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An ode to the Ice Storm - 20 years later
It has been 20 years since the great Ice Storm hit Eastern Ontario. The damage to the landscape, as shown in the pictures above from Glengarry County, was devastating. Now in early 2018, Ontario as well as Quebec and the Maritimes have once again seen the beginning of extreme colds and can only hope there is not a sequel to the 1998 disaster.

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Crop Report

Michelle O'Donohue
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CHESTERVILLE – WITH SNOW AND COLD TEMPERATURES NOW THE REALITY FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, HARVEST HAS LARGELY QUIETED. OMAFRA CROPPING SYSTEMS SPECIALIST SCOTT BANKS SPOKE WITH AGRINews TO DISCUSS WHAT CROPS REMAIN STANDING YET, AND THE OVERALL OUTLOOK ON THE QUALITY OF THE LATE CORN STILL BEING HARVESTED.

Banks advised that on the whole, harvest is largely completed, remarking that there is the “odd field of soybeans that may not have been harvested to date, but the majority of the soybeans are off now.” He estimates that there remains “20 to 25 per cent of corn yet to come off across the greater Eastern Ontario area,” going on to note “most of that [corn] was planted late.” He added that the weather over the last month has made it difficult for farmers to combine those last remaining acres, as the snow has slowed harvest. Additionally, the corn coming off now [in December] has been high in moisture, “probably 25-30 per cent was more common, that’s quite high for combining,” Banks said.

When asked about the yield and weight of the late corn, Banks remarked that both were lower than seen earlier in the year, but this is to be expected as much of what is coming off late was also planted later this spring, noting “generally, most of the earlier harvested stuff had pretty good yields, and relatively good moisture for combining, the stuff that’s left tends to be the lower yield, higher moisture corn.” He added that the test weights of the latest corn have been on the low end as well saying, “generally we’re starting to see some lower test weights with that later corn, the grade is grade three or lower on some of the corn coming off.”

Regarding the remaining corn, Banks noted two of the primary concerns for farmers facing winter harvesting are the high moisture levels, and battling with snow cover. Talking about moisture levels, he said, “even though it freezes up, and is a very slow dry down, they can get some days where the moisture actually does start to drop a bit.”

The balancing act with Mother Nature proves a

challenge at all times of year. Banks remarked that in the winter, snow can be one of the biggest challenges, “mainly the snow causes issues with plugging up the combine,” adding “some will be looking for an opportunity when the snow has melted down, but the ground is still frozen to get back into harvest.” Ultimately it will be the decision of each individual grower when they feel they are able to get back into the fields and finish harvest, or whether they will wait for spring.

Banks stated that with this year’s season largely

finished, attention now turns to planning for next year. He advised that the program for this February’s Eastern Ontario Crop Conference is now available online. For more information, or to register, visit: <http://eocc.eastontcropconference.ca/>

Finally, performance trials for both corn and soybeans are now available online at: Corn: http://www.gocorn.net/v2006/CornReports/2017cornreport/2017_Complete_OCC_report.pdf; Soybeans: http://www.gosoy.ca/OSVT_2017_Report.pdf.



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Ag Hall of Fame makes a big statement with three women inductees

by Kalynn Sawyer Helmer
AgriNews Staff Writer

CALGARY – THE CANADIAN AGRICULTURAL HALL OF FAME HELD THE SPECIAL AWARDS BANQUET IN CALGARY THIS YEAR ON NOV. 30. THE HISTORIC EVENING SAW THE INDUCTION OF THREE CANADIAN WOMEN: ROBYNNE ANDERSEN, JEAN SZKOTNICKI AND PATTY JONES. THIS MARKS THE FIRST TIME IN 50 YEARS THAT THE CAHF HAS INDUCTED A WOMAN, AND OF THE 210 INDUCTEES ONLY FIVE OF THOSE ARE WOMEN. **Robynne Andersen**

Robynne Andersen's involvement with agriculture began from day one. She grew up on a family farm but had not planned on staying in the field. She studied history and aspired to historical academia.

Early in her career, Andersen had the opportunity to work in the office of the Deputy Prime Minister, who became the agricultural minister. "I realized that what I understood about farming, which seemed like not enough... but in reality I

understood the crops, the production cycles and that maybe the people who were making agricultural policy did not. That to me was very pause worthy and was really the genesis of my first company," she said.

That first company was called Issues Ink, a consulting firm, and was owned by Andersen from 1990 to 2007. Three years later in 2010 Andersen founded her current company Emerging Ag, an agricultural consulting firm, and she also sits on Bioenterprise's Board of Directors. "Supporting innovation in agriculture has been a core part of my career. Being engaged in Bioenterprise has given me the chance to see the front-lines of how many creative ideas there are in the agricultural sector and to revel in the ability of young inventors and entrepreneurs who think of new ways to add value to Canadian agriculture," she explained.

Currently with Emerging Ag, Andersen does a lot of work on behalf of the agricultural sector. "We have the chance to do quite a lot of engagement around the ways



New inductees

New Canadian Agricultural Hall of Famers Robynne Andersen (left) and Jean Szkotnicki (right) were two of the three women inducted into the CAHF on Nov. 30 in Calgary. The women were pictured alongside their portraits which were to be displayed at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

Courtesy CAHF photo

in which the international community is talking about agriculture. Right now, the United Nations Environment Assembly is meeting in Nairobi and the report that the United Nations program put out on agriculture was pretty unkind. I would like to see us find ways to talk about agriculture in a more constructive manner, and also to question some of these so-called facts that have begun to be reported. I think we

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The Editorial Page

Editorial

Once a farmer...

Christmas congratulations go out to the Peter Ruitter family of rural Ottawa who've decided to give themselves a big bright gift: A \$1-million-plus rebuild of their dairy barn and replacement of their herd following a devastating fire last Sept. 8.

This despite the fact their dairy operations are on land leased from the National Capital Commission which isn't famous for its relations with Greenbelt tenants. However, a warmer, fuzzier NCC seems to be at work here, welcoming the Ruitters to put up a modern barn and making the process as easy as possible.

Peter Ruitter thought long and hard about what to do following the fire which killed his 80 prized cows. His heart won out. He missed his cattle. He decided to recreate the lifestyle of the family farm that he loves so much, something to leave to his three children. He's satisfied he has a realistic plan in front of him which will "make a dollar" and hopes to begin construction of an automated new barn sometime in 2018.

His decision was partly based on the encouragement of friends and family which supported the Ruitters to an extent rarely seen in what is always a generous agricultural community. Held Oct. 14, the Blackrapids Farmfest fundraiser was a resounding success, drawing hundreds of supporters and earning thousands of dollars for the family.

It demonstrated that Ruitter, Ontario's self-proclaimed Biggest Farmer, has a lot of friends both inside and outside of agriculture. While the Ruitter barn was partially insured, the family faced related expenses and the goal of Farmfest was to bring in as much money as possible to help recoup those extra losses.

Proceeds from the Oct. 14 event were added to more than \$55,000 raised through a GoFundMe account; the auction portion of Farmfest alone raised an estimated \$50,000. As for the final donation total, Ruitter prefers to keep it private.

It's certainly far from the full \$1-million needed but it'll sure help. It's satisfying to hear that Ruitter will remain in the business he promotes so enthusiastically as a keen ambassador for Ontario agriculture.

Horsing around

Just when you thought Beau's All Natural And Wildly Imaginative Brewing Company of Vankleek Hill couldn't get any more out there, it does.

This time it's with a new brew called Glacial Gruit, drawing on the 1993 discovery of a Yukon Horse's partial remains underground near Dawson City, now on display at the Yukon Beringia Interpretive Centre in Whitehorse. Remnants collected included the hide, tailbones, lower leg, some intestine, and teeth.

We've been reassured that none of those ingredients made it into the gruit mix. What did make it was yarrow, fireweed, rosehips and buckwheat, based on plants eaten by the 26,000-year-old Yukon Horse – closely related to today's wild and domestic horses – as analyzed by the Alliance of Natural History Museums of Canada. A portion of sales will benefit the work of the ANHMC.

During the earth's most recent glacial period 30,000-10,000 years ago, nearly all of Canada was covered by ice; however, most of the Yukon remained ice-free, allowing many now-extinct creatures such as the Yukon Horse to roam the cold, barren plains. The story lent itself to a regionally-based beer celebrating Canada's beginnings.

The Ice Age-inspired brew is the last in a series of 12 limited-edition selections that Beau's created this year along with partners across the land under the banner Ottawa 2017 to honour Canada's 150th birthday.

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AgriGab

Hot, hot, hot!

I went in search of the perfect agriculture-related Christmas gift for the farmer who has everything... and, believe me, many farmers do have everything although they'd never admit it.

In the entrance to the Russell Foodland I spotted a candidate... a mini spade or pitchfork table-top votive candle holder for only 10 bucks. Hmmm! Not bad, but pretty low-tech in today's high-tech agricultural industry. How about a collectible toy tractor? Can a farmer ever have too much pint-sized machinery to match his full-sized fleet?

What else? A golf pass? At first glance, it's not particularly agricultural but, as Eastern Ontario golf club mogul and farmer Gib Patterson likes to say: Go green... Take up golf. Gib's main crop these days is well-groomed grass with some longer stuff around the edges, ideal for collecting his secondary crop of gently used golf balls.

Then I found it! Or, more accurately, the CBC found it, reported on it, and I was able to track it down. I haven't bought one yet, but I'm tempted, even at \$40 a unit which is probably double the price of the typical insulated coffee mug.

But this is a mug with a difference, actually a few impressive differences as well as a huge agricultural component, not to mention more than adequately covering the technology requirement.

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We've all been there, sitting with a drink that's too hot to consume, burning our tongue or roof of

the mouth if we take it in too quick, blowing on it, trying not to spill it and scald a hand or lap. It's a major nuisance but here's something I didn't know: The World Health Organization has classified beverages in excess of 65 degrees C as probable carcinogens; most hot drinks are served in excess of 80 degrees C.

"That's a risk you don't want to take," says Dr. Suresh Narine, co-inventor of the Prolong mug and director of Trent University's Centre for Biomaterials Research (TCBR) where it was developed.

The agricultural part is almost a Christmas miracle: The key to the process, what has been named Phase Change Material (PCM), the non-toxic, sustainable and biodegradable heart of the matter, is made with soybeans using green chemistry.

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Wow! What a hot item! But never too hot! It all started when Trent students and faculty saw an



by Tom Van Dusen

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NFU annual convention tackles NAFTA with academic panel

by Kalynn Sawyer Helmer
AgriNews Staff Writer

OTTAWA – THE 48TH NATIONAL FARMERS UNION ANNUAL CONVENTION WAS HELD IN OTTAWA TOWARD THE END OF LAST YEAR FROM NOV. 23 TO 25. THE CONVENTION BOASTED AN IMPRESSIVE LINEUP OF PANELISTS AND SPEAKERS FOR THE MEMBERS. OF THE MANY TOPICS DISCUSSED OVER THE THREE-DAY EVENT, NAFTA WAS ON THE TIP OF EVERYONE’S TONGUE.

The NFU gathered together three academic experts to speak and present on international trade deals and the NAFTA deal. First up was Dr. A Haroon Akram-Lodhi, Professor of global human inequality, the future of smallholder peasant communities in the world food system, the sustainability of rural social structures, relations, institutions and communities, and gender and economic policy, at Trent University. He was followed by Gus Van Harten, Professor at Osgoode Hall Law School of York University, specializing in Canadian administrative law and international investment law. Last up was Chris Holman, a Wisconsin-based farmer with a M.A. in Geography and who serves on the United States National Farmers Union.

All three speakers gave members an overview of how international trade works, why it is beneficial and what problems it may include. However, once the presentations were completed, the general consen-

sus of the room was, as one member put it, “depressing.” This consensus occurred after Van Harten revealed that international trade deals have a “special system to protect foreign investors from the legislatures, governments and courts of countries.” That system is called the Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS). The ISDS which can be found in NAFTA Chapter 11, gives foreign investors the “ability to challenge a country’s legislative, government, and court decisions directly at the international level,” said Van Harten in his presentation. The idea behind the ISDS is to protect foreign investors from facing corruption in a country’s court system. However what the ISDS has done is allowed those investors to sue countries without any responsibilities. “It is because of NAFTA that Canada is one of the five most sued countries in the world [under this model],” said Van Harten, citing a study done by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternative (CCPA).

One of the clearest examples of this framework is from a case in 1997 when a U.S. chemical company, Ethyl Corporation, challenged the Canadian Government’s ban on importing MMT; an octane-enhancing additive to gasoline. The additive is suspected to, “reduce the life of spark plugs and the performance of the emission control system could be affected,” according to a number of manufacturers including this

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warning from the Chevrolet owners manual. This warning is followed by the suggestion to avoid gasoline with MMT whenever possible. Gasoline with MMT was banned from import or inter-provincial trade in Canada from 1997 to 1998. When Ethyl Corporation used the ISDS to challenge the ban, they won damages worth \$15-million and Canada was required to remove the ban. Thus, the chemical can be found in products to date.

NAFTA's Chapter 11 ISDS is not one of a kind. Van Harten explained that most of Canada's international trade deals contain a similar framework.

While NAFTA does have its merit and international trade is necessary for Canadians, what all panelists agreed on is that re-examining NAFTA, particularly Chapter 11, has great poten-

tial to be beneficial to Canadians. "NAFTA should not be regarded as some immobile object," said Van Harten.

According to Doug Forsyth, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) Director, Trade Negotiations, Chapter 11 is being discussed at the table. "That's one of the issues that has certainly been part of the NAFTA renegotiations. It has been identified by the United States as being very important for them to review it. At the same time, I think it is important for Canada and it is important that we get it right."

It is hard to know whether an ISDS has any merit whatsoever for Canada's future trade negotiations. On one hand, "If people think there is something the Canadian Government has done against them, the provisions are there within NAFTA. It doesn't happen a lot. There are some high-profile cases, but I think people tend to

focus on those high-profile cases and say 'it's always wrong, it's always bad', but it may not be, there is some grey area," said Forsyth. On the other, "abuses of ISDS in NAFTA chapter 11 are reaching crisis proportions. Rationally, Canada should be seeking to disengage from this system... With investor-state arbitration included in CETA, the TPP and dozens of Foreign Investment Protection Agreements (FIPAs) such as the Canada-China deal, the share of foreign investments in Canada eligible to bring investor-state claims will increase from 55 per cent under NAFTA to nearly 90 per cent. This is throwing oil on the fire," writes Scott Sinclair, senior research fellow with the CCPA and the director of the organization's Trade and Investment Research Project, in his article, *Canada is being pummeled by NAFTA corporate lawsuits. Why do we put up with it?* (The Monitor, July 1,



Speaking up

The NFU's 48th annual convention included a NAFTA panel with speakers, Dr. A Haroon Akram-Lodhi, Gus Van Harten and Chris Holman. Audience members listened intently to the panelists' views on international trade and what that means for Canada's import/export future.

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2015).

What is clear about the inclusion of ISDS is that public awareness needs to increase. Without knowledge of these legislative models, Canadians cannot do much to sway the outcomes of renegotiations to their favour.

Coral Sproule elected President at 48th Annual NFU Convention

OTTAWA – CORAL SPROULE WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL FARMERS UNION AT THE 48TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION HELD IN OTTAWA, IN NOVEMBER 2017.

Results of the national officers elections are as follows:

- Coral Sproule of Perth, ON, elected President;
- Katie Ward of Woodlawn, ON, acclaimed as Women's President;

- Stuart Oke of Saint-Andre-Avellin, QC, elected as Youth President;
- Jan Slomp of Courtenay, BC, elected First Vice-President (Policy);
- Cam Goff of Hanley, SK, elected Second Vice-President (Operations);
- Shannon Jones of River Hebert, NS, elected Women's Vice-President
- Martha Reczek of Chilliwack, BC, acclaimed Youth Vice-President.

The National Farmers Union is a direct-membership voluntary organiza-

tion made up of Canadian farm families who share common goals. It is the only farm organization incorporated through an Act of Parliament.

NFU members believe that the problems facing farmers are common problems, and that farmers producing diverse products must work together to advance effective solutions. The NFU works toward the development of economic and social policies that will maintain the family farm as the primary food-producing unit in Canada.

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need to ask ourselves where they are coming from and really examine whether some of these charges being laid against the sector are indeed, well-founded," said Andersen.

Fighting for agriculture's voice is what Andersen intends to continue doing. "I think the most important thing is that we have to be there. When people listen to farmers they are really struck by how hard their jobs are and all of the variables that are involved. If we are not present and we leave the space to others to describe what farming is, they talk about it as chemical pollution, manure leading to *E. coli* and all of these negative stereotypes, that aren't founded in the reality of stewarding land in the manner in which we are actually doing it. That is my biggest admonition, we all need to do a better job of getting out and being present in these fora and also to do a better job of looking after each other.

Agriculture has more in common than they have apart. Those small differences that we see in our daily lives, are tiny compared to the challenges that we collectively face," insisted Andersen.

With such passion for agriculture and the future of the sector, it is not hard to imagine why Andersen's colleagues and peers nominated her for the CAHF. The induction gave her a deep sense of honour and privilege and she remarked how special it was to have three women inducted. "It was a really exciting moment, our time has come, ladies. For all of the history of Canadian agriculture women have been the backbone of the sector, but to get women into leadership roles and to think of women to nominate has perhaps been the

area where we have not excelled. There are a lot of great women that deserve recognition in Canadian agriculture. So it's very humbling that I was one of them but I know there are many more to be following me."

As for the future of women in agriculture, Andersen believes in the choice to seek out opportunities, share experiences and be present on boards. "We need to make sure that women in agriculture are getting a chance to go to the association conferences and places where they build networks. I hope that we will be doing a lot more to make sure that young women are present and once they are, that the opportunities are there," concluded Andersen.

Jean Szkotnicki

Jean Szkotnicki did not grow up on a family farm, but she loved horses and spent a lot of time at a nearby farm working and learning about the horses and the crops that fed them. She graduated from the University of Guelph in animal and food science and got her Master's in meat science. She got her start with the Ontario Cattlemen's Association.

A few years later, Szkotnicki threw her hat into the ring for a newly created position as the Executive Director for the Canadian Animal Health Institute. An organization that before her, was volunteer based and employed one part-time staff. For over 25 years, Szkotnicki has led the CAHI and been an advocate and leader in her work for the health of animals and people.

"We deal with issues in a way where we put the competitive interests aside and do things for the betterment of the whole industry and that is just a super experience. I think it really is an institute now where we are looked upon and asked by government to provide input to policy and regulation, we're able

to work very closely together as companies in a very competitive world and unlike most other pharmaceutical organizations around the world, we also represent both the innovative companies and the generic companies. We represent about 95 per cent of product sales in this country, so it is a real statement to the fact that we are a body that has become the voice of the animal health industry," said Szkotnicki.

During her career, Szkotnicki has had many highlights, but a few stand out above the rest. She recalled one in particular when she was the co-chair of the Business Coalition on cost recovery, a federal initiative to introduce user fees for the services that government provides. "It was on a wide basis, way beyond agriculture. It was the work of some of the examples that we had on the veterinary drug side of the industry that I had prepared that had actually helped to champion support for a private member's bill. It brought accountability to the process and transparency to the setting of fees and the delivery of services in a timely manner," she explained. That bill passed unanimously and is the only private member's bill with an economic impact, that has ever passed through parliament. "It was a lot of hard work but a real benefit to a lot of Canadian agriculture," she said.

These days, Szkotnicki is looking to the discussion on antimicrobials. "We've had real influences where we are seen as part of the solution and we are engaged in the conversation from a pharmaceutical aspect with our producer groups, veterinarians, academia and regulators," she explained. That discussion is important now since there are 340 products which will be changed from over-the-counter to prescription status. This will have a big impact on the distribution of drugs and give

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them veterinary oversight. "We are in the transition phase. It will happen Dec. 1, 2018, but it's really good to see how we are working so hard together and sharing ideas and collaborating so well," said Szkotnicki.

Collaboration is the key to agriculture's future, according to Szkotnicki, and the role of women will only grow over time. "I think what women bring to the table is the fact that we tend to be more collaborative. I see where we are in a world that deals with issues in a horizontal basis, where nobody is the boss but we have to work together and I think women are very good at that. As we move forward, we have to deal more with public relations and consumer ideas and I think women have a better understanding of what people are dealing with, the fear of the unknown and what that means and trying to communicate what we do in agriculture, why we do it and building those relationships," she said.

Her own inspiring work as a woman in agriculture made her an easy choice for the CAHF. "It is very humbling and heartwarming, yet so rewarding to be recognized for the work that you have done and are doing," she said. "Some of my mentors are in the Hall of Fame. People like Charles Gracey and Byron Beeler. To be thought of in league with the like of those people is just wonderful. I think the Hall of Fame Board had made a real statement about the intelligence of women, the energy and hard work that we provide as well as the collaborative skill set that we bring to agriculture. By naming three women in one year they had really made a statement and I predicted that it would happen again and again that women will be nominated, and I truly believe that."

To read Patty Jones' story, see the February issue of *AgriNews*.



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Dundas Soil and Crop Improvement Association recognizes 2017 excellence

by Robert Byvelds,
Director, DSCIA
Special to the AgriNews

CHESTERVILLE – THE DUNDAS SOIL AND CROP IMPROVEMENT

ASSOCIATION HELD THEIR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON TUES., DEC. 12. THE MEETING INCLUDED THE PRESENTATION OF A NUMBER OF AWARDS FOR THE LOCAL PRODUCERS.

Awards were presented as follows:

Forage Masters: 1st Tibben Farms – Mark Tibben; 2nd Brabantia Farms – Robert Byvelds; 3rd Toyeshill Farms – Ryan Devries and 4th Bergridge Farms – Brian Vandenberg.

High Yield Competition: 1st C Double J Harvesting + Farms - Joe Jansen (256 bus/ac); 2nd Bycrest Farms – Steven and Andrew Byvelds (244 bus/ac); 3rd Tibben Farms – Mark Tibben (234 bus/ac); 4th John Brugmans – (229 bus/ac); 5th Jim +

Dan Byvelds (224 bus/ac); 6th Peter Byvelds (223 bus/ac) and 7th Mark + Glendon Shay (210 bus/ac).

Award of Merit

The Award of Merit was presented to Ault Van Bokhorst. Van Bokhorst began his career at Weagant Farm Supplies in October 1975. He left the home dairy farm in Osgoode in the capable hands of his brother and started as a part-time truck driver. He thought the Weagants were always trying to get rid of him in different jobs but somehow it kept working out.

Trucking, service and sales were roles at Weagant Farm Supplies. He is now sales manager and is certainly not ready to take the next step out the door.

His career highlights include the acquisition of the New Holland line of equipment and Trioliet feed mixers, especially the self propelled ones. Van Bokhorst had made several

trips to Europe with Trioliet and is amazed with the ingenuity of farmers here and abroad. He is also fascinated by the introduction and advancement of technology in farm equipment.

Van Bokhorst, with the support of a wonderful wife of 40 years and a strong faith lives by the golden rule – treat others the way you like to be treated. Despite playing a key role in the many sales awards won by Weagant Farm Supplies, Van Bokhorst believes that your integrity at the end of the day means a lot more than money in the bank.

Innovative Farmer Award

The Innovative Farmer Award was presented to Thurler Farms. This year's recipient is also one of the largest farms in Dundas. Thurler Farms of South Mountain is owned and operated by brothers Nick and Oliver Thurler and Nick's two sons Robert and Michel. Employing six full-time people and one part-time person, 500 cows are milked three times a day on this dairy farm. The free-stall barn features a double 12 parallel parlour and cows lie on waterbed stalls. The farm produced DHA milk for a time to take advantage of that market when it was available.

Over the last few years the farm has also invested in some very high genomic tested Holsteins for potential sales or to rapidly increase genetic gain in their own herd. A new barn was built this past summer to house these extremely valuable offspring.

Crops grown on the farm's 2,500 acres are corn and soybeans. Alfalfa survival on their flat land was very difficult so about five years a switch was made from alfalfa to forage soybeans for the dairy herd. This feed is comparable to alfalfa for feed value and yield per acre is similar to three cuts of alfalfa. The soys are chopped just before corn silage making September a busy harvest season.

To eliminate any chance of compaction the manure is all spread by the farm's dragline system.

The Thurler farm also does some custom harvesting. The family has also diversified their business by acquiring a milk trucking

company with 10 trucks and also operate two grain trailers.

Farmer of the Year

The Dundas Farmer of the Year (Eric Casselman Award) was presented to Maple Dale Farm, located east of Iroquois. This year's Farmer of the Year recipient defines a family farm. The 2017 year marks the 200th year Maple Dale Farm has been in the same family. The original 200-acre farm was granted to Captain George Thompson from

King George III. Twenty years later he sold the farm to David Zeron. On March 29, 1817, Peter Zeron bought the farm from his brother David and so it began. The farm was passed on for three more generations to Mahlon Zeron. In 1945, Mahlon's daughter Marie married Carl Empey. Carl and son Gord would continue with farm expansion and improvements. In 2013, Gord's sons Peter and Paul took over ownership.

Maple Dale Farms not only deserves this award for its deep and rich history, brothers Peter and Paul have modernized the farm with a state-of- the-art dairy barn built in 2013. Now the 45 cow dairy herd ranks among the highest in production per cow per day in Dundas. Cows are milked with a VMS milking robot and daily production per cow has surpassed 40 kg. Peter is mainly responsible for the dairy herd while

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Award of Merit

Andrew Harbers (left), 2017 President of DSCIA, with Ault Van Bokhorst (right), winner of the Award of Merit.

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Innovative Farmer Award

Michel Thurler (left) accepted the Innovative Farmer award on behalf of Thurler Farms from Andrew Harbers.

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SDG County Council approves names and signs for seven new forests

SDG – ON DEC. 18, SDG COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVED THE NAMING AND SIGN DESIGN FOR SEVEN FOREST PROPERTIES ACROSS THE COUNTIES. IN AUGUST, A WORKING GROUP WAS FORMED TO SELECT NAMES FOR COUNTY FOREST PROPERTIES THAT HAVE POTENTIAL FOR PUBLIC RECREATION. COMMITTEE MEMBERS INCLUDED EXPERTS IN TOURISM, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES AND THE MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND FORESTRY.

“The working group decided that names would be based on important features such as history (historical figures, how the property was acquired, or First Nation’s values), unique environmental features and location,” explained the Dec. 18 meeting package.

The document continues, “Staff completed site visits for several of the properties. Access and presence of trails were confirmed for all properties.

“To finalize the names, staff conducted extensive research through local volunteers and historical plaques. Staff also contacted local municipalities to discuss the proposed signage and locations. Additionally, staff consulted with a First Nation’s representative, the local snowmobile club president, targeted residents, hunters and a local historical society. Although this extensive consultation assisted the working group in selecting names, the committee recognizes that they have not captured all users of these properties.

Staff anticipate that future conversations with these, and other groups, will be initiated once the signs are installed and will help inform future naming initiatives.

The approved and selected names are as follows, Alvin Runnalls Forest in North Dundas via Country Rd. 7, Greenfield Forest in North Glengarry via County Rd. 30, Red Town Forest in North Stormont via Red Town Road, Riverside-Whitney Forest in South Dundas via Riverside Drive, Sandfield MacDonald Forest in South Glengarry via Chapel and Beaverbrook, Frog Hollow Forest in South Glengarry via Frog Hollow and Whipperwill Forest in South Stormont via Whipperwill Lane.

“Alvin Runnalls Forest – Alvin Runnalls (1939-2016) was a former Mayor of North Dundas and SDG County Councillor and Warden. He was an avid farmer but was also very dedicated to environmental issues. Alvin volunteered with numerous organizations in the area and sat on the Board of Director’s for South Nation Conservation.

The forest, part of the Morewood Bog, is located close to his family farm, Runnalong Farm. This is the only County Forest property in North Dundas. His name was put forward for consideration by a local forester. The Committee unanimously accepted the proposal. His wife Dawn and their daughters Rachel and Gretchen were very pleased to know Alvin was proposed to be honoured in this way.

“Greenfield Forest – This forest is close to the hamlet of Greenfield in North Glengarry. The name recognizes the importance to the local community.

“Red Town Forest – This forest is located on Red Town Road and provides an easy geographic reference for people.

“Riverside-Whitney Forest – The forest is located on Riverside Drive and has been referred to as the Riverside forest by staff and other forest users. Through Committee input and research, staff also identified a significant historical feature – the memorial to Sir James Whitney. Whitney was a Premier of Ontario and was born and raised in South Dundas.

“Sandfield MacDonald Forest – This forest is sometimes referred to as the Charlottenburgh Forest; however, there is another ‘Charlottenburgh Forest’ owned by the Township of South Glengarry to the South. This forest has several important environmental features, but none were found suitable for a name. The Committee noted that Sir John Sandfield MacDonald (the first Premier of Ontario) was born and raised just down the County Road near St. Raphael’s; a historical plaque can be seen from the road just a few minutes east. The Committee felt this name would appropriately recognize an important historical figure from the area.

“Frog Hollow Forest – The forest is accessed from Frog Hollow Road. The Committee liked the unique name that recognizes the local community.

“Whipperwill Forest – This forest has been informally referred to as the Whipperwill Forest by staff at the County and Conservation Authority. This name was brought forward because it is unique and recognizes the community.”

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Paul focuses on the management of the cropping on the farm’s 450 workable acres.

Gord returned to the farm after completing university and teaching for four years. Gord and wife Helen stressed the

importance of education for their two boys. Both Peter and Paul got their education, worked off the farm but returned to their roots at Maple Dale. They complete the seventh generation and are hopeful their children will be the eighth, thus ensuring the farm will continue in the family for many years to come.



Farmer of the Year

Farmer of the year winners, Paul (middle) and Gord Empey (right) of Maple Dale Farms accepted the award from Andrew Harbers (left).

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Farm & Food Care adds five additional food and farm virtual tours

GUELPH – AS OF MID-DECEMBER, CANADIANS LOOKING FOR THE REAL STORY ABOUT THEIR FOOD CAN NOW VISIT FIVE ADDITIONAL FARMS AND FOOD PROCESSING FACILITIES IN VIRTUAL REALITY THROUGH www.FarmFood360.ca.

Using 360° cameras and virtual reality technology, the FarmFood360° website gives Canadians the chance to tour real, working farms and food processing plants, without having to put on workboots or biosecurity clothing. It's the latest version of the highly successful Virtual Farm Tours initiative, which was first launched by Farm & Food Care in 2007.

Farm & Food Care teams in both Ontario and Saskatchewan partnered with Gray Ridge Eggs, CropLife Canada, Ontario Sheep Farmers and the Canada Mink Breeders Association to publish new virtual tours of a sheep farm, an enriched housing egg farm, an egg processing facility, a western Canadian grain farm and a mink farm. Visitors can access these tours on tablets and desktop computers, as well as through mobile phones and VR (Virtual Reality) viewers. Interviews with the farmers and plant employees have also been added.

"We know from experience that bringing Canadians to the farm is a highly effective way to connect people with their food and those who produce it. The same certainly goes for food processors. But unfortunately, many Canadians never have the chance to visit either a farm or a food processing facility. Utilizing this new camera technology helps us take this tried-and-true outreach method to a much wider audience," said Kelly Daynard, Executive Director of Farm & Food Care Ontario, in the release. The website now gets

almost a million visitors a year, enabling many more Canadians to visit farms from the comfort of their own home.

These new additions – as well as three dairy farm and food processing tours published earlier in 2017 – were launched as part of an interactive exhibit at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. More tours will be filmed and added to the FarmFood360° library in 2018.

"Fresh eggs are a staple in the Canadian diet," said Scott Brookshaw, Executive Vice-President of Gray Ridge Egg Farms. "There's also a lot of people and passion behind those eggs, and the FarmFood360° initiative is a great way to show the public how an egg gets from the farm to their table." Gray Ridge sponsored tours of an egg farm using an enriched housing system which is now live on the site as well as an egg processing facility that will be live before the end of the year.

Catherine Moores, President of the Canada Mink Breeders Association (CMBA), said that the CMBA was pleased to work with Farm & Food Care to give consumers the chance to go behind the scenes and see what happens on a Canadian family mink farm. "The fur sector has a great story to tell when it comes to animal welfare standards, environmental

sustainability and diversity. The FarmFood360° initiative helps answer questions about our industry, gives insight into how our mink are raised, and highlight the Canadian families running those farms," she added.

"So many Canadian farmers grow grain. Touring a Saskatchewan farm that grows crops like canola and wheat showcases the technology and innovation that farmers use every day on their farms," said Nadine Sisk, Vice-President of Communications and Member Services for CropLife Canada. "The videos also highlight the care that grain farmers put into their work, and the food they produce while at the same time ensuring that they take care of the environment."

Jennifer MacTavish, General Manager of Ontario Sheep Farmers, said "Canada's sheep sector is very diverse. This project is an excellent opportunity to show Canadians what's involved in raising the animals while highlighting both food traceability and animal welfare practices."

Farm & Food Care is a coalition of farmers, agriculture and food partners proactively working together to earn public trust and confidence in food and farming. Find out more at www.FarmFood360.ca or www.FarmFoodCare.org.

Hot, hot, hot!

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opportunity to make hot beverages on the go more enjoyable. Now the team is determined to find other ways to put their soybean oil PCM technology to work through Phase Materials Inc., a vehicle formed to commercialize research conducted within TCBR, owned by the researchers and investors.

As reported on the Internet, Narine caused a sensation when he unveiled the Prolong mug back in his native Guyana. In that region, he's an award-winning research rock star, the driving force behind such products as Morning Glory Rice Cereal, Rupununi Essence Facial Cleansers, and the Pakaraima Flavours Sundried Tomato Initiative. His work in

Canada has earned a plethora of other awards.

A news story of a Prolong unveiling by Narine at the University of Guyana calls him one of the world's foremost authorities in the field of biomaterials. The title of his talk at the university was intriguing: "What does Organic Chemistry and Materials Physics have to do with designing the perfect cup of coffee and avoiding cancer of the esophagus?"

When Narine moved to Trent from the University of Alberta, he was challenged to determine how vegetable oils might function like batteries, storing and releasing energy on demand. The Prolong Travel Mug is a pretty good opening gambit.

A toast to it and Happy New Year to all!

Horsing around

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The exotic factor wasn't limited to the last entry in the series. Beau's opened it with a beer called 49-54 Degrees, the coordinates of Newfoundland and Labrador's Fogo Island, made in collaboration with Fogo Island Inn. The mix included hand-picked partridgeberries, bark from paper birch trees, wheat malt smoked with island myrrh, and a touch of sea brine. All 12 Ottawa 2017 beers had a charitable component chosen by each partner.

Beau's describes Glacial Gruit as copper-coloured with white foam. The aroma is floral, sweet and subtly smoky, the flavour is tart and fruity. The beer is clarified with glacial clay collected by members of the ANHMC from a valley on Nunavut's Axel Heiberg Island.

Sometime over the holidays, this *AgriNews* staffer hoped to taste it for himself.

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Carp farmer gets early Christmas gift from General Motors and Bean Chevrolet Buick GMC

by Kalynn Sawyer Helmer
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CARLETON PLACE – ON DEC. 21, IT WAS ALMOST THREE YEARS AGO TO THE DAY THAT KEN PAUL, A CARP-BASED DAIRY AND CROP FARMER LOST BOTH OF HIS ARMS IN A FARMING ACCIDENT WHILE ATTACHING A FORAGE WAGON POWER TAKE-OFF SHAFT TO HIS TRACTOR. SINCE THEN, PAUL HAS MADE A SIGNIFICANT RECOVERY AND STILL WORKS APPALO FARM WITH HIS SON BARRY PAUL AND UNTIL JUNE 2017 HIS OTHER SON BRUCE PAUL, WHEN HE MOVED DAIRY TO ANOTHER FARM.

Over the years, Paul has been able to work the tractors and combines with issue, but the power steering on trucks and other passenger vehicles is too strong. “One of the problems was turning the wheel 360 degrees. He could turn it about 280 and then he’d get stuck,” said Bean Chevrolet owner Keith Bean.

Then last year at the Ottawa Valley Farm Show, Bean and Paul were speaking about the options. Paul, who wanted a new vehicle, would have had to send it to a retrofitter in the United States and would not have a guarantee since new vehicles are more difficult for retrofitters to work on. That was when Bean reached out to General Motors. “He had to do some modifications to the truck so that he could drive

it with his prosthetic arms. He had gone to an outfitter – there are a lot of people who modify vehicles for handicap people, and they had suggested that they take the truck, take it apart, send the steering rack and pinion down to New Jersey and it was going to cost Ken \$4,000 or \$5,000. They were going to change it mechanically, change the gears in it, but I was really worried about that because there are safety concerns. Obviously it would not be as good as what GM would build. So I called GM and said, ‘It’s run by a computer, why can’t we just get the computer to re-calibrate it and make it easier’,” said Bean.

GM looked into Bean’s idea and found that it would be a lot more difficult than that but it didn’t stop them. The whole process took eight months and was an international project. “They had an engineer in Detroit that wrote the program and then it had to go back to the people in Korea who actually designed that part in the beginning, then it had to go back to GM to be tested. So they actually had to put it in another program in Colorado to make sure it was okay. Then they had to send it back to the supplier in Korea, so they could test it there and back to GM in Detroit so a different engineering department could approve it. It turned out to be a really big deal but it was cool how they kept at it and got it done,” said Bean.

GM’s determination came from Paul’s continued loyalty for many years. He and his children have bought from Bean and GM for years and would upgrade their vehicles every two to three years. “Keith and I have been good friends for years. I’ve bought a lot of vehicles [from him], my wife even taught Keith when he was in school. We’ve dealt with Keith before he even became Bean Chevrolet. We go back a piece,” said Paul.

Donnelly Baxter, GM assistant brand manager, was quoted in Tara Gesner’s *Inside Ottawa Valley* article on Dec., 28, as saying, “When we heard Ken’s story we thought he was very deserving,” Baxter stated. “It was a way for us to thank him for his continued support.”

The re-calibrated power steering pump means freedom for Paul. “I live two miles away from the main farm. Everytime I needed to go there, somebody had to drive me. Now I can drive myself. The day I got the truck from Keith Bean, I drove it out of the yard and home, then went to the farm.

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It was a super feeling and a great Christmas gift. I can’t say enough good things and I don’t know where to start to say thank you. Between Keith Bean and Donnelly Baxter and GM, I can’t be thankful enough.”

That freedom and independence is a welcomed feeling for Paul who has been active in the agricultural community for his whole life. “The real story here is Ken, he is just an amazing guy. He has done so much for other people and is a really great guy,” said Bean.

Paul served as President of the Carp Agricultural Society in 1981 and has been a long-time member. He also is involved with 4-H, 4-H Leaders and Junior Farmers. “I enjoy it,” said Paul. “I’ve got grandchildren in 4-H and Junior Farmers so I’m pretty proud of them. It all helps to keep the organizations going.”

Paul’s new truck will help him keep up with the activities that he enjoys and help him stay active on the farm for a long time to come.

Ontario Vet College needs agricultural producers for study

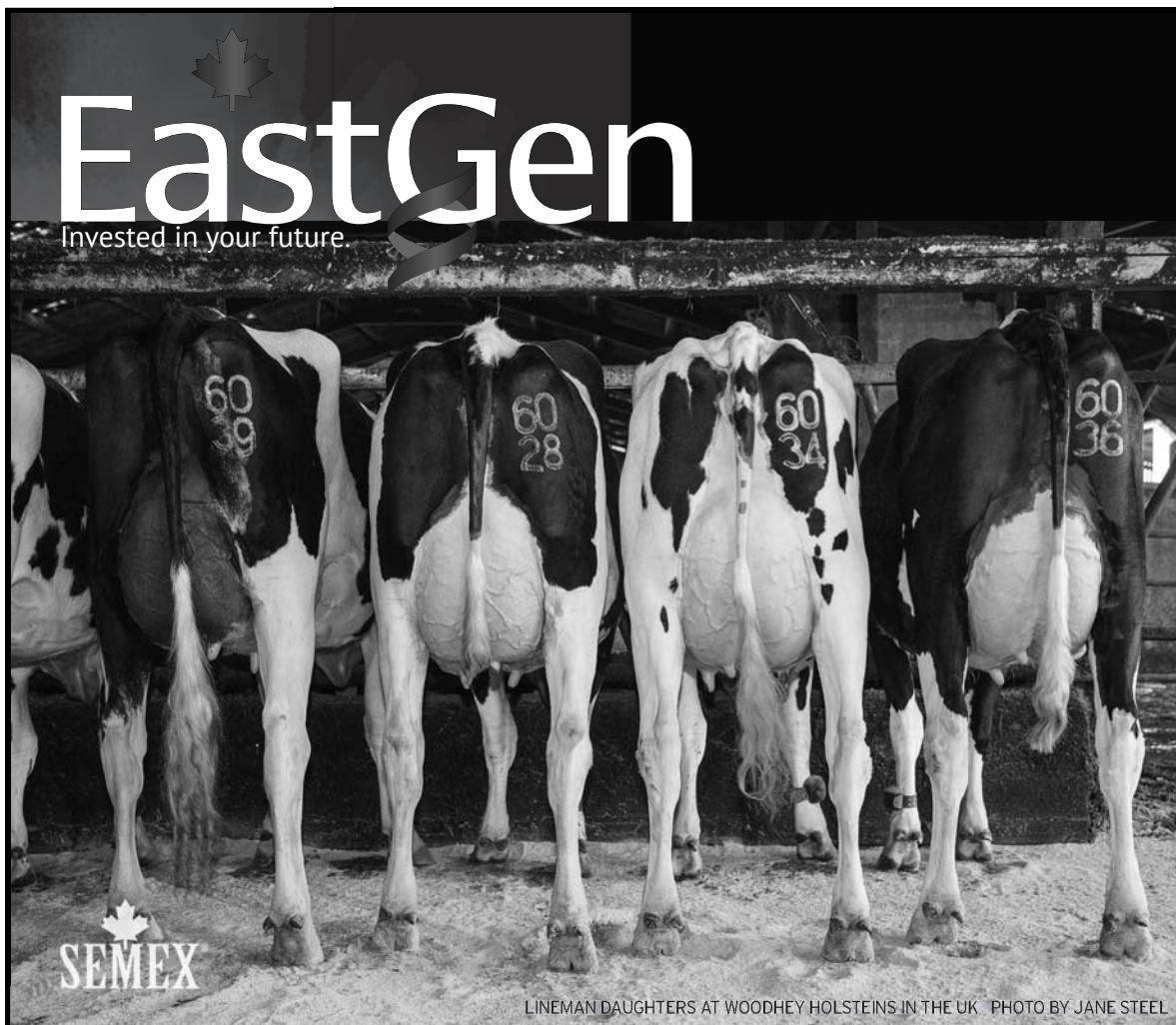
GUELPH – THE ONTARIO VETERINARY COLLEGE IS RESEARCHING THE MENTAL HEALTH OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS AND IS ASKING FOR HELP. IN A MEDIA RELEASE, THE COLLEGE STATED IT IS SEEKING PRODUCERS, INDUSTRY SUPPORT STAFF, AND VETERINARIANS WORKING WITH LIVESTOCK

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Charges laid against hunters who shot pet pot-bellied pigs in Navan

by Kalynn Sawyer Helmer
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NAVAN – MATT NOOYEN, A THIRD-GENERATION DAIRY FARMER FROM NAVAN, HAS ALWAYS WANTED TO OWN PIGS. WHEN HE MET AND THEN MARRIED HIS WIFE LIANNE GUILBEAULT, THAT DREAM BECAME A REALITY. THE COUPLE PURCHASED ROSIE AND PICKLES, TWO POTBELLED PIGS LAST SPRING. SINCE THEN THE PIGS HAD BECOME PART OF THE FAMILY, EVEN PARTAKING IN NOOYEN AND GUILBEAULT'S WEDDING THIS PAST FALL. THAT WAS UNTIL PICKLES AND ROSIE WERE SHOT DEAD BY A NEIGHBOUR ON NOV. 8.

Nooyen explained to *AgriNews* that the hunters claimed to have seen two wild boars on Milton Rd. a few weeks prior to the incident. On the day of the shooting, Nooyen was working down the road on his family's dairy farm and Guilbeault was at work at the General Hospital. The hunters saw the pigs on the property and mistook them for wild boars. They called Guilbeault but only got her voicemail. When she finally received the message she was frantic to get in touch and tell the hunters that the two animals digging holes in the fields and trotting around the yard were not boars, but their pet pigs. She could not reach them; however, Guilbeault called her husband who drove over to check things out. "It's not my first time dealing with hunters, I've been dealing with it for 20 years, but something like this was a little unusual where they just show up. In five minutes I was at the house and two trucks are by the retaining wall where the garage is," said Nooyen.

When Nooyen asked what was going on, the hunters replied that they were waiting to hear from Guilbeault. He sent them on their way after they told him the pigs were behind the property's coverall building, but something was amiss. Especially since Pickles and Rosie would greet vehicles in the driveway everyday. "Everytime we would come home they would greet us at the garage, then we'd walk in the back and get them some treats and then they'd hang around the property. I went

in the back and all the chickens were huddled up under a tree. I found that very unusual. There must have been a gunshot that went off but I was hoping in the air just to scare the pigs away," he said. "I went looking for them and what I didn't know was that by that time, the pigs were already shot, killed and loaded up in the truck."

After many phone calls, the hunters owned up to having shot the pigs. "I was so distraught and so broken. Everytime you get a pet, you run the risk of losing

them whether by accident or car or sickness. But you never imagine in a million years that something like this could have happened. We will never understand what [really happened], and you'll drive yourself crazy asking why. If it was a mistake and an accident, there were so many opportunities

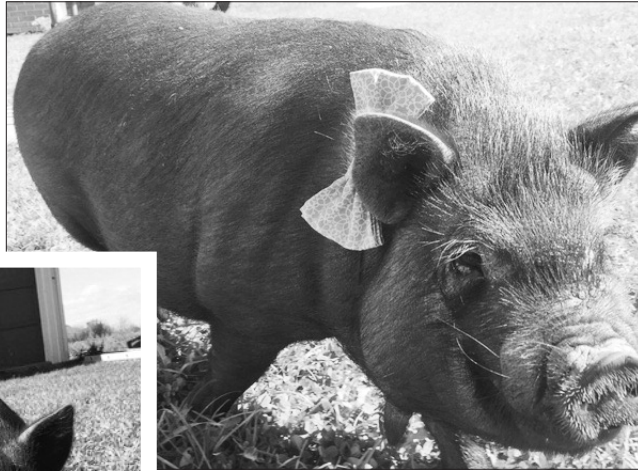
after the fact to make things right," said Nooyen. Pickles and Rosie are now buried in the couple's backyard.

The story has been discussed and published across many platforms since the incident occurred and was opened to the public after police investigations concluded in late November.

That publicity is what Nooyen said will help to make sure this doesn't happen again. As it stands, the Ministry of Natural Resources laid charges and announced in December that the shooter and his hunting partner will go to

provincial court on Feb. 22. The charges were laid under Ontario's *Fish and Wildlife Act* for using a firearm without consideration for property and trespassing for the purposes of hunting.

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Part of the family

Pickles and Rosie, the two pet pot-bellied pigs that were shot by a neighbouring hunter on Nov. 8, are buried and resting in the couple's backyard.

Courtesy Guilbeault photo



Boars in Canada

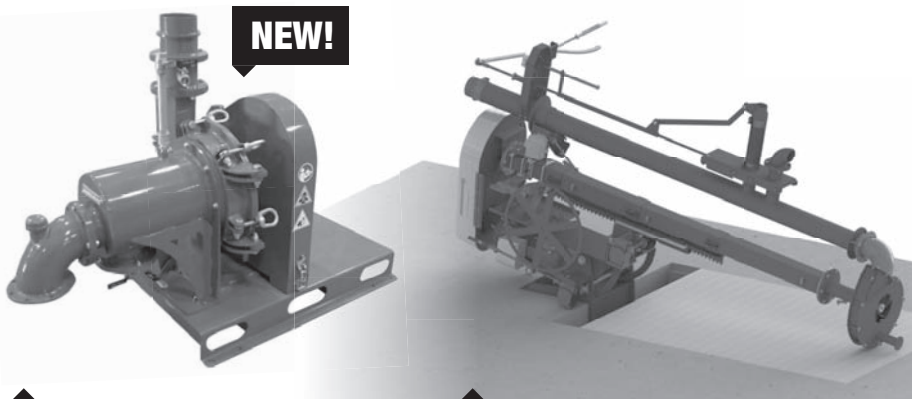
The average wild boar is anywhere from 110 to 200 lbs with a long snout and head, long legs and a straight long tail. Many have become nocturnal to avoid the few predators they face.

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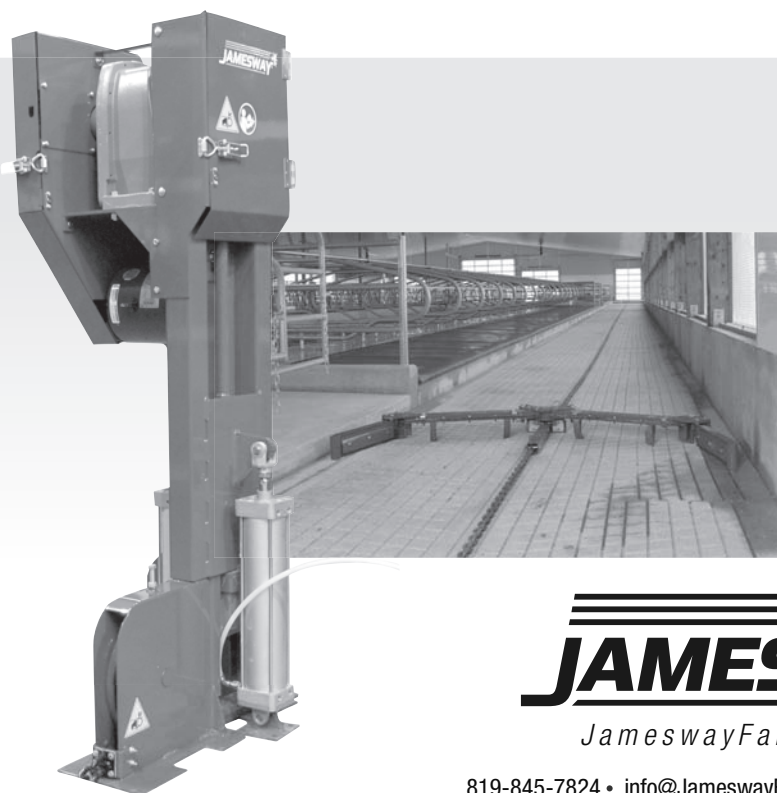
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When Nooyen spoke out about the incident, this outcome was one that the couple had hoped for. When the police did the initial investigation, the two hunters could only be charged with a \$100 trespassing fine. When Nooyen and Guilbeault decided to not press charges, the MNR was able to begin their investigation.

“At this point it’s not about money,” said Nooyen. The couple originally tried to negotiate a price for loss and damages through a lawyer but the hunter’s counter offer was too low and they felt it more important to raise awareness rather than keep the story quiet. “At this point we want to just move forward with it. I don’t want money to keep this story swept under the rug. It’s now about raising awareness because there are not enough consequences for something like this. What is to stop someone from doing the same thing? If we takes this to court and some good comes from it, maybe that will act as a deterrent for other people when they see the outcome. Maybe it’s policies and laws that have to change. Maybe by moving this forward, a change is possible. There are a lot of people out there still fighting and I can’t stop now,” explained Nooyen. “If a person can’t identify an animal and if they think that it is okay to come on someone else’s property and take matters into their own hands, then

they are not responsible enough to carry a firearm.”

Pickles and Rosie were approximately 1 ½ foot tall and 150 pounds when they were shot. Wild Pigs Canada, a research study that aims to investigate wild boar distribution in Canada write, “Wild boar look similar to domestic swine, but have thick brown, black, or greyish coloured coats. They also have straight, long tails and a longer, narrower head, as well as longer legs. Adults weigh 50 kg (110 lbs) – 90 kg (198 lbs), but there have been confirmed weights of up to 200 kg (440 lbs). Wild boar seem to prefer dense brush cover and are often found in riparian areas. Wild boar are elusive and intelligent animals, often adjusting their periods of activity to avoid disturbance, such as becoming nocturnal.”

Sightings of wild boar are very rare and the Ministry of Natural

Resources spokesperson Jolanta Kowalski told the CBC, “If you don’t know what you’re shooting at, you shouldn’t be shooting.”

Time will tell if the consequences of the hunters could mean the loss of their gun licenses and hunting licenses. As for Nooyen and Guilbeault, the response to their story has been global and has come with offers for piglets from across Canada. “We could have started a hobby farm with the amount of pigs that were offered to us. But decided to go with the couple from Kelowna. CBC ran with the story right away and contacted Air Canada who was on board and wanted to make it happen. It’s not going to bring Rosie and Pickles back but it’s nice to get that kind of response,” said Nooyen.

Picksie and Kelowna have since arrived over Christmas and have made themselves comfortable in their new Ontario home.



New in town

Picksie and Kelowna arrived in Ontario over Christmas to an anxious Nooyen and wife Guilbeault. The pigs had travelled with Air Canada all the way from Kelowna, B.C., after a couple heard about their story and wanted to help.

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Select Sires’ new Sales Manager

KEMPTVILLE — Select Sires GenerVations announced at the end of November 2017 the addition of Lyndon Stewart as Ontario Regional Manager. Stewart will be responsible for delivering strong genetic and product sales support to Select Sires GenerVations’ valued customer owners across the province.

Growing up, and his impressive 25-year career path, in the agriculture industry has allowed Stewart to truly understand the needs of today’s modern producer. An advocate of lifelong learning, Stewart has a bachelor’s and master’s of science from the University of Guelph; is a 2013 alumnus of the Harvard Business School; and achieved his chartered director designation through McMaster University’s DeGroote School of Business in 2015.

Stewart credits his passion for leadership and learning to a lifetime of involvement in 4-H as a member, volunteer, employee, trustee and director at local,

provincial and national levels. An advocate for the future of our industry, Stewart is excited to be a part of the continued success of Select Sires GenerVations’ customer owners.

Bill Young, GM of Select Sires GenerVations, noted, “We are excited to have Lyndon join our team. His passion, dedication and knowledge of the dairy industry in Canada are second to none. We are looking forward to having him lead our Ontario team to continue delivering the elite products and services our customer owners have come to rely on.”

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Dundas County 4-H celebrated 2017 award winners

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CHESTERVILLE – DUNDAS 4-HERS, VOLUNTEERS AND PARENTS GATHERED TOGETHER ON SAT., NOV. 25, FOR THE DUNDAS COUNTY 4-H AWARDS NIGHT HELD AT THE GATHERING HOUSE IN CHESTERVILLE.

The 4-Hers were celebrated and recognized for all of their hard work throughout the year and the many accomplishments made through their 4-H programs. Member

representatives from each of the clubs spoke on behalf of their group and offered parents and volunteers their thanks for all of the hard work that goes in to 4-H.

Volunteer Coordinator Cam Crogie also thanked the many volunteers and said, “Without our volunteers there wouldn’t be a 4-H program. They are the backbone of our organization.”

After the awards had been presented, guests were treated to pizza, drinks and a silent auction.

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Budding ag stars

The Cloverbud Club members received recognition for a busy year of hard work at the Dundas 4-H Awards night in November. First-time members were given their crystal flame while returning members had the 2017 year added to theirs. Members of the club include (not all pictured): Ellie-Mae Bowman, Rianna Campanaro, Lual Corput, Machar Corput, Hilarie Devries, Marijka Devries, Ava Hass, Emma Hess, Shyanne Hoy, London Lillico, Erika Mathers, Tyler Szeifried, Victoria Szeifried, Micah Van Gilst, Emily Velthuis, Noah Awat Omar and Reese Williams, with volunteers Carolyn Lillico, Brenda Velthuis, Stacey Weagant and Kelly Fawcett-Mathers.

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6 Seal: Paige Hannaford, Hailey Hodge, Emmalyn Hutchinson, Taylor Mathers, Lia McIntosh and Kenzy Nevils.

12 Seal: Leah Barkley, Brooklin Begg, Meghan Foubert, Maclean Machan, Felicity Porteous and Rachel Punter.

18 Seal: Leah Barkley, Brooklin Begg, Caitlin Begg, Riley Jampen and Kaylin VanDenBroek.

24 Seal: Cassidy Porteous.

30 Seal: Bruce Porteous

and Peyton VanDenBroek.
36 Seal: Kurtis McLean.
Graduating Seal: Justin Foubert, Laura Higgins, Holly Somerville and Kelly Somerville.

Beef Awards:
Lannin Memorial Award (Showmanship): Holly Somerville; Lannin Memorial Award (Conformation): Meghan Foubert; Dundas Cattlemen's Association Spirit of 4-H Award: Holly Somerville.

Dairy Awards:

Champion 4-H Dairy Showperson: Emily Sheepers; Top 4-H Holstein Calf: Madisyn Hart - Harthaven Silver Centerfold; Champion Heifer Calf Award: Madisyn Hart - Harthaven Silver Centerfold; St. Lawrence Valley Jersey Award: Bruce Porteous, Cassidy Porteous, Felicity Porteous and Cilicia Pol; North Dundas Dairy Club Most Dedicated Member: Novice - Taylor Mathers, Junior - Madisyn Hart, Intermediate - Chloe Hart.
4-H Awards:
Winchester Press Award:

Felicity Porteous; Ontario Plowmen's Award: Kyleigh Jampen; Queen of the Furrow - Dream, Believe, Achieve Award: Kyleigh Jampen.

Member Awards for the 2017 clubs were awarded to members recognized for their, "4-H project participation and their involvement at the county, regional and provincial levels during their 4-H years. Members' enthusiasm and helpfulness, as well as their use of 4-H skills outside of project are also considered." Winners were as follows:
Novice Member awards:

1st-Felicity Porteous; 2nd-Taylor Mathers; 3rd-Ava Acres.

Junior Member awards: 1st-Cassidy Porteous; 2nd-Brooklin Begg; 3rd-Emma Acres.

Intermediate Member Awards: 1st-Bruce Porteous; 2nd-Payton Vandebroek; 3rd-Caitlin Begg.

Senior Member Awards: 1st-Kurtis McLean; 2nd-Kyleigh Jampen; 3rd-Kelly Somerville; 4th-Holly Somerville; 5th-Cilicia Pol.

Dundas County 4-H Association Scholarship Award: Kurtis McLean.



A plaque of praise

From left, Esther Hutchinson, Cilicia Pol, Kelly Somerville and Taylor Mathers pose with their plaque awards after the Dundas County 4-H Awards night on Nov. 25.



4-Hers moving forward

Dundas County 4-H woodworking club leader Tony Vanderlaan presented Kelly Somerville with one of four custom built 4-H sculptures in honour of receiving the Graduating Member Seal on Sat., Nov. 25. The sculpture was built by Vanderlaan from the ash wood of an old barn brace beam. Other members not present on awards night, to get their seal and sculpture, included Justin Foubert, Laura Higgins and Holly Somerville.



Big winners

Dundas County 4-H members celebrated their achievements and awards night at The Gathering House, Chesterville, on Sat., Nov. 25. Some of the winners pictured include: front from left, Felicity Porteous, Brooklin Begg, Cassidy Porteous, Caitlin Begg and Taylor Mathers; back from left, Kelly Somerville, Emily Scheepers, Madisyn Hart, Cilicia Pol and Chloe Hart.
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During the presentations, awards were given to members of multiple club completions. Winners were as follows: Six clubs - Brenna MacDonald,

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Horse Club wins big

The Glengarry 4-H Horse Club members (most of whom are pictured here with Leaders Linda Vogel and Crystal Vogel) received the Charles Osborne Master Club Award for 2017. Members included Kolton Vogel, Liam Grette, Joseanne Lacombe, Kylie Cornelisson, Kristin MacRae, Olivia Leroux, Breanna Leroux, Fia Leroux, Rowen McCormick, Madison MacRae, Peter Hagen, Evie Cooking, Philip Frei, Ainsley McCuaig and Hanna MacIntyre.;

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Club dedication

Kristen MacRae and Tyler Seguin received their awards for completion of six clubs from Glengarry 4-H Coordinator Tracy Myers.

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LACOMBE, ALTA. – IN THE NATIONAL FARM ANIMAL CARE COUNCIL UPDATE RELEASED IN LATE NOVEMBER, IT WAS NOTED THAT THE MARKET RELEVANT CODES AND THE COMMUNICATION LEADERSHIP PROJECT WAS GETTING CLOSER TO COMPLETION. THIS PROJECT WAS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE AGRIMARKETING PROGRAM UNDER GROWING FORWARD 2, A FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL-TERRITORIAL INITIATIVE.

Four Codes have been released so far through this project: Hatching Eggs, Breeders, Chickens and Turkeys; Pullets and Laying Hens; Bison; and Veal Cattle. The veal cattle code was

programs to verify adherence to their Code. CFC, TFC and CHF will be using NFACC's Animal Care Assessment Framework (ACAF) to guide their work. More information on the ACAF can be found at www.nfacc.ca/animal-care-assessment.

Egg Farmers of Canada (EFC) is also updating its animal care assessment program to verify adherence to the new Code for Pullets and Laying Hens, released in March 2017. Similarly, EFC is also utilizing NFACC's ACAF to guide their pro-

gram's update.

A new code of practice for rabbits is scheduled for release on Feb. 15, 2018 and is the first-ever code for rabbits in Canada.

Another report is also available relating to the overview of regulatory

requirements, and operational background and considerations relative to the scope of the Transportation Code of Practice. This report is comprehensive in its scope and provides additional resource links from which readers can gain additional information.

The report will provide a common background and context for the Transportation Code Development Committee(s), once it is formed.

The report is available at www.nfacc.ca/transportation-code-of-practice-update.

CFC, TFC and CHF will be using NFACC's Animal Care Assessment Framework (ACAF) to guide their work. This project was made possible through the AgriMarketing Program under Growing Forward 2, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative.

released on Nov. 27 and is now available at www.nfacc.ca/codes-of-practice/veal-cattle. Progressive new standards are now in place for veal production in Canada.

The code of practice for the care and handling of Hatching Eggs, Breeders, Chickens and Turkeys was completed in June 2016. Since that time Chicken Farmers of Canada (CFC), Turkey Farmers of Canada (TFC), Canadian Hatching Egg Producers (CHEP), and the Canadian Hatcheries Federation (CHF) are each working toward updating their animal care assessment

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BDO Roadshow covers trade, carbon and tax changes

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MAXVILLE – BDO HELD THEIR ANNUAL AGRICULTURAL ROADSHOW OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS IN 2017, TRAVELING ACROSS ONTARIO TO GIVE PRODUCERS AN UPDATE ON THE MOST PRESSING AGRICULTURE ISSUES AT THE MOMENT. DURING THEIR STOP IN MAXVILLE, AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA (AAFC) DIRECTOR DOUG FORSYTH GOT ATTENDEES UP TO DATE ON THE CURRENT TRADE ISSUES ON THE TABLE FOR THE AAFC. HE WAS FOLLOWED BY OFA DIRECTOR DON McCABE WHO SPOKE OUT ABOUT THE FUTURE OF CARBON IN AGRICULTURE. BDO ROUNDED THINGS OUT WITH A TOP 10 PRESENTATION OF MOST IMPORTANT PIECES OF ADVICE AND AN UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED TAX CHANGES.

Forsyth was encouraging about Canada's trade agreements and said the AAFC "sees tremendous growth and tremendous opportunity," in the six bulk markets: United States, European Union, Mexico, Japan, China and India. Of those six, Canada has free trade agreements with three and is looking into negotiations for free trade with the others.

On the topic of NAFTA, Forsyth said, "The overall objective is to do no harm," and that it is important that producers in all three countries support the agreement. "The aim is to modernize the agreement in a way that is beneficial to all three countries."

He also spoke about Canada's potential with the Chinese market. "Access to the market is attractive. Having said that, China is not an easy negotiating partner. It is a market that offers great opportunity but

we need to be cognizant of who and what we are dealing with," said Forsyth. China's dictatorship means Canada must tread carefully and handle negotiations well.

Forsyth said the AAFC is also looking into alliances with South American countries to aid in a growing Canadian economy. He produced models projecting Canada to have \$60-million in exports by 2025 and by further study showed that with effort it could be increased to \$75-billion. This could be achieved, said Forsyth, through agriculture.

"There are a lot of challenges [when it comes to trade negotiations], especially with U.S. dynamics. A lot of it is out of our hands but we are doing our best to influence [those negotiations] and looking at other [potential] markets," he said.

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Ready to learn

The BDO Agricultural Roadshow had a good turnout in Maxville on Dec. 6. The full day of presentations covered trade deals, the future of carbon and BDO advice for 2018.

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Forsyth concluded by noting Canada's great potential in the future of global markets. "Global food demand will rise by 70 per cent by 2050 but Canada has a great potential. We have a reputation for healthy food, an abundance of natural resources and good transportation infrastructure." Whatever the future of trade has in store, Forsyth seemed to believe Canadian agriculture would keep a good standing.

Forsyth was followed by McCabe who opened with a notion of the growing food demand. "I have no concern about our ability to feed the population in 2050," he said. "Farmers have risen to every challenge." This was followed by the startling statistic that 40 per cent of global food is wasted. When asked about the nature of that waste after his presentation, McCabe suggested that in developed countries, the majority of the waste occurs on the consumer end and in non-developed countries the majority occurs on the producer's side.

That being said, what Canadian producers can do is incorporate sustainable practices and take care of their soil life to ensure the future of their crops. According to McCabe's presentation, 3.1-million tons of residue can be removed in Ontario alone. In order to capitalize in the future, McCabe suggested agriculture needs to be able to participate in green markets and illustrate that they are the solution, not the

problem. "Under cap and trade, agriculture gets to participate in the carbon market," said McCabe. The Ontario system provides the opportunity for facilities with emissions of 10,000 tonnes and less than 25,000 tonnes to voluntarily participate and demands participation from facilities with 25,000 tonnes or more. Canadian producers also have an advantage because they already know how to "sequester, reduce and compliment, because we are always adapting," said McCabe. However, despite cap and trade being here, McCabe also said, "it is not a complete system."

What is important for producers to do in the interim of green policies, is take control of the dialogue around Canadian agriculture. "Information can be easily distorted so you better make sure you have your information right and available," said McCabe. "It's time to open your mouths. Canada needs to be able to illustrate that it is meeting its targets [environmentally] and get farmers engaged."

McCabe concluded by rousing the attendees with the demand for producers to be able to communicate with the rest of the food system. "You own your future and you know your past. It's time for your business to take on a communication role like never before and rebuild the bridge to the urban sector."

BDO followed these presentations with some of their own information, presented by BDO Partner François Bourgeois, Team Manager (Agricultural Department)

Jean-François Gratton and Senior Tax Manager Chantal Gagné. Of the top 10 most common questions that they receive, one message stood out the most; "Keep your history and record everything. Documentation will be the key issue for the future years," said Gagné.

With the proposed tax changes, BDO had difficulty giving any finite advice since the new rules are still up in the air. What they did suggest related to the proposed rules against income sprinkling. The changes aim to

apply a reasonableness test to determine if the children or spouse of a producer is contributing enough to the farm in order to deserve their salary. BDO told attendees they were continuing to fight to get a more defined outline of what is "reasonable" due to the unpredictability and differing opinions of the auditors. As one producer commented as he was leaving, "It's going to be a hard thing to tell my wife I have to cut her salary." As the experts said, documentation will be key for the future.



Conversing about carbon
OFA Director Don McCabe spoke about the future of carbon tax and trading for Ontario agricultural producers and how they can use the market to benefit their operations, during the Maxville stop on the BDO Roadshow.
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An ag future through trade
Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) Director Doug Forsyth spoke to the BDO Roadshow guests about current and potential future international trade deals and their benefits for the agricultural sector.
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This year's focus has included the areas of Devine Creek from the Forced Road and Rockdale Road intersection to the Russland Road and Rockdale intersection; Marshall Seguin Creek from the intersection of Devine Road and Rockdale Road to Rockdale Road at Highway 417; and Nelson Charlebois Creek from the Trim Road and Giroux Street intersection to the Prescott and Russell Trail on Frank Kenny Road.

SNC invites local residents to attend a public

open house to view and comment on new natural hazard maps for their area within the City of Ottawa. The open house will take place on Thurs., Feb. 8, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at École élémentaire catholique Saint-Guillaume in Vars.

"We are particularly interested in historical information that residents may be able to provide for these watercourses," said Sandra Mancini, SNC's Team Lead, Engineering. Mancini invites residents to bring along photos, news clippings, and anecdotal stories to compare to natural hazard maps.

Mapping will be used

by the City and SNC when updating official plans and zoning schedules, and in reviewing other Planning Act applications. "The ultimate goal of the mapping is to help ensure safe development," added Mancini. "It's all about keeping people and proper-

ty safe."

SNC staff will be on hand at the public house to respond to any questions from property owners and residents.

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Glengarry 4-H

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Kristen MacRae and Tyler Seguin; 18 clubs - Olivia Leroux; 24 clubs - Kelsey MacIntosh; Graduating members - Kelsey MacIntosh.

The 2017 Calf Club award winners were: Lions Club Showmanship Award: Kelsey MacIntosh; Lagrantmac Farms Showmanship Awards - Top Senior: Kelsey MacIntosh, Top Intermediate: Brenna Thomson, Top Junior: Katherine Thomson and Top Novice: Rowen McCormick; Dorothy Cumming Memorial Award - Supreme Dairy Calf: Brenna Thomson; Munro Agromart award - Grand Champion Holstein Calf: Brenna Thomson; Glengarry Holstein Club Award - Reserve Champion Holstein Calf: Kelsey MacIntosh; Gleneil Farms Award - Grand Champion

Jersey Calf: Rowen McCormick; Scotiabank Award (Alexandria) - Grand Champion Ayrshire Calf: Evelyn Cumming; Villeneuve Transport Award - Outstanding Dairy club participation: Pierre-Luc Hurtubise.

Horse Club award winners: John R. MacDonell Family Award - Grand Champion Showperson: Joseanne Lacombe; Bank of Montreal Awards - Top Senior: Joseanne Lacombe, Top Junior: Madison MacRae, and Top Novice: Kolton Vogel.

Judging Day award winners; R.S. Wightman Trophy - Top Senior: Kelsey MacIntosh; Scotiabank Award - Top Intermediate: 1st Olivia Leroux, 2nd Brenna Thomson and 3rd Joseanne Lacombe; Shepherd Shield - Top Junior: 1st Pierre-Luc Hurtubise, 2nd Katherine Thomson and 3rd Isabella Poirier; MacGillivray Bicentennial



News award
Margaret Caldbick presented the *Glengarry News Award* to Fia Leroux at the Glengarry 4-H Awards night held in Dalkeith on Nov 25. Vogel photo

Commemorative Trophy - Top Novice: 1st Evelyn Cumming, Madison MacRae, 2nd Cassie MacIntosh, and 3rd Emmett Leroux; Top Score at 2017 Judging Day Award: Olivia Leroux.

Major award winners: Chico and Jo Trophies Award: Rowen McCormick; George Croll Citizenship Trophy: Olivia Leroux; Francis Gaucher Memorial Award: Avery MacDonald; Glengarry



Judging judges
Jakob Vogel presented Olivia Leroux with her award for 1st Place overall Judge at Judging Day. Vogel photo

News Award: Fia Leroux; Hawkesbury Toyota Leadership Award: Brenna MacDonald; Kobaulinscry Farms Award: Kylie Cornelissen and Peter Hagen; Linda's Bookkeeping and

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New food literacy study to guide future resource development

GUELPH – MESSAGES AND THE MEDIUM MUST CHANGE TO IMPROVE FOOD LITERACY AMONG FUTURE CONSUMERS, ACCORDING TO A NEW STUDY RECENTLY RELEASED NOV. 30 BY THE ONTARIO FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE (OFA). THE FOOD LITERACY ATTITUDE AND AWARENESS RESEARCH PROJECT SET OUT TO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE CURRENT STATE OF FOOD LITERACY AMONG ONTARIO CONSUMERS, AND USE THE INSIGHTS TO GUIDE FUTURE PROGRAMS, RESOURCES AND INFORMATION.

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) is the largest general farm organization in Ontario, representing 37,000 farm families across the province. As a dynamic farmer-led organization based in Guelph, the OFA works to represent and champion the interests of Ontario farmers through government relations, farm policy recommendations, research, lobby efforts, community representation, media relations and more. OFA is the leading advocate for Ontario's farmers and is Ontario's voice of the farmer.

OFA, together with an advisory committee including the Nutrition Resource Centre – Ontario Public Health Association, Ontario Home Economics Association, AgScape, and Farm and Food Care Ontario, surveyed three distinct consumer groups to measure their level of food literacy and provide baseline information, with support from the Government of Ontario in partnership with the Greenbelt Fund.

“We wanted to gauge the current knowl-

edge level of parents with kids at home, teenagers and early millennials,” said OFA President Keith Currie. “Food literacy is a very timely topic, and one that needs more attention and support because it is so closely tied with public health. We need to understand what consumers – both current and future – are aware of so we can accurately focus resources and information in the future. This study provides an insightful starting point.”

The project included two in-person focus groups to gather qualitative information on food literacy that was used to gather 1,003 online surveys for quantitative information on local food, meal planning, purchasing, preparation and consumption in the home, and information sources used by consumers.

According to the study results, the current ways of reaching teenagers with food literacy messages are neither effective nor impactful. Dietitians generally target their messages to parents and should revise their messages and focus to target teens directly. Most food skills are learned at home, passed from parent to child, making it vital that parents are comfortable with food preparation and have a good knowledge and understanding of health and nutrition.

Other study highlights included:

- Nearly 25 per cent of all respondents didn't know any of the food groups.
- Millennials seek health and nutrition information from a wide variety of sources, compared to other consumer groups surveyed.
- Less than 50 per cent of parents surveyed know the safe cooking temperatures for a variety of meat and poultry items.
- Overall, there is a clear understanding of local food products but not of farming practices or food production.
- Local food knowledge does not differ significantly depending on where the respondents live (rural, urban, suburban).

“The information we gather now serves as a guide for OFA and other partners to identify future needs, including public policy, to develop

SNC accepting applications for Community Environmental Grants Program

FINCH – FOR ANYONE PLANNING AN ENVIRONMENTAL OR RECREATIONAL EVENT FOR THE COMMUNITY, SOUTH NATION CONSERVATION IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR A GRANT TO HELP OFFSET COSTS THROUGH SNC'S COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS PROGRAM.

Non-profit organizations are encouraged to apply to receive a grant of up to \$300 for their event or activity. The program has four categories: River Grants, Heritage Grants, Agri-Environmental Grants, and Community Outreach Grants.

“The Community Environmental Grants Program supports events and projects within SNC's jurisdiction that promote recreational use of our river, protect the environment or celebrate the natural heritage of the area,” said John Mesman, SNC's Team Lead, Communications and Outreach, in the earlier December news release.

In 2017, 20 projects and \$6,000 were approved, including Boisés Est's Wood Fair,

the Russell Historical Society's Heritage Festival, the Crysler Citizen Committee's Fun Run, the Cardinal Legion's Poker Run, the Kin Club of Russell's Poutmaster Fishing Derby and the Spencerville Mill Poker Run.

“We believe in supporting opportunities for the public to enjoy, to learn from, and to experience the river and their local environment,” he added. “We accept applications for event support year-round and we can help community groups and individuals in planning and supporting their events too.”

There's something for landowners too. For over 20 years, the SNC Clean Water Program has funded \$2.2-million in grants to over 720 projects. If you have a project on your property that improves water quality you may be eligible.

To download a copy of the Community Environmental Grants application form, visit: www.nation.on.ca/water/grant-programs/community-environmental-grants or contact Mesman at 1-877-984-2948, ext. 302 or jmesman@nation.on.ca.

stronger food literacy components in our curriculum and through other programs and resources,” said Currie. “We are already working with a registered dietician to develop a meal plan for teenagers to help them understand how to put together a properly, balanced meal. This will be a great addition to our SixbySixteen.me program.”

“It is important for Ontarians to know about where the food on their plate comes from and the great benefits our agriculture sector brings

to the economy,” said Edward McDonnell, CEO of the Greenbelt Fund. “These insights provide an important benchmark to measure progress on local food literacy, and I am confident that our ongoing work with the OFA and other farm organizations will continue to move the needle, particularly among younger Ontarians.”

The complete Food Literacy Attitude and Awareness Research Project report is available at ofa.on.ca.



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Annual Forage Focus conference in Winchester

by Kalynn Sawyer Helmer
AgriNews Staff Writer

WINCHESTER – THE ONTARIO FORAGE COUNCIL HELD THEIR 2017 FORAGE FOCUS CONFERENCE AND TRADE SHOW IN SHAKESPEARE AND WINCHESTER ON DEC. 12 AND 13 RESPECTIVELY. THE 2017 CONFERENCE TITLED, UTILIZING FORAGES TO MAXIMIZE FARM PROFITS IN A CHANGING ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDED PRESENTATIONS FROM OMAFRA ENTOMOLOGIST TRACEY BAUTE AND KEYNOTE SPEAKER ROBERT BERTHIAUME, DAIRY PRODUCTION EXPERT IN FORAGE SYSTEMS.

Shakespeare saw big crowds come out for the event on the Dec. 12, but the poor winter weather made for difficult travel on Dec. 13, and many prospective Winchester event attendees were unable to make the journey.

Ontario Forage Council Manager Ray Robertson wrote in the conference program, “From a forage perspective, many livestock producers are very much aware of a shortage of high-quality dry hay this year, due to the extremely wet weather this past summer. The Ontario Hay Marketing Forum is the first entity we think of when referring producers to a reputable hay supplier. If you are in the hay marketing business, or regularly sell hay or straw, you may find it beneficial to join the Ontario Hay Marketing Forum. It can be an excellent marketing tool that gives you constant exposure to a broad clientele and at a reasonable price.” Producers who join the forum can also become eligible to join the Canadian Forage Export Group.

Tracey Baute spoke to guests about potato leafhoppers (PLH). In the program

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Hopper a big threat

Tracey Baute, OMAFRA Entomologist - Field Crops, spoke to audience members about the threat of potato leaf hopper on crops and how to check fields for their presence, during the Forage Focus Conference in Winchester on Dec. 13.

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Looking back on 2017 at OFA

OFA commentary

by Keith Currie, President Ontario Federation of Agriculture

IT HAPPENS EVERY YEAR – THE END OF THE CALENDAR ARRIVES SOONER THAN WE THINK. JUST AS WE SCRAMBLE TO FINISH HARVEST AND GET WINTER WHEAT IN THE GROUND, IT'S TIME TO START MAKING DECISIONS FOR THE NEXT GROWING SEASON.

December always marks a good time to reflect on what's happened in the agri-food sector over the past 12 months, and the activities the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) has worked on for our members.

People have been a definite highlight in my work at OFA over this past year. In my role as president, I have met with people and organizations across the province. I've toured some of the U.S. states with Minister Leal to help forge new rela-

tionships with U.S. farm leaders. And I've realized how important it is for us all to work collaboratively – within our industry, our community and with the entire province.

OFA's advocacy work puts us in touch with a broad range of groups, government and policy makers – with people that know a lot about our industry and some who know very little about what makes our sector a powerhouse in the Ontario economy.

As farmers, we know



Keith Currie

that one of our primary jobs that we are all so proud of is that we feed people. We also feed the economy with jobs, innovation and oppor-

tunities. And that's a message that I want to be sure everybody knows about.

As we advocate for the issues that impact how and where we operate our farm businesses, it's so important to look for common ground to bring a stronger, unified voice for policy and regulatory changes.

OFA worked on a lot of files this year. Some we were able to open, address and close. Many of the issues we tackled operate on a longer-term schedule, like minimum wage, federal tax changes, phosphorus and natural gas expansion. These issues will continue

to be top of mind for us in 2018, as part of our provincial election campaign.

This year also marked the year we began to talk more about mental health. I know the conversations will continue as we are more open with ourselves and each other. And I know the conversations we start can help create an environment where mental health is never seen as a weakness.

In spite of the business of the season, please make sure you take time to celebrate the season with family, friends and your community – Happy New Year from OFA.

Potatoes named in celebration of Canada 150

OTTAWA – TWO CANADIAN POTATO COMPANIES ARE CELEBRATING CANADA 150 BY GIVING NEWLY LICENSED POTATO VARIETIES DEVELOPED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA (AAFC) A LINK TO CANADA.

The new potatoes, called AAC Confederation and AAC Canada Gold-Dorée, were recently named by Progest 2001 Inc. based out of Sainte-Croix, Que., and Canadian Eastern Seed Growers Inc. based out of New Brunswick, respectively. The "AAC" in both names is a nod to their AAFC origins.

Both company presidents are really excited about the commercial potential these potatoes possess and feel they could rival Yukon Gold. AAFC potato breeder and research scientist Dr. Benoit Bizimungu couldn't agree more and describes both potatoes as having good yield and disease resistance profiles that makes them more profitable to produce and can be considered an improvement on Yukon Gold.

"Taste and texture are important," André Gagnon, President of Progest 2001 Inc., said. "We need tasty special potatoes that fit customer needs! We feel that AAC Confederation has the potential to become a popular yellow variety for consumers."

When naming AAC Canada Gold Dorée, André Côté, co-owner of the Eastern Seed Growers Inc. with his brother Eric Côté, explained they were inspired by this potato's golden colour when choosing its name.

"We chose AAC Canada Gold-Dorée for its golden flesh and its golden potential as a winner in the markets."

Both AAC Confederation and AAC Canada Gold-Dorée are graduates of the AAFC potato breeding program based in Fredericton, N.B.

"A lot of work goes into developing a new potato variety. For instance, the AAC Canada Gold-Dorée was six years in development before being released in 2015 to the potato industry to be evaluated of commercial potential. It is no surprise that the potato was taken up so quickly by the industry because it has great attributes," said Bizimungu.

Bizimungu believes this latest licensing demonstrates the breeding program is making progress in identifying the kind of potatoes the industry needs and shows the value of the department's national breeding program.

Each year under the Accelerated Release Program, AAFC releases 10 to 15 potato selections during a special Potato Release Open House for industry to consider.

These potatoes provide options to best meet the needs of Canadian consumers and producers. If industry likes what they see, they can conduct field trials of the selections and eventually bid for sole evaluation rights.

As for AAC Confederation and AAC Canada Gold-Dorée, the two companies expect to begin selling seed for the two new varieties by 2020.

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Russell Gammon named Interim Manager at Jersey Canada

GUELPH – PRESIDENT TIM SARGENT AND THE JERSEY CANADA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNOUNCED THAT RUSSELL GAMMON OF FERGUS, ONT., WOULD BEGIN A ONE-YEAR TERM AS INTERIM MANAGER STARTING MON., JAN. 8, 2018.

"Russell needs little introduction to Jersey owners. He has a long history of passion for and service to the Jersey breed and the wider dairy industry. In our deliberations, we saw him as the perfect fit to keep Jersey growth soaring upward and it will be a somewhat seamless transition within the association," said Sargent in the media release.

Gammon's resumé includes 25 years as previous manager of Jersey Canada and he has served in a leadership capacity with the World Jersey Cattle Bureau. From 2011 to

early 2017, Gammon held the position of manager for Semex's Global Jersey Program.

Although Gammon enjoys all things agriculture, he is most enthusiastic about Jerseys and is excited to once again represent the Jersey breed on a national level. "There is a growing movement in North America, and elsewhere, to add Jerseys to dairy herds. Progressive dairy producers are making well thought-out business decisions to invest in the Jersey breed. All measures indicate significant Jersey influence in the global dairy population!" mentioned Gammon.

The Board and Jersey Canada staff have welcomed Gammon to the helm, as he fills in for General Manager Kathryn Roxburgh off on maternity leave.


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
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Ian McLeod is sworn in as Warden of SDG

by Kalynn Sawyer Helmer
AgriNews Staff

CORNWALL – IAN McLEOD WAS SWORN IN AS STORMONT, DUNDAS AND GLENGARRY'S NEW WARDEN ON FRI., DEC. 15. THE INAUGURATION, WHICH TOOK PLACE AT THE UNITED COUNTIES OFFICE IN CORNWALL, WAS ATTENDED BY A NUMBER OF PEOPLE, INCLUDING PAST WARDENS, CITY OFFICIALS AND SDG DIGNITARIES.

McLeod takes over from 2017 Warden Jim Bancroft and will serve as SDG's 169th Warden. "Being Warden of SDG is a distinguished position held by many noteworthy people," said emcee and CAO Tim Simpson. McLeod was nominated by South Glengarry Deputy Mayor Frank Prevost and seconded by North Glengarry Deputy Mayor Jamie Macdonald. The two deputy mayors were honoured to escort Warden McLeod to the Warden's chair in County Council chambers after North Glengarry Mayor Chris McDonnell presented McLeod with his Chain of Office.

Afterwards, SDSG MPP Jim McDonnell, Cornwall Mayor Leslie O'Shaughnessy and former Warden Jim Bancroft were asked to offer their congratulations. "On behalf of the Province of Ontario and the residents of SDSG, congratulations," said McDonnell, who spoke of the Counties' proud history throughout Ontario's growth.

"The City of Cornwall looks forward to working with [Warden McLeod]," said O'Shaughnessy. He continued that the work of the County Council should be recognized for their dedication and for maintaining and nurturing the confidence of SDG residents.

Bancroft wrapped up the congratulations insisting, "it has been a wonderful year for me to be part of this community and it is an honour I will always cherish. Good luck [Warden McLeod], I'm really looking forward to working with you again."

Warden McLeod then addressed the audience and thanked many people for their support. "Thank you, MP Guy Lauzon for your guidance over the years, Jim Bancroft for your great work, leadership, friendship

and council, and my family for their continued support of my political career. We have been blessed with so many strong Wardens and County Council members who have maintained these counties that we get to enjoy," McLeod remarked. In the upcoming year and McLeod's term he spoke of the many issues on the agenda including the improvement of the roadways and bridges which will play a major role in SDG's 2018 year. That four-year project has just been approved by the Counties and \$17-million is allocated for roadways and bridges in 2018. On that note, McLeod was proud to announce SDG as one of the only Counties to be debt free and he intends to keep it that way.

"I look forward to an exciting year ahead as your Warden," said McLeod. "And to the people here and all of the SDG residents, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year."



Sworn in

New SDG Warden Ian McLeod, was sworn into office on Fri., Dec. 15, at the County Council Chambers in Cornwall. The chambers were crowded with 120 dignitaries and community members ready to give congratulations and hear the Warden's Address. Warden McLeod will serve his term for one year before joining the ranks of past Wardens.

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Flourishing organic market captured in new report

OTTAWA – THE CANADA ORGANIC TRADE ASSOCIATION (COTA) RELEASED ITS SECOND COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS OF CANADA'S ORGANIC MARKET: *THE CANADIAN ORGANIC MARKET: TRENDS AND OPPORTUNITIES 2017*, AT THE END OF NOVEMBER. THIS IN-DEPTH PUBLICATION PROVIDES THE MOST UP-TO-DATE OVERVIEW OF THE CANADIAN ORGANIC MARKET, COMBINING CONSUMER RESEARCH WITH SALES AND TRADE DATA TO PROVIDE VALUABLE INSIGHT INTO MARKET SIZE, GROWTH TRENDS AND CANADIAN CONSUMER PERCEPTIONS.

The Canada Organic Trade Association is the membership-based association for the organic sector in Canada: representing growers, processors, certifiers, provincial farmers' associations, importers, exporters, retailers and others throughout the organic value chain. COTA's mission is to promote and protect the growth of organic trade to benefit the environment, farmers, the public and the economy. COTA brings together the diversity of Canada's organic sector: from farmer and processor to retail, including food products, fibre and textiles, personal care, and emerging sectors such as organic aquaculture.

"Canada's organic sector remains on its upward trajectory, gaining new market share as consumers across Canada ate and used more organic products than ever before," said Tia Loftsgard, Executive Director of the Canada Organic Trade Association, in the news release. "It is an exciting time to be a part of a sector that shows such promise to bring positive economic, social and environmental change to Canada."

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Green Ontario Fund offering rebates for energy-efficient renovations

TORONTO – IN A DEC. 13 NEWS RELEASE, THE MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE ANNOUNCED A REBATE PROGRAM TO HELP FAMILIES SAVE MONEY AND FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE AT HOME.

Ontario families can now access rebates to complete low-carbon, energy-efficient renovations to their homes through a new program from the Green Ontario Fund, a non-profit provincial agency funded by proceeds from the province's cap on pollution and carbon market.

"No matter where you live or work in Ontario, fighting climate change can be as easy as changing a light bulb, switching your thermostat or making other home improvements that cut your energy bills.

Knowing that so many of our daily choices and actions at home contribute to greenhouse gas pollution, a program like GreenON Rebates will make it easy and more affordable for people to fight climate change by choosing low-carbon ways to improve their homes," stated Chris Ballard, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, in the release.

New GreenON Rebates will cover up to \$7,200 off new insulation and a \$100 rebate for air sealing; up to \$20,000 to install ENERGY STAR-certified ground source heat pumps (home geothermal) or up to \$4,500 to repair existing heat pump systems; up to \$5,800 off air source heat pumps that are ENERGY STAR-certified or meet program requirements; and up to \$5,000 for replacement windows that meet program requirements.

In addition to the renovation rebates, homeowners and tenants can access a \$100 smart thermostat rebate through a partnership with Save on Energy.

Parminder Sandhu, Chair of the Green Ontario Fund Board of Directors, added, "Now, through GreenON Rebates, we are empowering consumers to help fight climate change by reducing energy usage at home. GreenON Rebates enables Ontario homeowners and tenants to access rebates on home renovations that will save them money and reduce their carbon footprint."

The province is also launching GreenON Support, a free over-the-phone service offering impartial advice from energy experts to help consumers learn how they can save money and reduce their carbon footprint through home upgrades. Making it easier and more affordable for people to fight climate change at home is part of Ontario's plan to create fairness and opportunity during this period of rapid economic change. The plan includes a higher minimum wage and better working conditions, free tuition for hundreds of thousands of students, easier access to affordable child care, and free prescription drugs for everyone under 25 through the biggest expansion of medicare in a generation.

Quick Facts

- Buildings generate almost a quarter of Ontario's greenhouse gas emissions.
- The Green Ontario Fund takes consumer protection seriously. No agents will come to your door without your consent. The agency requires residents taking advantage of rebates to work with a qualified and screened contractor listed on GreenON.ca. Contractors across Ontario interested in participating in the program are invited to sign up at GreenON.ca/contractor-signup.

Contractors participating in the program must satisfy established criteria and complete training for specific low-carbon renovations.

The Green Ontario Fund is a key pillar in the province's Climate Change Action Plan and is funded entirely by proceeds from the carbon market.

The rebate program builds on the success of the Green Ontario Fund's first program, GreenON Installations, which offers a smart thermostat with installation and in-home energy review at no-cost. This program is temporarily closed to new applicants while the current orders of smart thermostats are being installed. Applications will re-open in 2018. (Sign up for Green Ontario Fund alerts to get the latest information on all programs.)

The Climate Change Action Plan and carbon market form the backbone of Ontario's strategy to cut greenhouse gas pollution to 15 per cent below 1990 levels by 2020, 37 per cent by 2030 and 80 per cent by 2050.

Other action plan measures funded by carbon market proceeds include new electric vehicle incentives, charging stations and infrastructure, a bigger and safer province-wide cycling commuter network, energy retrofits for homes, multi-residential buildings, social housing, targeted greenhouse gas emission reduction programs for large industries, small and medium-sized businesses and support for Indigenous communities to fight climate change.

Visit GreenON.ca to find out how small – or big – changes in your home can help save money while reducing greenhouse gas pollution.

Government of Canada secures market access for pork to Argentina

OTTAWA – THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA, THROUGH AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA AND GLOBAL AFFAIRS CANADA, IS HELPING PRODUCERS AND PROCESSORS BRING THEIR HIGH-QUALITY PRODUCTS TO MORE AND MORE COUNTRIES AROUND THE GLOBE. THESE EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES MOVE CANADA CLOSER TO ITS GOAL OF REACHING \$75-BILLION IN ANNUAL AGRI-FOOD EXPORTS BY 2025, WHILE CREATING WELL-PAYING JOBS FOR CANADIANS.

The Honourable Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, and the Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of International Trade, announced [in a media release in late November] that the Government of Canada has successfully restored market access for Canadian pork exports to Argentina.

"Today's announcement is a great example of how the Government of Canada is constantly working to give our producers and processors access to export markets to enhance their competitiveness. This market access will deepen Canada's trade partnership with Argentina, boost global exports, and strengthen the middle class," said MacAulay.

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The Honourable Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

"Our government is working hard to open markets and create new trade opportunities for Canadian businesses and workers. Canadian pork access to the Argentinian market is an important step in our valued and growing relationship and evidence that engagement produces results. I encourage our Canadian pork industry to take advantage of the opportunities this leading South American market offers," added Champagne.

This restored access will provide significant new opportunities to Canadian pork exporters in the important and emerging Argentinian market, with industry estimating an export value of up to \$16-million annually.

"CPI is very pleased with this announcement. The Argentinian market represents a solid opportunity to further develop and diversify Canadian pork exports in South America," said Neil Ketilson, Chair of the Board of Directors, Canada Pork International. Top exports of Canadian agricultural products to Argentina include durum wheat (\$3-million), alfalfa (\$2.4-million) and dairy bovine semen (\$2.4-million).

This announcement builds on Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's successful visit to Argentina last year [2016], when both leaders acknowledged the progress made to date and the necessary remaining steps to allow trade of Canadian pork to Argentina to resume, concluded the release.

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St-Amour new UCPR Warden for 2018

L'ORIGINAL – FRANÇOIS ST-AMOUR, MAYOR OF THE NATION MUNICIPALITY, WAS ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION AS THE 2018 WARDEN OF THE UNITED COUNTIES OF PRESCOTT AND RUSSELL (UCPR).

This coming year represents Warden St-Amour's second term as the head of the regional council, having previously held the position in 2012. Russell Township Mayor Pierre Leroux and Clarence-Rockland Mayor Guy Desjardins proposed and seconded the nomination, respectively. St-Amour has been involved in municipal politics since 2003, and has served as Mayor since 2010.

During the traditional swearing-in ceremony held Wed., Dec. 20, in the County Council chambers, Warden St-Amour addressed the priorities of his upcoming presidency, namely support for the new direction of the UCPR's Economic Development and Tourism Department, which will address gaps and opportunities in the electricity and natural gas networks, the improvement of regional infrastructure, and the development of local municipalities' commercial and industrial sectors.

During the same ceremony, outgoing Warden Gary J. Barton pre-



François St-Amour

sented cheques, totaling \$20,100, to 14 non-profit organizations in Champlain Township: the L'Original Food Bank; the Vankleek Hill Food Bank; the L'Original Old Jail; Patrimoine L'Original-Longueuil Heritage; the Vankleek Hill Agricultural Society; the Vankleek Hill Museum; the Arbor Gallery Cultural Centre; the Higginson Tower Committee; the Club de

L'Amicale de L'Original; the Vankleek Hill Club d'Age d'Or; the Vankleek Hill Sunshine Club; the Champlain Minor Sports Association; Vankleek Hill Cougars Junior Hockey; and the Eastern Prescott-Russell Minor Hockey Association. These funds were raised during the Warden's Golf Tournament and Warden's Banquet fundraisers held during his term.

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Organic market report

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Key findings include:

- Canada's total organic market (including food and non-food items) is estimated at \$5.4-billion, up from \$3.5-billion in 2012.
- The organic food and beverage market is estimated at \$4.4-billion, up from \$2.8-billion in 2012.
- The compound annual growth rate of the total organic market is estimated at 8.7 per cent between 2012 and 2017. Over the same time period, the growth rate for the organic food and beverage market is at an estimated 8.4 per cent.
- As the market has matured, growth rates have slowed but organics continues to capture a greater market share. Between 2012 and 2017, the market share of organic food and beverages sold through mainstream retailers has grown from 1.7 per cent to 2.6 per cent.
- Ontario has the

largest organic market, yet British Columbia continues to have higher organic sales per capita.

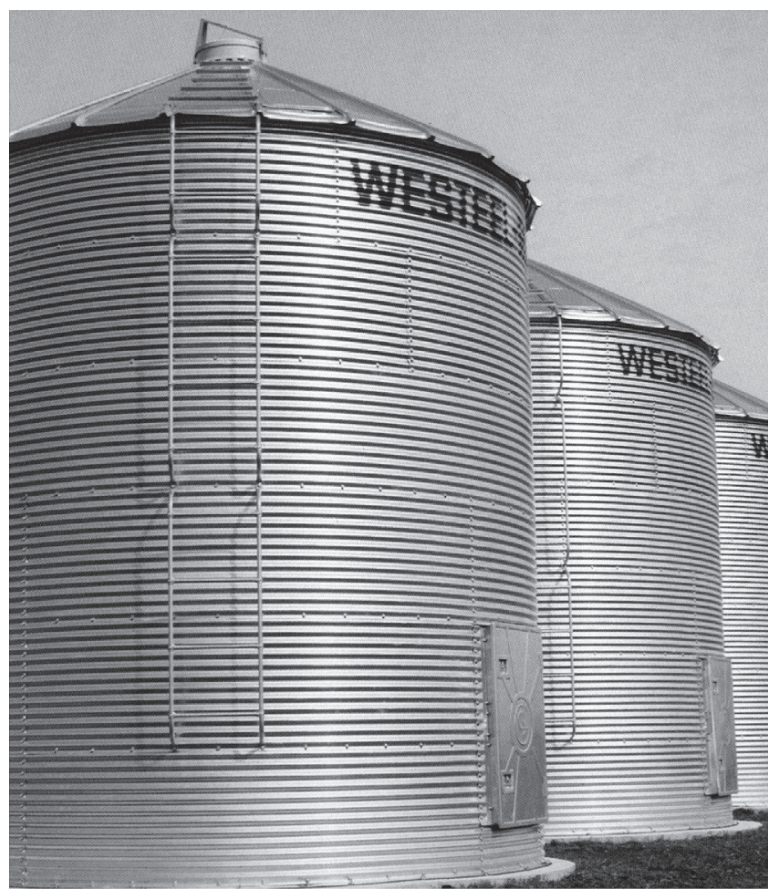
- Two-thirds of Canadian grocery shoppers are purchasing organics weekly. Albertans are most likely to be organic purchasers – 74 per cent are buying organics weekly.
- Currently, Canada tracks 65 organic imports and 17 organic exports – a subset of total organic trade. Tracked Canadian organic imports were valued at \$637-million in 2016. Tracked exports were expected to reach \$607-million by the end of 2017.

The report combines sales data from the Nielsen Company, consumer data from Ipsos polls, and organic trade data from Statistics Canada. The report is rounded out with secondary research and analysis carried out by the COTA, with additional insight and analysis from leading organic experts.

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OFA welcomes the New Year with renewed focus

OFA commentary

by Peggy Brekvel, Vice-President Ontario Federation of Agriculture

THE ONTARIO FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE (OFA) BEGINS 2018 WITH A CLEAR SET OF PRIORITIES TO DRIVE OUR ADVOCACY WORK THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. THE UPCOMING PROVINCIAL ELECTION WILL DRIVE MUCH OF OUR ADVOCACY FOR THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR, ALONG WITH THE OTHER ONGOING ACTIVITIES. SOME OF THE ISSUES WE WORK ON ARE ONGOING, LONG-TERM PROJECTS, WHILE OTHERS HAVE SHORTER TIMELINES. THE COMMON THREAD

WITH ALL THESE ISSUES IS TO ADVOCATE FOR THE BEST INTERESTS OF OUR 37,000 MEMBERS.

Here's a look at some of OFA's priorities for the year ahead.

Our Producing Prosperity in Ontario campaign was launched at our 2017 AGM, and will be OFA's focus for the 2018 provincial election and beyond. We're focusing on how proper investments in rural Ontario and farming can offer economic and social solutions that will benefit the entire province.

On the labour file, OFA will be working through the review of agriculture exemptions under the *Employment Standards Act*. The review hasn't been scheduled yet, but it is essential to ensure labour rules continue to reasonably

accommodate the business of farming.

As well, the minimum wage hike remains a concern with our farm business members. OFA will continue monitoring the implications to the agriculture industry and report concerns back to the government.

Federally, we'll continue to closely monitor the impact to our members of the proposed federal tax changes to private corporations that were announced in 2017.

Closer to home, we're expecting an evaluation of the wildlife compensation program to be announced this year. OFA will be watching for the details of this program and implications to members.

And considering the natural landscape that Ontario farmers live and work in,

the environment continues to play a leading role in our advocacy work. The next draft of the soil health strategy is due to be released this year. OFA will be working through the details of the new draft strategy and providing feedback to the government. Water quality and management will continue to be top priorities for OFA in 2018 as we work with our partners in Grow Ontario Together on the draft Canada-Ontario Domestic Action Plan for phosphorus reduction.

2018 is shaping up to be another busy year for agricultural advocacy. OFA will continue advocating for the needs of our members on these wide-ranging issues and priorities that impact Ontario's agri-food sector.

Happy New Year everyone!

An update from Grain Farmers of Ontario

GUELPH, ON – IN AN EARLY DECEMBER NEWS RELEASE, GRAIN FARMERS OF ONTARIO APPLAUD-ED THE ONTARIO GOVERNMENT FOR PUTTING FORWARD A PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE ETHANOL MANDATE IN THE PROVINCE.

The government of Ontario released its proposed amendments to the Ethanol in Gasoline regulation on the Ontario Environmental Bill of Rights. The proposal includes an increase to the mandate for ethanol in regular grade gasoline from five per cent to 10 per cent by 2020.

"We are pleased to see the Ontario government committed to growing the ethanol market in Ontario," said Mark Brock, Chair, Grain Farmers of Ontario. "Corn ethanol produced in Ontario increases market opportunities for local farmers. It is also an effective way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from cars on the road and the ethanol industry generates jobs and economic activity for the province."

Farmers are not the only ones who will benefit from growth within the biofuels industry. Income stability for Ontario's grain farmers becomes money spent in our rural communities. An October 2017 study by Doyletech

Corporation found that the economic impact of increasing the provincial ethanol mandate to 10 per cent will contribute an additional \$638-million per year to Ontario's economy.

The government's proposed amendments to the Ethanol in Gasoline regulation have been posted for review and comment and Grain Farmers of Ontario will be making a submission to support the increased use of ethanol.

Grain Farmers of Ontario is the province's largest commodity organization, representing Ontario's 28,000 barley, corn, oat, soybean and wheat farmers. The crops they grow cover six million acres of farmland across the province, generate over \$2.5-billion in farm gate receipts, result in over \$9-billion in economic output and are responsible for over 40,000 jobs in the province.

The 2017 Grain Farmers of Ontario Annual Report is now available online, as is information regarding the 2018 March Classic: Leadership for Tomorrow, on March 20, at the Convention Centre in London, Ont. Visit gfo.ca for more information on "the largest grain-focused conference in Eastern Canada."

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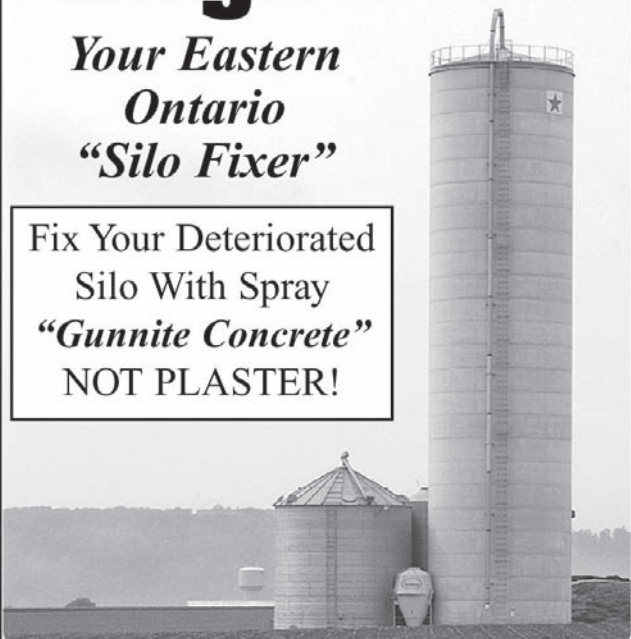
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Letter

An open letter to Mr. Arp, re: Registry # - 013-1674

The Editor:

On July 14, 2016, you [Mr. Arp] wrote stating, "The role of the MOECC, with respect to renewable energy proposals such as wind turbines, is to ensure that projects can be built and operated in a manner that is protective of the environment and human health."

On July 11, 2017, Ms. Goyette, wrote "wind energy facilities are developed in a way that is protective of human health and the environment. ...In order to protect human health and the environment, the ministry has taken a cautious, science-based approach when setting environmental standards and setbacks for renewable energy projects...ministry does respond to complaints involving wind farms and follows up on citizens' concerns, as appropriate, to ensure that the turbines are operating in compliance with the conditions of the approval and provincial requirements."

On Oct. 16, 2017, Mr. Thibeault wrote "LRP was designed to provide local communities with a stronger voice and additional opportunities to participate...Ontario has one of the strictest sound level criteria in North America, including a minimum 550m setback and a noise limit based on 40 decibels...reliable electricity system." (Please note: cautious science-based research clearly shows that "wind" is intermittent.)

On Nov. 20, 2017, Minister Ballard stated in the legislature, "the very vigorous process that our government puts in place to make sure that the turbines are sited safely and that there is good, strong consultation with the community....(uses Ms. Goyette's phrase) we have taken a very cautious, science-based approach when setting the standards."

Then, of course Dec. 16, 2017, there are MOECC managers/messengers, Rick Chappell and Andrew Baron who compared noise emissions from large-scale

wind power generators, including harmful low-frequency noise, to barking dogs.

Mr. Arp, under Mr. Ballard and his predecessor Glen Murray: you all espoused the same meaningless "party" rhetoric. You all have received multiple e-mails/letters by people all across Ontario reiterating the problems being experienced daily with wind turbines and you continue to parrot the rhetoric and do nothing. Lake K2 is systematically draining/contaminating an aquifer essential to all human and animal health and....

As far as "cautious, science-based approach," where is your science derived? Certainly not from acknowledging the existence of Quebec's setback regulations published in 2013; the ones that state 2,000m setback from homes and 1,000m setbacks from roads; the ever-increasing worldwide recognition of health issues caused by low frequency noise. Shouldn't there be a variety of setbacks for a variety of turbine heights?

To every person in Ontario, Mr. Ballard's callous response Nov. 20, 2017 to Mr. McNaughton's sincere concern for his constituents' water source is an outrage. What would Mr. Ballard, Ms. Goyette, Mr. Thibeault, Ms. Wynne do if black water came out of his/her tap? Call their MPP?

As far as "barking dogs," we challenge you all to live with "barking dogs" 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. What would you do? Call your MPP?

You all appear to be concerned with human health and the environment; that is difficult to comprehend when the people of Ontario watch what MOECC is allowing to happen repeatedly across Ontario - Amherst Island, Chatham-Kent.

Back to the project in North Stormont: EDP's Renewable's Nation Rise Wind Project - the company is so sure they have the Ontario government in their

pocket, they had the audacity to post the questions submitted by the citizens of North Stormont at the final June public meeting with names and addresses redacted and the response portion blank. Ms. Goyette's letter further states: "A significant part of the REA review process is the consideration of how the proponent addressed community concerns raised during the consultation process." We hope she reads EDP's responses to the public's questions. Is North Stormont going to have a drained/contaminated ground water resource; the major, fragile Vars-Winchester Esker was not even mentioned in EDP's water report. North Stormont is a prime agricultural area; where is Ontario's food to be produced (solar panels are not allowed on prime agricultural land; why are wind turbines?) To date the Nation Rise Wind project shows 61 story tall turbines being erected at 573m from homes. Where is the cautious, science-based research to support this?

Go to the Wind Concerns Ontario site: <http://www.windconcernsontario.ca/>

We can resend you any/all articles previously sent to ensure you have "cautious, science-based" information; it appears MOECC's information is out-of-date. Patrick Gallant's website <https://parkergallantenergyperspectivesblog.wordpress.com> will explain to you the horrendous financial drain on all people of Ontario.

The final demonstration of the total disregard MOECC has for the people of Ontario is to have posted the Nation Rise Wind project with a final submission date of Dec. 25 (and yes we are well aware of the changed date but it was only done after many letters/complaints).

To you Mr. Arp, Ms. Goyette, Mr. Ballard, Mr. Thibeault, managers/messengers, Rick Chappell and Andrew Baron and of course, your leader, Ms. Wynne: we wish you all a Blessed Christmas; may you always have clean water to drink and healthy food to eat.

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Forage Focus

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her remarks were surmised to conclude that despite the excess rain, PLH is thriving in Ontario. "Hopperburn is evident in the second crop of alfalfa, though dry bean fields are also at risk, especially once insecticide seed treatments are no longer present in the plants. Unfortunately, once hopperburn is noticed, yield and quality have already been compromised. Though PLH-resistant varieties of alfalfa are available, new seedlings are still vulnerable, as the glandular hairs are not fully expressed the first year."

For scouting in alfalfa, Baute recommends doing so every five to seven days. "Take 20 sweeps from five areas of the field. Determine the average number of PLHs per sweep. Next, take 20 alfalfa stems at random and record the average plant height.

For scouting in dry beans, "walk in an X pattern. In 10 areas of the field, pick 10 trifoliolate leaves that are newly and fully expanded from the centre of the plant canopy. It is important to note that PLH adults readily fly away when disturbed, which makes them difficult to count on excised leaves," wrote Baute on her Field Crop News bug blog.

After Baute, Robert Berthiaume began his presentation called Forage Milk, A Profitable Concept. Berthiaume guided attendees



through a number of charts and statistics, explaining how to calculate milk from forage and his conclusions about what types of forage have the best and most efficient outcome. Some of those conclusions include, "producing more milk from forage will not reduce rolling herd average and milk from forage is higher with corn silage but net income/cow is not. Also to increase milk from forage, must have good quality forages, meaning adequate amounts of concentrates for each cow and adequate choice of concentrates for the actual forages (type, processing, etc.)."

Berthiaume's second presentation was titled Facing the Climatic Challenges of 2017. Main takeaways from his presentation encourage producers to take forage samples and invest in testing. "Small investment can preserve the milk and health of the animal. It also helps in knowing the quality of the forages. Forage sampling is the best strategy for information like protein, fibre, NDF, digestibility, fer-

mentation profile and ash content. After testing, allocate forages to the proper group of dairy animals. Ensure good samples since forage analysis is only as good as the sample."

Berthiaume also insisted on keeping inventory of forages. "You need to know how much you have to work with and it is a good opportunity to calculate shrink loss."

Lastly, Berthiaume's presentation concluded with the recommendation to feed unusually wet silages in the summer and feed unusually dry silages during the winter.

The OHFC wrapped up the conference and in the program OHFC Chair Fritz Trauttmansdorff looked at the work in 2017 and what is to come in 2018. He wrote, "[The OHFC] is making tremendous progress with hay dryers, and currently have two models in operation. The focus for the summer of 2017 was running trials to optimize the drying process. As this was a challenging year weather-wise, we were able to troubleshoot some uncom-

Focused on forage

Keynote Speaker Robert Berthiaume, dairy production expert in forage systems, provided two presentations about forage benefits and statistics, to attendees of the Ontario Forage Council's annual conference held in 2017 in Winchester.

Sawyer Helmer photo

mon situations. This will help us reach our goal of having well functioning, and reasonable priced dryers available. Our next step will be arranging and sending test shipments to interested buyers to ensure we can follow up with the demand that may be stimulated from these shipments. We are also doing more work on double cropping timothy and soybeans. Several directors and members have over 300 acres established this fall and are reporting a good catch and establishment."

Information about the OHFC can be found at ontariohay.ca and forage and crop information can be read at fieldcropnews.com.

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New Code of Practice relating to veal cattle

GUELPH – THE CANADIAN VEAL ASSOCIATION (CVA) AND THE NATIONAL FARM ANIMAL CARE COUNCIL (NFACC) RELEASED A REVISED CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE CARE AND HANDLING OF VEAL CATTLE IN LATE NOVEMBER.

Canada's Codes of Practice are nationally developed guidelines for the care and handling of farm animals. They serve as the foundation for ensuring that farm animals are cared for using sound management and welfare practices that promote animal health and well-being. Codes are used as educational tools, reference materials for regulations, and the foundation for industry animal care assessment programs.

"The Canadian Veal Association is pleased to have an updated and revised Code that will support the

sustainability of the Canadian veal cattle industry and the success of our producers," stated Bob Wynands, a veal producer and President of CVA, and Chair of the Code Development Committee. "Our industry's participation and leadership in the Code development process demonstrates our producers' continued commitment to animal health and welfare, and dedication to responsible animal husbandry."

Wynands added that "this Code also represents a true collaboration of industry partners and stakeholders where all voices and opinions were shared at the Development Committee in order to develop a Code that truly has the support of all involved. I am very proud of the Code that has been the result of the hard work, dedication and focused efforts of all committee members." NFACC's Code develop-

ment process is a uniquely consensus-based, multi-stakeholder approach that ensures credibility and transparency through scientific rigour, stakeholder collaboration, and consistency. Updates to the Veal Cattle Code were led by a 17-person Code committee comprised of veal producers, animal welfare and enforcement representatives, researchers, veterinarians and government representatives. Aiding in their work was a four-person Scientific Committee that included research and veterinary expertise in veal cattle behaviour, health and welfare. A public comment period was held in the winter of 2016 to allow the public and all stakeholders to provide input.

Canada's Codes of Practice are a powerful tool for meeting rising consumer, marketplace and societal expectations relative to farm

animal welfare. Codes support responsible animal care practices and keep everyone involved in farm animal care and handling on the same page.

"The new Code provides updated standards for the welfare of veal calves in Canada," said Dr. Jeffrey Rushen, who represents the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies on the Code Committee. "The recommendations are science-informed and will evolve the welfare practices of the veal industry to better meet the needs of the animals."

Funding for this project has been provided through the AgriMarketing Program under Growing Forward 2, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative.

NFACC is a collaborative partnership of diverse stakeholders created in 2005 to share information and work together on farm animal care and welfare. It is the national lead for farm animal care issues in

Canada. NFACC would like to acknowledge the Canadian Animal Health Coalition (CAHC) for their role in securing funding for this project.

The Canadian Veal Association (CVA) was formed in 2009 as a partnership between Ontario and Quebec. This joint effort has been established to advance the Canadian veal sector through proactive communication and collaboration. The CVA represents over 95 per cent of Canada's grain-fed and milk-fed veal production. The Canadian veal industry produces

approximately 400,000 veal annually with over 1,000 veal farmers operating in both Ontario and Quebec.

The Veal Cattle Code is the eleventh Code of Practice updated through NFACC's Code development process.

For more information on the Codes of Practice and NFACC's Code development process visit www.nfacc.ca.

The new Veal Cattle Code is available online at www.nfacc.ca/codes-of-practice/veal-cattle.

For more information on NFACC visit www.nfacc.ca.

Applications now open for 2018 Prince of Wales Forest Leadership Award

MATTAWA – THE CANADIAN INSTITUTE OF FORESTRY/INSTITUT FORESTIER DU CANADA (CIF-IFC) IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2018 PRINCE OF WALES FOREST LEADERSHIP AWARD.

This is the fourth year of the award program, which is a United Kingdom-Canada partnership between the Prince of Wales' Duchy of Cornwall, the Institute of Chartered Foresters, and the Prince of Wales Charities in the U.K., and the CIF-IFC in Canada.

This prestigious award recognizes students and recent graduates who are actively engaged in forestry or natural resource management and who have a passion for the environment. Award winners participate in an international forestry student exchange program each summer to gain valuable professional experience.

"[The award] provided me with an excellent opportunity to learn as much about forestry as I possibly could, with an insight on how things are done internationally. My placement with Pryor and Rickett allowed me to step into a real world scenario for a short time and get a more objective, non-academic view on what actually happens from seed to sawlog," explained Theresa Reichlin, a 2017 Award recipient from Canada who worked

in the U.K. "In addition, I've made some very meaningful friendships that will last a lifetime."

"This Award program is dedicated to connecting future forest leaders to all of the resources required for success. Four recent graduates or students, two from Canada and two from the United Kingdom, are offered a range of interdisciplinary forestry and natural resource sector experience in policy, planning and field work in their host

country," said Dana Collins, Executive Director, CIF-IFC.

Award recipients receive a bursary of £7,500 GBP to cover expenses (approximately \$12,000 CAD – the bursary total is subject to change based on currency conversion rates).

"The Award program fosters personal growth and professional development of these young professionals, helping build leaders in the forestry community, while significantly con-

tributing to employers and host countries alike," mentioned Collins.

For eligibility criteria and how to apply: <http://www.cif-ifc.org/forest-leadership-award/>. The deadline to submit applications is 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time - Sun., Jan. 21.

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KNOWN AS THE DRIVE FOR JILL, ONE MAN'S DETERMINATION TO REACH OUT TO A STRANGER IN NEED CAME TO THE END OF THE ROAD RECENTLY WITH A SMALL CEREMONY DURING WHICH MIKE THOMPSON HANDED OVER A CHEQUE FOR \$16,500 TOWARDS THE FUTURE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF THE O'CONNOR KIDS, MYLA, 6, LANDON, 4, AND DECLAN 2.

Their mother Jillian O'Connor was a stranger, but Thompson, father to three and grandfather to six, decided he should do something after he heard her story. Backed by a GoFundMe account and a custom webpage, he set out on his 1959 David Brown tractor to raise awareness and cash to assist the 34-year-old in covering her

soaring medical costs.

Along the way, O'Connor got a lesson about "pretty amazing people out there", especially when it comes to Thompson who has become an honorary member of her family, a bond that her benefactor hopes will last forever.

Thompson didn't do the drive in one fell swoop. Rather, he would go on forays into the Eastern Ontario countryside, attend fairs and other events, and even took the campaign into downtown Ottawa. Later he trailered the tractor to Western Ontario and attended several events there.

The old red tractor became the mascot of a fundraiser for a woman with three children and who is suffering from incurable cancer. The only technical difficulty during the drive was a coolant issue which,

while it didn't stop the David Brown dead, it slowed the process down.

Despite wrapping the project, more money continues to trickle in, Thompson said, with at least another \$2,000 to be turned over to the O'Connors in what he called a tremendously gratifying outpouring proving once again how people will

join in to help out someone in a bind.

O'Connor continues to receive chemo for breast cancer, which spread to her lymph nodes, liver, bones and brain, and she undergoes regular cyber knife treatments for tumours. With the diagnosis in place, O'Connor discovered she was pregnant with Declan; under the circumstances,

doctors urged that she abort but she refused. That show of grit and determination inspired Thompson to go the extra mile.

Despite the medical interventions, she claims to be feeling "great", adding that doctors can't explain why she's functioning so well under the circumstances. Part of the answer is that, with three kids to care for, she doesn't have time to dwell on her condition.

It's the kind of resilience

that others expect from her, said Thompson who emphasized that the Ride for Jill and everything it entailed would probably be a "once in a lifetime shot" for him.

Raised on a Yorkshire dairy farm, Thompson undertook the project partly as a personal Canada 150th challenge. Through social media, he received tremendous support from relatives in the U.K. and New Zealand where the Brown 950T became a star.



Photo shows Mike Thompson with his 1959 David Brown tractor and the O'Connor family. Van Dusen photo

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