



# Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario 2022 Annual Report





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## Purpose and Principles

JFAO provides opportunities for young people of all backgrounds, but especially those in rural Ontario. Members are guided by the motto, “Building Leaders. Building Communities.” and the mission, “to build rural leaders through personal growth, travel, experiences, and community betterment.” Through social events, educational opportunities, and community projects, members not only contribute to their own personal development but also support the needs of their communities at the same time. Programs and opportunities provided by JFAO and its affiliated clubs help members develop a sense of social and environmental responsibility, the ability to provide effective leadership, and an awareness of good citizenship within the community and world around them. JFAO oversees and supports local clubs in counties across Ontario and provides opportunities to network through a variety of inter-club competitions, activities, and exchanges. Through this organization, future leaders are given the chance to become the leaders of today and tomorrow while building friendships and memories to last a lifetime.

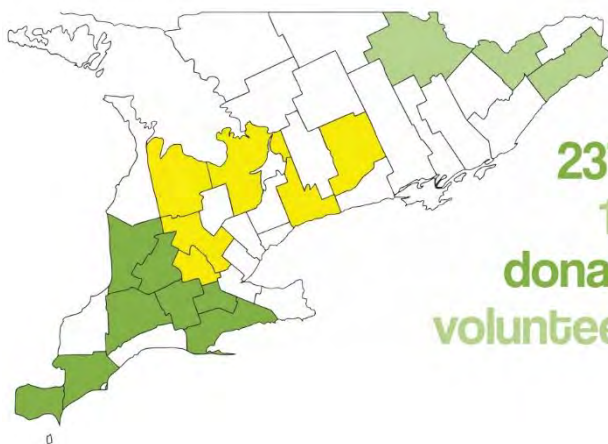
## Affiliation Requirements

Any group of individuals may show their desire to become affiliated with JFAO by paying membership fees for each member (aged 15-29 as of the first of January) and presenting a list of officers to JFAO. Clubs must conduct a continuing program of activity throughout the year to meet the following minimum requirements:

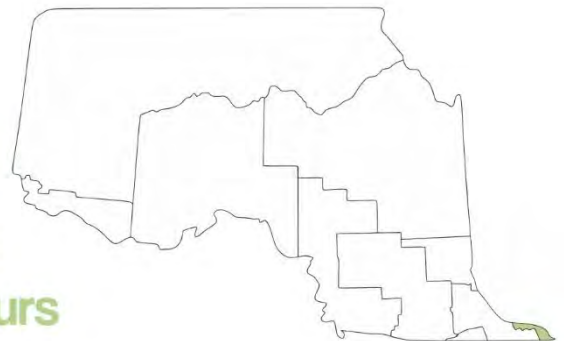
- a) Submit a current club photo, labelled with members’ names and executive positions for archiving purposes.
- b) Complete at least one community betterment project.
- c) Complete at least two of:
  - a. A joint JF/youth activity, or
  - b. A conservation project, or
  - c. An agricultural education activity, or
  - d. A social engagement club project.
- d) Have at least one event reported on by television, radio, print, or social media.
- e) Submit a minimum of five photos of activities.
- f) Submit one article related to the history of JF in the area (optional).
- g) Have a meeting or part of a meeting on:
  - a. The structure and purpose of JFAO
  - b. Effective meeting procedures.
- h) Submit a copy of the official minutes for two club meetings.

See [www.jfao.on.ca](http://www.jfao.on.ca) for updates, forms, and more information.

## 2022 Provincial Membership Statistics



**237 members**  
**16 clubs**  
**donated \$75,000**  
**volunteered 1420 hours**



## President's Message

It has been such a rewarding experience this year representing JFAO as the 79<sup>th</sup> President. Working with our Board has allowed me to understand the diversity we have within our organization and how passionate our members are to support their communities and learn more about agriculture! We are an interconnected community that strives to promote agriculture and I am truly thankful to be apart of it!

Over the past year I have represented JFAO on the Board for the Royal Winter Fair. In November, Past President Kylie O'Neil and I attended the RAWF's Opening Reception and had the opportunity to meet the Ontario Minister of Agriculture. It has been a goal of mine to strengthen connections like this one, as well as those with OFA and 4-H.

Our executive this year has come together and worked as a very efficient team. Our many committees met consistently throughout the year, which yielded great results that were shared at board meetings. Our strategic plan was always a priority within the direction of these committees,

which should aid in attaining our goals with our four-year plan!

Several of our traditional provincial events were held this year with the addition of Summer Games. A committee has been formed to plan Leadership Camp, and we are so excited to have incoming and outgoing exchanges back this year! We have done our best to put the organization on track for event scheduling and to incorporate hybrid meetings moving forward. This incorporation of hybrid meetings has improved attendance to our PD meetings and increased accessibility for members across the entire province.

I am excited to be apart of the incoming Board of Directors as the Past President. Within this role I will do my best to continue traditions and to incorporate innovative ideas from the Board. We are always adapting, and I can't wait to see what we are able to accomplish moving forward!

**Jamie Schultz**  
President



## 2022 President's Rose Award Nominees

<b>Outstanding Novice Member</b>	Natasha Bolender	Kirsten McIntosh	Jeanette Schramm
<b>Outstanding Member</b>	Lauren Bos Jolande Oudshoorn Nic Willemsma	Amelia Judge David Pullen	Lora Keitel Laura Shaw
<b>Outstanding Retiring Member</b>	Chris Budd Meredith Mulligan Alyssa Waldroff	Taylor Dane Kylie O'Neil Kayla Ward	Phillip English Hadley Jenkins-Giffen
<b>Club of the Year</b>	Huron-Perth Oxford	Middlesex Renfrew	North Simcoe
<b>Agricultural Club of the Year</b>	Huron-Perth Stormont-Glengarry	Middlesex Wellington	Oxford



*Winners will be announced at the JFAO Annual Banquet.*



## Past President's Message

First of all, I would like to congratulate each and every Junior Farmer member on a successful year in 2022! This has been a year of returning to a sense of normalcy with the events that our members enjoy as well as continuing to make changes to move our organization forward.

As the Chair of the Board this year, I was happy to work with the Executive to make meetings both efficient and effective. Our executive team met monthly using Zoom to work on projects and the day-to-day running of the organization. We put the technology purchased last year to good use by holding hybrid Board of Directors' meetings. This gave the directors and members the option to join our meetings using Zoom. They were able to see and hear what was happening in the meeting as well as speak and be seen by the people meeting in person. We had reports from directors and committees submitted ahead of time and a package was sent to Board members two weeks in advance for them to review. This made the meetings quicker as verbal reports included highlights and opportunities for questions, instead of all the information. We saw great discussions happen at Board meetings and it was exciting to see members of the Board and Executive grow and thrive in their positions, which is what Junior Farmers is all about: Building Leaders and Building Communities. Our various committees

and task forces were hard at work this year working on different aspects of the organization. Thank you to everyone who took part in a committee either in their club or provincially. We saw a lot of changes this year as we were rethinking policies, events, and what programs our members are looking for. This included adding new events such as Summer Games and Night at the Races.

A favourite memory I have of this year is attending the opening ceremonies at the 100th Royal Winter Fair. Jamie and I were able to meet with dignitaries, other agricultural organizations, and community members. It brought us great pride to talk about the amazing programs and events that are happening in Junior Farmers, locally and provincially. It was also incredible how many people we met that had a connection to Junior Farmers and shared their fond memories with us.

On behalf of the executive, we are incredibly proud of our members and clubs for your continued dedication, hard work and enthusiasm for Junior Farmers. All the best for another wonderful year across JFAO!

In Junior Farmer spirit,  
**Kylie O'Neil**  
2022-2023 Past President



## 2022 JFAO Provincial Charity: Water First

Each year, March Conference attendees select a charity as the Provincial Charity for that year, with the goal for all clubs to donate to that charity. At the 2022 March Conference, Water First was chosen as the 2022 Provincial Charity.

Water First addresses drinking water and environmental water challenges in Indigenous communities in Canada through education, training, and collaboration. Water First began working with Indigenous communities in Canada in 2012, after being started in 2009 to bring drinking water resources to schools in Uganda. As of 2016, they work solely on technical skills training regarding drinking water and environmental water in Indigenous communities. They are guided by the Indigenous youth and adults who participate in their programs, along with Indigenous staff and board members, community partners, and members of their Indigenous Advisory Council.

At the time of printing, \$4536 has been raised for Water First. Clubs are able to donate up until the cheque is presented at March Conference.

## 2022-2023 Executive



Back Row: Karen DeBruyn (Director of Community and International Programs), Nic Willemsma (West Zone Director), Patrick Sullivan (East Zone Director), Meghan McLeod (Director of Communication), Tina Wark (Director of Programming)

Front Row: Arin Douglas (Central Zone Director), Jolande Oudshoorn (Director of Finance), Jamie Schultz (President), Kylie O'Neil (Past President).

## 2022-2023 Board of Directors & Representatives



Standing: Jolande Oudshoorn (Director of Finance), Emma Pullen (Oxford), Karen DeBruyn (Director of Community and International Programs), Nicole Sproxton (Durham Region), Alyssa Waldroff (4-H Representative, Stormont-Glengarry), Sharon Ruiter (Carleton), Carson Wagner (OFA Representative), Nic Willemsma (West Zone Director), Marissa Mulligan (Renfrew), Tina Wark (Director of Programming), Patrick Sullivan (East Zone Director), Autumn Jackson (Middlesex), Arin Douglas (Central Zone Director).

Seated: Meredith Mulligan (Social Media Representative), Jamie Schultz (President), Kylie O'Neil (Past President), Meghan McLeod (Director of Communication).

Absent: Ian Pollard (Essex Kent), Jaclyn Glover (Grey), Tyson Lise (Haldimand-Norfolk), Lauren Bos (Huron Perth), Adrianna McGinnis (North Simcoe), Becca Keitel (Peterborough), Charlotte Fletcher (University of Guelph), Lee Mayes (Waterloo), Laura Shaw (Wellington).



## Executive Director of Communication Report

Hello JF'ers! It has been an honour and a privilege to serve you as the 2022-2023 Communication Director for JFAO. This year has been filled with ups and downs, while I so look forward every quarter to seeing updates from all our clubs from across the province. From club events to announcements and pictures, it warms my heart knowing JFAO is on the right path to be successful for future members across the province. In my time as Communication Director, I've had the special opportunity to record a podcast promoting JFAO with Mike Brine from The Back 40 Podcast. That opportunity gave me a chance to educate and

promote JFAO to his audience from all over the country and beyond. I've also been lucky enough to have been paired with Arin Douglas, JFAO's Central Zone Director who has been an incredible help at narrowing down my tasks and helping in anyway she can. In some ways, this role would be not where it is without her. I look forward to what 2023-2024 has in store for JFAO and I wish the next executive the best of luck!

**Meghan McLeod**

Director of Communication



## Executive Director of Programming Report

2022 was a year full of events! Several of our annual events returned in person such as March Conference, Autumn Profile, OYFF, and Sing Swing. We brought back Summer Games and had some new events such as the Night at the Races. We increased membership by 17 people this year, bringing total membership to 237. As the world was opening, it was great to see friends we hadn't seen in years and make new friends across the province. Kicking off the year with March Conference, the

committee did a great job setting the platform for a year of networking by adding a bus tour to the event. Next was The Night at the Races, where alumni, sponsors, and members had the opportunity to learn about betting on horses while raising money for our provincial charity, Water First. Renfrew brought back Summer Games to replace Winter Games that couldn't be held, and now it looks like Summer Games may return as an annual event! That brings us to our fall provincial events: Oxford hosted Autumn Profile and Middlesex hosted Sing Swing. Both events were extremely well organized and enjoyed by attendees. OYFF returned to join the OFA conference, starting with a bus tour on Sunday then networking, speakers, and discussions on Monday. One of my favourite things about Junior Farmers is getting to meet new people and building great friendships, and 2022 was full of both. It was a pleasure to serve on JFAO executive this past year and I look forward to what 2023 has in store!

**Tina Wark**

Director of  
Programming





## Executive Director of Finance Report

As we bounce back from shutdowns, we have lots to be proud of in the finance department. With efforts made across the board, especially from our Fund Coordinator, Christine Wyville, we had re-established sponsorship across the province and fostered new relationships. While continuing to save money through having no physical office space and providing virtual options where it makes sense, we have been able to keep costs down. Great job to the technology committee for completing the purchase of required equipment to host hybrid meetings.

We have ventured into some virtual banking through accepting e-transfers as well as sending EFTs to our employees and subcontractors. Thank you for everyone's patience as we navigate and establish new processes with these changes. I would also like to thank Susan Elliot for all her work with JFAO, her vast knowledge, and answering all my questions. It has been a pleasure being a part of JFAO Executive and I look forward to 2023. Bright futures lay ahead.

**Jolande Oudshoorn, CPA**  
Director of Finance



## Executive Director of Community and International Programs Report

The 2022-2023 year has been a great year for CIP. After two years with no exchanges and limited programs, we have finally been able to offer JFAO members with local and international travel and hosting opportunities again. A new opportunity for members this year was the Club-2-Club exchange program. These weekend-long exchanges over the summer allowed members to travel to and be hosted by another club. This was a great way for members to meet new people from different counties and explore different regions of Ontario. We had three Club-2-Club exchanges between Middlesex, Waterloo, Oxford, and Grey counties.

We also were able to finally host our original 2020 delegates from Wales. Peterborough, Wellington, Grey, Oxford, and Huron Perth hosted these delegates, showing them their counties and communities and bringing them to many farms and tourist attractions. Nerys, one of the delegates, was also able to meet many JF members by attending Sing Swing and OYFF.

### JFAO 2022 Summer Exchanges

**Who?** Any JF Members in good standing  
**What?** 2 weekends where JF members can host visiting members, or travel to a different county and explore the area while making new JF friends.  
**When?** July 15-17; August 5-7  
**Where?** Participating clubs across the province

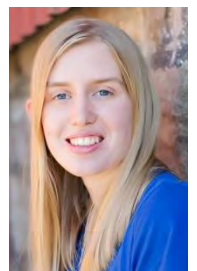


I am also very excited that we are planning international exchanges for this summer! We have seven delegates that will be touring Ontario for ten weeks being hosted by clubs across the province. These delegates are from Scotland, Austria, Germany, Switzerland, Ireland, and Northern Ireland. In turn, we have seven outgoing exchange opportunities for our membership.

On the community programs side, the Century Farm signs have received some updates. We now have a 225-year sign available in addition to the 100-, 125-, 150- and 175-year signs. Each of the farm signs have also been translated and are now available in French.

It has been an exciting and fulfilling year in the CIP role as local and international exchanges have been planned and the Century Farm Sign program has been updated. I look forward to seeing our membership take full advantage of the hosting and traveling opportunities this summer and what the 2023-2024 JFAO year has in store for community and international programs!

**Karen DeBruyn**  
Director of Community and International Programs



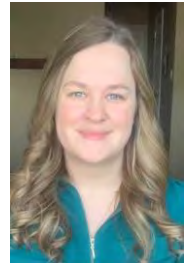
# Central Zone Director Report

2022 has been an exciting year for JFAO. It was so nice to return to in-person events and finally meet members from across the province face-to-face. The 2022 March Conference was JFAO's first in-person event in two years and it was a pleasure to chair the conference with the support of an amazing committee and coordinator. From there it has been a year full of Junior Farmer memories at provincial and club events. The Central Zone had a busy year hosting many events and supporting their local communities. Competitive events were a theme across the central zone as several clubs hosted tournaments throughout the year. Clubs also participated in roadside cleanups, community Christmas parades, and fundraised for local food banks. Central zone club members participated in provincial events, hosted international delegates, and more! For many of our central zone clubs, 2022 has been a year of reorganization and re-establishing our presence in our local communities.

As Central Zone Director, I learned a lot about our organization and how important local clubs are to the success of JFAO. I had the opportunity to connect with clubs from across the zone, participate in several provincial committees, and come to understand the large commitment that our members make to JFAO and their local clubs year after year. It has been an honour to serve as the Central Zone

Director this year. I have appreciated the opportunity to support our organization in a new way and I look forward to seeing where JFAO goes from here. I am excited for the future of our organization, proud of the strides we are taking toward inclusivity, and I know our clubs will continue to have a positive and lasting impact on their local communities.

**Arin Douglas**  
Central Zone Director



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## East Zone Director Report

It has been a wonderful year serving as the East Zone Director this year. I have been fortunate to have a great group of clubs in Carleton, Renfrew, and Stormont-Glengarry who made it nice and easy from that side of the role. Renfrew hosted the first Summer Games that JF has had in a few years, and all the clubs held events to bring the zone together. On the provincial side, I kept busy sitting on various committees and task forces, including Policies &

Procedures, Strategic Planning, and March Conference. I'd like to thank everyone from the East, the Board, Executive, and all our membership making this a fantastic year as we have been able to return to our in person programming this past year. Cheers!

**Patrick Sullivan**  
East Zone Director



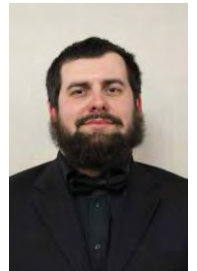
## West Zone Director Report

The last year has been busy in the West Zone with many club, zone, and provincial events being hosted. Roast and Toasts were held for Elizabeth Bruce in June and Kylie O'Neil in January, Autumn Profile in October, Sing Swing and OYFF in November, and March Conference being held in March. Essex Kent, Huron Perth, and Middlesex had a joint social event in April, Essex Kent hosted a zone social crop tour, and Oxford, Huron Perth and Middlesex rented an arena for skating in December.

At the local level, clubs have been busy returning to in-person events. Some of those events include Slow-Moving Vehicle Sign exchanges, Embro Truck and Tractor Pull, food booths, prom-style dance, farmers' night out, roadside cleanups and many more. I have been working with Brant to get a club restarted and they are well underway for meeting affiliation requirements. I am also working with two other clubs who have shown interest in restarting within the West Zone.

I have been busy with many committees and task forces, including chairing the Tech Task Force, which was responsible for purchasing the remaining items needed for our audio/video system which allows us to hold successful hybrid board meetings. I'm also currently the chair of the Policies and Procedures Committee, this year we have brought several policy changes and new policies. The committee has also been working on a list of by-law changes that will be voted on at the AGM. Other committees I have sat on this year include the March Conference Committee, Exchange Committee, New Membership System Committee, and Website Committee.

**Nic Willemsma**  
2022 West Zone Director



# Member Milestones

## Five Year Members

Meeka Bromley, Renfrew  
Ian Burnett, Carleton  
Syndey Carson, Stormont-Glengarry  
Courtney Courville, Stormont-Glengarry  
Alexander Cummings, Durham West  
Taylor Dane, Wellington  
Scott Hanlon, Oxford  
John Harrigan, Oxford  
Charlotte Huitema, Haldimand-Norfolk  
Campbell Kippen, Stormont-Glengarry  
Chanelle Martin, Stormont-Glengarry  
Seth Martin, Oxford  
Kyle Moore, Haldimand-Norfolk  
Kyle Presley, Stormont-Glengarry  
Victoria Pringle, Waterloo  
David Pullen, Oxford  
Emma Pullen, Oxford  
Laura Shaw, Wellington  
Elizabeth Sullivan, Haldimand-Norfolk  
Campbell Talbot, Middlesex  
Haleigh-Jo Teplate, Stormont-Glengarry  
Katrina Wagner, Essex-Kent

## Ten Year Members

Kelsey Banks, Stormont-Glengarry  
Karen De Bruyn, Oxford  
Frederick Mahon, Middlesex  
Hansford Mahon, Middlesex  
Katelyn O'Neil, Middlesex  
Sharon Ruiter, Carleton  
Philip Sullivan, Carleton

## Fifteen Year Members

Chris Budd, Oxford  
Philip English, Peterborough  
Kylie O'Neil, Middlesex  
Nicole Sproxton, Durham Region

## Retiring Members

Chris Budd, Oxford  
Philip English, Peterborough  
Hadley Jenkins-Giffen, Middlesex  
Lee Mayes, Waterloo  
Meredith Mulligan, Renfrew  
Kylie O'Neil, Middlesex  
Joel Quesnel, Stormont-Glengarry  
Justin Smith, Haldimand-Norfolk  
Nicole Sproxton, Durham Region  
Alyssa Waldroff, Stormont-Glengarry  
Edward Wallace, Wellington  
Kayla Ward, Oxford  
Nicholas Wert, Stormont-Glengarry  
Jessica Wilson, Wellington





## 2021 Rose Award Winners



Outstanding Novice Member: **Cam Smith (Huron Perth)**

Outstanding Member: **Will Johnson (Middlesex)**

Outstanding Retiring Member: **Virginia Janssen (Oxford) and Brianna Sullivan (Carleton)**

Club of the Year: **Huron Perth Junior Farmers**

Agricultural Club of the Year: **Middlesex Junior Farmers**

## New Membership System Committee Report

Better known as the “Membee not Membee” committee, we are a small but mighty committee. With the only two official members (Nic Willemsma and Tina Wark), we are heavily supported by the behind the scenes JFAO team of our website guru Doug, our accountant Susan our accountant, and our Office Administrator Jaqui. You will notice over the last year our website has undergone some changes, getting rid of our old membership system and introducing a new system was a big task. As a

committee we cannot thank Doug enough for all the hours he put in. I also need to thank Jamie Schultz for his help finding all the reports needed from the old system. With the change to the new membership system we hope moving forward it will save JFAO dollars, save our team time, and make a more enjoyable system for the membership to navigate. We may experience some bumps over the next year as we learn the new system, but we promise it’s going to be way better!

## Operations Committee Report

The Junior Farmers’ Association of Ontario continues to run because of the dedication of our members as well as our employees. This year, Jacqui Dennis continued in her role as our Office Administrator. She is the face behind the info@jfao account and our correspondence, the secretary of the Board and Executive, and keeps busy processing and mailing Century Farm Signs. Susan Elliot continues to do an excellent job as the bookkeeper for JFAO. Her exceptional attention to detail with the recording of day-to-day financial transactions, and vast experience with not-for-profit regulations continues to make her an asset. JFAO continued our contract with Doug van Wolde of We.Go.ca Website Developers Inc. for website and email services. Several upgrades and changes have been made to our website this year to allow ease of use, including the transfer of our member system from Membee to the JFAO website for the start of 2023. Christine Wyville continued in her role as our Fund Development Specialist this year as she maintains our relationship with sponsors, applies for grants,

and seeks new sponsorship opportunities for events and the organization as a whole.

This year, we returned to hosting events and thus we had two coordinator positions to assist our organizing committees. Heidi Danen, a proud and enthusiastic Oxford Junior Farmer alumni, joined the team this year as the coordinator for March Conference 2022. After a very successful event, she continued in the role to work with the committee in planning the 2023 March Conference as well. Grace Johnson was hired as the Ontario Young Farmers’ Forum Coordinator and helped the committee run an engaging and informative event which included both a bus tour and speaker sessions.

Thank you to the Operations Committee of Jamie Schultz, Tina Wark, and Arin Douglas, for your time spent in the hiring process multiple times this year, attention to detail while reviewing contracts, and ensuring communication between our employees and our executive team to keep the organization running smoothly. Submitted by Kylie O’Neil, Chair of the Operations Committee

# Competitive Events Committee Report

The aim of the game for the committee this year was to get back on track! Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic led to the Winter Games being canceled in the winter. After that, our members were even more excited to see in-person Competitive Events return to the JFAO calendar. Renfrew Junior Farmers brought back Summer Games after a long hiatus and clubs made the journey East in August. Oxford Junior Farmers hosted the province for Autumn Profile in October and the fun continued in the West with Sing Swing being held in Middlesex in November. Thank you to all the clubs who submitted bids, hosted events, and participated in the events held this year. A special thank you to the committee for their help reviewing,

giving feedback, and supporting clubs as they prepared bids, planned events, and presented reports following the events. All clubs, no matter the size, are encouraged to consider hosting events and to remember that the Competitive Events committee, as well as the Board of Directors are available to help along the way. We need clubs to host events in order to continue enjoying the fun of attending these events. Read on below for more details of the events this year!

Committee Members: Jamie Schultz (President, Renfrew), Lee Mayes (Waterloo), Tina Wark (Director of Programming, Grey), Arin Douglas (Central Zone Director, Wellington), Kylie O'Neil (Past President, Middlesex)

## March Conference 2022: On the Road Again!

After two years of virtual events, March Conference was the first in-person event hosted by JFAO in 2022. The conference theme was On the Road Again and we certainly were on the road again. As portions of the event were hybrid, members from across the province gathered in-person and virtually from March 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>. We would like to extend special recognition to the 2020 March Conference Committee who had a vision for changing the way March Conference had been held and worked hard to create the foundation for the 2022 March Conference.

The event kicked off with JFAO's Annual General Meeting on Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Following JFAO's new approach to effective meetings, outgoing Past President Elizabeth Bruce and incoming Past President Kylie O'Neil kept the AGM on schedule and held an efficient AGM. Highlights of the AGM included the reorganization of the central and west zones, and election of the new executive. The 2022 Provincial Charity was selected as Water First Education & Training Inc. Their mission is to help address water challenges in Indigenous communities in Canada through education, training and meaningful collaboration.

Following the AGM, March Conference delegates enjoyed an evening of networking over

pizza and 5-pin bowling. Saturday morning started bright and early with a bus tour that included stops at Maizeing Acres Inc., the Giant Toonie, Ranney Gorge Suspension Bridge, Ontario Water Buffalo Company, and Asphodel Sheep Company.

Thank you to our hosts for welcoming March Conference delegates and providing us with tours of your operations. During lunch, Allan Carruthers from Farm 911 shared the story of Farm 911 and encouraged participants to join the organization's mission to improve emergency services in our rural communities by ensuring landowners can request a civic address from their municipality for entrances to their vacant farm properties.

With a quick turnaround between the farm tours and JFAO's annual banquet, March Conference attendees returned to the hotel to dress in their best. During the reception hour, all





attendees of the annual banquet were invited to create artwork to recognize the outgoing Past President. These pieces of artwork were gathered and creatively presented to outgoing Past President Elizabeth Bruce later in the evening. The JFAO Annual Banquet was emceed by Jamie Schultz and Christine Wyville. Several JFAO friends and members joined virtually through the Banquet-In-A-Box option. Keeping with the conference theme, the executive members and guests were accompanied into the banquet hall by the song, On the Road Again by Willie Nelson. The Annual Banquet is an opportunity to celebrate and recognize the achievements of our clubs and members from the past year with the presentation of the Communication Awards, Club of the Year Awards, and Rose Awards. It is also the time to welcome and launch the new JFAO year by inducting the incoming provincial board with the traditional candle lighting ceremony. After the banquet, all members and guests in attendance enjoyed the evening on the dance floor.

On Sunday morning, participants gathered for a hearty breakfast and to hear from featured speaker, Positively Sue. Sue joined the conference virtually and drew from her personal experiences to encourage conference attendees to combat negative energy, reframe their perspectives and view obstacles as opportunities. Following the

conference wrap-ups and presentation of the conference slideshow created by conference photographer Amy Danen, March Conference attendees returned home to encourage other members of their clubs to attend March Conference in 2023.

Thank you to everyone that attended March Conference and made the program possible. Planning for this event began in January 2022 and due to uncertain times, the committee considered various options for in-person, virtual, and hybrid events. Organizing and hosting an event like March Conference is never an easy task and the complexity of JFAO's first in-person event in two years is not to be overlooked. Thank you to the March Conference committee members for their hard work and commitment to putting together a great event. The March Conference Committee members included Christine Wyville, Elizabeth Bruce, Jamie Schultz, and Arin Douglas, with the support of the March Conference Coordinator Heidi Danen. Shoutout to Emma Sommerville and Emily Kyle for their assistance in conference planning and to Amy Danen for attending as conference photographer. We hope to see everybody at the 2023 March Conference in Kitchener!





## Summer Games 2022

Renfrew had a blast hosting the rest of the province in August at Summer Games! It was a day filled with sports, food, and lots of laughs. We split the day in two having soccer, flag football and track & field in the morning and soccer-baseball, ultimate frisbee and beach volleyball in the afternoon. Even after a barbeque mishap, we had a delicious lunch served by the local beef farmer's association, Renfrew Beef. After a swim and a nap after the games, everyone dolled up for the banquet. The banquet was well attended with 130 people coming for supper. About half of the attendees were current Junior Farmer members and the other half were alumni and non-members. After supper, the banquet started with a few speeches from the provincial and local Junior Farmer Presidents. After a few words from the Summer Games organizing committee, the night was capped with drawing the raffle table prizes, that benefited the provincial



charity, and some square dancing before everyone let loose on the dance floor in true Junior Farmer style with some line dancing and two-stepping. Thank you to all JFAO members, current and alumni, and non-members for supporting us during this event!



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## JFAO's Night at the Races

A new event this year was JFAO's Night at the Races, hosted in August at the Grand River Raceway in Elora. Fourteen members and thirteen guests enjoyed a delicious BBQ dinner and learned how to bet on horses. Race Number 5 was named after the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario, and

we got to have our picture taken with the winning horse! There was a silent auction for our 2022 Provincial Charity, Water First, which raised \$800. We thank everyone who attended this wonderful social event and all the sponsors who donated items for the silent auction.



## Autumn Profile 2022: JFAO's Worst Driver

On October 22, ten clubs from across the province travelled to Oxford County to participate in Autumn Profile and prove that they were not "JFAO's Worst Driver". Teams of four completed challenges and activities throughout the day. Some events like the round bale roll and tractor tug required strength and team cooperation. Other events required brains as members identified farm antiques, feed ingredients and Chris Budd's challenging weed ID. There were several elimination games such as musical chairs and pop the balloon. Driving skills were challenged during a wheelchair obstacle course and Mario Kart. Stuff a Car, the mystery event at Oxford's 2020 Winter Games, made a return appearance, where teams had to pack as

many members and road trip supplies as possible into a car, getting points for each item they could fit, while still ensuring the driver could see out the windshield. A chili lunch was catered by the Oxford Community 4-H club.



In the evening, Junior Farmer members returned to the Drumbo Ag Hall for a Stoplight Dance. Members wore glow sticks to show if their relationship status was taken (red), complicated (yellow) or single (green). Approximately 100 people attended the dance. The

Overall Winning Team was Carleton JF, who took home a Canadian road trip necessity: Tim Horton's gift cards. JFAO's Worst Driver was a "smashing" success thanks to the Oxford JF Autumn Profile committee and every team that participated!

# Sing Swing 2022

We were back Singing and Swinging at this year's Sing Swing hosted by Middlesex Junior Farmers. Forty participants from ten clubs travelled to the Coldstream Community Centre on November 19, 2022 to take part. The day started with members entering their homecraft entries in baking, photography, crafts, woodworking, metalworking, and the new field crop category.

In the morning, clubs showcased their square dance, line dance, singing and musical talents. We learned about various topics such as the positive effects of the pandemic, why people hate Mondays, and the best household chore during the impromptu speaking competition. A dozen competitors challenged themselves with the Spelling Bee where it came down to a long-fought battle between Jeanette and Karen. During the morning, clubs took on two mystery events: the Wordle challenge where they had to figure out a



five-letter word in 6 guesses and then a Kahoot featuring trivia about Shania Twain, milk trucks and cats, the favourite topics of the Middlesex

Junior Farmers. We enjoyed a delicious lunch of pork on a bun, beans, veggies, and an ice cream sundae bar before the afternoon's events.

Middlesex added a different spin to Sing Swing by offering workshops throughout the day for members to learn new skills. If they were not performing in the morning, participants could learn to make string art with various stencils. After lunch, we had a learn to two-step workshop facilitated by

some Middlesex JF alumni members. There was a lot of swinging as the songs started off slowly but then got faster as couples moved around the dance floor.



The workshop finished with everyone competing in the two-step dance competition. Following this, we split into groups where one group learned how to make Christmas swags and fancy bows while the other group made delicious cinnamon buns, before switching so everyone had a chance to complete both workshops.

After a brief rest at the hotel, members returned to Coldstream for the banquet, showcase, and dance. Everyone enjoyed the chicken dinner and then took part in the minute to win it games where they pushed a potato across the room with their noses, stacked dice on a popsicle stick in their mouth, fed their partner a donut while blindfolded, and threw Cheetos onto their partner's head while wearing a shower cap with shaving cream on it. Middlesex member Will Johnson ran a live auction where ten items were sold to raise money for Huron Perth member Luke Sploettsoeser who was in critical condition in hospital after an accident the week before. Thanks to the incredible support of the attendees, \$2485 was raised to help with Luke's recovery. The awards were handed out before we danced the night away, with many trying out their new two-step skills learned that day. Congratulations to Huron Perth Junior Farmers for winning the Sing Swing trophy this year.





# Ontario Young Farmers' Forum 2022: Doing it Different

The 2022 Ontario Young Farmers' Forum (OYFF) was the first in-person OYFF event since 2019! The event was in conjunction with the OFA Annual General Meeting, where registered members gathered in London at RBC Place, and included a bus tour of the area and speakers for all to


enjoy! Planning for the event began in August 2022, with the hope to take advantage of the local agricultural opportunities and speakers, keeping with the theme of "Doing it Different."

Plans came together quickly, kicking off the conference with lunch at the RBC Place, giving participants the grace to be late if needed. This was greatly appreciated by participants as winter storm had rolled the day before. Sunday afternoon was filled with a bus tour to Heeman's Greenhouse and



Cidery, Stanton's Farm then dinner out at the Mandarin. Monday started bright and early joining the OFA Conference with breakfast and the first speaker. OYFF participants then broke away from the OFA conference with our own speakers for the rest of the morning: Mark Robinson from The Weather Network, Jeff and Jason from MNP Corporate Finance, and Will from Burnbrae Farmers. Lunch provided lots of networking for participants as we joined the OFA conference once again sitting

with our local federations of agriculture. The afternoon was filled with conversation with our Doing it Different panel discussion. Thank you to the OYFF Coordinator, Grace Johnson, and the OYFF Committee Tina Wark, Carson Wagner, Charlotte Huitema, Elizabeth Bruce, and Hadley Jenkins for all their hard work planning this successful event.



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# Social Media Representative Report

This past year has been good across all of our social media platforms. As things opened up across the province, clubs were able to host more activities and events for their community and other clubs. It was great to see clubs having lots of fun at these different events on their social media pages throughout the year. More events and club activities gave me lots of different content to share on our socials. The best part was seeing how much clubs were able to give back to their communities thanks to the events they were able to host and how much support they received from their communities. Having lots of content this year helped increase our

engagement across all social media platforms, which allowed us to grow our audience all year. Overall, I had a great time being the social media representative for 2022. I hope you enjoyed my content and that I played a small role in keeping the Junior Farmer spirit alive in a year that finally saw us return to a much more normal junior farmer year.

Facebook: Junior Farmers of Ontario

Instagram: JuniorFarmers

Twitter: @JuniorFarmers

**Meredith Mulligan**

Social Media Representative



# 4-H Representative Report

As the 4-H Rep this year, my goal was to provide opportunities for 4-H and JF Clubs to interact, to encourage and promote communication between 4-H and JF, and to educate 4-H on the JF motto and purpose. 4-H members need to know there's more to Junior Farmers than just socializing. By educating 4-H on our community betterment motives I believe we can achieve a successful relationship. While conversing with clubs at provincial events I discovered that some clubs have a great rapport, and others struggle to make the connection work. 4-H provides an opportunity for us to engage and recruit young members to Junior Farmers. I was able to connect one club with their local 4-H and hope they can build a relationship together that can benefit both clubs. As an association, Junior Farmers members need to work together to promote our successes of building leaders and communities. I'd like to see clubs have a 4-H Rep elected at their local club level; their

responsibility could be to help host a joint 4-H/JF event as per the affiliation requirements. This could provide an opportunity for each club to meet with the JFAO 4-H Rep and brainstorm ideas to promote communication and member recruitment. We can communicate with each other to share examples of how we each interact with our 4-H clubs and to give other JF clubs some ideas of where to start. I'm currently finishing up the year by working with the 4-H Ambassador and 4-H Ontario President to brainstorm opportunities for our associations to connect. The President is eager to hear how we can improve current relationships and create new ones. I would like to thank Junior Farmers for this opportunity to represent the Association and look forward to our future endeavors with 4-H.

**Alyssa Waldroff**

4-H Representative





# OFA Representative Report

As I attended various meetings this past year, I was able to get to know more OFA staff, directors, MSR's, and other OFA members. I attended Policy Advisory Council (PAC) meetings and other OFA events throughout the year. OFA worked on several important items this year with many successes. The Home Grown Campaign had over 50,000 Ontarians sign on to support this public awareness initiative showcasing the threat to rural lands from urban sprawl and development. OFA has been busy gathering information on activities of the provincial government, including the removal of lands within the Greenbelt.

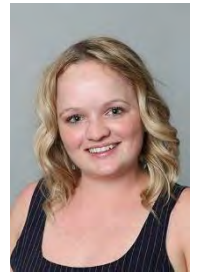
With the provincial election in June, OFA continued to connect and work with the provincial government and members of the opposition to build a stronger agricultural industry in Ontario. The agri-food industry contributes \$47 billion annually to the economy and supports more than 640,000 jobs

across the province, which could be a key driver of the province's recovery from the pandemic.

Farm safety is always top of mind, and OFA has been working on rolling out a slow-moving vehicle sign campaign to raise awareness of these signs and their meanings on busy roads. The Farmer Wellness Initiative, a 24/7 mental health helpline for farmers and farm families, was introduced this year, and farmers can access help by calling 1-866-267-6255.

At the 2022 OFA AGM, Peggy Brekveld was elected to her third term as President of the organization. At the meeting, 450 attendees heard resolutions being debated, listened to engaging speakers and participated in educational workshops.

**Charlotte Huitema**  
OFA Representative



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# Club Reports

## Essex Kent Junior Farmers

The Essex Kent Junior Farmers kept busy in 2022, participating in events both in our county and provincially. We held our annual slow-moving vehicle sign exchange in April in Essex, exchanging 35 signs (our best yet!), and in August in Chatham exchanging 14 signs. It was great to continue this tradition and work with Peavey Mart and the Kent Federation of Agriculture (KFA). We are looking forward to having these exchange events again in 2023. We held our first ever West Zone crop social in August. This was a great day touring around Kent County looking at the diverse crops grown in our area and talking to the farmers who grow these specialty crops. We are looking to have this event again in 2023 and turning it into an annual event looking at different crops every year.

On a provincial level, our member Nic

Willemsma was elected as West Zone Director at the 2022 AGM. Nic has been a great representative for Essex Kent and has flourished in this role. He attended at least one meeting for every club in the West Zone in 2022 and also worked with Brant County to get their club restarted. Great work Nic!

Our members attended many provincial events this year including March Conference, Night at the Races, Sing Swing and OYFF. Some of the highlights from Sing Swing included Nic Willemsma winning 1<sup>st</sup> place in the

Lego contest, with his Junior Farmer logo design, Derrick Leclair placing second in the longest cob of corn contest, and Ian Pollard was runner up in the lip sync battle. We would like to congratulate all the award winners and participants. Essex Kent Junior Farmers is proud of all our accomplishments in 2022 and is looking forward to a successful 2023!



## Grey Junior Farmers

Grey had an awesome comeback year in 2022, after dealing with the tail end of the pandemic. We had great participation in events throughout the year, including the annual general meeting, March Conference, hosting during the exchange program, attending JFAO Night at the Races, and Autumn Profile. As a club, our largest turn out was to Sing Swing with 12 of our 15 members attending! Inter-club events that we attended were Oxford's Car Rally and the Embro Truck and Tractor Pull. Our Club alone hosted three dances in March, July, and

October, with attendance ranging from 75 to 175 people. Grey's annual hockey tournament was our biggest success of 2022 hosting many teams from other Junior Farmer clubs and local teams, and the dance brought in 175 attendees. We ended our year completing our community betterment project by assisting in painting the upper hall of the newly drywalled Rocklyn Area, as this is a place we love to call home. We're looking forward to 2023 being another amazing year in Grey!



## Huron Perth Junior Farmers

There's a lot to be proud of in Huron Perth in 2022! We aired 11 of our 12 episodes of the *Century Farm Show* and have received many compliments. We partook in a few fundraisers; running our 3rd annual 'Who Let The Hogs Out' fundraiser and tried out some new ones with a Pancake Breakfast and a Night of Nights: Prom Take 2 dance. We had an incredible year gaining nine new members, with many attending provincial events for the first time. This led us to being the champions at Summer Games and the highest scoring team at Sing Swing. Many members tried their hand at new things, including learning square dancing for Sing



Swing. We hosted a variety of events including our annual Meeting on the Lake, a Farm Tour day, and Excavator Dig. It was fun being able to return to in-person Junior Farmer events and meeting the Welsh delegates. Kudos to Nerys for being such a good sport! We also had the opportunity to volunteer at new events, planting trees with the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority, ushering at Blyth Festival for the opening of *Drawer Boy*, and helping with a scare maze. Many thanks to our sponsors, the community, and family for putting up with our crazy ideas and shenanigans. Your continued support allows us to do some pretty amazing things!

## Middlesex Junior Farmers

If there was one word to describe 2022, I would say it is "reopened". When we look back, we started the year in Zoom meetings as another wave of COVID was causing turmoil. Will Johnson had the idea of hosting a dance when things opened again as we were all getting tired of only seeing each other online. The club held a "Farmers Night Out" dance which raised \$9,000 for the Canadian Mental Health Association. March Conference was the first provincial event that we attended this year, where Middlesex won Agricultural Club of the Year and Will Johnson won Most Outstanding Junior Farmer Member. As spring turned to summer, we held more socials and reopened our doors by hosting Meaghan Weber of Waterloo County JF for a weekend exchange. We also sent a team up to Renfrew County to participate in Summer Games. This was the first time Summer Games were held in as long as I can remember, and



our team had a blast. When a tornado went through our county, Middlesex Junior Farmers did not hesitate to help clean up a local cemetery with only a few questions being asked about what is covered under insurance. Throughout the fall, Middlesex JF held several fundraisers at local fairs and tractor pulls while also participating in Autumn Profile and we reopened our doors to the province by hosting Sing Swing. Although we did not host the first international delegate since the pandemic, the club got to meet Nerys Lewis from Wales at Sing Swing. As winter is now upon us, the province was welcomed once more down to Middlesex to participate in the Roast and Toast of Kylie O'Neil as she is retiring her role of Past President of the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario and graduating from her time in Middlesex Junior Farmers. She will be joined by Hadley Jenkins-Giffen in retiring from our club.



## Oxford County Junior Farmers

This year started out with much uncertainty for many clubs within JFAO surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. Oxford JF started out the year with our regular monthly meeting welcoming our new President David Pullen. We had a sleighing social at the end of January, and our second social of the year was tubing at River Valley Golf and Tube Slide! A few members made the journey to Peterborough for March Conference, where Oxford JF members stepped up to the plate:



Karen DeBruyn was elected as Director of Community and International Programs and Carson Wagner as OFA Representative. After March Conference, we said goodbye to retiring Oxford member Virginia Janssen, who received the JFAO G.O.A.T (Greatest Of All Time) award for Most Outstanding Retiring Member. In April, we partnered with Oxford 4-H Community Club to clean up trash along Woodstock's largest paved trail. A few of our other socials throughout the year included outside yard games, a car rally,

paintballing, ice skating with Huron Perth & Middlesex clubs, some parades, and finally our annual Christmas party.

Oxford JF's fundraising committee was busy raising money through fundraisers including the 3<sup>rd</sup>

Annual Drive-Thru Ham supper, Oxford Holstein Club's Twilight Meeting, the Two Cylinder Club's "John Deere Days", and the Alumni Dance. 2022 saw the return of the Embro Truck and Tractor Pull after a two-year hiatus, with

record breaking crowds. Oxford JF also took on the challenge of hosting two provincial events this year: Elizabeth Bruce's Roast and Toast in June, as she was the Past President of JFAO, and Autumn Profile in October. Towards the end of the year we hosted Nerys, a delegate from Wales, and showed her around the area. It was great to see a different perspective on how we live life here. We are looking forward to 2023 being another great year for Oxford JF!

## Durham Region Junior Farmers

Howdy from Durham Region! We started the year off strong with a name change. Having previously been known as the Durham West Junior Farmers, after much consideration, and with membership interest from the southern part of the region, it made sense to change to Durham Region JF. We now encompass from Beaverton all the way down to Ajax/Pickering area. Members attended March Conference in Peterborough, where we were fortunate enough to have one of our own represent at the provincial executive level! With April came the return of the



Sunderland Maple Syrup Festival after the COVID shutdowns. Outstanding attendance at the festival

meant a record number of participants and audience members at our annual Bathtub Races. Our summer was full of everyone farming and meetings got few and far between! Our members never lost touch, as they travelled to the Make-Up Prom Night in Huron Perth in July and made the trek to Woodstock for Autumn

Profile hosted by Oxford County in October. DRJF looks forward to what 2023-2024 has in store!

## Renfrew Junior Farmers

2022 was an exciting year for Renfrew County. It saw the addition of new members, returning members taking on new roles, new club projects and annual projects reaching new heights. We started the year with a fun day skating on the Rideau Canal with our fellow eastern clubs, Carleton and Stormont-Glengarry. We saw some of our fellow eastern Junior Farmers again at March Conference. This was an exciting event for our club as it saw our very own Jamie Schultz elected the 79<sup>th</sup> President of JFAO.

Our spring was rather quiet, but our summer was jam packed. We helped our local agricultural society run their first annual parking lot party in June and had a farm tour at a local bison farm. July and August were our big months as we prepared and then hosted Summer Games. We had fun nights of prep work full of painting, tie-dying, decorating, dancing and lots of pizza. When the day of the main event arrived, we had a blast hosting Junior Farmers from across the

province. Everyone had fun at the games during the day before celebrating that night with Junior Farmers and the rest of the community at the banquet.

We didn't have much time to rest after

Summer Games as we helped our local agricultural society at their fair just two weeks later. We hosted a 50/50 fundraiser one night and helped with the early morning cleanup/setup on the last day of the fair. It wasn't all work though, this fall we were excited to present a local family



their century farm signs, all the way up to 175 years! The fall also saw the return of our food booth at Taste of the Valley. The community was very excited to see this event return after a two-year absence and it showed in how much they supported it. The community also showed a lot of support for our fall bottle drive. Like every year, we were overwhelmed by the support we received and couldn't believe how much we were able to raise. We raised \$3700

which allowed us to donate \$925 to four local organizations. After a big year for Renfrew, it was nice to end the year with our fellow eastern clubs at our Christmas party where we celebrated 2022 and started getting excited for 2023 and everything we already have planned!

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## Stormont-Glengarry Junior Farmers

The Stormont-Glengarry Junior Farmers had a very busy year! We were very fortunate to participate in various Zone Events with our other two local clubs, including skating, softball, and axe throwing. We hosted a Post Planting Party Dance fundraiser for our club in the spring and with a great turn out we'd like to continue with it next year. We partnered with a local fair this year to host a Farmer Olympics Obstacle Course and encourage attendance to the fair. Our hope is also that from this event we can encourage more rural youth to join our club, so we look forward to hosting it again in the coming years. We had various socials within our club this year; we went bowling, planned a pool party, and as per usual we hosted our annual Christmas Potluck. This year we added a twist to our potluck and played Jeopardy to complete our Affiliation requirement by educating our members on proper Meeting Procedures and the Structure of JFAO. We found this very engaging and hope it did the trick!



We are grateful for the Provincial Events we were able to attend and see old friends and new. We volunteered at another local fair this year as well as completing our Adopt-A-Road Project where we do roadside clean up in Glengarry. 4-H invited us to two events this year where we engaged with local 4-H members at Leadership Events. Both events hosted a speaker who provided inspiration and motivation,

we were also able to do a raffle at one event and raise funds for our club. Our biggest fundraiser this year was the Flamingo Project, which raised over \$900 that was used for a Bursary in the spring to a local graduating student. This project is possible because local community members make donations when the flamingos are placed on their lawn to

have them removed and moved to a lawn of their choosing. We are very fortunate for all the connections we can make within the community. We are also grateful for all our new friendships that have blossomed through Junior Farmers. Cheers to a great year and an ever better one yet to come!

## Carleton Junior Farmers

This year Carleton County put most of our effort into making our way out of the county to attend provincial events. After a slow first few months to the year, we came out in force to the banquet at March Conference, with several new members coming out to Peterborough. We continued our provincial year with multiple teams at both Summer Games and Autumn Profile, continuing to bring out our new membership. Locally, Carleton was hard at work volunteering at several local agricultural events from fairs to tractor pulls. We also continued our support of local food banks and cleaning of our Adopt a Road stretch. The club closed out the year by partnering with our local dairy farmers to put a float into the Metcalfe Christmas Parade, handing out cheese strings to the attendees. Carleton has had a great year expanding

the club and getting back together with our friends across the province.



## University of Guelph Junior Farmers

The University of Guelph Junior Farmers club has had a rather successful 2022! Members of the University of Guelph club love to dance, which is what brings new members to our club every year.

The university hosted its annual College Royal event in March, where the UofG Junior Farmers have traditionally entered the Square Dance Competition. Despite not competing since 2019, UofG JF entered the 2022 competition with a mix of 1st-year to 4th-year students and brought home third place! This was a thrilling win for the set, and a testament to how hard they practiced.

We hosted our annual Orientation Week “Knock Your Boots, Scoot N’ Boogie” event to teach first-year students how to two-step and line dance. This year we also taught them how to do the Texas two-step and waltz dances. We had a fantastic

turnout, with over 100 first years attending and learning to dance. We also decided to host another “Learn-to-Square-Dance” event in October 2022, drawing the same amount of people.



Perhaps the biggest highlight for the club was participating in the square-dancing competition at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. With only two and a half weeks to get a set together, we won first place in the university class and the award for best caller of the competition! It was an exciting day for everyone involved. We have so much

interest in square dancing that we have made a second beginner set that’s preparing for the College Royal 2023 competition in March, made up of brand-new Junior Farmers members. It’s so exciting to see new people continue to come out and join us!

## Wellington Junior Farmers

From socials to fundraisers to hosting and more, Wellington Junior Farmers has had a busy 2022. Some highlights include a Murder Mystery Social, campfires, pumpkin carving, potlucks and more! The club also took advantage of community events to gather with current members and alumni at events such as “Raleway” Festival, a Country 93 Video Dance, and Junior Farmer Buck and Does. In the community, members volunteered their time with various organizations. The local 4-H Cloverbuds Club is led by one current member and 2 alumni. For one meeting, members helped organize activities for the 4-H members on the topic of Dairy Processing. In August, the club continued its tradition of parking cars at the Drayton Tractor Pull and in September they volunteered in the Harriston-Minto Fair



Agricultural Awareness Building, welcoming many members of the community in to learn about farming and food. 2022 marked the first time that the club hosted a Euchre Tournament for the community. Feedback was great with many

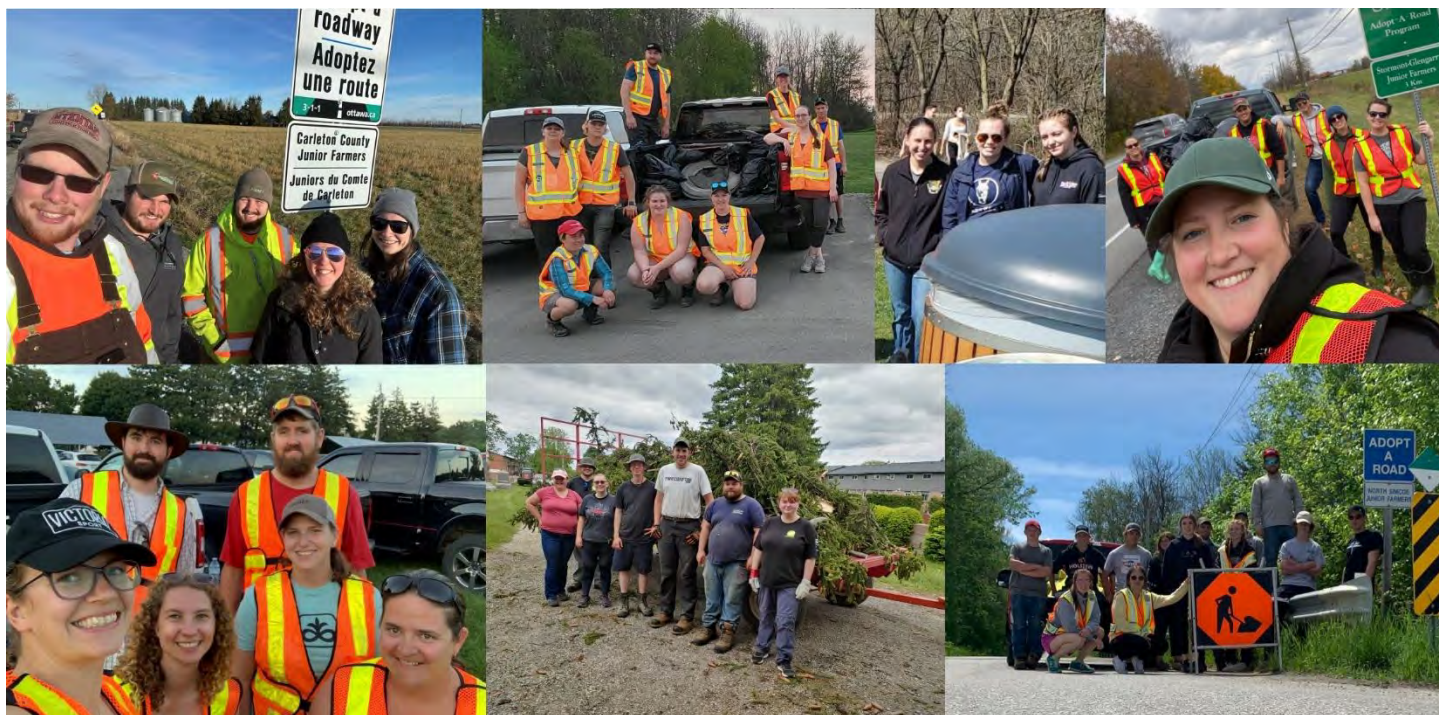
participants approaching the club to request more dates be held. Members also sponsored a public skating time, cleaned their adopted roadway and had a farm themed float in the Elora Parade of Lights. Finally, in November, the club was excited to host the Welsh

Delegates for 3 days, touring local farms and businesses as well visiting the Royal. A potluck was held to introduce the delegates to the club, alumni and other JFAO members from neighbouring clubs. Overall, Wellington had a great 2022 and are looking forward to 2023.



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Our eyes are bright, our steps are light, and on our lips a song.  
We give our best with all our zest, in harmony we grow.  
The Junior Farmers in the Province of Ontario.  
The land is ours, we treasure it, a heritage have we.  
The country is the finest place on this we all agree.  
So let us face the future one and all with hearts aglow.  
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