



IPM 2017 Booth is in the Books

Junior Farmers Association of Ontario hosted a booth, in the Focus on Youth Tent, at this year's International Plowing Match, held in Huron County September 19-23. The week long event started off very wet and ended as a scorcher, but our members' enthusiasm

all week was very noticeable. One new item added this year was our volunteer shirts, that said "Keep Calm and Join Junior Farmers". These shirts definitely attracted a lot of attention.

Our members who volunteered at the booth, loved the chance to meet new people, and hear stories from our Alumni/Members who stopped by the booth to say Hi. During the event they also enjoyed the chance to promote our organization, our century farm sign program, along with our gate sign initiative. Plans for attending the 2018 IPM are already underway.

Crystal Blake - Director of Marketing



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Junior Farmers' Social and Dance
November 4-5
Ridgetown, Ontario

November PD Meeting
November 17
Drayton, Ontario

Sing Swing
November 18
Clifford, Ontario

OYFF
November 19-20
Toronto, Ontario

January PD Meeting and
Kurtis Smith's
Roast & Toast
January 13
Ilderton, Ontario

President's Message

I can't believe the year is coming to an end, it's remarkable to think that we are in October and experiencing summer like weather, helping to bring the crops in to maturity. This year being the 150th year of Canada as well as Ontario, communities across this great province have been celebrating the remarkable milestone, this year also marks the 50th year since the century farm sign initiative was introduced. I would like to take this opportunity to promote the century farm sign add ons, as it has been 50 years and you may looking to get an add on or replacement sign, the forms are available at jfao.on.ca. In talking about celebrations and milestones please keep in mind that it will be JFAO's 75th anniversary in 2019. Please stay tuned for more information about local and provincial events that will be happening to celebrate this milestone.

The last few months have been extremely busy. Starting off with an amazing time golfing at the annual golf tournament, to then bringing all the international delegates back to zone 4, where we toured them around the Hamilton- Wentworth, Haldimand-Norfolk, and Niagara Area. That week ended with the Provincial directors meeting and Ambassadors Banquet hosted by Oxford County. It was nice to see so many alumni and past exchange delegates, learning about their experiences from when they went abroad, reinforcing my belief that I need to find the time to go on an exchange! Immediately after that weekend was over, I had the opportunity to go to the Growmark AGM in Chicago, proudly representing JFAO. While at this conference I had the opportunity to meet and talk with fellow representatives from 4-H Ontario and Future Farmers of America, it was interesting to learn how their organizations are run, and how they differ from ours. I also had the honour of being the Canadian Flag bearer for the opening ceremonies, in front of over 800 people from Ontario and the USA. A special thanks to Growmark for all that they do to support youth in agriculture, your contributions are greatly appreciated.

In the coming weeks I am looking forward to attending Autumn Profile in Renfrew, Sing Swing in Wellington, as well as attending the Ontario Young Farmers Forum.

Matt Smith
JFAO President 2017

A composite image for a Richardson advertisement. On the left, a man with a beard and a baseball cap stands with his arms crossed. In the center, a large cargo ship is docked at a port with mountains in the background. On the right, a young boy is smiling and eating from a bowl with chopsticks. Overlaid on the image is the text "Richardson is *global*" in a large, white, sans-serif font, with "global" in a script font. Below this, in a smaller white font, is the text "Supplying Canadian-grown crops and food products to 58 countries worldwide."

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Ambassador's Banquet 2017

This past summer Ambassador's Banquet was hosted by Oxford County Junior Farmers and was held at Leaping Deere Adventure Farm just south of Woodstock on August 26th. This year's hall was unlike any other as Leaping Deere's banquet hall is a renovated pig barn, perfect for a Junior Farmer get-together! The weather was perfect for the evening and over 70 alumni and members plus 8 international exchange attended the dinner and dance. This year there were two presentations from past outgoing JFAO exchange members, Nic Weber showed off his travels in Tasmania and Sarah Teefy showed off her trip around North Ireland. The 2016 International Summer Delegates also had a little slideshow where they showed everyone some of the highlights of their 3 months here in Ontario, everything from sightseeing, to farm tours to just relaxing and enjoying the warm Canadian summer. Overall the night



was perfect for reminiscing about travel adventures and inspiring others to take the chance, go for an exchange and take the trip of a lifetime. If you are interested in learning more about JFAO's exchange opportunities, would like to keep in touch for next year's banquet, or would like to reconnect with past delegates please feel free to contact cip@jfao.on.ca.



Annual Golf Tournament 2017

The 11th Annual JFAO Charity Golf Tournament was held Friday August 11th, 2017 at Guelph Lakes Golf and Country Club. The golf tournament is a way JFAO brings together current members, past members, partners, exchange delegates and the community in order to raise funds for the operation of the organization. It began with a sausage BBQ lunch as teams registered and picked out their "poker run" hand. A game we played called poker run consists of individuals selecting cards at registration and then having the opportunity to exchange them twice throughout the day. The individual with the best poker hand at the end of the golf day wins a prize!



The shot-gun start commenced with the sun shining. We spread our international delegates throughout different teams to mingle with partners, alumni and members. Steve McCabe from the Grain Farmers of Ontario joined a team of members and a delegate for the day. The day ended with a steak dinner and banquet to celebrate the day's victories.

A special thank you to our 2017 Golf Tournament sponsors including: Grain Farmers of Ontario, Richardson International Limited, Linamar Corporation, Growmark, Ontario Holsteins, Eggs Farmers of Ontario, and Woodrill. Stayed tuned details of our 2018 Charity Golf Tournament!



Media Release - Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association



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Media Release Lanark County Beef and Cash Crop Farmer Acclaimed as OSCIA President Elect

August 14, 2017
For immediate release

Perth, ON. The annual summer directors' meeting of the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA) was held in the town of Perth, starting at the McLaren Farm. Peter is the 1st Vice President of OSCIA and has been acclaimed as the President Elect, setting the stage to be named President in 2018. Peter is the first president elect since 2007 from Lanark County and will be the third president from Lanark County. The past presidents from Lanark include John McGill (1979) and T.A. Wilson (1947). Peter represents the counties of Frontenac, Grenville, Lanark, Leeds, Ottawa/Carleton, and Renfrew in the Ottawa Rideau Region.

McLaren Farms own a 200-acre farm with an additional 200 acres rented in the Lanark area. The home farm has been in the McLaren name since 1839. Crops are planted using reduced tillage where possible to grow forages, silage, grain corn, barley, and soybeans. Both soybeans and corn are non-GMO. The beef herd is cow-calf that are confined to the yard instead of pastured, meaning that daily feeding is required. Max Kaiser, a past president of OSCIA from nearby Lennox & Addington County, described the challenges in farming in the Canadian Shield saying, "[the fact] that people have found pockets of soil, well suited to cropping between the trees and rocks is a testament to the hardiness of the Ontario farmer."

Peter McLaren and his wife, Suzanne, held the summer directors' meeting August 13-15, hosting a reception at their farm on the Sunday, followed by tours of the area for attendees and their families on the following days. Mack Emiry, current OSCIA President, commented that "Peter and Suzanne seized the opportunity to showcase the Ottawa Rideau Region. The diversity of agriculture and related industries was evident from ultra-modern maple syrup production to mega-quarries producing calcium carbonate for diverse uses."

OSCIA's mission is to *facilitate responsible economic management of soil, water, air and crops through development and communication of innovative farming practices.*

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For further information, contact: Peter McLaren, President Elect (613-259-3139) or Andrew Graham, Executive Director (519-826-4216).

For pictures of the event, please contact: nhottot@ontariosoilcrop.org

Celebrating Junior Farmers for over 100 years

(In Chatham-Kent & Essex County)

Where: Ridgetown College- Wilson Hall (lower level)- 120 Main St. East, Ridgetown, ON
When: November 4, 2017
What: Social 7-9pm, Dance 9pm-1am
Cost: Canned goods from 7-9pm to be donated to the local food bank
\$10 each for anyone arriving after 9pm

Opportunity for anyone in the community as well as Junior Farmers past, present and prospective to gather and learn about what Junior Farmers is all about, what the local club is doing in the community, and how to get involved. There will be memorabilia out on display and opportunity to share memories from the past and ideas for the future. Stick around for the dance after 9pm where you might want to watch or join in on different dancing styles including: line dance, two step, etc. There will be plenty of snack food items throughout the night as well as a cash bar. Everyone is welcome!

For questions or to RSVP please contact: Brian Sterling at 519-917-1798



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Club Reports

Renfrew County

Things haven't slowed down much in Renfrew County. July saw our club say goodbye to the delegates, as we sent them on their break week & we started to prepare for the end of summer fair season. Before the fair season began we dusted off our ball gloves and bats for another Wasaga Beach ball tournament. The bEASTs from the EAST had a few new faces on the roster this year, but we still had a blast. While the win column remained empty for another year, we know it is definitely, maybe, could possibly be, in the cards next year, but if not, the beach doesn't ask what your win/loss record is.



With August comes fair season in the Valley and this year was no different as our club got involved and helped out at our local fairs. In addition to helping with the gates at Beachburg Fair, we did our annual 50/50 draw and derby ring cleanup at Cobden Fair. It wouldn't be a true Labour Day weekend without Shawville Fair, so as most of our members prepared for the start of school, others made it out to Shawville to see Dean Brody with a couple of our friends from the south. With the first week of school, comes our last local fair and the annual 4H livestock auction at Renfrew Fair. Quite a few of our club members had success at the sale, after a long weekend of showing.

September brings with it our annual Renfrew County Plowing Match, that this year was hosted by Mel and Lynne Langton. We were happy to be involved again this year, helping out with the gate and having our own booth. It made for a fun day of talking to neighbours, friends and alumni from around the Valley. In addition, September has also seen a lot more planning for our club than in years past, as our club prepares for our 2nd annual food booth at Taste of the Valley in Cobden and we work on the final plans for Autumn Profile, which we are hosting on October 21. The club has been overwhelmed by the support we have received from alumni and local businesses as we prepare for this year's Autumn Profile and we can't wait to show you what we have planned!!!



Don't forget to Channel your Flannel.



Wellington Junior Farmers at Fairs

In the past two months the Wellington Club has volunteered at three different area fairs. In August, members organized the busy parking section of the Drayton Fair's tractor pull and demolition derby.

On September 16th and 17th the Wellington Junior Farmers volunteered at the Harriston Fall Fair. The club helped with the first soap box derby, held on Main Street, in Harriston. There were 26 soap boxes entered that were all home made and driven by kids aged 6-14. On Saturday and Sunday of the fair, members of both Wellington and Waterloo Junior Farmers were set up in the Agriculture Awareness building, talking to fair visitors about farming and facilitating interactions with a variety of animals. That same weekend Wellington Members, also volunteered at the Fergus Fall Fair. Those members were also speaking to youth about agriculture! It was a busy, but rewarding weekend for the club.



Pictured is Elbert Bouwman (Wellington) running the start line flag at the Harriston Soap Box Derby.

Stormont-Glengarry News

At the 150th Stormont County Fair, held labour day weekend, the Stormont-Glengarry Junior farmers won first prize for their float! The float was a very tall birthday cake, in celebration of not only Canada's 150th anniversary, but the fairs as well. There were some special events over the weekend, including the opening of a time capsule sealed 25 years ago, and Fireworks on Saturday night. There was a whole set of displays and events that looked back to 1867.



Middlesex News

Roast and Toast for Kurtis Smith

Join the Middlesex Junior Farmers as we roast and toast Kurtis Smith's time as the 73rd President of JFAO

When: Saturday January 13, 2018

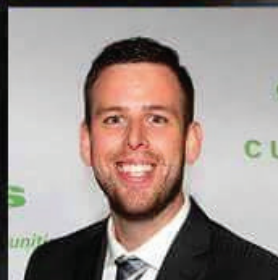
Where: Ilderton Community Centre
13168 Ilderton Rd., Ilderton, ON N0M 2A0

Time: Social - 5:30

Dinner - 6:30

Dance - 9:00

Formal Attire



\$30

Perth News

Working collaboratively for the sake of agricultural outreach

The Perth County Junior Farmers (Perth JF) in collaboration with the Huron County Junior Farmers (Huron JF) teamed up on their agricultural outreach initiatives. Most notably was an effort to create an agricultural education presence at the Huron Pioneer Thresher & Hobby Association's annual event held this year from September 8-10th in Blyth, Ont.

The area that the Junior Farmers organized was called a "petting zoo" – named by the event organizers, but we thought of it more as a "farm zone" a place where people could experience livestock in an intimate way. Animals that were part of the exhibit included: chickens, ducks, a dairy calf, bunnies, ponies, goats and sheep.

It was a fun experience where Junior Farmer members could connect with the public and address agricultural questions. The event team leads were: Crystal Blake (Perth JF) and Adam Henderson (Huron JF).



Learn to dance nights – a hit!

The Perth County Junior Farmers (Perth JF) have been kicking it up – literally with their learn to dance nights held once a month. The dance nights draw a minimum of 30 people each time with several people coming from outside the county to participate. The club has coordinated to have a professional dance instructor teach those in attendance not only how to dance, but also the etiquette and nuances of being a great dance partner. Interested in attending? Follow Perth JF on social media for when the next learn to dance night will be hosted.

Amanda Brodhagen,
Communications Coordinator, Perth County

Announcements

Engagements



Tori Hadfield (Waterloo) and Thomas Mayes (Perth) August 2017
Luke Ward (Oxford) and Kayla Anne (Oxford) September 2017

Weddings



James Rutherford (Perth) and Kelly Hart August 2017

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Office Coordinator, Will Carson
OYFF and March Conference Coordinator, Mary Feldskov (Alumni)



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Gate Signs

The Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario (JFAO) is pleased to offer gate signs. Gate signs can be proudly displayed at the end of your driveway or as part of your farm gate display. There are two sign options including, "Alumni Lives Here" and "Member Lives Here".



The initiative was launched at the 2016 International Plowing Match held in Wellington County. Due to the popularity of the gate signs, JFAO has extended the availability through an online store.

This is your chance to show your support and pride of JFAO!

Once you have your sign installed, share a photo with us on social media using the #ProudJFer hashtag or email marketing@jfao.on.ca. Select photos may be chosen to be featured on the JFAO website or marketing materials.



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3

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

Contact Kelsey Banks, Executive Director of Agricultural Programs, for more information at agprograms@jfao.on.ca

Sing Swing!

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

Stay tuned for more details once the package is released on the JFAO website.

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