



Sing Swing 2018 (Celebrate the Harvest) - Essex-Kent

First off, I would like to extend my sincere thank you to everyone that travelled all the way down to the sunny south to participate and/or support Essex-Kent Junior Farmers as we hosted our very first provincial event since having been re-established 3 years ago. Sing Swing 2018 was held at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Blenheim, Ontario on November 17th. This year's theme was "Celebrate the Harvest" which was showcased very well throughout the entire event. This year, Sing Swing had a few additions which included social activity



for a formal banquet meal provided by the lovely volunteers of St. Mary's Parish Hall. Awards were then presented to all category winners from the day events. A big congratulations goes out to the University of Guelph Junior Farmer Club for being the overall winner of Sing Swing 2018. Essex-Kent club member Nic Willemsma did an informative presentation from his recent JF exchange to Germany. The rest of the night consisted of dancing, photo taking and fellowship. Essex-Kent JF would like to thank all of our sponsors for assisting in making this event possible, and our awesome DJ that kept

sessions in the morning as well as having the St. Johns Ambulance Therapy Dog team that stopped in for a visit just before lunch, which was enjoyed by all. Following lunch, JF'ers displayed their talents in events such as dancing, vocal, instrumental, lip sync, gong show, euchre, etc. as well as many cultural categories ranging from banking, sewing, arts and so much more! We would like to thank our dedicated judges which consisted of several past Junior Farmer alumni as well as a few community members. After getting all freshened up, JF'ers returned to the hall



everyone on the dance floor all night long! Also, to the Essex-Kent JF members for bringing this event together, JFAO for making this opportunity possible and most importantly to the Junior Farmers for your support and talent in making this event a huge success!

Brian Sterling
Essex-Kent JF Provincial Director



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Winter Games
February 9-10, 2019
Carleton County

March Conference
March 29-31, 2019
Cambridge, Ontario

P.D. Meeting
March 29, 2019
Cambridge Conference Centre
Cambridge, Ontario

Followed by Annual General
Meeting at 1:00 pm

Spring Board Training & Meeting
Date TBD
Location TBD

Leadership Camp
June 7-9, 2019
at Hockey Opportunity Camp
Sunderland, Ontario

75th Anniversary Celebration
July 26-28, 2019
Brampton Fairgrounds
Brampton, Ontario

President's Message

Happy New Year! 2019 is a special year for JFAO, we turn 75 years young.

With 2019 being JFAO's 75th anniversary, I am happy to report, that a reunion is in the works. The reunion will be held in conjunction with the Summer PD meeting, as well as the Annual JFAO Golf Tournament. The reunion weekend will be happening on July 26-28, with the Golf Tournament on July 26, the 75th Reunion on July 27th, and the Summer PD meeting on July 28th.

Ontario Young Farmers' Forum "Growing With The Times", was a huge success this year. 60 attendees participated in this year's OYFF and was able to participate in sessions dealing with: starting a food incubator to mental health. The overall response was great, and I would like to thank the committee for a job well done.

March Conference is soon upon us. March Conference will be held at the Cambridge Hotel and Conference Centre on March 29-31. Registration for the conference, as well as purchasing banquet tickets, will be on our website, so make sure you check it out.

This is a special year for JFAO, and if you would like to help out, or participate in any of these events, please contact Vicki our General Manager by emailing info@jfao.on.ca or calling the office at 519-780-5326 and she will be able to direct where you need to go.

I want to thank you for reading this message and the winter version of the Bullhorn. If you wish to drop me a line you can email me at president@jfao.on.ca or you can call my personal phone at 519-377-0301.

Erich Weber
JFAO President 2018



75th Anniversary of Junior Farmers

Date: Reunion Weekend, July 26-28, 2019

Place: Brampton Fairgrounds and Golf Course - Yet to be named

More information to come!! Alumni are asked to forward this information to other alumni!!

Come and enjoy the day meeting other JFers and Alumni!!

Autumn Profile 2018 - Aloha from Wentworth-Niagara

On October 27 2018, the Wentworth-Niagara Junior Farmers welcomed colleagues from across the province to the Ancaster Fairgrounds for Autumn Profile. Autumn Profile is a highlight on the JFAO calendar for many members, and the 2018 iteration lived up to the hype.

Autumn Profile is a competitive event that pits teams of four against each other in tests of brain, brawn, and skill. This year's competition included an emphasis on balancing intellectual challenges with the more traditional athletic skills, while also adding a taste of the zany. Participants loved getting down and dirty as 'Hungry Hungry Hippos', and then getting cleaned up in 'Shaving Cream Twister'. Beards were thoughtfully scratched as teams puzzled through 'Sudoku' and judged the strengths of First Aid Kits.

For the occasion, the club invented a sport called 'Paddleball': teams wielding ceiling fan blades hit dodgeballs at each other, with the goal of either eliminating the individuals on the other team, or knocking a tennis ball off a pylon to end the round. This cross of dodgeball and cricket was wildly successful! No one was seriously injured, and teams clamoured to play again during breaks in the event.

The theme for Autumn Profile was a Hawaiian Luau, so of course a Limbo competition was a highlight. Teams enjoyed the ambience of tiki torches adorning the horse arena, as the Hawaiian theme meshed with the Junior Farmer vibe.

Overall, the event was a roaring success. Almost every single JFAO club sent a team, and many clubs sent more than one team to compete! Members competed all day in Ancaster, danced the night away in Copetown, and snoozed through their alarms in Brantford, meaning it was a real province-wide event.

A big thanks goes out to the Autumn Profile committee. The event would not have happened without the year's worth of hard work and dedication from all Wentworth-Niagara Junior Farmers, especially Jordan Eyamie, Amy Harrigan, Justin Hummel, Nicole Brian, Emily Keenan, Alex Mitchell, and Mike Gill. Bonus ups go to the volunteers who came out to run the event on that cold, wet Saturday. We look forward to sending a team or two to next year's competition!



Where is JFAO
going to take you
in 2019?



Growing with The Times - OYFF 2018

The Ontario Young Farmers' Forum (OYFF) was held last November 18-19, 2018 at the Hamilton Convention Centre. It was attended by 60 young adults who have a strong interest in growing their skills and networks within the agricultural world. The two-day conference had speakers who spoke on connecting with your local politicians to farmers who shared their struggles and success. The attendees learned that no one paths are the same, you must be willing to adapt and or grow with the times and be involved to make a difference.

OYFF also grew with the times and release a new event logo a project that has been in the works over the past couple years.

Overall the attendees engaged with the speakers, enjoyed a nice dinner, and networked with like minded individuals. Stay tuned to for what JFAO has in store for next year.

For more information about Ontario Young Farmer's Forum or the Junior Farmer's Association of Ontario, please contact Crystal Blake, Executive Director of Agricultural Programs at agprograms@jfao.on.ca



Written by Crystal Blake,
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JF WANTS TO HELP YOU.....

Keep in touch with old JF friends, share stories & life moments. We are always looking for Alumni feedback and inspirations. Please share your special moments (Births, Anniversaries, Announcements) with us. All information received will be shared.

Email to editor@jfao.on.ca

Club Reports

Middlesex County

Ilderton Fair Stage Restoration Project

When considering a community betterment project for this year, our club asked the Ilderton Agricultural Society if there was anything they would like us to donate to enhance the fair experience for the community. The Board of Directors informed us about 6 stages that had been built and donated to them in the 1980s by the Ilderton Junior Farmers. They had used them for many years, but now they had deteriorated and were unsafe. We decided to fix them up so they could be used again. They were brought out of storage and we gathered with our tools on Sunday, September 23 to work on them. First, we cleaned them as they were very dusty and dirty. Many needed new boards, nails and for the legs to be reinforced. Finally, they were painted and our club name and logo put on the side of the stages. The members of the Ilderton Agricultural Society were very appreciative of our work and put the stages to use the next weekend at the fair. They were used for the announcers at the beef show, parade, horse shows, demolition derby and the special events arena. Our members were proud of our work and enjoyed playing a game of spotting the stages in use throughout the weekend of the fair.

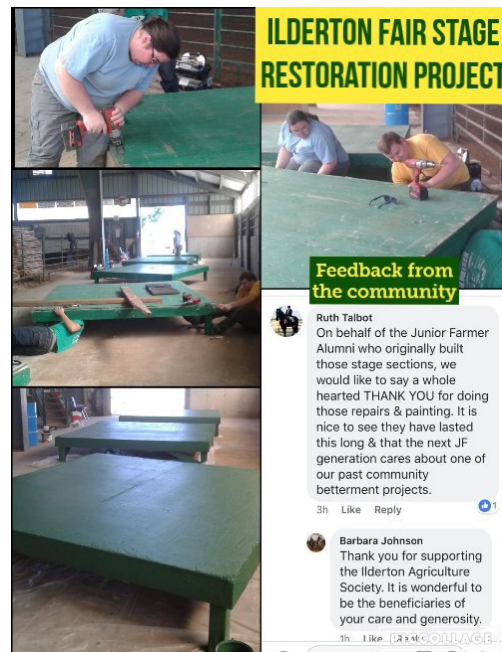
Trick or Feed



This year, our club decided to try a new project and collected donations for the food bank on Halloween night. We called it Trick or Feed and chose the Deer Haven subdivision in Ilderton. We advertised on social media that we were coming in advance. To make it into an agricultural awareness project, we handed out Real Dirt on Farming magazines and the Middlesex Federation of Agriculture donated Get Fresh Get Local Food

maps for us to distribute. That night, we had 5 members and 2 friends of members dress up in costumes and go door to door for 2 and a half hours. We were met with

an overwhelmingly positive response as families were thrilled to donate and thanked us for doing this project. Many even insisted that we take some candy as well! We filled the back of a truck and were pleased to donate 591 lbs of food and \$152.45 to the Ailsa Craig and Area Food Bank. Our members agreed that this was a successful project in giving back to the community as well as bringing awareness about our club to the community. It was easy to organize and we challenge clubs across Ontario to try their own version of Trick or Feed. It is a lot of fun and makes a difference in local communities!



Written by Kylie O'Neil

Waterloo News

As with many of the clubs across the province, the fall was a busy time of year for Waterloo JF members. Besides the usual day-to-day and fall harvest, Waterloo members competed at both Autumn Profile and Sing Swing. We had a fantastic time at both events. It is always great to have some friendly competition and see friends from across the province. At the club



level, we once again volunteered in the warehouse for Operation Christmas Child. This was held in Woodstock this year and we processed and packed boxes people across the region kindly donated. We even got to process our own boxes! We are now gearing up for 2019 and are looking forward to the many adventures ahead!

Written by Christina Straathof



Change in Carleton!

On Wednesday January 2nd, Carleton County hosted its Annual General Meeting in Metcalfe, ON, closing the 2018 year and preparing for the 2019 year ahead. Each past-executive member gave a report covering the highs and lows of 2018, with goals for the year ahead. The report by outgoing president, Andrew Bunda, was very special as Bunda used the opportunity to look back over his two years leading the club, as he would be stepping down from this position for his last year as a Junior Farmer member, and thanked the club for their hard work over the past couple of years.

During the meeting, the club took the opportunity to review important aspects of JF. Outgoing president, Andrew Bunda, and outgoing Provincial Director, Quintina Cuddihy, each made a short presentation on “How to run effective meetings” and “The structure of JFAO” respectively. Bunda went over some basic Robert’s Rules of Order and how to prepare for a smooth effective meeting, hoping to help and inspire his predecessor. Cuddihy spoke about the structure of the provincial executive team, the board of directors and the relationship between the province and club. Both presentations were extremely beneficial to our newer club members.

Much of the meeting was dedicated to the election of the new executive members of the club, with a few new faces and a couple returning. Philip Sullivan was elected President, Ben Mussell was elected Vice-President, Brianna Sullivan was re-elected as Secretary, Sharon Ruiter was elected as Treasurer. Patrick Sullivan was elected as Provincial Director, and Oscar Peters was elected as Assistant Provincial Director. Quintina Cuddihy was elected as Affiliations Director, Mark Ruiter was elected as Media Director, Andrew Bunda was elected as Social Director, and Patrick Sullivan was elected as 4H representative.

The meeting ended on a hilarious note watching Bunda, sadly, pass on the club gavel and “gavel power” to new president, Philip Sullivan. Carleton is looking forward to the busy year ahead, as they prepare to host the province on February 9th for Winter Games 2019, and will start planning the remainder of the year at their January meeting, which will include fundraisers, annual events and choosing the club charity. 2019 is looking up for these BEASTS from the EAST!



Back (L-R): Ben Mussell (Vice-President), Stephen Tibben, Andrew Bunda (Past-President, Social Director), Mark Ruiter (Media Director), Patrick Sullivan (Provincial Director, 4H rep)

Front (L-R): Quintina Cuddihy (Affiliations Director), Caileigh Tibben, Brianna Sullivan (Secretary), Philip Sullivan (President), Ian Burnett

Absent from photo: Sharon Ruiter (Treasurer), Oscar Peeters (Assistant Provincial Director)

Written by Quintina Cuddihy

Renfrew News



2018 was a year to remember for the Renfrew County Junior Farmers. The club started off with high attendance of new and returning members at both Winter Games and March Conference. While we did not come out victorious, the two competing teams at Winter Games were happy to have had many members of our large club come out to represent Renfrew. We were both ecstatic and surprised to be named Club of the 2017 Year at March Conference. This first-time honour for Renfrew was celebrated widely throughout Renfrew County as we were featured in numerous local papers and, later in the year, we were interviewed by a local radio hostess about the win and JFs roles within the county. Aside from winning Club of the Year, The Renfrew Junior Farmers were also recognized for contribution to community betterment by

the township of Admaston Bromley. The summer brought us another two weeks spent with the international delegates. We had a blast touring them throughout Renfrew County and Ottawa. Some of the highlights included a day trip to Algonquin Park, ziplining, participating in a local radio program, a night riding the mechanical bull at Crazyhorse, visiting the Byward market and Parliament buildings, a whitewater rafting adventure and a Cow Patty Golf tournament with some of Renfrew's alumni members. A couple of the delegates enjoyed Renfrew so much, they returned to spend extra time here after their JF exchange was completed! Our club was also happy to be host of the Summer PD meeting and Ambassadors Banquet. Working together to throw epic events for all our provincial friends is something we have grown to enjoy. We put a spin on our annual 50/50 draw and made the Robbie Dean Family Mental Health Centre the beneficiary to our portion of the proceeds. With all the emphasis on the importance mental health, the club was happy to be able to donate over \$800 to a well-known clinic here in Renfrew County. In addition to the 50/50 donation, our club hosted another successful can and bottle drive with funds going to the Cobden Food Bank. This year's community response was incredible, and 11 truck loads of empties were collected and cashed in. A total of \$1519.30 was donated to the food bank thanks to the tremendous community support we received. With our new 2019 executive, the club is hoping for and anticipating another phenomenal year as junior farmer member's.



Written by Johanna Dwyer

University of Guelph News

University of Guelph Junior Farmers Are Back & Better Than Ever!



After a few years of weak membership, UoG JF has spent the past three years building and is ready for an amazing year. Our club has been focusing on having lots of fun, while helping out in our community! This past fall, we put together two teams to participate in the University's Tractor Tug for Tots. This fundraiser was a blast & raised thousands of dollars for the non-profit 'Right To Play'. Provincial events are something that our club loves to go all out for. At this fall's Sing Swing, UoG JF picked up 19 awards, most notably "Best Overall Club." Though the absolute best time is when we host the international delegates! This past set of delegates from Wales, Jon and Laura, adored staying with UoG, as our week together was jam packed with fun events in our area. We treated them to their first ever hockey game! In fact, they loved it so much we set up a special hockey experience for later on in the week, with the Kitchener Rangers. With a pre-game tour including sitting on the bench, meeting a few of the players, a videoboard welcome & a jersey to take home, they were thrilled! The University of Guelph Junior Farmer's are looking forward to a year filled with more fun and community involvement.



Written by Sophia Diebold



Wellington News

We celebrated 100 years of Junior Farmers in Wellington county on November 3rd. We had approximately 160 guests including alumni and current members out to enjoy an evening of great food, socializing, and some good ol' fashioned square dancing. We would like to thank all of our sponsors and everyone that helped to make this event possible! 2019 is going to be another great year for us. To keep up to date with what is going on with Wellington Junior Farmers, check out our Facebook page!



Written by Taylor Dane

Oxford County Junior Farmers 2019 Louisville Farm Show Trip



NATIONAL FARM MACHINERY SHOW

FEBRUARY 13-16, 2019

Thursday, February 14th - Sunday, February 17th, 2019

Trip includes:

- Bus fare (sponsored by Embro Truck and Tractor Pull)
- Shared accommodation at the Galt House Hotel
- Visit to Syngenta Canada Hospitality Suite
- Two days at the National Farm Machinery Show
- Tickets to the Indoor Championship Tractor Pull



Requirements: Valid Canadian passport
Spaces will be reserved for Oxford Junior Farmer members and ETPP Committee members until December 29th.
After December 30th, available spots will be offered to other Junior Farmer clubs and residents of Oxford County.
Cost: approx. \$200 Canadian, a deposit of \$60 is required.

For more information, please contact:
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Announcements

Engagements



Terry and Brenda Dwyer of Douglas are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Johanna to Tanner Bromley, son of Andrew and Anne Bromley of Westmeath. A fall wedding is set for October 24, 2020.

Births



Emily Schultz and Alex Zomers (Renfrew) welcomed Harper Sue Zomers on November 20, 2018, weighing in at 7lbs, 15 oz.



Felix Mattice. Born Dec2, 2018. Chuck and Becky (Aikens) Mattice.

Weddings



Oxford County Junior Farmers would like to congratulate members Luke and Kayla (Janssen) Ward on their recent marriage on October 27, 2018.

New Staff Member



Welcome Vicki Dickson!

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Vicki Dickson to the JF team as General Manager. Vicki joined us at the end of October and brings with her a wealth of experience. Prior to joining JFAO, Vicki had 25 years in senior management, primarily in the healthcare field. In the few short months since joining us, Vicki has helped improve communications with membership and alumni, supported the executive in their roles, and started planning March Conference. Vicki can be reached at the office, or at info@jfao.on.ca.

Coming up in the next edition of the Bullhorn...
Roast and Toast for Matt Smith
Winter Games
New JFAO Executive
Annual Award Winners
...and so much more!

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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Click 'Century Farm Sign'
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Contact Kelsey Banks, Executive
Director of Agricultural Programs,
for more information at
agprograms@jfao.on.ca

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