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# Purpose and Principles

JFAO provides opportunities for young people of all backgrounds, but especially those in rural Ontario, to take on the challenge of exploring their individual talents and potential to develop personally while being involved in improving their communities, networking, and having fun. 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” as they conduct positive social and educational activities which satisfy their personal needs and interests while conducting service projects which support the needs of their communities. Programs and opportunities provided by JFAO and its affiliated clubs help develop in members 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 serves as the means through which the mission and principles may be developed and maintained throughout Ontario. JFAO provides coordination and leadership to clubs and provides opportunities to network through a variety of inter-club competitions, activities, and exchanges. JFAO gives future leaders a chance to become leaders of today and tomorrow while maintaining a connection with our roots.

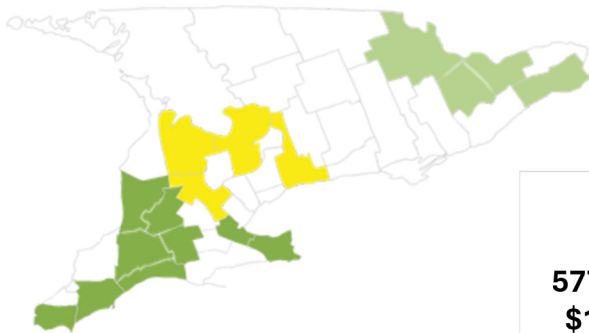
# Affiliation Requirements

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 activities throughout the year to meet the following minimum requirements:

- a) Submit a current club photo, labelled with member’s 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.

# 2025 Membership Statistics



**214 Members**  
**16 JFAO Clubs**  
**577 Volunteer Hours**  
**\$115,106 donated**



# 2025 Provincial Charity

This year, JFAO is proud to support the Ontario Farmland Trust. Did you know that in the past 35 years alone, Ontario has lost 2.8 million acres (18%) of its farmland to non-agricultural land uses? OFT was founded to protect farmland and food production today and for generations to come. The organisation works directly with farmers and the provincial government to preserve and strength protections for Ontario farmland. Since their incorporation in 2005, OFT has protected over 2700 acres of farmland on 26 farms. For more information, please visit: [Ontario Farmland Trust](http://OntarioFarmlandTrust.org) | [Protecting Ontario’s Farmland](http://ProtectingOntario'sFarmland.org)



# Operations Committee

This year we have been fortunate to have had such a great staff for JFAO. Stacey Leppert stayed on for another year as our Office Administrator, who continues to work remotely while being a great assistance to JFAO and individual clubs. Stacey has been a big help this year as we got Season Tickets for members to attend the Royal and she insured members were able to get them as they were available. She has been appreciated for her work with the Century Farm Sign Program and bringing her cheerful attitude to each of our meetings this year! Thank you again Stacey for all the hard work you have done, and we all very grateful for the effort you put into it these last couple of years. We are happy to welcome back Cecelia McMorrow for another year as our March Conference Coordinator. Cecelia was the 64th President for Junior Farmers and brings lots of energy to the committee, we are excited to have her join us again for this upcoming year to ensure that March Conference 2026 will run smoothly. We also welcomed back Christina Hyatt this year as our OYFF Coordinator, she has done an excellent job working alongside the OYFF Committee and OFA ensuring that everything goes as planned. Jeanette Schramm came back for another year as our Fund Development Specialist, she has been doing a great job working with events like March Conference and OYFF to help increase sponsorship but also has been working on Sponsorship for the Junior Farmers association as well, she has done a great job to reach out to sponsors to talk about the opportunities with JFAO. Our last hiring of the year was for our Annual Report Writer as we are happy to continue to have someone that has been with JF, we welcomed Kelsey Brekelmans who helped with editing the Annual report last year and has done a great job on creating the 2025 Annual Report. JFAO continued our contract with Doug van Wolde of We.Go.ca Website Developers Inc. for website and email services. Doug continues to ensure that our website is functioning well and assisting our committees to all their needs. Susan Elliott continues to do an excellent job as 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. I want to say a big thank you to our staff as you have been a big part of continuing to make sure all our events are run smoothly.

**Carson Wagner**

*Chair of Operations Committee*

# Marketing Taskforce Update

The idea for the Marketing Taskforce was first introduced at the 2024 AGM, where a resolution was brought forward and approved to use funds from the Endowment Fund to support a targeted marketing campaign aimed at increasing JFAO membership across the province. Over the past year, the taskforce has been working closely with Kahntact to develop engaging and modern promotional content for recruitment. This work has included the creation of social media graphics and video content designed to be shared across JFAO's digital platforms. By using member testimonials, along with photos and videos captured at JFAO events, the taskforce has built a strong bank of marketing materials that both the provincial association and local clubs can use to promote JFAO and attract new members. In addition to province-wide recruitment efforts, the taskforce has also focused on supporting clubs that may be struggling with marketing their events. Throughout 2025, the Marketing Taskforce used advertising space to promote recruitment events for the Renfrew, Wellington, and Wentworth-Niagara clubs. These clubs were selected at the 2025 AGM based on need and opportunity. Looking ahead to 2026, the taskforce plans on using donated ad space to support club-level initiatives, including promoting the Durham/Peterborough joint Winter Games event as well as marketing Elgin County's recruitment event. These efforts will continue to hopefully strengthen visibility, engagement, and membership growth across JFAO.

**Keely Henderson & Kelsey Brekelmans**

*Co-Chairs*



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## President's Message

Severing as JFAOs 82nd President this past year has been a truly incredible experience. This year has been jam-packed with many great opportunities and events that I've had the pleasure to attend on behalf of JFAO. From traveling to Scotland on exchange to representing JFAO at industry events, and even attending the opening ceremonies of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. My favourite events are always our provincial events, because I love the opportunities we have to come together as an organization and just have fun with each other. That's what JFAO is all about! My home club of Wentworth-Niagara was lucky enough to host Autumn Profile this year, which was a great time, and I cannot thank all our amazing alumni enough for helping us put it together. It was a really fun event, that could not have been possible without them! I was rather disappointed to have to miss leadership camp this year, as I was away on my exchange, but I heard nothing but positive feedback when I returned home, and I was rather jealous I had not been there. My time in Scotland was incredible, and I am so appreciative that JFAO offers this experience to its members. Getting to travel and see how another country runs their young farmers' program is such a unique experience and it is one I will remember for the rest of my life.

Being able to represent an organization as great as JFAO has been an amazing experience over this past year. JFAO was invited to attend some great roundtable discussions facilitated by Farm Management Canada to help bring together all the young farmer organizations from across the country, in hopes of developing a national young farmer voice. Being part of these talks is a great way to get to know the other provincial groups, learn how they run their organizations, and has given us the chance to showcase all the great things we are doing here in Ontario. The first round of discussions was held in Winnipeg alongside the Agricultural Excellence Conference, and several of our JFAO Executive Board were able to attend this meeting. This helped to show our strength as an organization. The second round of discussions was held locally in Ottawa, and we were happy to welcome the rest of the country to our home province. I look forward to continuing these discussions and showcasing JFAO on a national level.

We have had an incredible year of growth as an organization, seeing a 30% increase in membership since last year, and that is all thanks to our amazing executive board and members. We have an incredibly talented board, who are all putting in so much hard work for the love of our association. I feel immensely grateful to be working alongside such a dedicated and talented group of people and seeing everything we have been able to accomplish. I look forward to another great year as Past President, seeing all that we can do as an executive board, and just how much JFAO will be able to grow thanks to everyone's passion and hard work.

**Jordyn Domio**  
*President*



## Past President's Message

As I come into my last few months with JF I look back and just have to say to myself, what another great year we have had for Junior Farmers. As we continue to work together as an organization of connecting, building, and developing leaders for the future. We were able to experience the province from one end to the other as we attended our annual Provincial Events in Stormont-Glengarry, Peterborough, Wentworth Niagara, and Huron-Perth, we also hosted OYFF in Toronto and March Conference in Niagara. With membership on the rise, we got to meet new members at all these events, creating new memories and building new friendships.

Our organization can't run without its dedicated members and volunteers at both the club and provincial levels that put time in to organizing fundraisers and events. I also want to say a big thank you to everyone on the Executive and the Board, you all have come together this year to help continue making JFAO run smoothly. Thank you as well to everyone that has put their time in on our committees like the Policies and Procedures, Leadership Camp, and the Marketing Committee, it takes a lot of time for each committee to run but we are very thankful for the work being done by them.

Thank you to the Board and Exec for working alongside me this year, we have had great attendance at each meeting, and it truly shows. We have had a lot to talk about and as a board but have been able to work to make sure it all gets covered.

As we continue into the new year, we are again with Kahntact who is helping market JF to recruit new members as we look towards the future to make sure we can increase our membership and help to build each member into better leaders for their clubs and communities. It has been an honour to serve as your Past President, and I can tell you all that I will miss this time in JF. Thank you to all our alumni, sponsors, and stakeholders

of JFAO, without them JF would not be the organization that it is today. I know that the future of JFAO is bright and prosperous with you involved. I have learned a lot and greatly enjoyed my time on the JFAO executive these past three years. I'm looking forward to 2026 and to see where our new members, Board of Directors, and Executive take the organization

**Carson Wagner**  
*Past President*



## 2025-2026 Executive

**Back Row:** Keely Henderson (Programming), Matthew Sterling (Website & IT), Brady Wytenburg (East Zone), Kelsey Brekelmans (Social Media), Christena Jenkins-Giffen (Communications), Hanford Mahon (Finance), Natalie Vanderwal (4-H)

**Front Row:** Mark Ruiter (OFA), Jordyn Domio (President), Carson Wagner (Past President), Sarah Danen (Community & International Programs)

**Absent:** Cecelia Darling (Central zone), Brandon McLeod (West Zone)



## 2025-2026 Board of Directors & Representatives

**Back Row:** Hanford Mahon (Finance), Ian Pollard (Essex- Kent), Matthew Sterling (Middlesex), Cailen Bromley (Renfrew), Kelsey Brekelmans (Social Media), Amy Danen (Oxford), Christena Jenkins-Giffen (Communications), Jamie Schultz (Wentworth- Niagara), Keely Henderson (Programming), Natalie Vanderwal (4-H)

**Front Row:** Emma Cummings (Durham), Jordyn Domio (President), Carson Wagner (Past President), Sarah Danen (CIP), Brady Wytenburg (East Zone)

**Absent:** Mark Ruiter (OFA), Erin Carrol (Carleton), Lauren McKnight (Grey), Kirsten McIntosh (Huron Perth), Lauren Rheinheiner (North Simcoe), Ella Dorris (Peterborough), Chanelle Martin (Stormont- Glengarry), Emmeline Te Bokkel (University of Guelph), Hiam Woods (Wellington)



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## Executive Director of Communications

2025 has been a year to remember. I am overjoyed that every club has made an effort to provide updates for every bullhorn. I have really enjoyed connecting with members across the province and learning about all the great things they have achieved and completed this past year. JFAO has had great success via our social media this year – way to go Kelsey! This past year we continued the previous JFAO sweater sales and increased the line-up to include  $\frac{3}{4}$  zip sweaters. I was a part of the New Membership Recruitment Committee and chaired the Website Committee. The Website Committee has made quite a few updates to the website including last year's goal of adding short videos showcasing what we do at each provincial event and on exchange (shout out to Kelsey for making them). We added some new club logos and

made clarifications about our office location. I also wrote 2 articles for The Agrarian, an online agricultural magazine, in a 4-part series titled Family Farm Heritage, promoting JFAO's history and where we are today. Thank you for giving me another opportunity to give back to JFAO as the Director of Communications. I look forward to reading the 2026 bullhorns as a JFAO alumni!

**Christena Jenkins-Giffen**  
*Director of Communications*

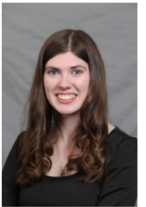


## Executive Director of Programming

What a wonderful year it has been for JFAO. One of the main goals set by the Executive this year was to increase membership, and I am pleased to share that we not only met this goal, but exceeded it. At the beginning of 2025, our target was 180 members, and we closed the year with 216. This marks the first membership increase JFAO has seen in over ten years and reflects the hard work of our clubs and the dedication of members committed to keeping JFAO strong. Beyond membership growth, 2025 was also a successful year for events. We kicked off the year with a well-attended Winter Games, returning to Stormont-Glengarry for a Hawaiian-themed day that concluded with a memorable limbo contest. In the fall, members enjoyed a fun and engaging Taskmaster-themed Autumn Profile hosted by Wentworth-Niagara. Then a

month later we visited Huron Perth for their rock-and-roll-themed Sing Swing, who knew JF was filled with so many talented singers and dancers? Overall, 2025 was a year of positive momentum for JFAO. With strong participation, growing membership, and successful events, I am excited to see what the next year brings!

**Keely Henderson**  
*Director of Programming*



## Executive Director of Finance

In 2025 I got to learn lots as the Director of Finance for JF. I would like to thank the many sponsors of our organization the members who help run it, and attend events throughout the year making our organization an incredible group to join. Jeanette Schramm has worked diligently getting support from sponsors and Susan Elliot has been awesome to work with and answer all my questions. Our membership saw a big increase with the help of the money we set aside for marketing and through the continued work of our local clubs. I had an absolute blast attending events across the province such as Autumn Profile in Wentworth- Niagara, Winter Games in Stormont- Glengarry and Sing

Swing in Huron Perth. I would encourage everyone to go to these events, it's a great way to make connections with people across the province and have a ton of fun. I was also able to attend Leadership Camp and go on exchange to Austria where I was able to make connections across the world while having a memorable time. We have run a deficit this year as we continue to grow but I look forward to the year ahead.

**Hansford Mahon**  
*Director of Finance*



# Executive Director of Community and International Programs (CIP)

2025 saw the international exchanges again! We had 5 outgoing delegates: Christena Jenkins-Giffen (Middlesex) – Republic of Ireland, Hansford Mahon (Middlesex) - Austria, Cailen Bromley (Renfrew) – Northern Ireland, Amy Danen (Oxford) - Scotland and Jordyn Domio (Wentworth-Niagara) - Scotland. We also hosted 6 incoming delegates: Jack Stewart - from Northern Ireland, William Lynn – from Republic of Ireland, Fiona Currie – from Scotland, Sophie Kauer – from Switzerland, Selina Brettner – from Austria, and Isabelle Proestler – from Germany. Over 9 weeks the delegates toured around Ontario between many of the different clubs, from Ottawa to Point Pelee and everywhere in between. Each summer the delegates really enjoy the time that they get to spend with each club and this year they had the chance to attend Leadership Camp. During their Break Week, the delegates had the opportunity to travel out West to experience the Calgary Stampede and the Rockies, with 1 delegate taking the opportunity to visit family friends.

Although this year posed some different challenges, I would like to thank everyone that was involved in this year's exchange program, thank you to the clubs, the hosting families, tour guides and everyone in between. Inviting the delegates to be a part of your family and your community for their time here in Ontario is what makes this program an amazing opportunity year after year. We are looking forward to this coming year where we will have the opportunity to host delegates again and collaborate with other countries to send our members there. Stay tuned and follow along on each of the incoming and outgoing delegates adventure's this coming summer!

**Sarah Danen**

*Director of Community and International Programs*

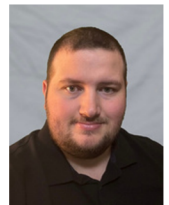


## West Zone Director

Looking back on the past year, I am incredibly proud of what our West Zone clubs have accomplished. Across the zone, I saw strong participation, genuine support between clubs, and a continued commitment to serving our communities, all of which speak to the strength and spirit of Junior Farmers in the West Zone. Throughout the year, members showed up for one another by attending club events, zone socials, and provincial activities, often traveling across counties to support fellow clubs. From post-planting gatherings to trivia nights, car rallies, curling and skating socials. These shared experiences helped build stronger connections and reinforced that Junior Farmers is about far more than meetings. It is about friendships, leadership, and belonging. Community involvement remained one of our greatest strengths. West Zone clubs volunteered at fairs, heritage events, tractor pulls, and parades, while also running recruitment booths, hosting agricultural awareness activities, and organizing food drives and donation programs, especially during the holiday season. I was continually impressed by how willing our members were to step up and give back to the communities that support us. The exchange program continued to be a highlight, with members traveling abroad and clubs hosting international delegates throughout the summer. These experiences create lifelong memories, strengthen clubs, and showcase the best of rural Ontario, making them one of the most impactful opportunities that Junior Farmers is able to provide.

In my role as West Zone Director, I truly enjoyed being part of the Executive and learning more about how the organization operates at the provincial level. I was able to sit on some committees and work alongside members from across the province. When time allowed, I also appreciated being able to attend club meetings and events throughout the zone, which allowed me to hear updates directly from clubs. These experiences gave me a greater appreciation for the dedication of our volunteers and the teamwork that keeps JFAO running. Our clubs also took on major leadership roles by hosting and supporting events such as Farmers Night Out, Sing Swing, Autumn Profile, and other large community fundraisers. These events require significant planning, teamwork, and dedication, and their success is a direct reflection of the leadership within our West Zone clubs. Overall, this year showed me just how motivated, supportive, and capable our JFAO members are. I would like to sincerely thank all club executives, provincial directors, and members for their communication, cooperation, and hard work throughout the year. Your dedication is what keeps Junior Farmers strong, and I look forward to seeing what our clubs will continue to achieve in the year ahead.

**Brandon McLeod**  
*West Zone Director*



## Central Zone Director

Within the 2025 year as Central Zone Director I attended monthly exec meetings, quarterly PD meetings and attended as many provincial events as I could. My attendance was unfortunately limited due to university. I kept in contact with each of the 6 clubs within the zone, checking in to keep up to date with their activities and events. Some of these events include dances, dinners, painting, bowling, donations, meetings and more. It was a great way to create a connection to each club. There were minimal questions brought to me to be passed along to the executive and were all answered in a very timely manner.

A bowling social was hosted in July 2025, with 8 Junior Farmers members in attendance. I enjoyed meeting everyone on the executive board!



**Cecelia Darling**  
*Central Zone Director*

## East Zone Director

This past year I had the opportunity to represent the eastern JF clubs, as the 2025 East Zone Director. As this has been my first year on the Provincial executive board, I did not have a lot of expectations. Though if I did, I can certainly say that they would have been exceeded. One of the main goals that I had this past year as East Zone Director was to bring the eastern clubs closer together. I can confidently say that it was a success. It was amazing to watch each club this year support one another in any way that they saw fit. Especially seeing as we have a new up-and-coming club in the east, the Lanark County Junior Farmers. When my term started, the main thing I wanted to show each club was that I was there if they needed anything, so I attended some of their club meetings to answer any questions but also throw ideas around about what they were looking forward to for the upcoming year. Below I have highlighted a few individual club events.

One of the first things that came up was in Carleton County with their Tractor Jam, where they were able to Raise \$3500 for charity. Well done Carleton! Though they weren't done with this event. Just a few weeks later, they held Redneck Games. Participants competed in a number of different activities, to ultimately decide a winner. Stormont-Glengarry once again hosted their popular post planting party at the start of June, where over 500 people attended for a fun night of socializing, singing and dancing. Great job Stormont-Glengarry! Renfrew County, in collaboration with Lanark, was able to host a learn to square dance and line dance night



with 28 attendees. Everyone had a great time and are looking forward to next time. Great job Renfrew! Lastly, the upcoming Lanark County Junior Farmers were able to host an Alumni dance at the end of December to round out the year. It was a night filled with square dancing, two stepping and networking. Great job Lanark! Aside from the individual club events, the east also had a few events in collaboration with one another. The first one held in July was Soccer-Baseball. With 32 attendees coming out in the scorching July heat everyone had fun with lots of laughs. Then as result of the heat, we took a tour down to the river to go swimming and cool off. Then in September, Carleton and Renfrew came together to help bartend at the Carp Fair on the Friday and Saturday nights. The busy fall came and went. At the start of December all four clubs attended the East Zone Christmas party to look back at all the effort each club had put in over the year celebrating another great year coming to an end. It was a fun night of bowling with 22 people attending.

Overall, it was an incredible year in the east, with too many events to fully recap. I am beyond impressed with how successful each club has been this year and the connections that came out of it. I am honoured to have been selected this past year as your East Zone Director and being along side each club's journey throughout this year. As we move into the 2026 JF year, I know there are already lots of great events planned throughout the east. I am excited to see where the year takes all of us as well as seeing the ideas the everyone comes up with. The thing that I am most excited to see though is the continuous building of the friendships throughout each club as they will last a lifetime. Once again, thank you. Here's to a great 2026!



**Brady Wytneburg**  
*East Zone Director*

## Social Media Representative

It's been an incredible year being the Social Media rep. One of my goals was to push our name and content to a broader audience while presenting who we are and what we do better on our platforms. I wanted more faces and real people on our socials as I feel the community JF provides is one of our biggest assets. I believe we have made a big stride in the right direction creating some good content and raising our post engagement, as well as gaining new viewers/followers. I was able to work closely with some of exec on little projects throughout the year like the Director of Communications and I added recap/overview videos of provincial events to the website, CIP and I worked on posts to introduce the incoming delegates as well as promote the blogs and advertise exchange opportunities and working with

Programming and sitting on the New member recruitment committee I've been able to help create content for new member month as well as give other members the opportunity to do the same. Clubs and members have been a huge support this year providing photos/ videos and ideas as well as participating in the many TikTok's and reels seen on our platforms. I'm thankful for all the support I received this past year and to have had this opportunity promoting this amazing organization.

**Kelsey Brekelmans**  
*Social Media Rep*



## 4-H Ontario Representative

This past year serving as the 4-H Representative on the JFAO Board has been a learning curve. As I was new to both this role and the Board of Directors, there was a lot to figure out along the way. I truly appreciate the support and guidance from fellow board members as I learned more about the organization and my role throughout the year. Over the course of the year, I had the opportunity to meet with several members of 4-H Ontario, including the President, Executive Director, Manager of Youth Experience, and Manager of Communications. These meetings led to productive conversations about how Junior Farmers of Ontario and 4-H can better work together and promote one another. Building stronger communication and collaboration between our two organizations is something I see as very important moving forward. I am also working on an ongoing project to update 4-H manual about JFAO. The

goal of this project is to give 4-H clubs a resource they can easily incorporate into their existing programming, helping members learn more about Junior Farmers and encouraging senior 4-H members to transition into JFAO. Overall, it has been a great year, and I am grateful for the opportunity to be part of the JFAO Board. I would like to thank everyone on the Board of Directors for their patience and support as I figured things out this year, as well as the 4-H Ontario staff and volunteers for being so open and willing to collaborate. I'm glad to have contributed to this work and hope to see the connection between JFAO and 4-H continue to grow in the future!

**Natalie Vanderwal**  
*4-H Ontario Rep*

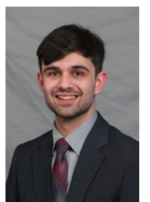


## Technology & IT Manager

This year has been a great opportunity to join the Junior Farmers provincial board. It was a learning curve, trying to understand the tech equipment and how to use it. With some minor technical difficulties along the way, I was able to learn how everything works. The hardest part was getting to the meetings ahead of time, or on time in a couple instances, however I hope that I can continue in this role to do a much better job this coming year. I started off the year with hopes to revamp the website and get more tech gear, however my busy

schedule stopped me from accomplishing my goals. In the coming year I hope to see some new tech equipment as well as some time invested into the website to keep it updated and make it more user friendly.

**Matthew Sterling**  
*Tech & IT*



## OFA Representative

JFAO and the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) have had a great history of working and supporting each other over the years, and this year was no exception. We were able to continue our great relationship by attending many farm shows alongside the OFA, including the London Farm Show, Ottawa Valley Farm Show, and Canada's Outdoor Farm Show in Woodstock. These events give us the opportunity to interact with the public, share what JFAO has been up to, and potentially recruit some new members. At Canada's Outdoor Farm Show in September, we once again collaborated on hosting a young farmers networking dinner, which brought out a lot of young and aspiring farmers and gave them a chance to mingle with JFAO and OFA representatives. I had a lot of great opportunities to work alongside the OFA on some exciting projects and attend some incredible events this year. These opportunities always give JFAO a great platform to further share all the great things we are working on, and network with other strong players in the

ag industry. We were also lucky enough to recommend some great young leaders to attend the CFA AGM held in February and OFAs Lobby Day which was held in December this year. We greatly appreciate the ability to give our young people a voice in this industry and working together with OFA to provide a platform for these people to share their perspectives. JFAO looks forward to continuing our great working relationship with OFA in the coming years. We are happy that this partnership allows us to have a greater reach in the industry, and gives young people the chance to share their perspectives and try their hand at lobbying for causes they care about.

**Jordyn Domio**  
OFA Rep



## 2025 President's Rose Award Nominees

### Outstanding Novice Member

Logan Badour  
Erin Carroll  
Natalie Vanderwal  
Abdalelah Alsaloum  
Landyn Bowen

### Outstanding Member

Keely Henderson  
Kelsey Brekelmans  
Teri Burnett  
Hansford Mahon  
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### Outstanding Retiring Member

Luke Ward  
Patrick Sullivan  
Carson Wagner  
Katelyn O' Neil  
Ryan Handsor  
Becca Keitel  
Amelia Judge  
Hunter Woods  
Christena Jenkins- Giffen  
Karen Giffen (De Bruyn)

### Club of the Year – Top 5

Huron Perth  
Middlesex  
Oxford  
Renfrew  
Stormont- Glengarry

### Agricultural Club of the Year – Top 5

Elgin  
Essex- Kent  
Middlesex  
Oxford  
Renfrew

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# 2024 Rose Award Winners

The inspiration behind the Rose awards comes from “*Flowers are for the living*” a presentation highlighting the importance of appreciation in the present. JF recognizes three outstanding members for their dedication and involvement. The nominees must exemplify JFAO’s mission to develop future rural leaders through self-improvement and community betterment

## Outstanding Novice Member

**Paige Fletcher**- Middlesex



This year’s winner is a member who has jumped into JF with both feet running. In the short time they have been part of their club they have made significant contributions to both JFAO and their community. Paige’s nominators described her as “enthusiastic, outgoing, and a great leader”. She served as her clubs Secretary and organized multiple tours for the delegates, helped park cars for their *Day on The Farm* event, assisted with *Farmer’s Night Out* and bought/ packaged food for 250 harvest bags that were delivered to farmers in fields during the harvest.

## Outstanding Member

**Jordyn Domio**- Wentworth- Niagara



Jordyn Domio was committed to JF the minute she started, being heavily involved at both a club level and provincially. Locally she encouraged new members to continue to attend club activities and pushed them to attend zone socials along with provincial events. Jordyn used her connections to set up an agriculture education/ recruitment night as well as a learn to line dance/ recruitment event. She was always in attendance at events herself and played a big part in the delegates first week in Niagara. The couple delegates who came later and may have missed out on Niagara Falls or the CN tower didn’t have to worry as she took them so they could cross it off their lists.

## Outstanding Retiring Member

**Elizabeth Bruce**- Oxford

**Jolande Oudshoorn**- Huron Perth & Wentworth- Niagara



The judges decided given both of these members have contributed so much to both their clubs locally and to JFAO they couldn’t chose just one. Both have held multiple positions on their clubs exec and JF’s.

Elizabeth’s nominator’s described her as a go getter and a problem solver. A saying often associated with her was that “they were constantly working on JF even when everyone else is asleep at night, you’d wake up to messages with answers or questions from them”.

Jolande was described as a a strong mentor and leader on many committees and within their clubs. She was great at encouraging others to take on achievable tasks giving them something to strive for throughout the year

# 2024 Club Award Winners

## Agricultural Club of the Year

### Middlesex County



*Agriculture Club of the Year* is based on the club's work to build agricultural awareness in the community in an original way while involving as many members as possible.

While there were many great initiatives across the province Middlesex's hard work paid off. They organized a Dairy Day, educating the public on the dairy industry while giving them a chance to name a calf as well as hosted their annual *Farmer's Night Out* raising money for their local Cancer Society. Middlesex also worked with their local federation to put up signs promoting crops and their uses. All of these events had excellent turnouts and the award is well deserved.

## Club of the Year

### Oxford County



*Club of the Year* takes into consideration a club's ability to complete the affiliation requirements, a club's participation, provincial involvement, volunteering and community betterment.

Oxford did an exceptional job at displaying this all in their report. They were also extremely successful in promoting the club within the community as well as with their online presence. Oxford has done a tremendous amount of agriculture work within the community as well as works to maintain a positive relationship with their 4-H by including them in socials and volunteer events such as the tractor pull in which they also work tirelessly to put on each year.

Congratulations Oxford!

# Member Milestones

## Ten Year Member

Carson Wagner- Oxford  
Ian Burnett- Carleton

## Five Year Member

Keely Henderson- Renfrew  
Cody Lawerance- Carleton  
Rachel Devlin- Carleton  
Maddie Saunders-Grey  
Sydney Martin- Grey  
Patrick Daoust- Stormont- Glengarry

## Fifteen Year Member

Luke Ward- Oxford  
Becca Keitel- Peterborough

## Retiring Members

Karen Giffen- Oxford  
Carson Wagner- Oxford  
Luke Ward- Oxford  
Frank Cats- Oxford  
Christena Jenkins- Giffen - Middlesex  
Katelyn O' Neil- Middlesex  
William Ringgenberg- Huron Perth

Ryan Handsor- Essex- Kent  
Thomas Oriet- Essex- Kent  
Amelia Judge- Wellington  
Hunter Woods- Wellington  
Patrick Sullivan- Carleton  
Erin Carroll- Carleton  
Becca Keitel- Peterborough

## Winter Games: Hawaiian

Stormont- Glengarry were happy to host Winter Games. Welcoming 60 participants from 10 counties across the province. The games were hosted at Tagwi Secondary high School in Avonmore, Ontario. This event was Hawaiian themed. Teams were encouraged to dress up in their best Hawaiian shirts and at the end of the day the best one would receive a prize. The day consisted of some friendly competition as teams played sports such as volleyball, basketball, surfing, bowling, and obstacle courses. The final game of the day was a long skilled game of limbo with everyone seeing how low they could go. Oxford county took home the win of the day with Amy Danen (Oxford) winning the limbo contest and Nevan Juneau (Carleton) winning the best Hawaiian shirt contest. Following the games, competitors headed to Maxville, Ontario for dinner, a silent auction and dance. We are incredibly happy with the turnout of Winter Games 2025 and would like to thank all the participants for coming out!



## March Conference: Generate success

This March, members from across the province made the trek to Niagara Falls for Junior Farmers' annual March Conference! The weekend started with the AGM Friday afternoon, where we elected our new executive. This was followed by dinner, and the remaining JF members arrived in the evening. After dinner, we had a casino night where we mingled with other members from around the province and participated in some fun games! On Saturday, everyone woke up bright and early to hear three wonderful speakers: Elite Agri Solutions, discussed farm health and safety standards; the Agricultural Credit Corporation (ACC), spoke about farm loans and credit; and finally, Kahntact, talked about

social media engagement and member recruitment. After hearing the speakers, a quick snack break was followed by splitting into teams for a scavenger hunt around the falls and Clifton Hill. After our scavenger hunt, we had some time to prepare for our banquet dinner and dance, where awards were given out, the new executive was announced and the presidents were honoured. Following the banquet our members had lots of fun mingling and line dancing the night away! On Sunday morning the weekend was wrapped up with breakfast and networking with JF alumni. Everyone had a great time, thanks to the March Conference committee for organizing a wonderful weekend!



# Leadership Camp: Courage To Take The Lead

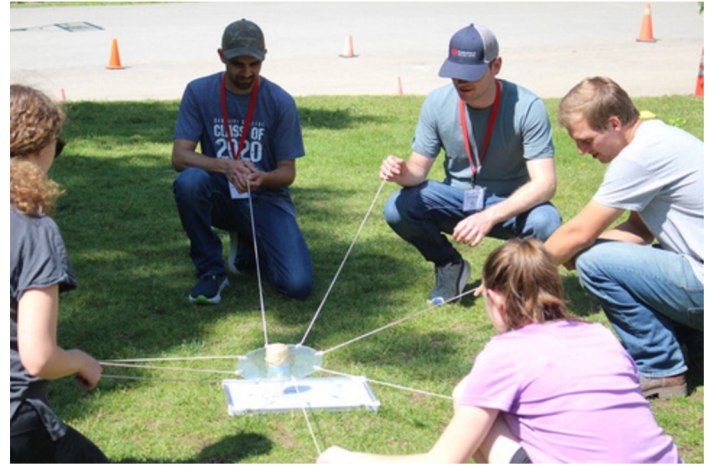


On June 13-15, the Junior Farmers headed up to Camp Kawartha near Peterborough for this year's Junior Farmer Leadership Camp. The weekend started with getting to know the camp surroundings, the camp staff and getting settled in for our weekend of fun! Once all 18 JF members from across the province arrived, as well as the 5

International delegates, we enjoyed a campfire and snacks, then retired to our cabins for the evening. The Saturday morning began with a delicious breakfast in the dining hall, which was followed by a guest speaker, Bonnie Clark, who is the Warden of Peterborough County. She spoke about her time with the provincial government, her agriculture background and how she continues to encourage young people to get involved. After, we did some group 'get to know you games' and some stretches.



Following that we went outside for some group activities that were led by the Camp Kawartha staff. Some of the activities included, the group drawing with 1 marker with strings attached, chain tag, trying to locate the different people while blind folded, etc. After the group activities, we stopped for lunch and then had a bit of a break before we headed down to the beach for some canoeing and kayaking, followed by swimming time. After supper, we had a guest speaker, Cameron McAlpine, who ran a workshop on Leading Change. Everyone was split into 2 groups and a small group of 3 people. The 2 groups were set up as 2 different types of organizations, horizontal and vertical. The 2 groups had to make different types of



cards and present them to the small group of 3 clients, where the cards were judged and accepted. We learnt that each type of organization structure has its pros and cons depending on what you are trying to achieve. Afterwards, we had a campfire and roasted s'mores. On Sunday, we woke up, had breakfast and packed up

our cabins. We then completed a 4 part escape room around different parts of the camp. Each group had to complete the mini task before moving onto the next one. Once every group was finished, we played a couple of mini group games, watched the picture slideshow from the weekend, had lunch and then headed home.

Overall the weekend had beautiful weather and was enjoyed by all that attended.

The committee received nothing but positive feedback! Everyone is looking forward to camp next year!

— Sarah Danen



## Autumn Profile: Taskmaster- JF Edition



Wentworth- Niagara had the pleasure of hosting Autumn Profile this year in Wellandport. This year's theme... Taskmaster; based off the British game show where contestants are given an absurd task where their creativity and wits are tested. Given the same objectives and materials, clubs managed to interpret and complete them in some very different ways. Some tasks required teamwork and coordination, others needed strategy and creativity, but in the end, it often came down to listening to the instructions and being able to read between the lines.

One task instructed contestants to keep “half your hands on half your hips” at all times while trying to place the most sand on a grate positioned away from the starting point. We saw many interesting interpretations of the hands on your hips requirement, and even wilder methods of moving the sand. In another task,

contestants were told to “find the dottiest fish” from a floor pond filled with paper fish. Using provided materials like tape, sticks, and magnets, they devised different tools to flip the fish over and check the number of dots, all while standing on a stepladder. While most teams focused on the pond, Peterborough suspected a trick and discovered an even dottier fish taped to the underside of the stepladder.

The tasks really encouraged members to work as part of a team. Trying out new and creative ways to complete the tasks at hand and had a lot of fun trying to out-smart the other teams. Everyone enjoyed the challenges and a massive shoutout to alumni who helped organize and run the events of the day. Congratulations to Renfrew for taking home the win.



## Sing Swing: Rock and Roll

Huron Perth had the honour of hosting Sing Swing this year in Dungannon. This year's theme was “Rock and Roll”. Some member's played into the theme showing up in graphic T's and rocking out on stage as their gong show. U of G used the gong show as an opportunity to show off some highland dancing and Oxford put on a hilarious synchronized swimming routine especially since they were lacking one key detail... water. The day consisted of some entertaining impromptu speaking as members had to pull a random item out of a bag before speaking on it. Most of the morning consisted of dancing; with two groups square dancing, the 2-step competition and the line dancing.



The afternoon consisted of two workshops, one being a Christmas swag making one where members picked their favourite cuttings and ribbons to make decor for Christmas. The second workshop allowed participants to reward the days efforts with a tasty drink. Four

different recipes were set out with all the ingredients to make some delicious mocktails. With so many home craft categories members can individually collect a lot of points. This year Paige Fletcher, Keely Henderson and Christena Jenkins- Giffen did just that. As for the overall day, Oxford came in first, Middlesex second, and Huron Perth third. Everyone did a great job and were are thankful to our participants for making this event a success.



# Ontario Young Farmers' Forum 2025



The 2025 Ontario Young Farmers Forum (OYFF) was held on November 24 and 25 in Toronto, alongside the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) Annual General Meeting. With the theme of On-Farm Diversification, the forum focused on showcasing the many components involved in running a successful farm business and highlighting the resources available to support growth and long-term sustainability. Over

the two days, we had some awesome tour locations and a great line up of speakers that shared their experiences and tips on how to navigate diversifying your farming operation.

On November 24, participants toured two operations that strongly reflected the theme of diversification: Lincoln Line Orchard in Smithville, and Summit Station Dairy in Ancaster. Both operations shared compelling stories about how they diversified their businesses to remain competitive and create new opportunities for growth. The speaker lineup the following day further reinforced the theme, with representatives from KampKreek Dairies and BDM Land and Cattle, discussing their own diversification journeys and how those decisions aligned with their succession planning strategies.

Additional presentations focused on the business side of agriculture. Representatives from Farm Credit Canada (FCC), FCC's AgExpert software, and FBC Tax Professionals provided valuable insights into financial

management, accessing capital, working effectively with tax professionals, and structuring farm businesses to support profitability and smooth succession transitions. The forum also featured Senator Rob Black, who spoke about the critical role young, passionate individuals play in shaping the future of Ontario agriculture. He encouraged participants to get involved, share their perspectives, and take an active role in moving



the industry forward. Holding this event in conjunction with the OFA's Annual General Meeting continues to be a valuable opportunity for our delegation. It allows participants to connect and engage directly with OFA delegates, fostering meaningful conversations and relationship-building. Sharing meals, exchanging insights, and discussing the benefits of involvement in organizations like the OFA helps deepen understanding and expand on many of the topics covered throughout the two days of OYFF. Overall, the event was a great success, with strong engagement and overwhelmingly positive feedback from attendees. We look forward to returning to Toronto in 2026 for another great year of the Ontario Young Farmers Forum.





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# Club Reports



## Renfrew

Greetings from Renfrew County Junior Farmers! 2025 was quite the year, some might say a little quieter than normal but

still exciting, nonetheless. We kicked off the year by once again selecting our executive in January with a few new faces around the table. We then began to prepare for winter games. This year we had six members who were able to attend. Everyone had a fun time and dressed up in their Hawaiian clothes to stay on theme. As we moved into March, a few of our members were able to attend *March Conference* in Niagara Falls. It was an exciting weekend, especially for two of our members, Keely Henderson and Brady Wytenburg who were voted in to be executive directors at the *Annual General Meeting*. Soon following *March Conference*, we decided to host a social event that we called the Easter Egg Hunt. Held on the evening of Good Friday, at the Beachburg Fairgrounds. We had a great turnout with 28 people joining in on the fun of looking for chocolate and a few bigger prizes scattered around. Everyone really enjoyed it and we are planning to host it again this upcoming April. Moving on into May and June, we had some quieter months though still event filled. In June two of our members were able to attend the provincial *Leadership Camp*. There they had lots of fun, while also building friendships and learning from speakers that presented. Towards the end of June our club attended a big milestone for one of our members, Jocelyn Smaglinski and Jonathan Hamilton's wedding. It was a great evening of celebration, dancing and catching up. Congratulations! After this we were into July, where we had a busier month planned. We kicked it off by running the lunch booth for the *Tour De Whitewater* in collaboration with the local 4-H Sports club. Having fed 450 people that day, we took the proceeds and donated \$500 back to the Sports club to help fund their achievement day. While this was going on we were also in the process of planning an east zone social.



One July 27th, 32 members from all four clubs across the east zone came together in Braeside for a fun afternoon of soccer baseball. Moving into August, we

again had the pleasure of attending another member's wedding, Congrats to Katie Stewart and Grady Dwyer! As we closed out the Summer and moved into fall, we began to put together a new event in collaboration with the Lanark County Junior Farmers. On October 10th, we hosted a Learn to Line Dance and Square Dance Night. We had 28 people attend with lots of fun and laughs. At the end of October, four of our members decided to take on the challenge of Wentworth-Niagara's *Autumn Profile*. It was a great day of completing tasks and challenges. At the end of the day Renfrew came out on top with a great effort put in by all members. Moving into November, three of our members took the opportunity to attend *Sing Swing* in Huron Perth. Everyone took their shot at homecrafts, baking, dancing and even a little bit of singing. After everyone got home and took a short rest, we then began preparing for our annual bottle drive held on November 29th. This year was an incredible year, and we thank everyone who repeatedly keeps their empties for us. We were able to raise \$1300, that we split and donated back to the Cobden and Eganville food banks. Soon after December began, we decided to celebrate the achievements of the year with a Christmas Party. This year it was decided to do an East Zone Christmas Party to celebrate everyone's achievements. So, we gathered on December 5th, in North Gower for a fun night of bowling to round off the year. For the final recap of 2025, it was a year where our club tried a few new things, which worked out and we were impressed with. With that result we have high expectations for 2026, with lots of events planned. Here's to an exciting 2026!



## Lanark

Lanark county JF has had a successful and active first year as a newly established club.

Throughout the year, the club focused on member engagement, agricultural education, and community involvement through a variety of meetings, social activities, and public events.



We hosted a Lake Day social at Silver Lake Provincial Park, providing members with an opportunity to connect in a relaxed environment through outdoor activities and a BBQ. The club participated in several local agricultural fairs. At the Perth Fair, members volunteered in the milk booth, promoting Ontario dairy by selling local dairy products and engaging with fair attendees. At the Middleville Fair, members operated the AgScape booth, educating the public—particularly youth—about agriculture and food production. In October, the club collaborated with Renfrew County JF to host a Learn to Line & Square Dance event in Horton. The event saw strong attendance and encouraged member interaction through traditional square dancing and line dancing.

Lanark County also took part in the Perth Santa Claus Parade, where members constructed and decorated a float that was well received by the community. On December 20th we hosted an Alumni Dance at the Lombardy Agricultural Society. The event included live music provided by the *Glen Silverson Band*, a square-dance caller, door prizes, a silent auction, and refreshments. Proceeds from the event were donated to Lanark County food banks, supporting local community initiatives. The club held its *Annual General Meeting* on January 18, 2026. The meeting included a review of club activities and the election of the 2026 executive. All executive positions were declared vacant and filled through a voting process conducted by a show of hands. The AGM ensured transparency, proper governance, and the successful election of a complete executive team to lead the club forward in the coming year.

Overall, Lanark County JF demonstrated strong organizational growth, community engagement, and member participation throughout its first year and looks forward to continued involvement and development in the years ahead.



## Carleton

Carleton County was busy in 2025! Whether it was attending a provincial event or hosting our own local shindig, we all came together and made life-long connections. At a local level, we were able to volunteer our time with 4-H clubs in our community, kept our roadways clean and helped fair boards around Ottawa. Supporting youth and education was also an important part of our year. We offered a scholarship to an active 4-H member heading to post-secondary school, and we were thrilled with the number of thoughtful applications we received. As the year went on, our calendar quickly filled with events. We helped run a tractor pull, hosted *Redneck Games*, welcomed the delegates from across the world and took part in a Santa Claus parade. As well, we raised money for Agriculture Wellness Ontario and the Brain Tumor Foundation of Canada and donated to two local food banks in the Ottawa Valley. We were proud to be able to give back to our community. Outside of our own local events, we were able to attend zone socials giving us the opportunity to connect (and compete!) against other JFAO members. 2025 was a year that truly reflected who we are - focused on leadership, friendship, and building strong communities together. We can't wait to see what 2026 brings!



## Stormont- Glengarry

The Stormont Glengarry Junior Farmers started their year by welcoming their new executive members at their AGM meeting in January. In February we hosted winter games in Avonmore where we had a fun day playing lots of sports. At the end of the day we had our annual *Snowball* fundraiser dinner and dance in Maxville. We had a silent auction followed by a dance. With all the donations and silent auction items sold we were able to raise \$5000! This year we chose to donate our funds to the Maxville Manor.



In April we did our RoadSide Cleanup. Maxville Fair is the first Fair of the season, we donated \$500 toward the

fair, helped with the bingo night and The Donkey Show. We even had some members participate in the Baseball tournament. Next up was our Post Planting Party in June, a very successful night. We had over 400 people attend, live music from *The County Lads* and we had a local Broomball team selling snacks. On July first we were selling ice cream at Canada Day in Moose Creek despite the pouring rain we still had a very good sale of ice

cream. We hosted the delegates for a day, went to Upper Canada Villiage and visited a member's dairy barn where we had a poutine dinner. It was the fist time some delegates ever tried poutine! Avonmore Fair is next, we donated \$500 to the calf rally where



some of our members were showing their calves. In August we hosted a "Farmer Olympic" at the Monkland Cornfest, we set up a course of five obstacles where in teams of two you had to run through while being timed. Every team with the fastest time won 2 tickets to the dance that night. At the end of August we bartended and served ice cream at The Stormont County Fair, which concludes the last Fair for the season.

In the fall we had 1 member attend OYFF. We hosted a billiards night in Cornwall as an East zone social, and attended the bowling East zone social as well. We finished the year as always by decorating a float for 5 different Christmas Parades and handed cheese strings out to all of them. We would like to thank the *Stormont Dairy Producers* for sponsoring the cheese strings. We look forward to 2026, staying involved and helping out our communities and most of all to keep having fun and building great connections.



## Wellington

**Wellington**  
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2025 for Wellington Junior Farmers was definitely a lot of fun! From provincial events to club socials to volunteering within our community, our five members were sure to keep busy! We attended *Roast & Toast*, *Winter Games*, *March Conference*, *Autumn Profile* (Where we came SECOND overall), and *Sing Swing*. Our club hosted many socials such as touring a Composting Facility, Spontaneous Games Nights, a Recipe Making Social, *Pumpkin Pajamarama* and a Christmas Party.



Throughout the year our club was involved in various Community Projects. Every year our members help the Grand River Agricultural Society at their Pizza Perfect event. Which has over 300 grade 3 students rotate throughout stations to learn about agriculture by relating it to making a pizza. Our members (plus many additional family members and alumni) helped us to park cars at Drayton Truck Pull. Wellington JF also hosted a community supper, where we served 63 meals (surpassing our goal), and raising \$850 for local foodbanks.

2025 has been a great year for Wellington Junior Farmers!





## Grey

The Grey County Junior Farmers have had a busy and successful year filled with community involvement, fundraising, and plenty of fun. We kicked off the year by hosting a New Year's Eve dance in Rocklyn. It was a great way to bring members and the community together to celebrate the start of another exciting year for our club.

In February, members travelled to support the North Simcoe Junior Farmers at their bonspiel fundraiser. It was a fun day of curling while also supporting a fellow club. In March, we hosted our annual hockey tournament, which continues to be one of our biggest and most anticipated events. The tournament brought together teams from across the area for a weekend of friendly competition and camaraderie.



As the weather warmed up, we focused on giving back locally by organizing a roadside garbage clean-up at the beginning of summer. This initiative helped keep our community looking its best and demonstrated our commitment to community service. We also attended a zone social where we participated in a learn-to-curl day followed by a potluck lunch, giving members a chance to connect and build friendships with other clubs.

Throughout the year, members also participated in a couple of baseball tournaments and wrapped up the season by hosting a Halloween dance. Overall, it has been a well-rounded year full of teamwork, community spirit, and memorable events for the Grey County Junior Farmers.



## Durham Region

Durham Region JF began the year with a newly appointed Executive board that provided strong leadership and direction for the club. The executive consisted of President Cameron Barkey, Vice President Tim Rudkin, Secretary Wendy Rudkin, and Treasurer Cody Armstrong, with the Provincial Director roles filled by Emma Cummings and Grant Barkey. Supporting the executive were dedicated committee members, including Social Coordinators Emma Cummings, Cameron Barkey, and Hayley Ashton; DRFA Representatives Megan McLeod and Hayley Ashton; and Social Media Coordinators Cameron Barkey, Emma Cummings, and Hayley Ashton. Together, this team worked collaboratively to plan events, promote the organization, and represent Durham Region JF throughout the year. Member recognition was a key focus this year as the club celebrated several milestones. Emma Cummings was recognized for five years of membership, Joel Speers for ten years and Kate Johnson for fifteen years of involvement with JF. The club also acknowledged the retirement of long- standing members Kate Johnson,

Joel Speers, and Brian Wetheral, thanking them for their dedication, leadership, and lasting contributions to Durham Region JF. Throughout the year, Durham Region JF hosted social, fundraising, and community events including an Oshawa Generals Game Social, a fundraising dance in August, the Sunderland Maple Syrup Festival bathtub races, and a Euchre and Games Fundraising Night in May. The club also hosted international delegates on a tour of Kubota Canada. Members attended numerous fall fairs across the region to promote JF and engage with the public. The year concluded with a

bowling social in December, providing members an opportunity to connect and celebrate a successful year of strong leadership, active membership, and community engagement.





## Peterborough

2025 was an energizing year for PTBO County Junior Farmers, we continued our tried and true events. Our annual roadside clean-up, and Halloween food drive were great successes, 17 bags of garbage cleaned up on Highway 2 near Keene and 277lbs of food and \$115 donated to Local food Banks. But we also tried some new things! This year we held our first successful Learn to Line Dance Fundraiser, and prioritized socializing! From Bob Ross paint nights, Pickleball, Pumpkin Carving and potlucks with delegates it was a great year manifesting the JF vision statement.

“For rural youth to connect, build and develop leaders for strong communities.”

We are looking forward to a big 2026, partnering with Durham Region JF to host the first Provincial event in Central Ontario in at least 10 years! Maybe even host more fundraising events?



Stay tuned to the @PTBOJF socials!



-Julie Milne

2026 President, Peterborough County Junior Farmers



## North Simcoe

North Simcoe held many events this year, February was our annual curling bonspiel which was a success and we were able to donate some of the profits to the Curling club for all their support throughout the years. March brought us to Grey county where we attended and won the Hockey tournament. April we held a Maple Syrup Festival dance raising \$8000 and we kicked off the summer with our annual 3 pitch tournament. Participants beat the heat with lots of water and Gatorades throughout the day followed by ice cold beverages at the later dance. This tournament raised roughly

\$6000!!

This year members attended the Elmvale fall fair. The theme was “Canadian Made” and everyone enjoyed the day while also walking away with 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the float building contest. NSJF held our 5<sup>th</sup> annual golf tournament, it was lots of fun and good support to the local Orr Lake Golf Club.





## University of Guelph

The University of Guelph Junior Farmers started the 2025 year off with a Learn to Square Dance Night, held on January 21st. We had a great turnout of just under 40 students! As part of the University's "Snow Days", we held a Learn to Line Dance event with about 50 attendees. We taught intermediate-level dances that participants were able to show-off at Pub and The Ranch. Prior to College Royal, we held our yearly Pre-College Royal



Square Dance Practice Night with a live guest caller and live musicians. Excellent turnout of all student sets and 1 4-h set. In September, we hosted our yearly O-Week Boot Scoot & Boogie Line Dance event. We did not have the turnout we anticipated as they moved the date and time of our event a few days prior (after our original date was confirmed and posted), and there were 3 other line dancing events during O-Week. We participated at *FARMtoberfest* presented by Farm and Food Care Ontario during Thanksgiving weekend to teach line dancing on the entertainment stage. Later in October, we hosted a Learn to Two-Step event with a guest instructor who taught Texas two-stepping, Polka, and Waltz! In November we hosted a Learn to Square Dance event in order to entice more 1st year students to compete in College Royal. As well, a few of our members attended Sing Swing and won a variety of awards and ribbons. We had two sets compete in the Square Dancing competition at The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, with both sets placing extremely well! -Madeline Payer, President



## Essex- Kent

This past year has been another great example of the strong sense of community, involvement, and friendship that defines the Essex-Kent Junior Farmers. Our members have stayed active, supported one another, and continued to represent our club with pride at both local and provincial events. We were very happy to welcome and spend time with delegates this year and



appreciated the opportunity to share our community and connect with members from across the province.

Locally, our Post-Planting Social was a highlight of the year, giving members a chance to relax, reconnect, and enjoy some well-deserved downtime after a busy spring season. Our members have

also enjoyed helping in the community through volunteering and participating in food drives, which continue to be an important part of what we do as a club. Giving back locally while building leadership and friendships remains at the heart of our involvement in JF. Throughout the year, our club has enjoyed attending many provincial event, taking advantage of opportunities to learn, compete, and build lasting connections with other clubs across



Ontario. These experiences continue to strengthen our club and keep members engaged and motivated. This year we would also like to recognize and sincerely thank our retiring members Ryan Handsor and Tom Oriet, for their contributions to Essex- Kent Junior Farmers. Their involvement has helped shape our club, and we are grateful for the time and energy they have given.

We wish them all the best in their next chapters. Overall, Essex-Kent Junior Farmers remains a strong,





## Huron Perth

The year started off with the club hosting Jolande's *Roast & Toast* at the Goderich Legion with 57 people in attendance.

There were many lovely toasts celebrating all her accomplishments during her JFAO presidency. Later on in the month we had our *Annual General Meeting* where we welcomed our new exec. *March Conference* was attended by 4 of our members with two of them saying goodbye as they were retiring. The conference consisted of a fun scavenger hunt around Clifton Hill and the falls, guest speakers, and socializing with other clubs. The banquet was exciting for our club as Kelsey was introduced as the province's new Social Media Rep, Jolande received the rose award for *Outstanding Retiring Member* and Nick, Amanda, and Kelsey received their 5 year milestone keychains.



April became a busy month with organizing our booth at the *Canadian Dairy Expo*. Over two days we made and sold apple fritters and coffee. Kirsten and Jeanette did a wonderful job organizing the event this year and we were very thankful for the help from Middlesex and Oxford members. It takes a team to make an event like this successful with

the making/ selling of the apple fritters themselves and to also have the VIP parking on top of it all. The profits from CDX go back into the community in many different ways. This year alone we were able to donate to the *Cleats for Beats baseball tournament* to help them fundraise for an automated external defibrillator, *Camp Bimini*, *One Care Clinton (an old age home)*, *Optimism Place Women's Shelter*, *Huron's Women's Shelter* and *The Haven- Dignity Alternatives mental health service place*. As well as these we have our four annual scholarships and were able to sponsor an ice time for the *Mid- Huron Huskies* hockey tournament while also sponsoring the *Southwest*

*Admirals* youth hockey team based out of Huron and Perth County. This year brought lots of fun, with

members attending Oxford's trivia night, Middlesex's *Farmers Night out*, our own lawn games and campfire social, Belgrave's *lady's night out* dinner,



the Dungannon Rodeo where we had a potential new member attend, the *Ambassador's Banquet*, a pumpkin carving social, the Seaforth Fair Parade, the Listowel and Clinton Christmas parades and, a curling social for our Christmas party. We had the ability to host the international delegates July 20-26 where we enjoyed showing off everything our counties have to offer by touring various farms and businesses with them. Cassie attended *Autumn Profile* on behalf of our club where she teamed up with Elgin and Wentworth-Niagara to compete in taskmaster themed activities making for a very enjoyable day. While we attend a lot of fun socials we also make sure to stay involved in the community. A few things we were involved in this year include Goderich's *Pride Festival* which brought a mix of interest as well as meeting some Alumni who were surprised the club is still going strong. Lauren and Kirsten helped out at 4-H Huron Perth's *Go for the gold* keeping track of points. Despite our club not having our "petting zoo" tent, two of our Members still made it out to the *Blyth Thresher's Reunion* where they helped with traffic control and parking lawn tractors. Each year brings new ideas and challenges but with the commitment and dedication from our members we hope to keep getting

our name out there and hopefully bring in new members in 2026!





## Elgin

2025 marked the beginning of our attempt to get Elgin restarted. We held a few socials through the year to increase interest in JF such as bowling and axe throwing. Despite being so small we were able to attend many provincial events and connect with several members and clubs across the province. The Elgin club is hoping to welcome new members and grow into a more active club in 2026. We are looking forward to a year of fun filled provincial events as well as hosting more socials locally and getting involved in the local community.



## Wentworth-Niagara

Wentworth- Niagara has been busy this year, starting in January we worked with Huron Perth to co-host Jolande's *Roast and Toast*, then in February we had members attend *Winter Games* and join Oxford on their trip to the *National Farm Machinery Show* in Louisville, Kentucky. This summer we were the first club to host the delegates, bringing them to Niagara Falls, showing them the greenhouses/ vineyard's and oddly enough bringing them to feed Ostriches. One of our final nights with the delegates was our Learn to Line Dance recruitment night. For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row we were able to partner with 180 Estate Winery, making for a successful



event. Fall didn't slow down either, we attended some fairs including the NFA's farm day where we donated grain and corn for the children's play area and had attendees spin the wheel, answer a question about agriculture and win some candy. We were able to host *Autumn Profile* this year too, which would

not have been possible without the amazing alumni who helped organize the activities and volunteered throughout the day. We were also able to use this event as a recruitment opportunity to gain some younger members and actually had an entire team of possible new recruits



enter. It's been an exciting year, we have been able to attend meetings and socials in other counties, attend almost every provincial event and even had a member take part in the exchange to Scotland. The future looks promising and we can't wait to see what's in store for next year!





## Middlesex

2025- What didn't Middlesex do? We showed up to everything! We had a strong JF presence not only in the community, but also provincially and on the executive. We attended every provincial event, supported other JF club events, and gave back to our community all year long. We also made sure that we had a good balance of socials and local initiatives throughout the year for our members and community.

We had members attend Jolande's *Roast and Toast* in January and hosted a Learn to Curl social. In February we had 5 members attend *Winter Games* and we attended the West Zone Tubing social. In March we went out for a pancake lunch and sugar bush tour. We had a strong attendance at *March Conference* with 12 members, all crammed on the stage to accept our well-deserved award of *Agricultural Club of the Year*. In April we made sure to support Oxford



JF at their *Trivia Night* and we put on our largest event of the year, *Farmers Night out*, where we raised \$9,932 for rural mental health. We also volunteered at the North Middlesex Historical Society *Fun Night* running the auction. In May we had a campfire social. We made the drive to attend Essex-Kent JF's *Post Planting Social* in June, and we even attended *Leadership Camp*. We had 2 members go on exchanges this year, Hansford Mahon to Austria and Christena Jenkins-Giffen to the Republic of Ireland, while still managing to host the delegates for a week in Middlesex (with a lot of support from our Alumni and neighbouring clubs-Thank you!!). We volunteered at the Tri County Heritage Show Truck and Tractor Pull in July. We attended the *Ambassadors Banquet* to show our support of the exchange program. At the beginning of September, we had our Annual Plowing Match BBQ Fundraiser as well as handed out harvest bags September through December. We had our largest social and most looked forward to night, our



4th Annual Friends-giving where we shared lots of great food and games. We ran the People Mover at the Ilderton Fair and had an Ag Educational float in the parade. In October we hosted a car rally which was a lot of fun even though we only had 2 teams- boys vs girls. We had 1 member volunteer at the *London Indoor Farm show* booth. We put in a strong effort at *Autumn Profile* and *Sing Swing* where we had top member Paige Fletcher and 3rd Christena Jenkins-Giffen. Overall Middlesex came Second! We had a couple members even attend *OYFF*. We celebrated Christmas by entering the Ilderton Christmas parade followed by a party and donating items to the Rural Women's Resource Centre. We had 4 members on the executive board this year; Hansford Mahon as Director of Finance, Christena Jenkins-Giffen Director of Communications, Natalie Vanderwal 4-H rep and Matthew Sterling Website and IT Manager. We also had some big member milestones this year, Hannah Arnold and Campbell Talbot had a house warming party and got engaged, Katelyn O'Neil got engaged to Rob Macginnis, Charlie Crump got engaged to Cassandra Gorrill and we even celebrated a few 30th Birthdays! We can't wait to see what 2026 has in store for us!





## Oxford

2025 was filled with many ups, downs, happiness and challenging moments for Oxford JF. This year our club had a ton of fun together and raised lots of money for our local communities. To start off the new year we welcomed our new 2025 club executive. Our President for the year was Natasha Bolander with the Vice President being Geil VanHaren and our Past President being Julie DeBruyn. Our Secretary was Ilse Kloosterman, Treasure was Sarah Danen, and Provincial Director was Amy Danen. For our committee members we had Ben Vehof as our Agriculture Representative, Kelly DeBruyn and Nicole Danen as our Media Reps, Emma Pullen as our Fundraising Coordinator, Julie DeBruyn and Lauren Ball as our Social Coordinators, and Frank Cats as our OCFA



Rep. Throughout January members were busy getting ready for our first social of the year! This was our annual banquet and dance where some members were awarded for their hard work and dedication from the past year. In February Oxford club members participated in our curling social held at the Norwich curling club. Also in February our club celebrated Canadian Ag day with social media posts from members across the county. Also in February we had a few Oxford members travel to Stormont-Glengarry for winter games! Thanks to the Stormont-Glengarry Junior Farmers for the amazing event! Later on in March Oxford traveled to Grey County to play some hockey. Although not coming out on top we all had a great time. We also had many members travel to Niagara Falls for march conference. At the beginning of April our club took on hosting a new fundraising event. Oxford JF hosted a very successful Trivia night and are planning on hosting again in 2026! Also in April our Club attended our annual Roth park cleanup with local 4-Hers. At the end of our very busy month our club hosted its annual Christmas tree burn! In May we took the opportunity to help out the local community and lay some mulch at the VON Sakura



house just outside of Woodstock! In June we brought back our ice cream socials, our first one was at Bartleys in Woodstock! Also in June we had members participate in breakfast on the farm hosted by Hoenhorst farms, it was a great day to share our agricultural experiences with people from all over the province. At the end of June our club had a chance to tour the Tavistock Hops Co. It was interesting to learn about the brewing process. Although July was a slow month we had the opportunity to share a week with the delegates where we participated in lots of fun activities. Then in August we got right back to being busy again in August where we hosted the ambassadors banquet for the outgoing delegates. During the long weekend in 2025 we hosted our annual Embro Truck and Tractor Pull! Our club raised lots of money to donate throughout Oxford and neighboring counties. We are very thankful to all of the local community groups who put in many hours to make this event possible. In September our club continued our tradition of setting up a small square bale maze at the tavistock fair! In October Oxford JF took on bowling. We also brought back a pre- covid tradition of trick or canning, we took to the streets of Embro and collected cans of food for the local food banks. We also sent members to the *Autumn Profile* where they completed games with the theme of "Taskmaster". In November we decided to take to the ice for some public skating. In December our club had our annual meeting along with our Christmas party. We also had a few members take part in a couple Christmas parades. We are looking forward to what 2026 has in store and want to thank everyone for another successful year!





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# 2025 Incoming Delegates



**Jack is 25 and is an Agriculture Lecturer and farmer. He comes from a 200 acre farm where they have 70 dairy cows, breed replacement stock and finish the majority of their beef calves. Jack likes running, social outings and, competing in events such as stock judging, the Ulster Young Farmer competition and Arts Festival.**



**Isabelle is 25 and lives in the north of Germany in a small village named Nienburg. She is a bathroom designer in a family company and has been a member of the rural youth Harpstedt since 2015. She enjoys horseback riding, spending time with friends and family and being committed to the rural youth.**



**Sophie is 21 and works as a carpenter. She is from a 19 hectare farm where they breed pigs and fatten cattle. Sophie is part of a gymnastic team and likes hiking in the mountains. She's looking forward to seeing the Canadian landscapes, adventure and, meeting new people.**

JFAO offers some incredible travel opportunities, the main one being our International Exchange Program. This past year we were able to send 5 of our members on international exchanges while also taking in 6 delegates. We welcomed Jack Stewart from Northern Ireland, Isabelle Pröstler from Germany, Sophie Kauer from Switzerland, Fiona Currie from Scotland, William Lynn from Republic of Ireland and Selina Brettner from Austria. Going on an Exchange is a wonderful way to put yourself out there and experience a new country and culture from the perspective of a local. Getting to know the incoming delegates is also an incredible opportunity allowing you to make new friends and learn about their countries while seeing your every day experiences through new and excited eyes. If you're curious about the program you can e-mail [cip@jfao.on.ca](mailto:cip@jfao.on.ca), check out the blogs tab on our website or follow our travel instagram [@jfao\\_traveller](https://www.instagram.com/jfao_traveller).




**Fiona is 19 and works as an Agriculture Sales Advisor while also studying to become a teacher. She is from a beef and sheep farm in central Scotland and has been a part of Lesmahagow Young Farmers for nearly 5 years! Fiona loves showing livestock and competing in fitness competitions.**



**William is 27 and is an Agriculture Science teacher. William belongs to the South Longford Macra Club and looks forward to using this experience as a way to help enrich his students learning.**



**Selina is 21 and has completed an apprenticeship for business & household management along with one as an upholsterer & decorator. She is very active in their rural youth organization and loves travelling, spending time with friends and family and riding her 3 horses.**



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# International Exchanges

## Amy Danen- Scotland

In a very short amount of time I have done so many things, met so many people and experienced the life in Scotland. I have stayed with 2 different hosts, one in the north and one in the east. For the 5 days I spent in the north in Leslie, Aberdeenshire, I toured a whiskey distillery, grain elevator, my host families farms, Livestock market, dairy, pig and deer farms, went for a hike up a hill to take in the incredible views of the countryside... and even took a picture with the famous Aberdeen angus bull! For the next week of my trip, I was in Milnathort Perthshire with my 2nd hosts! We spent a day at the West Fife show, went to the horse races, toured a Christmas tree farm, horse breeding farm, couple of vegetable farms helped roll wool during sheep shearing, helped with peony roses harvest and packaging as well as sorting eggs and even participated in the Bell Baxter car treasure hunt! The first half of my trip has been truly amazing and this is just a small list of everything that I have been able to experience on this trip so far and I look forward to all that I still have yet to see!

And just like that my trip has come to an end with memories that will last a lifetime! The rest of the trip was just as good as the first part. I spent a couple of days along the east coast with my 3rd hosts exploring the towns and estates, checked out a Gin distillery and enjoyed the famous chippy in the area! I then made my way to the other side of Scotland and caught a ferry to the Isle of Bute where I met my 4th and final host. With only a day and a half to explore the island, I was able to tour a dairy farm, take a picture on Canada Hill, wander around Mount Stewart and even ride the cart of some clydsdales practicing for the highland show. I was able to catch up with a friend of my families that stayed with my dad when she was over from Scotland on her JF exchange to Canada. The last 5 days of my trip were spent in Edinburgh exploring the beautiful city and at the Royal Highland Show seeing everything it has to offer. At the Highland Show we watched tug of war & pole climbing competitions for the Young Farmers. Wandered around and checked out the Livestock shows. My favourite part was being able to see everyone that I had met in my 3 weeks of touring around Scotland! With a lot of sad goodbyes, my 3 week, once in a lifetime trip came to an end and it was back to reality. I would absolutely encourage anyone to go on an exchange, it's really hard to explain but the JF exchange is a very unique way of traveling and meeting people that you can't get anywhere else.



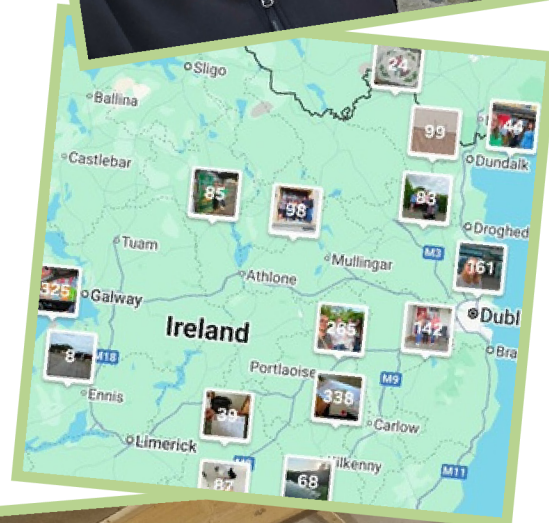
## Christena Jenkins- Giffen -Republic of Ireland

You are not going to believe this, but I was lucky enough to get to go on my SECOND trip of a lifetime with JFAO! This time to the Republic of Ireland! On July 25th, 2025, I set flight for what will be one of my favourite JF memories. I spent an amazing 3 weeks with a whopping 9 fantastic hosts! It was such an incredible experience to connect with Young Farmers in Ireland and to be able to reconnect with someone who came on the Canadian Exchange a couple years ago! I had the pleasure of touring like a local, seeing so many different farms and hidden gems while still getting a good dose of traditional tourist activities one must see while in Ireland. Having 9 hosts, I really got to see a large chunk of Ireland! There are 3 Macra Regions; Leinster, Munster, North West and I travelled to them all.

### Highlights Included:

- Greenore Ferry
- Beach days
- Distillery tours
- Parks
- Cliffs of Moher
- Marts (live animal auction)
- Milking cows
- Dunamase Castle
- Views while hiking
- Harvesting oats and eating a full dinner for lunch in the field
- “Games in a Field” with Monaghan Macra
- Seeing all the animal barns: turkey, sheep, pig, dairy, beef, laying hens
- Jim of The Mills (singing in all different rooms, hidden gem!!)
- Discovery Park – Zip Lining, largest over water in Ireland
- Views while hiking
- All of the delicious food! Lamb, fish at the harbour, homemade lasagna, making fresh brown bread, full Irish breakfasts and more
- Connecting with Linda from Switzerland and all of the amazing Macra members and hosts!

- Coastal drives
- Homeopathic dairy
- Tullamore Show (largest 1 day Ag Show)
- Dunmore Cave
- Irish Equine Centre
- Irish National Stud and Gardens
- Gaelic football
- Queen of the Castle Competition
- Dublin Royal Botanical Gardens



Don't walk, run, to the next opportunity to go on a JFAO exchange, you will not regret it!



## Jordyn Domio- Scotland

My first week here in Scotland has flown by, but it has been filled with so many great experiences. I spent the first part of the week with the East Lothian Young Farmers, going on farm tours, seeing the sights of the Eastern Coast of Scotland, and seeing what life is like on the farms out here. On the day that I arrived, the East Lothian club was hosting a field day, where we practiced stock judging, identifying farming tools and driving various tractors on the farm. Attendees then participated in a wheat sheath throwing competition, and we ended the day with a slip 'n slide down one of the many hills on the farm. My hosts Emma and Liam live on the coast in the town of North Berwick, so I have been spending a lot of time walking along the beach and enjoying the quiet seaside town. I got to spend *Father's Day* with Emma and her family, where we went on a hike in Dunbar, Scotland's 'Sunnier' town.



After a few days in the east, I headed to Edinburgh to meet up with the other international exchanges. After we got ourselves acquainted with one another, and many members of the SAYFC International Committee, we got ready to attend the Royal Highland show, Scotland's largest agricultural show. The RHS showcases the best of food, farming



and rural life in Scotland, and brings in people from all around the world. Walking around the show, it was like if you were to combine the Woodstock Farm Show and the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. There are tractor displays, livestock judging, cooking demos and many competitions, such as pole climbing. My favourite part was being able to see everyone that I had met in my 3 weeks of touring around Scotland! With a lot of sad goodbyes, my 3 week, once in a lifetime trip came to an end and it was back to reality. I would absolutely encourage anyone to go on an exchange, it's really hard to explain but the JF exchange is a very unique way of traveling and meeting people that you can't get anywhere else.

## Hansford Mahon- Austria

This year I had the opportunity to go on an exchange to Austria. It was an incredible 4 weeks traveling across Austria and I made tons of friends along the way. The first days we toured around Vienna and got to know the fellow people on the exchange. I then travelled to Voitsburg and stayed with the Spari family. It was an incredible time hiking mountains, touring Gratz and learning about the local history. I then journeyed to Gafrenz and stayed with Daniel and Carola Reigler where I learned even more about the history and culture. We also did a lot of cooking local dishes and I got to meet their friends and neighbours and had a great time. I got to connect with the local Landjugend club and even learned how to do the Schuplatze dance. My final week was in St Ulrich in Tyrol where I learned about farming in the Alps and made even more friends. I would highly recommend to everyone to go on an exchange and experience a new culture. It truly was a once in a lifetime experience.



## Cailen Bromley- Northern Ireland

I helped Friday evening with the Diamond Spotties and Blue Texels pedigree sale. The next day was sheep sale day; I helped check and mark sheep for sale for the morning. This was a new experience for me as we have not had sheep for a while, and I never appreciated the work and effort that goes into the sale. I sure do now!! After a long day at the market, we got ready to go out to my first BBQ. BBQ are very large dance put on by YFCU clubs ever Saturday throughout the summer. They are great fundraiser for the clubs. On Sunday we had a traditional roast for lunch, we than went to check out Splash a large floating amusement park in an old quarry. It was a great way to relax and cool down!!

Week two, I stayed will Carolina and Hugh Barr at their dairy farm about 20mins from the north coast. Once we finished feeding calves and morning chores Caroline and I set out to explore the north coast. I got to see The Dark Hedges, Portrush, Whiterock Beach, Dunluce Castle, Mussenden Temple, Giant's Causeway. We were able to meet up with Hannah Kirkpatrick, delegate to Canada in 2015, and to see her business "Matter". Hannah & Amy and I got to catch up over dinner. Carolina and I took the train that runs along the coast down to Londonderry which had beautiful views, and we spent the day exploring the city, walking across the peace bridge which was built to symbolize the end of the troubles! The Guildhall had a great exhibition on about North Ireland and Londonderry history. We finished the day by going to their friend's farm supply store that had a very impressive collection of toy and model tractors. On Friday day we meet up with Lauren McRoberts, delegate to Canada from 2024 and the Austrian Delegates Bettina and Eve. We had a great time on the Distillery tour and Carrick-a-Rede rope bridge. We finish the day at Crumlin YFC meeting which was a clay pigeon shooting competition. This may not be my sport! On Sunday there was a picnic for anyone that had gone exchange. It was lovely hearing about everyone travels.



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The country is the finest place of this we all agree.  
So let us face the future one and all with hearts aglow.  
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