



President's Message

President, Jamie Schultz, 2022-2023

Hello everyone,

I am honoured to be the 79th President of the Junior Farmers Association of Ontario (JFAO). We have quite a few events planned for this summer some of which are new and another that we are bringing back this year! In July we will kick off inter-club exchanges, which will be a great opportunity for members to learn more about the counties within our organization! In August, we are bringing back Summer Games so stay tuned for more information as plans are reviewed. Additionally, we will be hosting a "Night at the Races" for both alumni and members to network at a fun night out!

In terms of my goals for the year, the first is to reduce volunteer burn out! It's an extremely important aspect to highlight, because we have a large variety of committees! Stay tuned for information pertaining to joining committees, all members are welcome to join! Within this role I would also love to implement some project management planning and scheduling techniques I've learned to best benefit our organization!

In Junior Farmer Spirit,
Jamie Schultz

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Upcoming Dates:

Roast & Toast for Elizabeth Bruce -
June 4th

Club to Club Exchanges -
July 15-17; August 5-7th

Summer Games -
August 12-14th

Night at the Races -
August 19th

Meet your 2022-2023 Executive!



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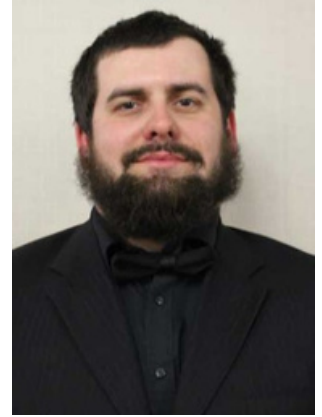
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A Salute from the 2022-2023 Past President, Kylie O'Neil

Spring is upon us and with March Conference behind us now, we are starting a new JF year. Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM, March Conference, and our banquet, either in person or virtually. I would also like to acknowledge the committee for their hard work in organizing the event. It was amazing that we were able to use our new technology to run a hybrid model and ensure everyone could take part. The March Conference weekend was a great opportunity for our members to see each other again, celebrate the accomplishments of our past year, and make plans for the year to come. The past few weeks have been busy transitioning to a new executive team and I am excited to support them as they guide our organization through this upcoming year!

In Junior Farmers Spirit,
Kylie O'Neil



Ready, Set, Grow! with Huron Perth JF Pumpkin Growing Contest!



Classes:
Heaviest pumpkin
Widest pumpkin
Tallest pumpkin

Did you know pumpkins need 125-150 days to grow? 150 days from May 1 is September 29.

Please submit the results on the Friday before Autumn Profile.

More information will be provided about how to submit your results. Check the Public Events page for the most up-to-date information! (<https://www.facebook.com/events/258750686464752>)

If you have questions, please reach out to Huron Perth Junior Farmers at huronperthjf@gmail.com

March Conference - On The Road Again!



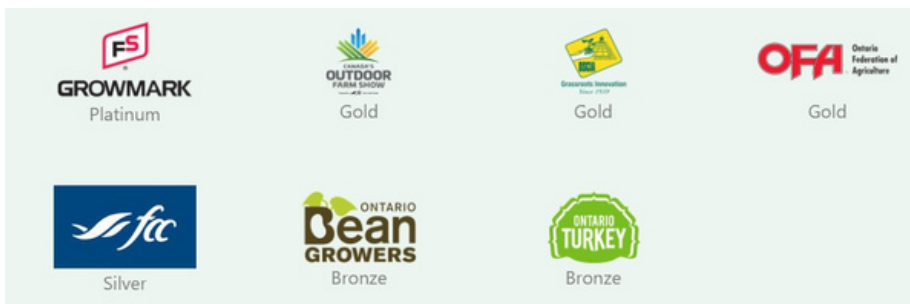
Figure 1: Group Photo, Ontario Water Buffalo Company



Figure 2: After AGM elections, 2022-2023 Executive Board



After a two year hiatus due to the pandemic, JFAO (Junior Farmers Association of Ontario) was officially on the Road Again on March 25-27 in Peterborough! Starting off with the Annual General Meeting on Friday March 25th, a new executive for the 2022-2023 Junior Farmers Year (March-March) was elected in. Followed by an exciting day on Saturday, touring local farms, including the Ontario Water Buffalo Farm, Maizing Acres Ltd., Asphodel Sheep Company, as well as local sights in Campbellford. Finishing the day with the Awards Banquet, highlighting Middlesex JF as Ag Club of the year and Huron-Perth JF as club of the year. Sunday morning, members were treated with a guest speaker. JFAO (Junior Farmers Association of Ontario) is an organization led by youth, for youth, ages 15-29 across the province of Ontario. Looking forward to more in-person events for 2022, March Conference was definitely a great kick-off to a fantastic year!





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Club Reports

Huron Perth

Huron Perth Junior Farmers has had an eventful first quarter in 2022. The year started virtually and slowly moved to in-person events. In January, we held our Annual General Meeting (AGM). Thank you to alumni; Crystal Blake and Amanda Brodhagen, for being the night's scrutineers. At our AGM, we take the time to recognize our membership through awards. Cam Smith and Luke Splettstoesser won the club's Novice Member Rose Award for always bringing new ideas to meetings, helping others, and being involved in the club. Jolande Oudshoorn won the Current Member Rose Award for always being welcoming of new members, organizing socials, and helping out provincially. Our 2021 Darryl Vorstenbosch Spirit Award winner is John Neutel. This award is given to the member who has shown an outstanding, encouraging attitude and enthusiastic participation in any event. The Margaret Keith Pletsch Outstanding Member Award winner is Kasey Siertsema, and is given to the member who shows enthusiasm at all JFAO and Huron Perth Junior Farmer events. Congratulations to all!

In February, the club invited members across the province to join in on a presentation from the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority. We learned about invasive species, pollinator habitat, riparian buffers and how they play an important role in preventing erosion. We were able to ask lots of questions, learning how to remove different types of species as well as the different types of grant programs available. In March, Huron Perth Junior Farmers ventured out to Maitland Valley Grotto in Goderich to try their hand at rock climbing. It was most member's first time out, and the team at MVG were very encouraging, teaching us to climb, and answering all our questions. Rock climbing made for a great work out, with some sore members the next day, and members are looking forward to returning.

2022 also marks the launch of our well-anticipated The Century Farm Show. The monthly docuseries features a Huron or Perth family and their multi-generation farm. Each interview discusses how their farm has changed, difficulties faced, and memories made. Thank you to the Huron Heritage Fund, Lake Affect Media, and The Staysh for your collaboration. Episodes air at the end of each month and can be found on our Facebook or Instagram page, or Lake Affect Media's YouTube Channel. The current episodes available are: Tom and Beverly Prout, Hugh and Rhonda Love, and Neil and Jeff McGavin. Thank you to our episode sponsors: Huron Federation of Agriculture, Perth County Federation of Agriculture, and McGavin's Farm Equipment and Robert's Farm Equipment. Written by Jolande Oudshoorn



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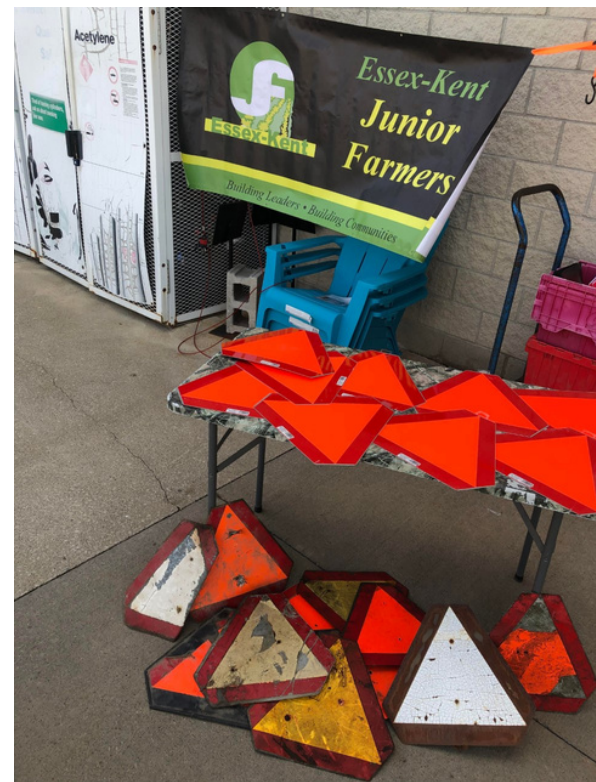
Wellington

Proper parliamentary procedure is an essential part of keeping a meeting running effectively. During their April meeting, Wellington vice president, Arin Douglas, surprised the club by putting forth a motion that seemingly was ridiculous – proposing that all meetings going forward be held in Toronto! Once the motion was seconded, discussion began. Concerns regarding this motion were brought forth along with potential solutions until things got out of hand and we were somehow planning a parade with matching pompoms and streamers. President, Laura Shaw, then had the opportunity to make a point of order and swiftly called the motion to a vote, ending the off topic and unproductive discussions. After a close vote of 1 for, 2 against and 1 abstaining (with member Taylor Dane having his absention vote noted) the motion was defeated. Overall, it was a great exercise that had all members engaged.

In other news – Wellington had its youngest new recruit attend her first meeting in April at just 2 weeks old. Elisabeth is looking forward to 2038 when she can officially sign on as a Junior Farmer!

Essex-Kent

The Essex - Kent Junior Farmers have had an exciting and eventful spring with the return of in person meetings, socials, and events. On April 2nd we hosted a Slow Moving Vehicle (SMV) sign exchange in the parking lot of the Peavey Mart store located in the town of Essex. This was our first time holding an SMV sign exchange in Essex county as our tow previous events occurred in Kent at the Chatham Peavey Mart. The exchange in Essex was received well by the local farmers and it was a successful event. We exchanged 38 old and wore out signs with 38 new and highly visible metal signs for only \$5/sign for the farmer. The Essex - Kent Junior Farmers would like to thank Anne Anger and the Essex County Federation of Agriculture (ECFA) for covering our costs for the signs as well as Leighanne Nichol and her staff at the Essex Peavey Mart for hosting the event. A few Essex-Kent Junior Farmer members took part in the joint social that occurred in London on April 9th. It was a great time socializing and bowling with members from a handful of other clubs, catching up with some old friends and also meeting new faces. Entering late spring and early summer, the Essex-Kent Junior Farmers look forward to continuing to have monthly in person events and being involved in the local community



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Oxford

At the beginning of February, the Oxford JF's got together for an afternoon of tubing at River Valley Golf and Tube Slide near St. Mary's. The month of February we also hosted our annual banquet where we were able to recognize the outstanding members in our club, honour the retiring members, and give recognition to a prominent Oxford Junior Farmer alumnus; as well as inducted our new executive members. Oxford JF put together a team for the Canada-wide Coldest Night of the Year walk, in which the club was able to raise around \$500 for charity. March got off to a good start with a Pizza Party Social with Middlesex to pay our debt for losing the step competition that was challenged back in 2020. We were quite pleased with the turnout from both clubs! Oxford also attended the Grey County Junior Farmers Hockey Tournament putting in a team of 17 members and non-members. And we ended the month with several of our members attending March Conference.



Middlesex

The Middlesex Junior Farmers have hit the ground running into the new year. We had seven members attend March Conference where we were awarded the 2021 Agricultural Club of the Year. Our member Will Johnson was recognized as the Most Outstanding Junior Farmer Member at the Conference as well. Kylie O'Neil was welcomed into the role of Past President of JFAO and we are excited to see where this role takes her this year. At the end of April, we are hosting a Farmers' Night Out event for the community to attend and break out of the 'Covid Hibernation'. With nearly a sold-out event, we are looking forward to a great night of seeing friends and neighbours once again. The evening consists of good food, a silent and live charity auction, and live music by local musician Graham Bedard. All funds raised at this event will support local mental health initiatives in our community. We are looking forward to a spring and summer filled with community and Junior Farmer events that are making a comeback after two very long years!



Club Reports

Durham Region

2022 is off to a roaring start! Starting with March Conference on March 25-27, members were excited for the farm tours. After March Conference, we were in full swing with events! Starting with the Sunderland Maple Syrup Festival during the first weekend in April (April 2nd and 3rd), members organized and executed the Bathtub Races in front of a huge crowd! Five teams competed and Team Batman came out victorious!

Next up was our first Spring Crop & Livestock night, hosted in Sunderland on April 12. We were fortunate enough to have Ab Carroll talk about Market Livestock Predictions, as well as Gerrit Herrema, Erik Kressibucher, and Jason Creighton (from Alliance Agri-turf) talk about the spring planting season and what we could expect. With approximately 35 people in attendance, we considered it a success!

We also wish to congratulate DRJF member, Meghan on her new role as Communications for 2022/2023! We know she'll do great things!



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Audrée Arthur, Egg Farmer,  Oxford County, Ontario

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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 (click [here](#)). 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:

Jacquelyn, Becky, Sierra and Adam with awards at 2014 Sing Swing in Napanee, Prince Edward County.

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