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Sing Swing

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**January 13**

Ilderton, Ontario

## Leadership Camp — Escape To Adventure!

On June 9th, a group of Junior Farmer members escaped from their work week to have an adventurous weekend at Leadership Camp. This year's camp was held at Youth Leadership Camps Canada (YLCC), on the shores of Lake Simcoe in Orillia, ON, where we were greeted with hot sunny weather that stuck with us all weekend long.

Campers started the weekend with board games in the recreation hall, followed by roasting a few marshmallows under the stars at the evening campfire. This was also when most people got their first chance to meet our exchange delegates for the summer. Bright and early on Saturday morning, a few brave souls were up for a quick dip in the cool waters down at the lake before heading back for breakfast. The day brought activities galore, from archery and canoeing, to a blinded team walk through the forest.

Campers worked in teams throughout the day, all representing different continents. We had team Africa, team Asia, team Americas, and team Europe—each working to tackle the challenges of the day including a Pictionary "amazing race" game that had all of the teams on the run.

Sunday was a highlight for all, bringing the escape room challenge. Each team entered into a dark room with only a small light to start. They worked their way through a series of clues and puzzles, with the end result of finding light and escaping the darkness. Teams did exceptionally well working together and no one was left in the dark, literally. By the end of the weekend, we had a few sunburns, a hundred mosquito bites, and tonne of fun!

*Sarah Teefy  
Leadership Camp Chair*



# Leadership Camp



*Thank you to the LC17 committee for a job well done!*

*Leadership Camp attendees took advantage of every opportunity thrown at them—stepping outside of their comfort zone and being adventurous!*



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# President's Message

As the summer rolls along, and the wheat is about to be harvested, I take a chance to look back at the year, and all that has happened so far, as well as all that has yet to come to fruition. This year has been very eventful so far - representing the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario at the Agricultural Adaptation Council annual meeting, attending countless events, including a fun and successful Leadership Camp, as well as some club run events all across the province. I am looking forward to all of the upcoming events in the near future, like our Annual Fundraising Golf Tournament on August 11, the Ambassadors' Banquet August 19, and the opportunity to represent JFAO at the Growmark AGM in late August. Of course, who can forget the fall events we have to look forward to! Autumn Profile will be hosted by Renfrew County and Sing Swing will be hosted by Wellington County. Both clubs are currently busy in preparation for these events! I am also looking forward to attending OYFF November 19, as well as CYFF in February. As of this point, the incoming delegates are just over halfway done their exchange and have been through and seen some amazing things, not only on their exchange, but during their break week as well. Reika from Germany and Celine from Switzerland jumped out of a perfectly good airplane to get a better look at Niagara Falls. The remaining delegates were no less adventurous having gone out west to see the Calgary Stampede and some of the amazing scenery that Alberta has to offer. On the topic of delegates, Nic Weber has returned from his stint in Tasmania, Murray Dale has returned from Germany, and Sarah Teefy is still abroad in Northern Ireland. Matt English and Kristy-Anne Wytenburg are both leaving shortly for their exchanges. You can read more about the adventures of the delegates, both incoming and outgoing, by visiting the website where you will find blogs that highlight their experiences and reading further in this newsletter. I know one of the opportunities I want to take advantage of in the years I have left as a member is the great travel opportunities that JFAO has to offer.

Just a reminder to visit the website to keep current with JFAO - there is a new online swag page, as well as a calendar that clubs add their events to so you can keep up with what is going on with the active clubs in your area. Until next time, keep the Junior Farmer Spirit alive.



*Matt Smith  
JFAO President 2017*

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# Part 1—Delegate Adventures in Canada!

After a rocky start with two delegates flights being cancelled and a lost suitcase, their first week flew in. They were first hosted by the University of Guelph club. They experienced their first (of many) Tim Horton experiences with Celie and Sophie, as well as trying some barrel racing. Once they had all finally all met as a group, they headed to Orillia for a few days to stay with Sarah Teefy And Mike Sproxton. They did some hiking where they saw some amazing scenery around Lake Simcoe and the bright lights of Casino Rama, where the Luck of the Irish seem to work with JR winning \$113. They also headed into the big city of Toronto for a Blue Jays game and of course a visit to the CN Tower. A visit to the Flying Monkey Brewery in Barrie, attending their First baseball game, visiting an asparagus farm, The Ranch, a couple dairy farms, sheep farms and a lot of bbqs, they had a packed first week, but it was great!

The second week they were hosted by Wellington JF. This week started off with a tour of the beautiful town of Elora. Following that they had two brewery tours and a night at the race way. The night at the races included a guided tour round the stable block, which was great hospitality, a sponsored race and a picture with the winning horse. With glass blowing, a compost plant, slaughter house, and dairy goat tours, it was a very varied week indeed. The week ended with a great farewell night at The Ranch. After going for wings (for the first time for some of us) they headed off to Leadership Camp in Orillia.

This weekend was a great opportunity for all the delegates to catch up with past hosts and meet with hosts that they will be staying with further on in the trip. They also did some team building activities, lake swimming, canoeing, giant scrabble, and debating as well they fit in time for campfires and sunbathing. The weekend was a great success they all had a great time despite the questionable tan/burn lines and plenty of mosquito bites.

They've been having a great time so far and can't believe how quick the time is passing!

With Durham West they loved seeing the mushroom farm, which is something they had never seen before and a lavender farm which was also a bit different. A very relaxing and picturesque farm with all sorts of lavender products from hand cream to lavender maple syrup and shortbread! They also went live in their very first radio interview which was a bit nerve racking, but they seemed to get through it without any slip ups. On the Friday night they had

an "International Pot Luck" where each delegate made a dish from their country. They had everything from haggis to rhubarb soup, spice pancakes and a birthday cake for JR's birthday! This night was a great idea. They ate a lot that night, but worked it off with a lesson in two step-ping and line dancing after. The week with Durham West ended with an afternoon canoeing, and getting off the water just before the storm!

Peterborough were their next hosts. This week was a quieter one with time to get caught up with sleep, diaries and organizing break week.



They did also get to tour the Lift Locks and even in the control room talking over the loud speaker. Another favourite from this week was the hand pistol shooting range. They didn't get very many bulls eyes, because for a few of us it was our first time shooting a gun. They got a behind the scenes tour of the Three Roads farm, where they house 90,000 broilers, at a time and run an on site shop. It was a very impressive set up. The tasting at the Maple Leaf farm was also a good tour. On Thursday

they went to a Pow Wow at Curve lake and got to be guest judges at the dancing. This was great to see and the outfits were very impressive!

They also went to a Lakers game which was great to watch, much faster pace than baseball.

After a quiet week they had a full on week with Renfrew. Starting with a Barn Dance after Redneck games, and a tour of a dairy farm with a robotic milker, bedder, feeder and an anaerobic digester. As well as tours of impressive beef herds from Black, Wytenburg and Stewarts. At Stewarts they arrived just 20 minutes after one of there Belgium Mares had foaled. They had a great afternoon in Algonquin park in the canoes while the rain held off and managed to find some Kawartha dairy ice cream to top off the day! The international delegates also made another debut on the "Barn Yard Breakdown" on Heritage FM. Where this time we were all interviewed individually to talk a bit about what we did at home and how farming differs to the Canadian system. The week was topped off with a day in Ottawa celebrating Canada's 150th birthday.

They went all out with red and white head to toe, with hats, flags and a lot of temporary tattoos. Overall they had a great day and the fire works were amazing! Stay tuned in the next bullhorn to see how the second half of the 2017 summer delegates summer went.

# An Update From Exchange—Tasmania

Its finally here, the week I have been dreading, since my first week in Tasmania on exchange, my last week as an exchangee. But no time for sadness now, first I have to make it through the week.

The Sunday of the week started off at a place I have almost started to call home—Quercus park. Once again the rural youth descended upon the park, but this time not for anything Agfest related.

This time it was for a very different event, this time it was for firefighter games/trials. The day was very windy and quite cool by Tassie standards, but that didn't dampen the spirits of the 20 odd participants. We competed head to head in several different team events, from a blind folded obstacle course to a hose relay and target event. Much fun was had by all who attended this event.

The Monday morning that followed was a holiday Monday for the state, which meant that we got to spend a bit more time at Quercus and got to finally get the last of the site cleaned and cleared from Agfest.

From someone who had never seen the site bare before, it was a very surreal experience. I kept on expecting to see tents and other things on the site. Seeing it in its natural barren state was weird to say the least. From there we convoyed down to my final host family in the south in the town of Margate.

The next day was spent doing something I hadn't done for a while and that was charity work. Kate, my current host, works for a children's charity and they are currently in the midst of preparing for a book sale. They collect unwanted and donated books and then sell them at a large book fair. So my job that day was to sort through the donated books and select and sort the good from the bad and then categorize them for ease of selling. It was pretty amazing what books I came across and my inner book worm got to shine through. I now have a list of books I need to find when I bet back home again. In the course of the day we all helped to sort through 3 large pallets full of books, CDs, DVDs, puzzles and magazines.

The next day for a change in pace I spent the day helping Kate's partner, James, at the building project that he was working on. The day's job was renovating a bathroom in a house. The order of the day was tiling the floor and prepping the walls and windows for vertical tiling. The result at the end of the day was a floor all laid out and drying and only slightly less glue on ourselves compared to the floor, which is a win in my books.

Thursday was spent doing something I usually don't spend much time doing and that was wandering though an art gallery in Hobart called MONA (Museum of Old and New Art) and it was well worth the day of wandering, seeing the many different galleries and exhibitions. The really cool part was the ferry ride across the channel and up the river from the main docks in Hobart.

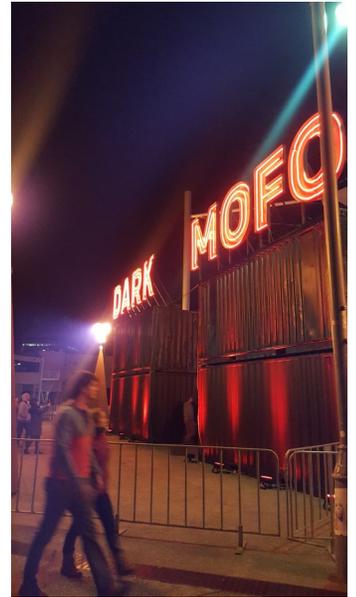
Friday was once again spent sorting books for the charity sale and we managed to beat the previous days effort and sorted 4 full pallets of books and were able to partially organize the outgoing stacks of books.

The Saturday and Sunday kind of blended together for one reason and that was because they were dominated by the preparations, celebration, and clean up for a birthday party for Kate's oldest daughter who was turning 9. There was much work to be done preparing for the sleepover party, but from the reactions it was well received. After all the girls had left, the adults then went back to the dark Mofo Festival again. It was another great night filled with food, drink and a

paper tiger burning (meant to symbolize the end of your fears for the year).

The last day dawned bittersweet for me as the weather was beautiful and there was a stunning sunrise, but as I went to the airport I made a promise that I will be back again someday. First—a bit more travel before I head home. If you ever get a chance do go on exchange, do it! No matter the situation it is worth it one million times over.

*Nic Weber  
Waterloo JF*



# An Update From Exchange—Northern Ireland



On Canada day I set out for an adventure across the sea. I was chosen as this year's exchange delegate to Northern Ireland, linking up with members of the Young Farmers' Club of Ulster. After a few weeks of preparing for my big trip, before I knew it I was on an airplane bound for the U.K. I have done some travelling before, but this is my first trip to Europe, and my first trip completely on my own. I made my first stop in London, as I had two nights before my exchange officially began. Here I met up with an old friend from back home. A familiar face was a great way to ease into my first solo trip. After a quick visit and a full day of sightseeing it was back on the plane and bound for Belfast. I was

greeted at the airport by my first host, Phil, and a fellow exchangee from Finland. We would spend the next few days together before heading to the family farm of my next hosts, Stuart and Alison. Both of these families were so welcoming to the two of us. Over the first week we fit in so much it felt like it should



have been two weeks. From touring Belfast and visiting the iconic Titanic museum, to walking the beautiful gardens of Mount Stewart—I was having a blast! We closed out the week by attending one of the many YFCU summer BBQs where we got to meet up with a few more exchangees and many other Young Farmers.

Week 2, I have been staying with a lovely family, Joe, Lorna and 3 boys, Peter, William, and Nathan. I am hosted along with another exchange delegate from Germany. Joe was a former exchangee travelling to Canada in his days of the Young Farmers, and visited my family farm at the time of his visit. We have heard many stories of his adventures in Canada, the world is not so big after all. With this family we have toured a pottery, hiked a mountain, and celebrated the 12th of July, a national holiday here in Northern Ireland, along with many more activities.

I have one week left of this adventure and I can't wait to see what it will bring, as it has been so exciting already seeing the country and learning about the culture and the Young Farmers' clubs here in Northern Ireland.

Though I have set out on this trip on my own, I have not once felt alone, as the families have been so kind and made me feel at home. This has been the adventure of a lifetime, and it continues for another week yet!

*Sarah Teefy  
Prince Edward JF*



# An Update From Exchange—Germany



Travelling to Germany has always been on my bucket list. I truly have got the ultimate trip through being selected as the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario exchange delegate with the Land Youth organization in Germany. Although my involvement with JF has been only a mere three years, I have

truly been privileged with this chance to experience a different culture through the medium of agriculture.

I come from a small cash crop farm with a few hundred acres outside of Clinton, located in Huron County. I have dedicated myself to the electrical trade, in the Electrical Engineering Technology program at Georgian College, which I completed in December. Choosing to apply to Germany was not only due to my interests in their progressive agriculture, but also their electrical progressiveness. I feel they have such a thriving electrical grid as opposed to Ontario.

I am now spending my fourth day here in Germany and I can honestly say this trip exceeded all of my expectations, as it has been amazing so far with my first host family. I started my trip with a flight from Toronto to Frankfurt where I had spent one night there to see the city.

Then I hopped on a train for 3 hrs to Braunschweig where my first host, Vanessa Meyer, was able to pick me up. In two days I have already seen a number of farms, towns and soccer games in the brief time I have been here. The Germanic people are overly warm and welcoming while their food is on

point and the beer is cold. Future plans are not set in stone, but tomorrow I will be able to see one of the largest factories in the world by the biggest auto maker in the world—the Wolfsburg Volkswagen plant.

I enjoy being part of an organization that represents the Canadian agricultural culture, heritage, and future. In doing this, I am able to network and make lasting friendships with people who I would never normally meet through normal vacations and that's what makes this experience so unique. The funny story with this is I have already met Germans who have been to Huron County to work and



even a former JF exchange delegate. This has all been by chance just in the brief time I have been here. The bar has already been set so high for the rest of the trip, and I still would not be surprised if and when it gets better.

*Murray Dale  
Huron JF*



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# Alumni Abroad—Australia

I had a lot of plans the day I graduated from the University of Guelph with my OAC'94 classmates—raising a family and building a career in Australia wasn't one of them. But Junior Farmers has a history of presenting opportunities to rural kids just like me.

An Australian Young Farmer delegate, Michael Axford, travelled to some of Ontario's most interesting counties through the summer of 1994. After being hosted by Burgomasters, Charltons, Hewitsons and a host of others, he landed on a tractor to lend a hand at the inaugural Canada's Outdoor Farm Show where I had been working with Ginty Jocius & associates for the summer. This meeting later proved to disrupt 'the plan.'

Let's fast forward a couple of decades to Korumburra in Australia's South-East corner. Mike and I have established a rain-fed, pasture-based, dairy farm business where we currently milk 250 cows. It's a typical Australian farm in many ways. It is set in one of our country's dairy heartlands and relies on export markets for 50% of our dairy sales. Our towns rely on a vibrant dairy industry to thrive. Conversely, our region suffers when the vagaries of Mother Nature and global milk markets fail to co-operate. You see, Australia's dairy industry operates in an open market, is highly volatile and regularly faces harsh seasons. Some life lessons have taught us to shrug off the bad years and make the most of the good seasons armed with a mitt-full of resilience and a healthy sense of humour.

Looking back, it's not completely surprising that I have spent my entire career in the dairy industry – both as a farmer and now as the Genetic Evaluation Manager for DataGene (Australia's genetic evaluation service). I'm part of the 5<sup>th</sup> generation of Jones' who farmed near the North Simcoe hamlet of Vasey. My brothers and their beautiful families continue to grow this business with a balance of pride in the past and unrelentless focus on the future. Our Australian farm has a much shorter history by comparison but we share a passion for producing pristine milk that feeds more than 10,000 people each and every day. Mike and I have been blessed by two teenage children and a community of wonderful friends and family – both in Australia and Canada. Andrea and Chris are busy and seek out every opportunity to keep the taxi service running flat chat. Footy, volleyball, basketball, singing, band, swim club, drama productions, and the list goes on. But when the summer-time comes, it's time for a rest. In our area of the world, this means stunning beaches with the most perfect sand. I find it hard to feel stressed when

surrounded by the sound of waves, laughing kids and cheeky friends. Sometimes, plans are made to be broken.

*Michelle Axford (nee Jones)  
University of Guelph Junior Farmers  
91-94*



*Views from the Axford farm, Korumburra, Victoria, Australia.*



*Michelle, Chris, Andrea and Mike Axford.*



*Andrea Axford in her favourite spot on the farm.*



*(Left) Chris Axford at Inverloch, Victoria, Australia.*



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# Ontario Young Farmers' Forum

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## Council names Conservation Hall of Fame Inductee

Beausejour, Manitoba  
June 23, 2017

The Soil Conservation Council of Canada (SCCC) has announced that **Harold Rudy** is the 2017 inductee to the Canadian Conservation Hall of Fame. He will be officially inducted at a ceremony on August 22, 2017, at the SCCC Summit on Canadian Soil Health in Guelph, Ontario.

Harold Rudy grew up and continues to live on the family farm with his partner Sandra, near New Hamburg, Ontario. Here he established a thorough understanding of grassroots agriculture. He earned a Bachelor of Science (Agriculture) – Economics and Business Major and a Master of Science, School of Rural Planning, both from the University of Guelph. Following positions in farm management and research, he joined the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food (OMAF) as a “Soil Conservation Advisor”. Here he assisted farmers in all aspects of soil conservation.

In 1987, when Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA) began program delivery, he began his 30-year career in senior management. As their Executive Director, Harold lent his expertise in the design and administration of programs where producers, researchers, extension experts and policy-makers worked collaboratively to affect scientifically-based change with the goal of improving soil management and soil health. Harold’s work also focused on a formula for influencing decision-making on the farm that combined education, proven best management practices and cost-share incentives. He is particularly associated with delivery of the Environmental Farm Plan. However, he provided leadership in development and delivery of many subsequent programs and projects. OSCIA’s history of success has empowered countless agricultural producers to learn more about how their land management decisions impact on-site sustainability and profitability, and off-site quality of life. Harold has shared his insight and experience in program delivery across Canada and around the world. In his current role as OSCIA Executive Officer, Research and Business Development, his unbridled drive is to see heightened interaction between researchers and producers in targeting resources to better understand soil health and the role of soil life for optimal farm production and stewardship practices.

He has earned the respect of peers in government, university research and other organization circles, and unquestionably enjoys his long-standing relationship with OSCIA membership and colleagues.

Harold is currently working on a book, “The Soil Fixers”, which documents the many contributions to Ontario agriculture by members of the OSCIA and partners from the mid-1980s to the present day.

Harold Rudy’s insight, hard work and leadership make him a worthy inductee to the Canadian Conservation Hall of Fame.

In 1990, SCCC established the Canadian Conservation Hall of Fame, which to date has recognized 30 Canadians who have made a significant contribution through their dedication to promoting soil conservation in Canada.

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# Perth County JF Volunteered at Local Ag Zone for Youth

This past June, Perth County JF members helped organize the Agricultural Zone at the 2017 Teddy Bear Play Day in Listowel. This event was attended by over 1000 people. It is a free event for families with young children, and is put on by the North Perth Early Years center, with help from the community. Perth County JF has been involved in helping with the Ag Zone for the past 3 years. It allows our club not only to give back to our community, but to connect with our local youth. We give the youth a chance to start connecting with Agriculture, through playing with the farm and farm animals in our corn boxes, milking a wooden cow, or petting a bunny. Overall it is a well received event with a lot of exposure and Perth County JF has a lot of fun being involved.

*Crystal Blake  
Perth JF*



# Peterborough County JF Says Goodbye to a Landmark with Delegates

Peterborough County Junior Farmers recently hosted the summer delegates and toured them around for a few local highlights. We toured the Lift Locks, checked out Warsaw Caves, and a few local farms. We also decided we would make the best of the news that our local mini golf place is closing at the end of summer. Milltown Mini Golf in Peterborough has hosted many of our club socials and members first dates over the past 10 years since the club re-formed and we are going to miss all of the competition and amusement of mini golfing. This is a great little place and we are sad to see it close. If you lost your ball in the little fish pond in the center you could easily find pinecones that work just as well. These often became hurtling weapons at other members just for fun! We had a good last game of mini golf with our members and the delegates. Nobody really knows who actually won!

*Rachel Stillman  
Peterborough JF*



## Busy Summer for Middlesex JF



It's been a busy month for the Middlesex Junior Farmers. Children got a first-hand look at various emergency vehicles, trucks and farm equipment at the Touch A Truck event in Lucan. Our volunteers were on hand to supervise children while showing them an excavator, road grater, snow plow, and tractor. Proceeds from the event went to benefit the Ailsa Craig Food Bank.

The Middlesex Junior Farmers reached out to the Middlesex 4-H Association in an effort to be more involved with their organization and hopefully recruit new Junior Farmer members. That led to the 4-H Go For Gold Judging Competition where our members led groups of 9-21 year olds around the fairground as they judged toy combines, chocolate chip cookies, dairy heifers, market rabbits, first cut hay, and barn quilts. This was the first year we participated in the event but after meeting several new people and spreading the word about Junior Farmers we are excited about a closer partnership with the local 4-H organization.

Following the event in Lucan our club was represented by volunteers who parked cars at the Tri-County Heritage show in Ilderton. The event had a great turn out as it also hosted Canada 150 activities. The weather couldn't have been better and some members left with interesting sunburns.

The Glencoe Truck and Tractor Pull proved to be one of the most successful years on record for the Middlesex Junior Farmers. High attendance made the food booth a hot at-

traction and one guest said the sausage on a bun was the best he had ever had. Our volunteers worked hard over the grill and look forward to returning to the event next year.

*Bridget Johnson  
Middlesex JF*



## Summer Update from Carleton JF

Summer has been off to a great start for Carleton County Junior Farmers. On June 24<sup>th</sup>, the Annual Redneck Games were held at the Metcalfe Fairgrounds. This event boasted a hot and sunny day with many enthusiastic participants coming together to compete for bragging rights. On Canada Day, some club members participated in the Osgoode Canada Day parade while others joined the international Junior Farmer delegates, hosted by Renfrew County, who came to the Ottawa region and celebrated Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Parliament Hill. On July 5<sup>th</sup>, the delegates had a farm tour day in the Carleton area. On July 18<sup>th</sup>, the club helped with 4H Judging night at the Richmond Fairgrounds which had 185 4H members in attendance.

The club heads to Embrun on July 26<sup>th</sup> to donate blood through Canadian Blood Services. Carleton county will also be attending the Capital Fair on August 26<sup>th</sup> to support 4H Ontario and answer any questions regarding Junior Farmers. The club also seeks to adopt a roadway in the upcoming months.

Our next club meeting will be held August 15<sup>th</sup> and, as always, new members are welcome. The club can be contacted at: [carletonjuniorfarmers@gmail.com](mailto:carletonjuniorfarmers@gmail.com).



# Strategic Plan—Update

Members of the JFAO Executive and their committees have been working hard to check off their to-do lists for the year, making progress on the plan approved at March Conference this year, providing direction for the next 5 years.

Crystal Blake, Executive Director of Marketing, and the Public Relations committee would like to announce the launch of the Club Info drop down under menu the Contact tab on the JFAO website. The task was to create and email address book on the JFAO website for all clubs. The committee took it one step further to include all club social media accounts as well! They are also extremely excited to see the many other changes that have recently happened and continue to occur on the website.

Please use this new resource to get in touch with your local clubs. It is a wonderful opportunity to reach out and share your passion for Junior Farmers with the next generation.

Any feedback on the website is much appreciated as we overhaul it.

Please e-mail [marketing@jfao.on.ca](mailto:marketing@jfao.on.ca) with your suggestions.



## Editor's Note

My adventure began with JF back in 2004. Carmen Farrell came home from the University of Guelph, bound and determined to bring Junior Farmers back to Ripley. She rounded a few of us up, showed us the way, and got us hooked at Sing Swing. The rest is history.

I am so thankful for the opportunities JFAO has presented to me over my years as a member. As I have mentioned before—I did a group exchange to Wales in 2006 and took part in a Habitat For Humanity build in El Salvador with a group of JF members in 2008. I spent the majority of my JF career sitting around the board table, first as a provincial director for many years before making the step up to the executive.

I am mostly so very thankful for all of the amazing friendships I have developed along the way. I met my husband - without Junior Farmers, I would not have relocated 4 hours across the province. I would not be a dairy farmer. I would still be a province away from some of the most important people in my life.

I have been thankful to keep my finger on the pulse of the organization since my retirement at March Conference, through this newsletter. I have been lucky to have alumni share their stories of adventure around the world with me, and in turn get to share their stories with all of you.

If this sounds like a goodbye, that would be because it is in a way. I have an exciting new adventure coming up in the New Year and this will be my last Bullhorn. It has been a pleasure over the last year to work on this and I hope you have found something worth reading in it.

Now my life as an alumna begins! Just in time—I pestered poor Wellington County enough to get some alumni categories at Sing Swing this year! Check out the last page for a little more information. Time to get working on some quilts...

*Shannon Kelly  
JF Alumna*



**Is your farm eligible? Go see for yourself!**

**1**

Go to [jfao.on.ca](http://jfao.on.ca)

**2**

Hover over 'Resources'

**3**

Click 'Century Farm Sign' and apply if you meet the requirements!

Contact Kelsey Banks, Executive Director of Agricultural Programs, for more information at [agprograms@jfao.on.ca](mailto:agprograms@jfao.on.ca)

## 2017 Ambassadors' Banquet

Come celebrate & catch up with your friends!

**WHERE:** Leaping Deer Adventure Farm and Market  
544212 Clarke Rd, Ingersoll, ON, N5C 3J8

**WHEN:** August 19th, 2017

**WHAT:** 6:00pm Cocktails followed by Dinner & Dance

**COST:** \$25/person order your tickets at [www.jfao.on.ca](http://www.jfao.on.ca)!



# Coming up in the next edition of the Bullhorn...

Annual Fundraising Golf Tournament  
Ambassadors' Banquet  
Exchange Adventure Roundup  
Strategic Planning  
...and more!

A #proudJFer was in the office picking up Century Farm signs for her club, Perth County Junior Farmers. Century farm signs are processed by our lovely office administrator, Kendell, and delivered by Junior Farmer members. Eligible farms must be in the family for 100 consecutive years, with add ons available for 125, 150, 175, and 200 years as well. Check out our website [jfao.on.ca](http://jfao.on.ca) for more details!



## Dunk Tank For Sale

Looking for a new fundraising idea or to bring a splash to your next community event?



Large all steel construction  
6'x6' deep  
Built on it's own licensed trailer with lights  
Folds up for easy transport and set up  
Includes softballs, tarp, and safety gates

**\$2000**

Contact [middlesexjf@gmail.com](mailto:middlesexjf@gmail.com)

## Sing Swing!

Sing Swing is fast approaching and will be held November 18th in Clifford, ON. The theme this year is "The Ultimate Canadian Adventure" so expect to show your Canadian pride throughout every event! New this year are 3 categories (barn board art, Canadian memorabilia, and Canadian Pride—anything goes) that Alumni are encouraged to enter. Stay tuned for more details once the package is released on the JFAO website

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