



President's Message

Incoming President, Kylie O'Neil, President 2021 - 2022

Many things in our lives have changed during this pandemic. Something that has stayed the same is how much Junior Farmer members care about their clubs and their communities. At the spring PD meeting, the members of the board were asked to describe Junior Farmers in one word. Their answers are included in this word cloud and the themes of community, friends, connections and fun were common. What would your word be?



I am proud of our clubs for persevering through these challenging times to meet the needs of their members and embrace the fact that we have needed to do things differently. Thanks to technology, our meetings have gone virtually for the most part and clubs are using it as an opportunity to have guest speakers without the limitations of travel. They have been creative in their ideas for virtual socials, such as euchre, Pictionary, murder mysteries and even going so far as to dress up in costumes to attend the events from their own homes. Now that we can be outside more and restrictions are beginning to loosen, clubs look forward to being able to meet again in person and find safe ways to continue to run the projects that they have traditionally done, as well as try some new ideas.

We would like to welcome our new office administrator, Jacqui Dennis, to the Junior Farmer community. She will be the one answering your questions and requests at info@jfao.on.ca. She is also looking after the general office duties from home and is overseeing the distribution of the Century Farm Signs.

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Upcoming Dates:

Online Charity Auction	June 29 - July 8th
Essex-Kent Pulled Pork Dinner	June 30th - July 3rd
Grey's Ag Adventure	July 17th - August 28th
Speaker Session #1	Mid July - Stay Tuned!
Summer PD Meeting	August 14th

The new executive team is getting settled in their roles and have goals to update and improve aspects of the organization including our website and club handbook. We have a video task committee working on a promotional video for Junior Farmers as part of a member recruitment plan and spreading the word about the amazing things that our organization does. We are also working on some training opportunities to help our club executive members be successful in their roles.

This year, the Junior Farmer members selected the Do More Ag Foundation as the Provincial Charity for the year. This is an organization that supports mental health in rural Canada. Many clubs have started projects with a focus on mental health in their communities including video challenges, dropping off gifts for other members, and step challenges to keep their clubs moving. We are looking forward to running our first online auction to raise money for the Do More Ag Foundation in partnership with W.J. Auctions, run by a Middlesex JF member. Clubs are donating items and the bidding will be done online. The auction is planned to open on June 20 and close on July 8. Watch our social media for registration and bidding details. All money raised will support mental health initiatives.

As you read through this edition of the Bullhorn, take note of the flexibility and adaptability that is present in our clubs. Be proud of our Junior Farmer members and clubs that continue moving forward, being there for each other, and making the best of these challenging times.

In Junior Farmer spirit, Kylie O'Neil 2021 JFAO President



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Club Reports

Durham West

Durham West is continuing to be very busy! All our members are looking forward to the re-opening of the province, which means more opportunities for our club! We continue to have virtual meetings, and planning is under way for hopeful summertime socials. Our Can/Bottle/Battery drive has happened, and we will have totals shortly. Durham West wishes to thank everyone in the community who donated cans, bottles, and batteries, this fundraiser is always quite successful, and Durham West looks forward to many more like these. Our roadside clean up is planned for June 19th at 11am. Last year we covered a road within the Township of Scugog and we were quite successful with five bags of garbage, two bags of beer cans, and two tires. Members of the club are looking forward to this project/social. Durham West wishes everyone a safe and happy summer, and hopefully we will all be able to visit again soon! Stay tuned to the Durham West Junior Farmers Facebook page and Instagram page for updates on our club!

By: Meghan McLeod



Middlesex Makes a "Moove" with Mental Health



With the start of a new year, comes the promise of new beginnings and opportunities. However, with the start of 2021 came more lockdowns and restrictions for everyone throughout the province. In hopes of lifting everyone's spirits, the Middlesex Junior Farmers launched an exciting new campaign, the Mental Health 'Moovement'. During the month of April, our members challenged other Junior Farmer members, friends, family and alumni to 'Lift their Moods' through a lifting challenge. There is a correlation between mental health and physical health, and doing exercise can improve one's mood. Once challenged, people were asked to do 10 lifting reps with any object that they could find. Everyone had fun being creative with their challenge as many were seen lifting pets, kids, tires, ladders and many other interesting household items. Check out #MentalHealthMoovement and #MiddlesexJF to see everyone's submissions! The Middlesex Junior Farmers have more exciting initiatives coming soon, so stay tuned to learn more!

By Katelyn O'Neil



North Simcoe

Saturday May 29th was a beautiful sunny day for North Simcoe's annual road clean-up. We had a great turn out with 13 members in attendance. We were able to collect 2 truckloads of garbage, including over 200 beer/liquor cans on our small 5km stretch of adopted road. Special shout out to our President Alex Spence for his great "Dad" outfit.

By Adrianna McGinnis

Stormont Glengarry

For the past 3 years, pretty pink flamingos have travelled the lawns of Stormont, Glengarry and surrounding areas. On their journey around the countryside they raise funds for a graduating high school student. The Stormont-Glengarry Junior Farmers call these colourful birds the Flamingo project. With the funds raised we are proud to offer a bursary to a graduate that embraces the JFAO motto "Self Help and Community Betterment" and; our Mission as Junior Farmers "to build future rural leaders through self-help and community betterment." This project brings joy and laughter during hard times to the people that get "flocked" and financial support to a hard working graduate.

By: Courtney Courville



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Huron Perth



On Monday, May 24 our Pigs found their way out of the barn and onto the lawn of a few farmers in Huron and Perth County. They have been making their way around again and visiting lots of different farms on the way. Many people have been loving them and enjoying sending them off to neighbors, friends and family. The pigs went over so well last year that the club decided it would be a great idea to do it again this time a little sooner when everyone is a little bit more available to help with the moving of them. We have decided that we are wanting to donate to the Food Bank again this year and any other money we are hoping to send to mental health initiatives in the area. The pigs will be moving over the course of the month or so until they make it back home but until then keep your eyes open in Huron and Perth for the pigs and where they have decided to sit for the month.
By Lauren Bos

Grey County

Grey County JF is very excited to tell you about Grey's Ag Adventure that will be taking place from July 17th - August 28th, 2021! This is a county wide agricultural based scavenger hunt. Travel around our beautiful county to find the information signs about many different crops and different types of animal productions within Grey's borders. Don't miss out on the local treats that we have along the way or your chance to win some awesome prizes for participating! Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing your pictures on social media!

By Christine Wyville



GREY COUNTY JUNIOR FARMER'S

GREY'S AG ADVENTURE

Open: July 17th 2021 to August 28th 2021

Step 1: Print your Passport

Step 2: Travel to each location

Step 3: At each location punch your passport & learn about the location

Step 4: Share your adventure on social media using #JFAgAdventure

Step 5: Submit your completed passport to greycountyjfeoutlook.com or message the Grey County Junior Farmers Facebook Page.

Step 6: Win Prizes! The First 100 People get a Free T-shirt and every completed passport will be entered into a draw for the grand prize*!

For passport and more information visit the Grey County Junior Farmer Facebook Page

***One Entry per Person**



Treasurer's 101 Workshop

On Wednesday, June 9, JFAO members were invited to attend a bookkeeping and financials presentation by one of our sponsors, MNP. The presentation was held over Zoom with members tuning in from across the province. Jolande Oudshoorn, a member of Huron-Perth JF led the workshop along with her co-worker at MNP Susan McKinnon. Topics covered included bookkeeping, managing petty cash, the role of a treasurer in a club, and giving a report at a club meeting. It was an informative presentation with the members in attendance having the chance to ask questions at the end. It was recorded and is available for any members that are interested and were unable to attend. We would like to thank Jolande and Susan for giving us the opportunity to learn more about financials in a Junior Farmer club.

By Kylie O'Neil

Announcements



Congratulations to Stephanie Vickers (formerly Grey County) & Lee Mayes (Waterloo) on their engagement!

Blast from the Past:

Can you guess this year and annual event in this photo? Check for the answer below!



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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 meghan@jfao.on.ca. Select photos may be chosen to be featured on the JFAO website or marketing materials

Answers to Blast to the Past:

Renfrew's founding members are pictured here in 1915. 2021 marks Renfrew's 106th year.

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