



# Bullhorn

Volume 30, Issue 2

To build rural leaders through personal growth, travel, experiences, and community betterment

Spring 2019

### March Conference & AGM 2019

Honouring the Past, Treasuring the Present and Shaping the Future

For 2019, Junior Farmer members from across the province descended upon the Cambridge Hotel and Conference Centre in Cambridge, Ontario, for our AGM and March Conference. For the Board and guests, the weekend was kicked off early on Friday morning with the March Provincial Director's meeting, which was followed by the arrival of more members for the Annual General Meeting in the afternoon. The Conference part of the weekend officially began Friday evening with a Trivia Night where the winning table won bags of random swag rescued from the JFAO basement.

Saturday morning started bright and early with our first speaker, Jamie Draves, the President of Quinta Quinoa. Jamie spoke to the delegates about the value of the past, present, and future in shaping his company and bettering his health. Jamie started Quinta Quinoa in his quest to find nutritious food after being diagnosed with idiopathic pancreatitis. He appeared on Dragons Den and spoke about his experience and how it has shaped his future and business. After a thought provoking presentation, the delegates had a break and the opportunity to visit with some of our sponsors.

Later in the morning, delegates received a blast from the past when the Conference organizers rejuvenated a once popular activity- the art of debating. Delegates were split into groups of 4 where there were assigned either the positive or negative in topics such as "should Canada be allowed to buy Minnesota to help the USA pay for the wall". Some members were forced outside of their comfort zones in this activity, but all members exercised creative thinking, logical reasoning, and public speaking, all while having a few good laughs. After lunch, delegates had the pleasure of welcoming JF alumni, Jackie Ralph, who spoke to the group about the importance of checking in on mental health. Jackie talked about the importance of taking care of yourself and the resources available to help.

For the past two years, JFAO has held our annual Leadership Camp at the Orillia based YLCC. It was, therefore, with great enthusiasm, that we welcomed the founder, lan Tyson as our last speaker of the weekend. Ian spoke to the group about advancing our communication skills. Ian got the group up and moving using activities to promote listening and communication.

Saturday ended with the annual banquet and dance bringing alumni and members together for the evening to celebrate the past year and congratulate the future executive and members. Amongst the many awards and festivities of the evening, members were recognized for their commitment and involvement in JF, clubs were recognized for their outstanding contributions to their communities, and 7 travel exchange bursaries were handed out. Scattered throughout the crowd of sponsors, members, alumni, and their family, was 20% of the JFAO Past President's, including the 10th President, Don Middleton. It was a wonderful evening of celebrating JF past and present, while welcoming in the future.

Sunday morning brought a brand-new activity to March Conference in the form of a JF Dragons Den Competition. Over the past several months, clubs were invited to submit applications with ideas for new provincial events. Of the applications, 4 were chosen to present their ideas at March Conference. The 4 clubs chosen to present were University of Guelph with a JF themed Amazing Race, Renfrew with a Car Rally, Peterborough with a Mystery Bus Tour, and Waterloo with a Young Farmer Challenge. The presenting clubs had the opportunity to work with a coach that our sponsors at BMO generously provided to aid in the creation of their presentations. Delegates were able to vote on their favourite idea and the ideas will now be sent to the Executive at the next PD meeting.

...continued on page 2

### INSIDE

| March Conference & AGM 2019            | 1   |
|--|-----|
| Our New Executive Team                 | .2  |
| President's Message                    | .3  |
| March Conference Rose Award<br>Winners | . 4 |
| Winter Games 2018                      | .5  |
| Club Reports                           | .6  |
| Announcements                          | 10  |
| Gate Signs                             | .11 |
|  |     |

#### Thanks to the support of:



Ontario Federation of Agriculture

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Spring PD and Training Meeting April 27-28, 2019 Keene, Ontario

2019 Leadership Camp Eagle Crest Outdoor Centre Sundridge, Ontario June 7-9, 2019

> Golf Tournament Elmira Golf Club Elmira, Ontario July 26, 2019

> > -----

75th Anniversity Celebrations Brampton Fairgrounds Caledon, Ontario July 27-28, 2019 The last event of the weekend was choosing the JFAO Provincial Charity for the next year. The 3 charities to present this year were Sunrise Therapeutic Riding Association, Habitat for Humanity and The Canadian Alzheimer's Society. All the presentations were fantastic, and it was a difficult decision to make, but the delegates ultimately chose the Alzheimer Society of Ontario as the 2019 JFAO Provincial Charity.

We would like to thank the Cambridge Hotel and Conference Center, all of the speakers, our charity presenters, and all of the delegates for a great and successful 2019 March Conference.

### **Our New Executive Team**

Significant changes to our Executive were voted in at the end of March at our AGM. Due to the tremendous success and hard work of our General Manager, Vicki Dickson, it was agreed upon to eliminate the role of Executive Director of Fund Development. With one change, it led to the whole shake up of the Executive. A brief description of the new roles and your new Executive follows.

The only three positions not changed are the President, Past President, and Executive Director of Finance roles. This year, long serving Executive member Nic Weber was sworn in as the 76th President of JFAO. Nic is looking forward to continuing the good work of past JFAO presidents and in celebrating the 75th anniversary of JFAO. Taking a seat out of the spotlight, is the 75th President Erich Weber. While his work is only half done, we thank Erich for his commitment and continued support of JFAO. One of several new members to the Executive level this year is Ben Straathof, stepping into the Finance Director's role. He will work with Vicki and our bookkeeper Susan Elliott to keep us in the black, pay our bills, and manage our finances.

Along with the Executive Director of Fund Development, the role of Executive Director of Agricultural Programs was also eliminated. The responsibilities of this position have been redistributed between the role of Executive Director of Community and International Programs (CIP), and the position formerly known as Executive Director of Membership. In 2019 and forward, the Director of CIP will not only be responsible for incoming and outgoing exchanges, but also all other events involving the community such as co-operation with 4-H, agricultural awareness programs, and our Century Farm Sign Program. Taking on this task this year is University of Guelph member Sophia Diebold.

Two of our mainstay positions, Executive Directors of Membership and Marketing, have changed names and taken on a few new tasks. Marketing has been re-named Communications, and this role will continue to be responsible for the website, help the Social Media rep with the social media platforms, and collaborate with the editor to produce the quarterly Bullhorn and Annual Report. The Communications Director will also work with the Zone Directors to improve communication between the board and the grass-roots members, as well as our external audience. The 2018 Executive Director of Marketing, Tina Straathof, will be continuing in the re-vamped role.

The Membership Director position has been renamed to Executive Director of Programming. As with the previous position, the director will aid in organizing and promoting our member activities, implement innovative programming to attract new members and provide our membership with that unique JF experience. This role will also be responsible for organizing Ontario Young Farmers Forum, along with Leadership Camp, and March Conference. Taking on this role this year is long-time Middlesex member, Kylie O'Neil.

Three brand new positions were adopted at the recent AGM, with the goal of improving communication and coordination of members across the province and the board. Three Zone Directors were elected to represent their home zone. Along with working within their zones, these directors will each be assisting a fellow board member with their portfolio. The three brave members taking on these new roles are Elizabeth Bruce (West Zone, supporting Programming), Phil English (Central Zone, supporting CIP), and Patrick Sullivan (East Zone, supporting Communications).

Finally, our three representative positions also remain. Celie Diebold of the University of Guelph will be the liaison between 4-H and JFAO, while Charlotte Huitema is the incoming OFA rep, and Crystal Blake once again takes up the mantle of Social Media rep. We, the Executive board and the representatives, look forward to serving you, our members, throughout our 75th Anniversary year!!



L to R is: 75th President Erich Weber, Communications Director Christina Straathof, Programming Director Kylie O'Neil, Central Zone Director Phil English, CIP director Sophia Diebold, East Zone Director Patrick Sullivan, West Zone Director Elizabeth Bruce, and the 76th President Nic Weber



L to R are 75th President, Erich Weber, Social Media Rep Crystal Blake, OFA rep Charlotte Huitema, 4-H rep Celie Diebold, and 76th President Nic Weber

# **President's Message**

It is with a deep sense of honour and humbling tradition that I write this, my first address of my term as the 76th president of JFAO and even more so in the year of our 75th anniversary celebrations. I have arrived at this position after being a member for the last 7 years and having been on the board on many levels from membership to fundraising director and many roles in between. With your help and support, I hope to help guide this amazing organization forward and outwards in the upcoming term.

There are plenty of exciting new challenges ahead for this year and the first is leading the board forward with our new executive structure and the newly re-arranged zones. This change opens the door to many new and exciting opportunities for JFAO going forward. On the very near horizon is our annual leadership camp which is on June 7th-9th in Sundridge. We are looking forward to all this event holds and the chance to meet this year's incoming exchange delegates.

One of the other landmark events for this year is the 75th anniversary celebration being hosted on July 27th at the Peel Ag society grounds. We are all looking forward to the celebration of memories for the past, present, and future that this event is sure to bring. Tickets can now be purchased and more information for this event can be found online or by contacting us at info@jfao.on.ca/

This is sure to be another great year as we move forward into both new and familiar territory with this wonderful organization that we call JFAO. Thank you all once again for entrusting me with the honour of being your president and looking ahead with great anticipation to all the ways that we all can help carry this year and JFAO forward into the history books.

Yours in JF spirit,

Nicholas Weber JFAO President 2019



# **March Conference - Rose Award Winners**

#### **Outstanding Novice Member- Sarah Danen**



Sarah is a great edition to the local club, where she is a welcoming individual and has encouraged several of her friends and family members to consider coming to Junior Farmers events and activities. She is consistently thinking of new ideas and

opportunities for the club to undertake. The member is proud to be a third generation JF member and often consults the alumni in her life for "new" ideas, which she then proposes at club meetings. This year, Sarah took on the responsibility of manning the info booth, which required her to answer questions, and give directions to volunteers. As an example of her dedication, the member's high school prom was on the same night as one of the monthly local JF meetings. Her prom ended before our meeting had finished and she came in her full prom attire for the last twenty minutes of our meeting. If that is not dedication, I do not know what is!

When submitting the nomination, the nominator wrote, "She is developing into a strong and caring leader, who is not afraid to take on risks and try new things. I believe the future of Oxford Junior Farmers and the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario is in good hands with outstanding new members such as Sarah. I do not know of a more deserving individual for this award."

#### **Outstanding Member- Katherine Clyne**



As president of Wellington JF, Katherine keeps all of the members motivated, organized and moving forward. If something needs to be done, you can count on her to do it and do it beyond expectations. She always believes the best in members and expects that the club as a whole can do more and better. Katherine organized and was the main contact for a successfully run provincial level event, the 2017 Sing Swing, and Wellington's 100th anniversary

celebration that occurred in the fall 2018. In addition to the many positions held, Katherine has had a hand in almost every event, fundraiser and activity that the club has participated in. Katherine has been instrumental in increasing the club's membership over the past 5 years, when she was the club president.

When submitting the nomination, the nominator wrote, "Overall, Katherine's passion for serving the community is evident. She strives for excellence and pushes everyone to be their best."

# Outstanding Retiring Member- Adrian Straathof and Elbert Bouwman



Elbert joined Junior Famers in 2011. Since then he has held many positions including President, Treasurer, and Provincial Director. The club can always count on Elbert to attend meetings, fundraisers, socials, provincial events and more! Wellington knows that

they can always rely on Elbert to help make the community better through volunteering his time.

Overall, he has have been an incredible asset to his club, JFAO, and the community. His commitment to making the community better through countless hours of volunteering should be recognized. Wellington and all of JFAO will miss him.

Adrian is someone whose long service to his local club has not gone unnoticed and the local club has been extremely fortunate to have such a great member in their club and community. Having been a member of JF for countless years, Adrian has been a vital asset to the club. His knowledge and experience has allowed for the club to reach the level it has now! His passion for community betterment and Junior Farmers, has influenced not only the community that surrounds him but as well as the members within JF. Having partaken in 2 exchanges in his JF career it is clear that Adrian has not only seen the opportunities JF has provided its members, but he has also experienced them. Adrian has thoroughly described his experiences to the club following these exchanges and encouraged other members to do as he has done.

Both of these individuals have been pillars of JFAO. It will be sad to see them retire, but we also know that they will do great things in their respected communities.



#### Club of the year

This year, Club of the Year was awarded to Middlesex. This club has also done a lot of great in their community. From helping other ag groups with their events, to volunteering to help park cars, repairing their

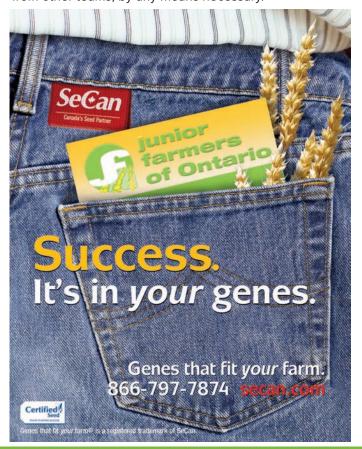
local ag society's stage, to helping teardown the Embro Truck and Tractor Pull. It is very evident that this club has done a lot in their community, and the community appreciates their support. The club has also helped their local 4-H County Association by running a 4-H club, and by helping out at their local judging and Go for the Gold competitions. This club has done a great job to develop future leaders. You can tell that this club has done a lot of good in their communities and has embodied JFAO's mission of "to build rural leaders through personal growth, travel, experiences, and community betterment".

## Winter Games 2019: Where Dreams Come True...

Let's take a journey...a journey to a place of childhood memories, laughs and nostalgia. A place of princes and princesses, of spacemen and cowboys and friends from the Hundred Acre Wood. Winter Games 2019 helped take JF members on this journey with a day and night of Disney up in Carleton County.

This year's Winter Games saw members from across the province trek north to Carleton County for a day full of sports, trivia, hilarious costumes, and lots of laughs! During the day, participants travelled to Metcalfe, where they got to play volleyball, basketball,

soccer, and dodgeball. The packed day had teams travelling between two schools, a parking lot apart, getting the opportunity to try each sport four times. As an added bonus, teams were quizzed on their Disney knowledge with four rounds of trivia: General Questions, Disney Silhouettes, Name that Song, and Who's that Villain. Some participants showed off some major Disney expertise and knowledge, while others' confused looks prove that we might not all be Disney kids at heart (we're looking at you, Past-President Erich Weber)! The day's events ended with an exciting and competitive game of Capture the Clothespin, where players were tasked with collecting the most clothespins from other teams, by any means necessary.





After showing off their athletic prowess during the day, participants loaded buses to bring their Disney and JF pride to the west and took over the Carp Agricultural Hall. The evening brought out some incredible dance moves and some even more incredible costumes. The entire spectrum of Disney was represented from Disney princes and princesses, to Cruella and her Dalmations, to the Mad Hatter and many others. Awards were given to the top group costume (the three Disney princesses from U of G) and to the best

individual costume (Bert the Chimney Sweep from Durham West). The dance also revealed the top 3 winners of the day, with Renfrew 1 taking top spot, Peterborough taking a close second and Stormont-Glengarry showing off their incredible Disney knowledge to clench third. The evening was closed with some amazing two-stepping and line-dancing, sure to make any JFer proud!

A big thank you to the Fairy-Godmother trio who organized and planned a successful Winter Games, even with all the bumps and hiccups along the way! Another big thank you to Jasmine Smiley, Rhian Mitchell, Ashley Paul, Caileigh Tibben, Stephen Tibben, Patrick Sullivan and Phil Sullivan who volunteered all day and helped the event run smoothly. The day wouldn't have happened without you! Thank you to the teams who came out and helped make it a fun and successful weekend!



# **Club Reports**

#### **Essex-Kent**

With the beginning of the new year comes change. Essex Kent saw a founding member retire and a change of executive. The club has reached out to different organizations within the area for new ideas for fundraising, membership, and general brainstorming. The club has experimented with having socials the same night as our meetings. This has received an overwhelming positive response and we plan to continue this idea.



Four enthusiastic members made the trip to Carleton County for Winter Games 2019. New member Derrick Leclair was hooked on Junior Farmers after attending his first provincial event. The club had 5 members attend 2019 March Conference Cambridge. One first time attending member

exclaimed after just how recharged and informed she was after the conference.

In March, Essex Kent attended a learn to curl night at Sun Parlour Curling Club in Learnington. The members in attendance entertained the idea of even starting a curling team after seeing how much fun it was.

The club will be hosting their 2nd annual Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 12th as a club fundraiser. It will be held at Wagner Orchard & Estate Winery (1222 Lakeshore Rd. 103 RR2 N0P1K0 Maidstone, Ont). Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$14 for kids 5-10 and free for kids under 5. Reservations highly recommended, contact Wagner Orchards (519-723-4807) to reserve a table.

We have a very positive outlook on this upcoming year and look forward to growth within our club members and community!

#### **Waterloo**

This April, Waterloo Junior Farmers held their annual club fundraiser in conjunction with the Elmira Maple Syrup Festival. As we have done in the years past our club cooked and sold kettle popcorn along with beverages for tourists who were visiting Weberlaur Farms on the Maple Sugar Bush tours. For a nice change we had a slightly warmer day with a better turn out than we have seen for a couple years! We also sold Maple Sugar sprinkled popcorn again which was a huge hit with the crowds and was sold out very quickly. Since this is generally a busy event our club got our friendly neighbours, Wellington JF, along with our local Waterloo 4-H beef club to help out. All in all it was a successful day for our club and we would like to thank all who came out to lend a hand and to all who came out to enjoy the weather and learn about maple syrup!!

#### **Durham West**

#### Bathtub Races a big hit!



Have you ever ridden in a bathtub on wheels going full-speed down a small downtown street? Every year teams of 4 participate in the annual bathtub races at the Sunderland Maple Syrup Festival. For over a decade, the Durham West Junior Farmers have been organizing different iterations

of the event. Starting first as bed races it has morphed into using bathtubs, with one participant riding inside the bathtub and three teammates pushing. The event is always a big hit with those attending the Sunderland Maple Syrup Festival. The festival draws thousands of visitors from across the GTA and beyond to the small community of Sunderland, located in the Region of Durham.



This year, the races were held on April 6, 2019 with six different teams participating. The teams included members of the Hastings Prince Edward military regiment, the Mounted Games Canada Team, and local families and friends who gathered to enter a team. The race is unique and always exciting with onlookers cheering on their

favourite team. The Durham West Junior Farmers works with a local awards/trophy company to design rubber duck trophies that are awarded to the Grand Champion (fastest) team and the Best Dressed team. Organizing the bathtubs races is a way for the Durham West Junior Farmers to provide family friendly entertainment at the festival, promote the club/Junior Farmers and give back to the community in a positive way. Attendees of the festival can also participate in sugarbush tours, sap boiling demonstrations, and tours of a local dairy and alpaca farm.

Another activity undertaken by the Durham West Junior Farmers include a screening of the documentary film, Before the Plate. With generous sponsorship from the Durham Region Federation of Agriculture, the Durham West Junior Farmers had a sold-out screening of the documentary (over 120 attendees) with a Q&A held afterwards at the Second Wedge Brewing Co. All proceeds from the event were donated to Durham Farm Connections and the Loaves and Fishes Food Bank. For more information on Durham West Junior Farmers, you can find them on Twitter @ durhamwest\_jf or Facebook.

# Calling all 1984 JF Leadership Campers & Staff Thirty five years ago in 1984

Junior Farmer Leadership Camp was held at Bark Lake near Irondale.

Campers and staff from that year are meeting briefly for a visit and photo at the JFAO 75th Anniversary Celebration in July. Look for details of our meeting location at the registration desk that day. Hope you can join us! Cathy (Honderich) Young jcyoung1999@gmail.com

#### Oxford/Middlesex







The Oxford Junior Farmers joined up with the Middlesex club to go tubing at River Valley tube slide just outside of St. Marys. On March 2, 2019, 25 Oxford members, 15 Middlesex members, and 8 guests got 2 hour passes for tubing. With two hills of two runs on each hill we were able to get through our big group lots of times. The hills were very slippery and icy making our members go really fast, so fast that some of us even went through the big stopper bags at the bottom of the hill! Lots of us went in singles or in pairs. You could go straight down or spin, and you can bet there was also lots of racing to the bottom of the hill. After tubing there was a big group photo to

capture the night. We all left tubing exhausted but with big smiles. Some members went back to Jason O'Neil's house after tubing for some pizza, drinks, and pool. The night ended with laughter, smiles, new friends, and lots of fun stories.

Submitted by Oxford member Jenna Geerts

#### Middlesex

#### Middlesex JF Hosts Milk 4-H Club

This spring, the Middlesex Junior Farmers are leading the "Milk Makes It Better" 4-H club for 4-H members across Middlesex County. This is our second year partnering with the Middlesex 4-H Association to run a club as our joint youth and JF project requirement. There are a few club members who are



certified leaders and the rest of the members help out and enjoy the 4-H club too. There are currently 20 4-H members signed up and there will be 6 meetings to learn about dairy products. The members will learn how milk is produced, why dairy products are an important component of our diet, and how to cook and prepare foods containing these delicious items. Of course, taste-testing is a must in this project. We are planning to make our club hands-on with tours at a local dairy farm, and making our own ice cream, butter and cheese. Club President Will Johnson shared how the club decided to run this project, "Many of our members are from dairy farms. We wanted to share and educate about our passion for the industry. We are also excited to go on a couple of tours to learn how cheese and ice cream are made." The first meeting was held on April 13 and members were excited to taste different types of milk including 2%, skim, almond, goat, and strawberry flavoured milk in a blind taste test. While this was fun, the highlight of the meeting for the 4-H members was definitely making their own milkshakes.

Submitted by Kylie O'Neil

# Let Us Help You Find Your Dream Job!

The Leader in Agricultural Work Place Solutions

- ✓ Full Recruiting Service
- ✓ Help Wanted Job Board
- ✓ Student Summer Work Wanted Job Board
- ✓ Send us your Resume Today

www.AgriRecruiting.com info@agrirecruiting.com 519-291-9796



#### Renfrew

January started off as it does every year for Renfrew County with our AGM. This year saw some positions carry over from last year but also quite a bit of change. Johanna Dwyer was



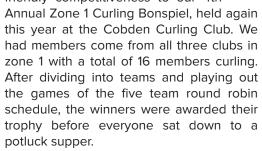
re-elected as President, Alex Wuehr was elected Vice President, Jamie Schultzwas re-elected as Provincial Director, Emma Duncan was elected Assistant Provincial Director, Tanner Bromley was elected Treasurer, Meeka Bromley was elected Secretary, Curtis Schultz was elected Social Director, and Meredith Mulligan was elected to Public Relations as well as continuing to hold the role of Past President. With so many new faces on the Executive this

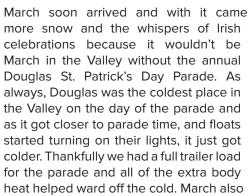
year our club is very excited to see what projects we accomplish.

February came along fast and saw 15 of our members make the unusually short road trip to Winter Games, this year hosted by Carleton County. We had two teams



compete at the Disney themed event and even though one team focused a bit more on team spirit than the score of the games, we still managed to have one team bring home the championship trophy for the 3rd time in five years. We carried the friendly competitiveness to our 4th







brought with it March Conference and the mark of the official end of the JFAO year. This year Renfrew had many things to celebrate including recruiting new members, organizing another successful bottle drive, going on some adventures with the

international delegates, and making donations to different community organizations.

Following March Conference we were awarded \$100 to host a club social because we had the most club members attend March Conference for the first time. At our April meeting we decided to spend the money on



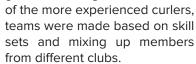
a very unique Valley activity, Valley Heritage Radio Bingo. This activity is made even more exciting when it happens to be the mega jackpot bingo week! The \$100 was spent on bingo cards and snacks to keep our energy up during the high stakes games. While none of the 14 club members who played actually won we all had a great time playing and plan to play again.

April has started off on a snowy foot here in Renfrew County but if the first few months of the year are any indication this year is going to be one of our best yet!

#### 4th Annual Zone 1 Curling Bonspiel

This year marked the 4th annual Zone 1 Curling Bonspiel hosted by the Renfrew County Junior Farmers at the Cobden Curling

Club. As in years past all of the other junior farmer clubs in Zone 1 were invited to curl in the bonspiel. 16 players of all levels of skill and experience came out for the day of fun, with some curling for the first time. After a crash course in the game of curling from some



With the five team round robin set, everyone's talents were tested as they competed for the coveted Zone 1 Curling Bonspiel Trophy. It took some hard fought games (some even coming down to skips stones) and a lot of laughs but a winner





was crowned without any extra ends needed. The winning team "A Carleton Rose Between Two Thorns" consisting of Jamie Schultz (Renfrew), Brianna Sullivan (Carleton), and Mark Ruiter (Carleton) were crowned the champions of the day before everyone sat down to a delicious potluck supper.

#### **Grey County JF Annual Hockey Tournament**

On March 16th 2019, 8 hockey teams (both JF teams and some local teams) gathered in the sleepy village of Rocklyn, Ontario for Grey County JF annual hockey tournament. During the day, they squared off against each other in a friendly competition to determine who this year's champion would be. After some close and competitive games in the morning, the championship round was determined.

However the lower placing teams in the round robin didn't leave disappointed. There was the B side championship still to be determined. That was maybe the best games of the day cause no one wanted to go home with an empty feeling. Congratulations to the Flesherton Golden Hawks on placing 1st and Oxford County JF on placing 2nd.



The tournament winner still had to be determined. The final came down to 2 teams that played very determinedly all day. After a minor delay of the start of the game, it started and the teams traded



goals early on but then they settled down and played. Congratulations to the Rocklyn Royals on placing 1st and North Simcoe JF on placing 2nd.

Later in the evening, the players again gathered for Grey County JF annual St. Patrick's Day dance in the Rocklyn Arena Hall. Though there may still have been a bit of animosity between some individuals, that was all put aside for the night and everyone enjoyed each other's company for an evening of fellowship and in some cases, very unique dance moves.

Grey County JF would like to thank the players who participated, the referees, the Rocklyn Arena and arena staff, Lilly Campbell for running the food booth again for us this year, our DJ for the dance, and anyone else not mentioned we sincerely thank you for helping us again this year and we look forward to seeing everyone at next year's tournament!!

# Announcements



Scott (Oxford and PEC alumni), Julia (Wentworth, Oxford, and PEC alumni and office admin 2008-2013), and Emma Boese are proud to announce the arrival of Claire Kennedy on April 8th.

#### **Engagements**



Waterloo JF are pleased to announce the engagement of long time member Allie Lehman to Andrew Llewop.



Grey County JF Submitted by Matt Magwood







# Cheers to Ontario's young farmers

A diverse and sustainable agri-food industry relies on the next generation of young farm families. OFA is committed to ensuring a bright future for new farmers across Ontario. We advocate for policies and programs that strengthen our industry and rural communities today, and lay the groundwork for new opportunities for generations of farmers to come.

OFA proudly supports the work of the Junior Farmers Association of Ontario with our current partnership. We actively invest in leadership programs to develop young leaders who will continue to drive sound public policy for Ontario's agri-food sector and rural communities.

Congratulations on another successful year, JFAO, and cheers to developing young farm leaders.

**OFA: Supporting the next generation** of Ontario farmers.

Coming up in the next edition of the Bullhorn...
75th Anniversary Celebrations
Golf Tournament
Leadership Camp
...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.







Is your farm eligible? Go see for yourself!



Go to jfao.on.ca



Hover over 'Resources'



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

Contact Sophie Diebold,
Director of Community and
International Programs, for
more information at
info@jfao.on.ca

JFAO Leadership Camp
Eagle Crest Outdoor Centre, Sundridge, Ontario
June 7 - 9, 2019

The JF Bullhorn is published quarterly by the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario "To build rural leaders through personal growth, travel, experiences, and community betterment"

Charitable # 108085 606 RR0001

E-mail: editor@jfao.on.ca

Ontario AgriCentre 100 Stone Rd W Suite 206

Guelph ON N1G 5L3

T: 519-780-5326 F: 519-821-8810 E-mail: info@jfao.on.ca Web Site: www.jfao.on.ca