domestic and global market. The recent electricity announcement illustrates Premier Wynne's attempt to play fair, by evening out the distribution costs of an essential service for all to share equally.

According to the announcement, when combined with the 8% HST rebate, rural customers will all see the electricity cost reduced by 29%, and farmers could see delivery charges cut in half, depending on use and service type. This is good news for Ontario farmers and rural resi-

dents. The electricity bill relief will keep electricity rates at or below the rate of inflation over the next four years. By then, the Premier will have refinanced global adjustment costs over the longer life of generator assets and future contracts will be written at market price to keep electricity costs from ballooning again.

The cost of electricity has dampened our provin-

cial agriculture and agri-food sector's growth. Energy is one of the largest inputs on farms – with few fuel options – and it represents a significant cost to rural residents and local business owners. The Ontario government's announcement to reduce electricity costs and provide short-term relief is promising. OFA is pleased the distribution costs have been evened

out, directly reducing the delivery charges for our members and our neighbours.

We will continue to work with government to secure a sound and sustainable energy system for the future. OFA is working to deliver a distributed energy system that uses natural gas and enables our potential to develop the bio-gas industry. Our long-term energy policy

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Werklund grew up on a farm in rural Alberta, which he says instilled a deep respect for protecting and nurturing the land which sustains life through food production and job creation, and he credits his success in business, strong work ethic and core values with his farm upbringing. It is where his business philosophy was established and it is fundamental to the operations of the Werklund Family Office.

"Susan and I are thrilled to lead the way in support of this made-in-Alberta solution for specialized education, research and partnerships in Smart Agriculture," Werklund said. "Our vision is that students will experience a world class education centred around best practices in smart and sustainable agriculture – practices that are environmentally responsible, fully leverage current technologies and ignite their passion for agriculture."

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“I’m really pleased with the success of the Seed for a Season contest. It was a great opportunity to give back to some lucky customers in a way that directly helps their farm operation,” said Collin Phillip, Business Director - Eastern Canada at DuPont Pioneer. “With 20 winners in Ontario and Quebec as well as three winners in the Maritimes, the Seed for a Season contest had a heartfelt impact with our customers in communities across Eastern Canada. Plans are well underway for something exciting in 2018 and I look forward to sharing

more details this fall.”

The third and fourth round of prize winners of the 2017 Seed for a Season contest are: Fred Waechter, L.E. Waechter Farms, Walkerton, Ont.; Harry Bradley, CJ Bradley & Sons Ltd., Cottam, Ont.; Troy Knapp, Athens, Ont.; Brad Bruce, Burnside Farms Ltd., Acton, Ont.; Diane Grégoire, Ferme C Grégoire & Fils Inc., Saint-Esprit, Qué.; and Jonathan Gauthier, Farnham, Qué.

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OFA commentary

Mark Reusser, Vice-President
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Ontario’s *Highway Traffic Act* regulates everything from vehicle licensing and classifications to load restrictions and transportation issues. A timely reminder of *Highway Traffic Act* regulations for farm equipment was presented in a recent webinar hosted by the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA). More than 125 members participated in the webinar that reviewed key terms, rules of the road, towing, licensing requirements,

restrictions and other important areas the *Highway Traffic Act* impacts farm equipment travelling roadways.

The webinar was a great refresher for Ontario farmers. There are a lot of regulations within the *Highway Traffic Act* that can affect the business of farming as we take to the roads with our tractors, equipment and trucks. It’s our responsibility to know the rules of the road that apply to farm equipment, self-propelled vehicles, load restrictions and towing requirements. The webinar provided a helpful reminder for Ontario farmers as they head out on the roads this spring and throughout the upcoming growing and harvesting season.

For more information on these key reminders and additional information on farm vehicle regulations within the *Highway Traffic Act*, see the Keeping your Wheels on the Road presentation on OFA’s homepage at ofa.on.ca. Additional factsheets on road safety are also available under the transportation issues section at ofa.on.ca.

OFA wishes all Ontario farmers a successful season and to travel safe this spring.



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Soil campaign – not what you might think

by Candice Vetter
AgriNews Staff Writer

BEAUSEJOUR, MB — THE SOIL CONSERVATION COUNCIL OF CANADA (SCCC) IS ENCOURAGING THE CANADIAN PUBLIC TO PARTICIPATE IN THE “SOIL YOUR UNDIES” CAMPAIGN.

The release says, “The SCCC wants everyone who cares about soil health to bury a pair of cotton undergarments to witness firsthand the amazing activity that happens right under our feet. In Ontario, the Soil Your Undies project was initiated by the Innovative Farmers Association of Ontario. Now SCCC, in partnership with Stanfield’s, is giving this project a national perspective.”

The release quotes SCCC chair and Ontario farmer, Alan Kruszel. “What better way to understand the inner workings of our soil than with your own easy-to-do soil science experiment. Healthy soil is full of amazing, living organisms. It is what sustains us and is the foundation of a thriving civilization. In order to show just how important healthy soils are to Canadians, the Council wants to pique the public’s interest with our Soil Your Undies initiative. We hope those who take part will share their experi-

ences and their love for soil with us and their social networks.”

To get started, all you need is a pair of new, 100 per cent white cotton briefs, a shovel, and a flag to mark the site. A helpful step-by-step guide on how to properly Soil Your Undies is available at www.soilcc.ca. After a couple of months buried, there shouldn’t be much left if there is good biological activity in your soil.

SCCC has buried some undies at the Canada Agriculture and Food Museum in Ottawa, and will unearth them at a later date to reveal the degree of biological activity in the soil. Participants can also take video or photos and post them on Twitter @SoilCouncil and use the hashtags #SoilYourUndies or #CdnSoilWeek17. The SCCC will present some of the highlights from Soil Your Undies at the next Summit on Canadian Soil Health in Guelph on Aug. 22 and 23.

The press release also included a link to the first-ever 4-H Canada Science Fair’s winning entry, by Grade 7 student Michael Jones, who used this method for his experiment. He buried two pairs of cotton briefs in separate holes 10ft apart and 28cm deep in each of five fields, and

buried an extra pair in one field. After one month the single pair is dug up and if 60 per cent decomposed the rest can be dug up then too. If not, they should stay in the ground another month.

After digging up the underwear, he rinsed each pair so no dirt clung to the underwear and lay them out to dry. By weighing the dry underwear he calculated percentages of what was left.

He performed this on five different types of fields, and first calculated soil types, ranging from sandy loam, to loam, to silty loam, by using a jar test and a separation test (which he developed), to determine the amount of biotic matter in the soil. He was surprised to learn that the field with the most underwear decomposition was also the field with reduced biotic matter, and concluded that the microbiology in the field was so active that soil organisms had decomposed roots, etc., faster. This field was also the least disturbed. He then asked, “Why do all the bacteria and fungi matter so much?” He discussed a farmer’s fencerow farming style, which produced a corn yield of 301 bushels per acre. He concluded that more quantities of bacteria working together make more nutrients available to crops.

Upcoming Women in Agriculture Conference

NIAGARA FALLS – WHERE DO OVER 1,000 WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE GO EVERY YEAR? THEY ATTEND THE LARGEST, PREMIER CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE IN CANADA, THE ADVANCING WOMEN CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE (AWC). SINCE THE INITIAL LAUNCH IN 2014 AND THROUGH SIX CONFERENCES HELD TO DATE, OVER 3,000 WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE AND FOOD, REPRESENTING OVER 300 ORGANIZATIONS, HAVE PARTICIPATED IN AWC.

In 2014, a group of women leaders in agriculture in Canada were brought together to discuss some of the opportunities and challenges that women face in this industry and the skills and tools needed to hone their leadership skills. It became very apparent through this group of women leaders that there was a strong need for women in every sector of agriculture and food, to hear and learn from the experiences of successful women.

With this as the guiding principle, the first

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FARM AUCTION



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Real Estate (1 p.m.): 99 acre farm, of mostly clear land with some systematic tile drainage. Modern style bungalow with some out buildings. Legal description: 531 Sandhills Road, Woodville, ON KOM 2T0 PT Lot 9 Con 8 Ward 4 former Twp. Of Eldon, City of Kawartha Lakes. Roll #165116002009800.0000. **Real Estate Terms & Conditions:** \$20,000 down day of sale, cash or certified cheque payable to Belinda Smith (non-refundable), remainder in 60 days, or on closing. Purchaser is guaranteed a clear title to the property. Real Estate sale subject to owner's approval. For viewing or further details and terms contact: Kevin Barker. **Sale includes** a NH TT75A 4x4 diesel tractor with a LU126 round mover front end loader plus sun shelter, only 500 hrs., 3 sets of rear remotes, 16.9 R30 rear tires, attachments selling separate include a Versatech grapple, 5' manure fork & a 6' material bucket, NH TN75D 4x4 cab diesel tractor with Q720 front end loader, 2 sets of rear remotes, 3731 hrs., 16.9 R30 rear tires, Aloe attachments selling separate include a 6' material bucket, 2 prong bale spear, bale clam, hydraulic driven round bale unroller & 6' manure forks, Case/Int 585 o/s 2x4 diesel tractor with 2250 front end loader, 2513 hrs., 6' material bucket, stocker forks selling separate, Ford 8-N gas tractor (running, as is), Kvermeland Taarup 7335 round bale wrapper, NH 634 round baler, Case Int 8330 mower conditioner (9' cut) Martin 24' round bale wagon, 2 - 16' flat hay wagons, Int 425 square baler, Agratec & Allied bale stokers, 2 wheel 3 pth hay rake, MF 7' sickle mower, RP1 Rampak bale tuber, 40' hay elevator on wheels, Allied hay elevator sections, Martin 20' self locking feeder wagon, 6 round bale feeders, Martin calf creep feeder, Unverferth 275 bu gravity box w/running gear on floatation tires, NH 520 manure spreader with 2 beaters, Bear Cat zero grazer harvester, MF 300 gas combine w/10' grain head, MH 35 pull type combine with 6' grain head, Kvermeland 3/12 plow, Dearborn 2 furrow plow, Kongskilde 3 pth 10' cultivator, 18' cultivator, MF 15 run multi-flow seed drill with 3 boxes, 3 drum land roller, #56 Int 4 row corn planter (as is), 6' Dearborn 3 pth disc, Martin cattle chute, large assortment of steel gates incl. diamond style various lengths, small stock penning, furrowing crates, 10' feeder panel trough, 5' x 10' hydraulic dump trailer, Meteor & Lucknow 6' snow blowers, Bush Hog 12' post hole auger, Walco 5' rotary mower, 3 pth 7' scraper blades, 3 pth bale spear, bucket bale spear, Forano 3 pth rear tyre bucket, upright steel feed bin (as is), small Turco field sprayer, pile of used steel sheeting, variety of lumber including 1" x 6', 2" x 4', 2" x 6', 2" x 8' & 2" x 10' various lengths, some plywood sheeting, 20' cedar poles, cedar posts, 500 cedar rails, 'T' posts, seasoned firewood, blocks & logs, 32' aluminum extension ladder, Craftsman radial arm saw, JD LA 130 riding mower, other riding mowers (as is), JD yard cart, 4' lawn sweeper, Troy-Bilt rear tyre tiller, ATV sprayer, small snowmobile trailer, car trailer, small canopy shelter, small Miller arc welder, 1hp air compressor, small dolly cart, single vacuum milking unit, assorted hay seed, some tools & scrap metal. Other items of interest include a 1998 Norstar 18' Jet Boat with Yacht Club trailer w/175hp Mercury outboard motor, 45 hp. Prowler trolling outboard motor, Fisherman 6hp outboard motor. Guns include a Winchester Cooney B.22 rifle w/long range Banner scope, Mossberg 12 gauge pump shotgun, Stevens Savage 20 gauge bolt action shot, Springfield 16 gauge double barrel shotgun, various boxes of shells, Homak gun cabinet, large red oak gun cabinet, heritage style wooden wheel box wagon, old large steel wheels, antique turnip pulper, some household items, plus much more!

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REAL ESTATE AUCTION

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SATURDAY, MAY 20TH - 10 A.M.

The property of
GEORGE & DON BIDWELL
2545 Line 1 North, Oro-Medonte, ON

From Hwy. 93 at Dalston go east to Line 1, then north 4 kms. Just 15 minutes north east of Barrie. See Signs!

1 p.m. Real Estate includes 3 separate parcels of land:

Parcel 1 Con 1 E PT Lot 33 is approximately 50 acres, consisting of 40 acres, clear land and 10 acres of common bush, Roll #4346-010-001-12900-0000.

Parcel 2 Con 2 PT Lot 34 is approximately 96 acres with 70 acres of clear land and 15 acres, hardwood bush, consisting of mostly sugar maples. Property also has a drilled well with lots of good water, 2 storey house, bank barn, plus 2 storage sheds, 2545 Line 1 N, Oro Medonte, ON LOL 2L0, Roll #4346-010-001-19200-0000.

Parcel 3 Con 2 Lot 33 consisting of approximately 74 acres, consisting of 69 acres, clear land and 5 acres of mostly hardwood maples, Roll #4546-010-001-19000-0000.

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Machinery: 3930 Ford 2 x 4, o/s diesel tractor with 394 Allied loader has set of rear remotes, 2654 hrs., attachments to be sold separately include a 6' material bucket plus a 5' flat tyre manure fork, 5610 Ford 2 x 4, o/s Series II diesel tractor with front weights, 2 sets of rear remotes, 3582 hrs., 1954 Ford gas tractor with Freeman 601 front end loader, John Deere 'M' gas tractor (restored), 302 MF 30E power shuttle diesel tractor/backhoe with 7' front material bucket, plus 18" & 24" backhoe buckets plus frost breaker hook (18327 hrs., excellent condition). Note: all tractors have rear tire chains, 362 NI 2 beater manure spreader, 504 Super I Vermeer round baler with new belts, 488 NH haybine, 477 NH 7' pull type sickle mower, 200 bu. Gravity wagon, Mayrath 50' pto driven box elevator on wheels, Turco Kvermeland AB 85 3 pth 3 furrow variable width plow, 14' spring tooth cultivator, 12' Triple K 3 pth cultivator, 10' Glencoe 3 pth cultivator, 8' cultivator, 10' Turco & Western sprocket land packers, 6' stone fork, Bogballe 3 pth cone fertilizer spreader, McCormick/Int 13 run seed drill with 3 boxes, 10' chain harrows, assortment of drag harrows, 20' round bale wagon, 16' flat hay wagon, round bale feeders, cattle chute & head gate, 5' Ford 951 rotary mower, 12' post hole auger, 5' scraper blade, chain fall with leg supports, Bear Cat hammer mill, fanning mill, oat roller, Ford pto pulley drive, 125 gal poly tank, truck ramps, various steel culverts up to 20' in length, Meteor 7' snow blower double auger 'as is', 7' material bucket. 1990 GMC 2500 gas 4x4, automatic 2 door pick up with 8' box, solid running as is, 2000 Diamond 22' gooseneck tandem deck over flat deck trailer with loading ramps sold as is, 1984 Chev Custom flat bed truck with stock racks and hoist, 3 pth pto driven buzz saw, belt driven buzz saw, 4 - wooden bale thrower wagons made by Charlie Batt approx. 20', round bale wagon approx. 24' homemade, 1 Deutz 3 pth rotary hay rake.

Feed: 50 4' round bales of hay no rain & 10 tons of oat & barley. **Collectibles:** antique cutter, collection of large cast iron maple syrup kettles, sap buckets & spiles, old steel wheeled side delivery rakes, dump rake, binders, potatoe digger 'as is', 1965 Ford Stake truck with hoist, 2 - 1960 era Ford dump trucks as is, snow mobiles include a 1974 Skandic & 1971 Elan Ski Doos, plus an early 70's Moto-Ski, assortment of old steel wheels, various timbers & lumber. **Firearms:** 303 made in England, Iver Johnson Champion 12 gauge shot gun, Cooney 340 Winchester 12 gauge shot gun, Iver Johnson 12 gauge, Champion 12 gauge, Fletcher Steel Riverside Arms 12 gauge, & a Hopkins Arms 12 gauge. **Household items:** include a china cabinets, cupboard, Fire King glass ware, old bed, high chair, chest trunk, wash stand, old chairs & rockers, jars, cream cans, upright scale, silverware sets, new pots & pans, plus much more!

Auctioneers note: All machinery has been shedded and is in good working order. This is the first sale in 75 years, there will be lots of interesting items!

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UPCOMING AUCTION SALE

SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH - 10 A.M.

Details to follow!

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Of equipment, tools plus some household items!

MONDAY MAY 22ND - 10 A.M. (VICTORIA DAY)

The property of
LARRY & BONNY REYNOLDS
6608 Hwy. 93, Waverley, ON

Sale includes a Caterpillar 416C Turbo 4x4 Extendahoe with 36" & 18" bucket plus front loader bucket, good tires, unit in excellent condition, 4893 hrs., S/N 5YN00595, Trackless Series V model MT5T, 110 hp diesel with cab, with sander box, plus 5' front mount, 3154 hrs., S/N 1933, units selling separate include a Hagedom 7 1/2' snow blower blade & 6' 3pth Farm King rotary mower, Brush Bandit 250XP 12" wood chipper with 90 hp Cummins diesel engine, Enercraft Baker portable sawmill with hydraulic control, 16' bed, 18" capacity, 17 hp Hatz diesel motor, has power travel. Kubota TG1860G gas riding lawn mower (753 hrs.), Miller Dialarc 250 AC/DC welder with cables, Strongarm 5 ton floor jack, Honda 5 hp WH15X water pump & hoses, Stihl 170 chain saw with precision 12" wood carving bar & chain, Power Fist 20 gallon upright portable air compressor, Rigid 1 hp double tank air compressor, 3 hp Craftex 15" industrial planer (2 speed, triple drive belt), 1 hp Craftex 14" band saw, Craftex 1/2 hp dust collector unit, Craftex router table with Power Fist router, 1 1/2 hp Craftex CT026 floor model drill press with 20" swing, Craftex 8" floor model grinder, King KC6JC 6" wood jointer, 1/2 hp Gorilla LCN-14 bench style drill press, Rigid TS3650 10" table saw, 12" Rigid compound saw with stand & rollers, 6 1/4 hp Rigid 16 gallon shop vac, 3/4" drive Proto socket set, 12 to 20 ton hydraulic bottle jacks, collection of quality power, cordless & hand tools, 36' aluminum extension ladder, 12' combination aluminum ladder, Bakers scaffold & platform, Briggs & Stratton 3 hp gas engine, 14 hp OHV gas engine (new), Makita magnesium h.d. electric worm drive power saw, dry wall lift unit, large quality drill bits, assorted household furnishings including a 4' x 8' slate bottom pool table, 2 sets of balls, cues, & rack!

Household items include: 2 burgundy leather sofas, oak & glass top sofa back table, oak & glass top cocktail table, 2 oak & glass top end tables, 4 table lamps, 2 floor lamps, oak bedroom suite consisting of: queen size bed, head board, foot board, mattress set, dresser with triple mirror, 2 bedside tables, 2 door with drawers serpentine top armoire, counter height dining table with extension leaf & 4 chairs, black entry table with drawer & shelf, casual table with metal legs, black metal console table with glass top, 2 chests of drawers, side table with drawer, large oak roll top desk (designed for computer/monitor), 2 elephant palm design bedside table lamps, 4 zero gravity lounge chairs, assortment of bowls & bakeware, books, craft & sewing items, newer Christmas decorations, assorted picture frames, framed paper tole nature pictures, a small cart popcorn machine, plus much more!

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MacAulay announces funding

EDMONTON — ON APRIL 21, AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA IN EDMONTON, AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD CANADA ANNOUNCED THAT MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD LAWRENCE MACAULAY, ALONGSIDE THE MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITIES AND EDMONTON MP MILL WOODS, THE HONORABLE AMARJEET SOHI, AND EDMONTON CENTRE MP RANDY BOISSONNAULT, ANNOUNCED 20 NEW

RESEARCH PROJECTS ACROSS CANADA TO HELP THE FARMING SECTOR DEVELOP AND USE CLEAN AND SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGIES AND PRACTICES.

The new research projects are supported by the \$27-million, five-year (2016-2021) Agricultural Greenhouse Gases Program (AGGP) intended to help create technologies, practices and processes to help the agricultural sector adjust to climate change and improve soil and water conservation by developing

new farming practices and methods.

The university received \$3.7-million for three projects which will explore the environmental footprint of different cereal crops, cattle grazing systems, and shelterbelts. The other funds will be spread across Canada's agricultural landscape.

"Canadian farmers are great stewards of the land and the environment," said MacAulay. "These new investments are part of the government's commitment to address climate change and ensuring our farming sector are world leaders in the use and development of

clean and sustainable technology and processes."

The AGGP covers four priority areas of research: livestock systems, cropping systems, agricultural water use efficiency and agroforestry. The AGGP investment will continue to support the work of the Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases, which brings together 47 countries to find ways to grow more food without growing greenhouse gas emissions.

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Women Conference

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AWC in Calgary was held in April 2014, which attracted some 400 women from six provinces and five states from the United States, and representing over 130 organizations.

The program emphasizes key leadership skills and developmental opportunities that include communications and focuses on mentorship, coaching, and networking; financial management and financial independence, health and balance of life strategies, career planning and setting goals in all areas. Speakers were chosen on the basis of their expertise and experience and were selected not only from the agricultural industry but from outside the industry.

From this first conference, they captured the minds of women who wanted to succeed and reach their full potential. The demand was strong to continue. So they did.

AWC provides a tremendous opportunity for women to learn leadership skills and network in a community of women passionate about agriculture and food, as announced in the April news release. The organizers are anticipating that their upcoming AWC EAST will be a tremendous success and will be highly attended. AWC EAST 2017 will be held at the Hilton Fallsview in Niagara Falls on Oct. 30-31.

Included in the speaker line-up this year

are Jolene Brown – farmer, author and ag champion, of West Branch, Iowa; Debbie Travis – Chief Crative Officer, Debbie Travis Branding, of Montreal, Que.; and Faith Matchett – VP Operations, Atlantic and Eastern Ontario, Farm Credit Canada, of Moncton, NB.

In addition, AWC takes to the vineyards on Sun., Oct. 29, where attendees can discover some of the most incredible wines, stroll through grape vineyards and shop at the Winery Boutiques. The tour will visit Inniskillin Great Estates Winery, Konzelmann Estates Winery and Caroline Cellars Winery, which includes lunch and a chef-inspired dinner...and of course wine tasting of award-winning whites, reds and sweet wines!

How can you participate? Visit the website at www.advancingwomenconference.ca to read about their most recent conference held in Calgary in March 2017, and the details to date of the upcoming AWC EAST 2017.

AWC is again recognized in Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario as a training/educational program and women producers/food processors can get all or a great percentage of their registration costs and expenses covered to attend AWC EAST.

Visit the website for more details on AWC EAST, or to register early: www.advancingwomenconference.ca or call 403-686-8407.

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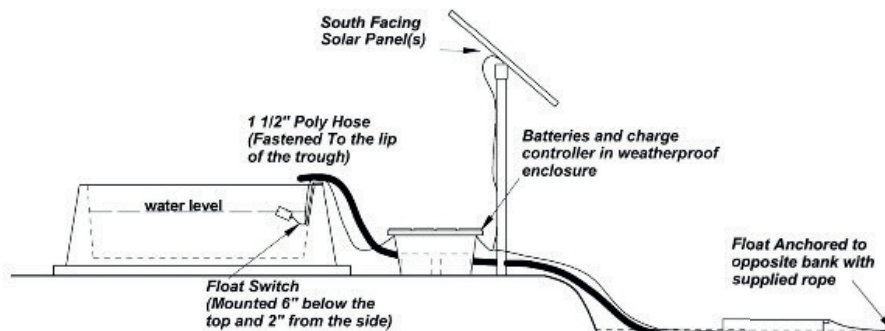
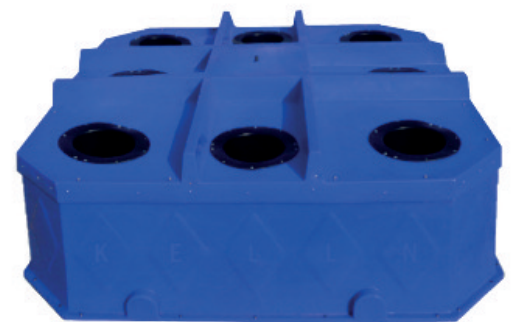
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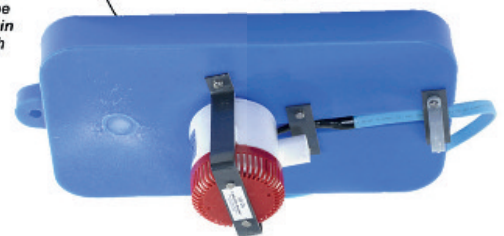
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President sees volunteers, profile among OAAS challenges

by Tom Van Dusen
AgriNews Staff Writer

RUSSELL – THERE ARE PLENTY OF ISSUES FACING ONTARIO’S RURAL FAIRS THESE DAYS – A SHORT-AGE OF VOLUNTEERS BEING PERHAPS THE MOST PROMINENT – AND NOW RUSSELL’S JUDY McFAUL GETS TO TACKLE THEM AS HEAD OF THE ASSOCIATION THAT PROVIDES GUIDANCE TO THE FAIR NETWORK.

At the 2017 annual meeting of the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies, McFaul moved up as president for a one-year term, the first time in recent memory that the post has been filled by someone from District 1 in the east end of the province.

“The 16 fairs in this district might get a little more attention and get to see the provincial president more often,” McFaul observed, underlining the geographical fact that whoever holds down the top job will tend to spend more time closer to home.

McFaul, who spent about 15 years volunteering with the Russell Agricultural Society, was District 1 director and past 1st and 2nd association vice-president. New District 1 director is Russell’s Liz O’Gorman-Smit. The new OAAS 1st VP is Brian Slaughter of Forest Agricultural Society, 2nd VP is Doug Yeo of Bayfield Agricultural Society, while Elaine Rennie of Markham Fair is past president.

Among McFaul’s priorities are improving communications within the association, raising the profile of Ontario’s 220 member agricultural fairs, staying on top of new senior government policies impacting fairs such as possible changes to animal transport rules, and attracting more volunteers.

While police checks and other new requirements may be scaring off some potential volunteers, McFaul feels the biggest issue is that people are becoming more “selfish” with their time; the association has to help societies find ways to make volunteering more attractive.

During Canada’s 150th anniversary celebration year, McFaul said agricultural fairs are under-appreciated as the glue that holds the rural regions together. Many of the fairs are older than the country itself and their merit needs to be promoted.

She’s pleased to be taking over at a time when the OAAS has streamlined its internal structure, something she believes will enhance its ability to get the work done. Constitutional changes have “rightsized” the board from 30 to 15 provincial directors, with each district retaining its agricultural and home craft reps.

The reduction in directors – which the new president insists won’t impede regional representation – was proposed by a working governance committee supported by the Rural Ontario Institute. It was accepted at the OAAS annual meeting by more than 150 voting member societies.

McFaul’s agricultural roots go back to growing up on a Lachute dairy farm where her family – the Clelands – were also known for showing Clydesdales, often in a six-

horse hitch. The family was recognized at fairs in Lachute, Vankleek Hill and Carp for 50 years of participating in horse shows.

At the moment, she isn’t actively farming, although she retains a strong attachment to horses. One of her proudest accomplishments in Russell is helping to bring the Fall Cutting Horse Competition to the fair, a sanctioned event which pays the largest purse east of Calgary.

Another major accomplishment is co-founding the annual Ladies Night under the auspices of the agricultural society which has raised \$380,000 for various mainly healthcare charities over 13 years. Themed “Hats, Horses and Wishes”, the 14th Ladies Night is set for May 5 in support of Autism Canada with 500 ladies expected at the Russell Arena.



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