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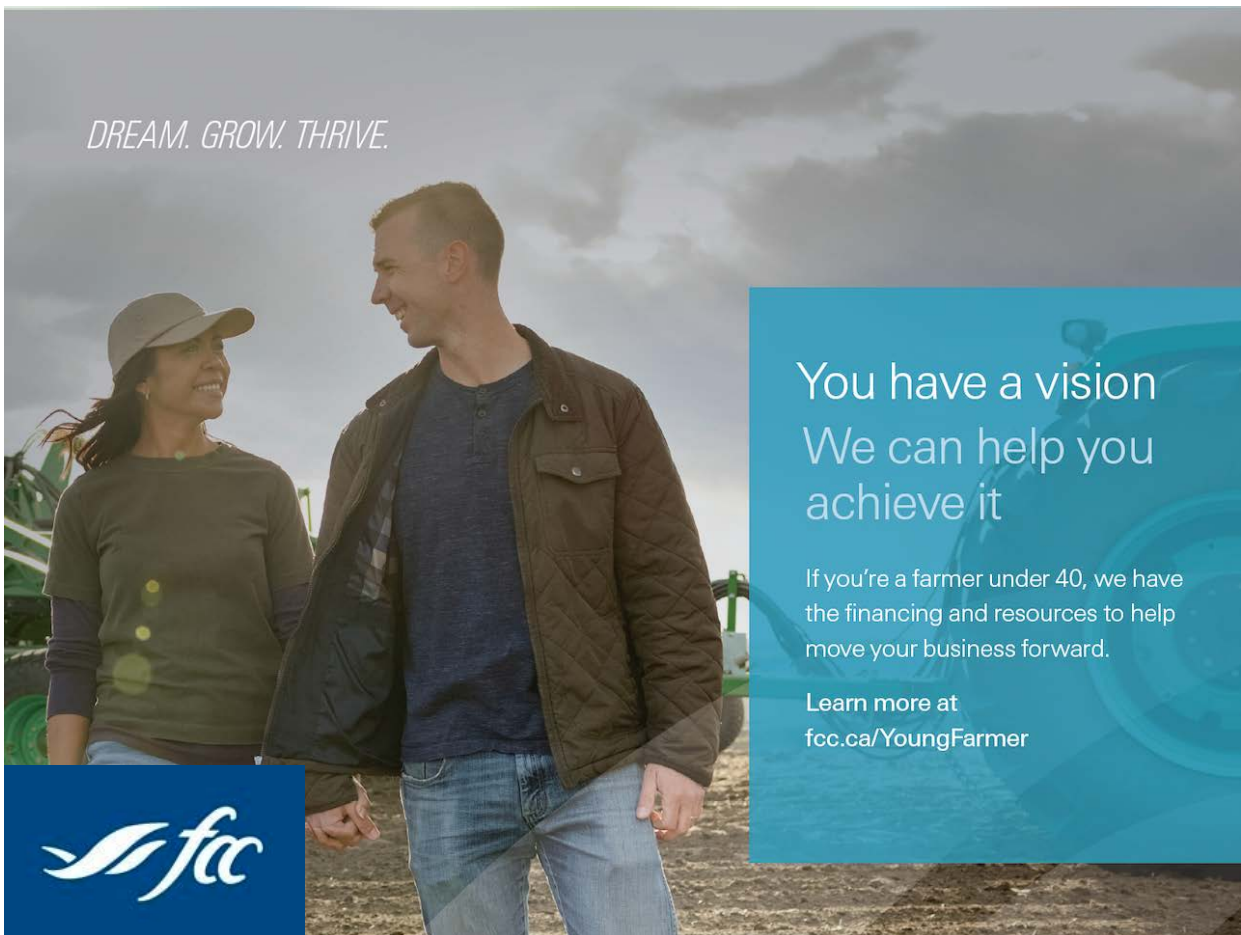


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Purpose and Principles

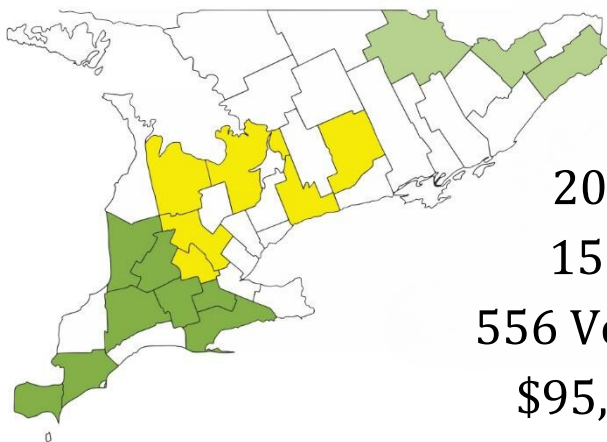
JFAO provides opportunities for young people of all backgrounds, but especially those in rural Ontario. Members are guided by the motto, “Building Leaders. Building Communities.” and the mission, “to build rural leaders through personal growth, travel, experiences, and community betterment.” Through social events, educational opportunities, and community projects, members not only contribute to their own personal development but also support the needs of their communities at the same time. Programs and opportunities provided by JFAO and its affiliated clubs help members develop a sense of social and environmental responsibility, the ability to provide effective leadership, and an awareness of good citizenship within the community and world around them. JFAO oversees and supports local clubs in counties across Ontario and provides opportunities to network through a variety of inter-club competitions, activities, and exchanges. Through this organization, future leaders are given the chance to become the leaders of today and tomorrow while building friendships and memories to last a lifetime.

Affiliation Requirements

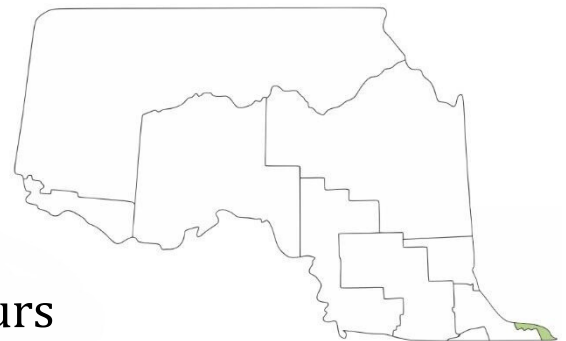
Any group of individuals may show their desire to become affiliated with JFAO by paying membership fees for each member (aged 15-29 as of the first of January) and presenting a list of officers to JFAO. Clubs must conduct a continuing program of activity throughout the year to meet the following minimum requirements:

- a) Submit a current club photo, labelled with members’ names and executive positions for archiving purposes.
 - b) Complete at least one Community Betterment Project.
 - c) Complete at least two of: a joint JF/Youth Activity or a conservation project or an agricultural education activity, or a social engagement club project.
 - d) Have at least one event reported on by television, radio, print or social media.
 - e) Submit a minimum of five photos of activities.
 - f) Submit one article related to the history of JF in the area (optional)
 - g) Have a meeting or part of a meeting on: the structure and purpose of JFAO and effective meeting procedures.
 - h) Submit a copy of the official minutes for two club meetings.
- See www.jfao.on.ca for updates, forms and more information.

2023 Membership Statistics



204 members
15 JFAO Clubs
556 Volunteer Hours
\$95,938 Donated



President's Message

The year has flown by. From grand marshalling the Bayfield Fair alongside Gordie and Jean Bennett, to attending a Wentwood AGM in Whales, to exploring the province this year, JFAO committees and opportunities have made for an unforgettable year. Huron Perth, Renfrew, and Oxford clubs took on the challenges and rewards of hosting provincial competitive events. This summer, we welcomed international delegates and wished our own members the best of travels as exchanges were back in full swing! It was my first experience hosting summer delegates and it brought our members together sharing valuable memories. We brought back Leadership Camp, hosted in Niagara and had the opportunity to tour local vineyards. Local clubs continue to fundraise and give back to their communities on top of generous donations to the JFAO Endowment Fund. I want to thank every member for making our organization incredible and to encourage you to take advantage of every opportunity. These opportunities will open doors for you in the future as you become an even better leader than the one you are today.

To the Junior Farmer Executive and Board, thank you for your dedication, and countless hours travelling, in meetings, emailing and calls. Without your dedication and hard work, JFAO would not be what it is today! It has been a rewarding and invaluable learning experience to have served as your 80th JFAO President. When I joined Huron Perth in 2019 amidst its club merger, I honestly didn't foresee myself becoming the JFAO President. But it's with the support of the executive, the Board, staff, grassroots members, alumni, family and my Huron Perth club that shaped this year to be the most incredible year for me. Thank you for this opportunity and for believing in me. I'm looking forward to my year as Past President, as we plan for the 80th Anniversary in August and provide more opportunities for our members and alumni.

Jolande Oudshoorn
80th President



2023 President's Rose Award Nominees

Outstanding Novice Member

Hannah Arnold, Jeanette Schramm, Kelly De Bruyn,
Jenn Nicholson, Sean Whyte

Outstanding Member

Campbell Talbot, Carson Wagner, Emma Pullen,
Kelsey Brekelmans, Will Ringgenberg

Outstanding Retiring Member

Jackie Shaw, Stephanie Mayes, Tina Wark,
Drew De Bruyn, Meaghan Alton

Club of the Year

Middlesex, Oxford, Grey, Huron Perth and Renfrew.

Agricultural Club of the Year

Carleton, Essex Kent, Huron Perth, Oxford and Middlesex



Past President's Message

As the chair of the JFAO Board this year, I would like to send out a huge thank you to our Membership, Alumni and Sponsors. This year has been challenging yet rewarding, unique with tradition, bustling but thought-out, and very memorable. This year, similar to the last, has allowed me to further understand the diversity we have within our organization and how passionate our members are about supporting their communities and learning more about agriculture!

Our executive has met monthly to follow up on our goals and ensure our actions reflect our motto and vision. Continuation of hybrid meetings was key to ensuring representation from all the clubs across the province. We have also continued to use online storage of our files, to better support turnover within positions and committees. Many committees and taskforces were very active in setting measurable goals and working towards them this year.

They were comprised of a variety of members from across the province, and it is the hope to continue bringing in new members to continue building rural leaders.

I am so thankful to have made so many great and meaningful connections in Junior Farmers this past year as well as over the past 10 years. In January 2023, I moved from Renfrew County to the Wentworth Niagara region for work. This move would never have been possible if it wasn't for the Junior Farmer Family I have across the province, and I will always be grateful.

Thank you to the JFAO Board of Directors for 2023-2024. I truly appreciate all the time and hard work you have done this year.

In Junior Farmer spirit,
Jamie Schultz
2023-2024 Past President



2023 JFAO Provincial Charity: The Endowment Fund

Each year at the JFAO March Conference attendees are able to select a charity as the Provincial Charity for the year. This charity becomes the focus for the year, and clubs are able to donate. As per our policies every five (5) years the charity will be the endowment fund for the year.

The purpose of this fund is to establish a financial resource base that will provide an annual income to assist JFAO in enhancing the mission statement: to build rural leaders through personal growth, travel, experiences and community betterment. The financial resource base (principal) will be composed of donations from past and present JF members, sponsors, and clubs/counties. JFAO will administer the funds donated to the JFAO 50th Anniversary Endowment Fund.

2023-2024 Executive



Back Row: Jamie Schultz (Past President), Marissa Mulligan (East Zone Director), Patrick Sullivan (Director of Programming), Nic Willemsma (Director of CIP)

Front Row: Tina Wark, Christena Jenkins-Giffen (West Zone Director), Alex Issac (Central Zone Director), Jolande Oudshoorn (President), Stephanie Mayes (Director of Finance).

Second Photo: Kelsey Brekelmans (Director of Communications)

2023-2024 Board of Directors & Representatives



Seated: Tina Wark, Stephanie Mayes (Director of Finance), Jolande Oudshoorn (President), Jamie Schultz (Past President), Patrick Sullivan (Director of Programming).
Standing First Row: Derrick LeClair, Arin Douglas (Wellington), Alex Issac (Central Zone), Dougie Robinson (4-H Ontario Rep), Brady Wytenburg (Renfrew), Maddie Gear (Haldimand- Norfolk), Becca Keitel (Peterborough), Brian Wetheral (Durham Region), Ian Pollard (Essex-Kent)
Standing Second Row: Carson Wagner (OFA), Sharon Ruitter (Carleton), Marissa Mulligan (Eastern Zone), Kelsey Brekelmans (Director of Communications), Nic Willemsma (Director of CIP)

Absent: Keely Henderson (Social Media Representative), Emma Pullen (Oxford), Patrick Daoust (Stormont-Glengarry), Hansford Mahon (Middlesex), Meaghan Alton (Huron-Perth), Rhea Vriends (Brant), Emmeline Te Bokkel (University of Guelph), Lauren Rheinhenier (North Simcoe), Jack Vickers (Grey), Christena Jenkins-Giffen (West Zone Director)

Executive Director of Communication Report

Joining exec this year has been an amazing experience. However, it has not been one without challenges. Our previous Director of Communications had to step down, so I sort of started in the middle of things. While this made the position slightly daunting, I was met with continuous support and help whenever I needed it.

As the Director of Communications, I was especially excited about the bullhorns. It was nice being able to share what was happening within clubs and JFAO as a whole. From provincial events to delegates and specific events within clubs. This position also allowed me the opportunity to meet and connect with clubs I hadn't had the privilege of working with before.

I've learned so much about JFAO from this position between meetings, scrolling through the website getting it updated and working with fellow members and sponsors, it's been a wonderful experience.

I'm incredibly grateful for the encouragement I received this year along with everyone who I was able to work with. I'm sad to see my term end but I hope I'll be given the opportunity to return the favour with the new exec and I'm excited to see what the future holds.

Kelsey Brekelmans

Director of communications



Executive Director of Programming Report

Throughout 2023, JFAO has had a busy year with many events, hosted by both the province and our local clubs. To kick off the year we had multiple summer events as we brought back Leadership Camp in a new form, had Ambassador's Banquet hosted by Grey, and ran our second Night at the Races in Elora. While we unfortunately saw a decrease in membership, falling to just over 200, there was wonderful attendance throughout the year. Moving into the fall, our competitive events kicked off in Carleton with Autumn Profile, followed closely by Sing Swing in Oxford, where folks got the chance to learn some new skills a workshops in the afternoon. These were followed by OYFF in association with the OFA AGM, returning to Toronto and bringing the opportunity to learn about sustainability in agriculture and the further processing side of the dairy industry.

Our final competitive event saw Winter Games hosted by the Stormont-Glengarry club in February, a great success and experience for the club. We are excited to now be back in Peterborough to kick off the 2024/25 JF year at March Conference, with the committee trying out a new approach to how the event is being run. It has been a fantastic year of programming in the JF world, and I look forward to seeing what happens over the next year. Serving as the Executive in the role has been a fulfilling and enlightening experience, and I eagerly look to the year ahead.

Patrick Sullivan

Director of Programming



Executive Director of Finance Report

It was another great year getting back into the swing of things and having another full year of in-person meetings, events and celebrations. With in-person action again we did run a negative budget this year with more travel expenses than anticipated. Also this year we switched our Audit which did cause a larger expense than originally projected. This has been taken into consideration for next year's budget and should be corrected going forward. I would like to thank Christine Wyville for her fundraising efforts this year as Fund Development Specialist this year.

Also a big thank you to Susan Elliot for all of her work and support over the past year, she had to pivot with changes to processes with the new auditor and she has done an amazing job! Thank you to everyone who made my last year in the organization a great one and wish everyone the best in the future.

Stephanie Mayes
Director of Finance



Executive Director of Community and International Programs Report

2023 saw the return of our international exchanges. We had 4 outgoing delegates: Elizabeth Bruce (Oxford) - Northern Ireland, Kelsey Brekelmans (Huron Perth) - Scotland, Sarah Danen (Oxford) - Ireland, and Julie Milne (Peterborough) - Switzerland. We also hosted 7 incoming delegates: Andrew Bennie and Ashley Spark - from Scotland, Amy Kirkpatrick - from Northern Ireland, Aine Doyle from - the Republic of Ireland, Marieke Hoehne - from Germany, Lukas Koller - from Switzerland, and Julia Breitwieser - from Austria. Over 10 weeks, the delegates toured Ontario from Ottawa to Point Pelee and everywhere in between. Each summer the delegates also get to attend a couple of provincial events while they are here this year it included Leadership camp, the Ambassadors Banquet, and Night at the Races. During break week they all travelled together out west and got to experience the Calgary Stampede and some of The Rockies. I would like to thank all those involved with this year's exchange program, whether welcoming delegates for a meal, a farm tour or opening your doors and inviting them to be a part of your family for their time here these contributions are-



what make our program so exceptional year after year. For more information about the travel and exchange opportunities please feel free to check out JFAO's website and social media! New for 2024 follow along with the Delegates Adventures as they post on the @JFAO_traveller Instagram account.

Nic Willemsma
Director of Community and International programs



Central Zone Director Report

As this year ends as the Central Zone Director for Junior Farmers, it has been a great opportunity and experience for me for this is only my second year being part of an amazing club with many great people involved. I've had numerous opportunities to go to social events and meetings in the province. I got the opportunity to interact with the central clubs and help with anything that they needed. This year I focused mostly on interacting with the clubs for the most part as it's important for these clubs to keep going. There were many events that each club had over the year. Grey County had a great year with their annual hockey tournament, baseball tournament, the Ambassador Banquet, hosting its second annual Ladies Night, and many dances as well. Wellington County also had many different events they were involved in this year. From many socials such as a campfire social, pumpkin pajamerama, craft night, skating social, and many more. They also started a book club to get people out and talk about the books they started reading. They had a Christmas party that was curling-themed and helped with many community events such as the local community supper, helping with their local fair and helping with cleaning up on the roadsides.

North Simcoe had a great year with their Golf Tournament, Baseball Tournament and their Curling tournament. The University of Guelph had a great year as well with lots of line dancing events like teams going to the Royal to compete, they had a fundraiser for a children's organization. They also had a twin pub event and they attended Sing Swing. Durham Region had a great year too with helping at a plowing match, going to Sutherland fall fair, helping at Uxbridge Fair, having one of their members get married along having a few socials and dances too. Peterborough had a great year too with different events as well. Each club got the chance to host the 5 delegates that we had this year. Overall, it was a great and eventful year for me and the rest of the executive members, but I would like to thank everyone for such a great year, and I am excited to see what this year brings for JFAO.

Alex Isaac
Central Zone Director



East Zone Director Report

This year I was given the opportunity to stand as the East Zone Director for 2023. Over the course of my term, I had a lot of assistance and support from both my fellow executive members and the clubs within my area. I am glad that I took a step out of my comfort zone and went for this opportunity because I have learned quite a bit and collaborated with many great people. This experience has helped me form many great relationships within all the clubs in my zone and the executive through attending their social events, provincial events, meetings, and volunteer opportunities. Since I have been a member of this organization for 13 years, I have seen how these clubs have grown not just in size but also within the communities they reside in. Carleton had a busy year with their Euchre Tournament, bowling and softball socials, and volunteering at Stanley's Vintage Tractor Jam in support of "The DO MORE Agricultural Foundation." They also hosted 18 Young Farmers from Scotland thanks to SAYFC Young Farmers and helped the earth with a roadside clean up. Renfrew was busy volunteering at Taste of the Valley serving food, hosting a curling social at the local Curling Club, and hosting the delegates for 2 weeks. During the year they also did a new event known as Farm Safety Day that targeted kids and was a tremendous success and held a very profitable bottle drive. Stormont-Glengarry was also doing their Flamingos from lawn to lawn and hosting their Post Planting Party which was a huge hit. They also participated in "Bell Let's Talk," by submitting an informative video and held their annual Snowball. In my term, I was able to attend many events these clubs hosted and was impressed with how much they are known and involved in every one of their communities.



Even with their busy years, they all made sure to participate in local Christmas Parades, especially Stormont-Glengarry. This year as well each club took on the challenge of hosting a provincial event; Carleton hosted Autumn Profile, Renfrew hosted Jamie's Roast & Toast, and Stormont-Glengarry hosted Winter Games (1st ever!). With each one of these events, I saw new people step forward and take on leadership roles, grow themselves and take part in the planning process for big events. I am super proud of what these 3 clubs have accomplished over this past year and was glad to represent them as their East Zone Director, I could not have asked for better clubs to work with. In my final/alumni years I am looking forward to seeing these clubs grow and succeed at whatever they put their minds to and will definitely support them in the future. Thank you all for a fantastic year!

Marissa Mulligan
East Zone Director



West Zone Director Report

Having the opportunity to be the West Zone director for 2023 has been a great experience for me. I had the pleasure of getting monthly updates from each club in the West and being invited to attend other club meetings. I was able to make it out to a few club events this year including Oxford's rock climbing Social in May, Oxford's End of Summer Bash in August, Huron Perth's craft social in October, Essex-Kents corn maize social and meeting in October, and Oxford's Skating Social in January and their banquet. The West zone had several occasions where we were able to come together and strengthen relationships between counties. On July 23rd, Middlesex hosted a car rally with international delegates that brought together clubs from across the county (Huron Perth, Essex Kent, Renfrew, Middlesex). The Turbo Tubing West Zone social was on July 29th, while it was not high in attendance, Middlesex, the international delegates and Huron Perth had a good time. Huron Perth hosted a paintball social on September 30th and invited surrounding clubs; it worked out for Essex-Kent to join them. November 9th there was a Line Dancing West Zone Social in Thorndale; it was a great warm-up for Sing Swing which Oxford, Huron Perth and Middlesex attended. Wentworth-Niagara hosted an Axe throwing social which Huron Perth was able to attend.

Oxford's Skating social in January was well attended with members from Huron-Perth, Oxford, Middlesex and local 4-Hers. One last west zone social is scheduled for March 2nd where we will be snow tubing in St. Mary's. Overall, the West Zone was quite social for 2023!

While I wasn't able to attend at least one meeting for each club, I am happy I was able to attend all executive meetings and provincial events during my term as West Zone Director. I travelled to Leadership Camp in Beasmville in June, The Ambassador's Banquet in Rocklyn and Night at the Races in August, Autumn Profile in Ottawa in October, Sing Swing in Princeton in November, The OYFF in Toronto in November, Jamie's Roast and Toast in Renfrew in January, and I will be attending my first Winter Games the end of February in Casselman! I will also be attending the March conference in Peterborough in March! It has been a pleasure working with the West Zone clubs and the 2023 executive.

Christena Jenkins-Giffen
West Zone Director



Member Milestones

Five Year Members

Jolande Oudshoorn - Huron Perth
Caden Marin - Grey
Amy Danen - Oxford
Christena Jenkins-Giffen - Middlesex
Cristine Wyville - Grey
Derrick Leclair - Essex-Kent
Dougie Robinson - Stormont-Glengarry
Emily Danen - Oxford
Jocelyn Smaglinski - Renfrew
Katie Stewart - Renfrew
Presley DeBruyn - Oxford
Rea Vriends - Brant
Arin Douglas- Wellington
Maggie Doris- Peterborough
Liam Doris- Peterborough
Erik Darling- Peterborough
Raleigh Darling- Peterborough
Roxanne Teeuwsen- Peterborough

Ten Year Members

Becca Keitel- Peterborough
Justin McNally- Wellington
Hunter woods- Wellington
Jackie Shaw- Wellington
Jamie Schultz- Renfrew
Will Johnson- Middlesex

Fifteen Year Members

Retiring Members

Jackie Shaw - Wellington
Stephanie Vickers - Wellington
Meghan Weber - Huron-Perth
Tina Wark - Grey
Justin McNally - Wellington
Alex Richardson - Essex-Kent
Drew DeBruyn - Oxford
Alexander Cummings - Durham Region

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2022 Rose Award Winners



Outstanding Novice Member: **Kirsten McIntosh (Huron-Perth)**
Outstanding Member: **Amelia Judge (Wellington) and Lauren Bos (Huron-Perth)**
Outstanding Retiring Member: **Meredith Mulligan (Renfrew) and Alyssa Waldroff (Stormont-Glengarry)**
Club of the Year: **Huron-Perth Junior Farmers**
Agricultural Club of the Year: **Oxford County Junior Farmers**



Operations Committee Report

The Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario continues to run because of the dedication of our members as well as our employees. This year, Jacqui Dennis continued in her role as our Office Administrator. She is the face behind the info@jfao account and our correspondence, the secretary of the Board and Executive, and keeps busy processing and mailing Century Farm Signs. Jacqui will be leaving us at the start of this year, to carry on some other life goals, although we are so thankful for all the work she has done. Susan Elliot continues to do an excellent job as the bookkeeper for JFAO. Her exceptional attention to detail with the recording of day-to-day financial transactions, and vast experience with not-for-profit regulations continue to make her an asset. JFAO continued our contract with Doug van Wolde of We.Go.ca Website Developers Inc. for website and email services. Christine Wyville continued in her role as our Fund Development Specialist this year as she maintains our relationship with sponsors, applies

for grants, and seeks new sponsorship opportunities for events and the organization as a whole. This year, we had two coordinator positions to assist our organizing committees. Heidi Danen, an Oxford Junior Farmer alumni, returned to our team this year as the coordinator for the March Conference 2023. Kylie O'Neil a recent Middlesex Junior Farmer Alumni and Past JFAO President was hired as the Ontario Young Farmers' Forum Coordinator and helped the committee run a successful event for 2023.

Thank you to the Operations Committee of Tina Wark, and Jolande Oudshoorn, for your time spent in the hiring process this year, attention to detail while reviewing contracts, and ensuring communication between our employees and our executive team to keep the organization running smoothly. Submitted by Jamie Schultz, Chair of the Operations Committee

March Conference 2023: Channel Surfing

The 2023 Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario (JFAO) March Conference took place in Kitchener from March 24th to 26th, 2023. Under the



Friends and Alyssa Waldroff of Stormont-Glengarry Junior Farmers and 2022 4-H Ontario Representative

acted as the master of ceremonies for the evening. At the Annual Banquet, JFAO members and alumni came together to celebrate the achievements of JFAO clubs and members over the past year, to welcome the new JFAO year, and to fundraise for the 2023 JFAO Provincial

conference theme of Channel Surfing, members and recent alumni gathered to network, learn, and usher in the new JFAO year. The weekend began with what might have been JFAO's fastest Annual General Meeting (AGM). Effective and efficient meetings have been an objective of the 2021 and 2022 JFAO executive committees, and this was evident in the day's proceedings. Following the AGM, the March Conference officially kicked off with networking opportunities for attendees that were tied into the conference theme. Saturday started bright and early with conference participants departing on a bus tour of local agriculture operations. The highlight of Saturday evening was the 2023 JFAO Annual Banquet. The theme of the evening was

acted as the master of ceremonies for the evening. At the Annual Banquet, JFAO members and alumni came together to celebrate the achievements of JFAO clubs and members over the past year, to welcome the new JFAO year, and to fundraise for the 2023 JFAO Provincial



Charity; the JFAO endowment fund. A silent and live auction facilitated by Will Johnson, auctioneer and member of Middlesex Junior Farmers, raised \$1,008 for the JFAO Endowment Fund. March Conference participants came together again on



Sunday morning to recap the weekend and participate in workshops on team building and conflict resolution. Thank you to everyone who made March Conference possible!

Winter Games

Huron Perth hosted Winter Games at the start of March. It was quite a memorable journey for most of the participants, driving through a snowstorm! Despite the weather, we had a great turnout. We enjoyed a day of indoor traditional games; such as basketball, floor hockey, and volleyball but also had some new ones. We had teams participate in an obstacle course/ target practice, played bubble soccer, team cross-country skiing, curling, and for some cooldown activities had Euchre and

Crokinole. We ended the afternoon with a giant dodgeball game spitting the East/ Central Zones and the West. The winning team was Carleton, with Oxford 1 and 2 tied for 2nd!

Following the Games, we had our dance with a Wild Wild West theme. We held a costume contest for best Western attire and had an enjoyable evening of dancing followed by the late-night snack of walking tacos. We had a grand old time and were shaking the walls down with our dancing!



Ambassadors Banquet

Grey County hosted the ambassador's banquet this year. It gave the delegates the opportunity to catch up with some of their previous hosts but also to meet some of their future ones. Dinner was followed by a couple of presentations, Kelsey Brekelmans gave one on her exchange to Scotland and the delegates gave one about their experiences up until that point. Two of the Delegates had to return home prior to the banquet but also submitted videos about their experiences. They ended their presentation with a room full of laughter as they handed out awards to past hosts (some examples being: best host, worst driver and, most eligible bachelor/ bachelorette). As for the dance portion of the night, it was one to remember.

Andrew, with the help of Aine, taught everyone some Scottish Ceilidh dancing filling the room with joy and a bit of confusion as everyone spun in circles for the Strip the Willow dance.



JFAO's Night at the Races

A returning event this year was JFAO's Night at the Races, hosted in August at the Grand River Raceway in Elora. Attendees and delegates enjoyed a delicious dinner and learned how to bet on horses. Race Number 5 was named after the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario, and

we got to have our picture taken with the winning horse! There was a silent auction for the JFAO Endowment Fund. We thank everyone who attended this wonderful social event and all the sponsors who donated items for the silent auction.



Autumn Profile 2023



In October, Carleton County Junior Farmers had the pleasure of hosting Autumn Profile 2023 in Greely, Ontario! The event was overall a huge success. It was a fun day filled with various minute-to-win style games like pumpkin bowling, pumpkin carving, sack races, hay bale toss, a track pull, trivia, and more! The committee and club were so excited to see 10 teams participating in the event and over 50 people attending the Halloween-themed dance in the evening. Thank you to everyone who was able to make it to Ottawa, we look forward to hosting a provincial event again in the future. Congratulations to Renfrew County for winning first place!



Sing Swing 2023

This year Sing Swing was hosted by Oxford in Princeton, which was focused on the theme 'Around the World'. The day began with 31 participants from 9 different counties entering their homecrafts, field corps, baking, handiwork, etc., and preparing for the day's events. The first event of the day was the music category (instrumental and singing), followed by dance (line dancing, two-stepping, and alternative), thinking on your feet (spelling bee, and impromptu), and entertainment (lip sync battle and the gong show).



During the lunch break, Sarah Danen presented her International Exchange Presentation, where she had travelled to the Republic of Ireland this past summer.

After lunch, everyone was broken into 2 different groups, which were then assigned to one of the two

afternoon workshops. The first workshop was highland dancing, which was taught by Paige Fawcett. Paige taught each member the art of highland dancing as well as some of the background and history behind the dance. The second workshop was baking, which was taught by Emily Danen. Emily taught members how to make the famous French dessert the Éclair, which would then be served for dessert during our banquet. After each group went to each session, the day's events were concluded. Later in the evening, members and guests returned to the hall for dinner and the banquet. During the banquet, awards were presented and there was some entertainment as well, such as the Movember contest and the final contestants of the Lip sync battle. Elizabeth Bruce also presented her International Exchange to Northern Ireland this past summer. Following the banquet, there was a well-attended dance. Overall, the event was very successful and was a lot of fun to participate in and organize. Congratulations to Middlesex for winning SingSwing! Huron Perth earned second place University of Guelph placed third.



Ontario Young Farmers' Forum 2023: Farm to Fork

OYFF 2023, Farm to Fork for the Future, ran alongside the OFA AGM on Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st

November, in Toronto. With over 30 people in attendance, we opened the conference with a bus tour on Monday afternoon, followed by a day of seminars and breakout sessions on Tuesday. At our first stop on Monday, we learned about the cheese-making process and the sustainability initiatives being

undertaken at Arla Foods. We then went to Quality Holsteins and Quality Seeds, where attendees got to check out the fantastic herd, and we learned the story of Quality Seeds and the different types of forage seed blends they are making. The afternoon was wrapped up with dinner at Moxies before returning to the hotel. Attendees had the opportunity to meet with members of the OFA as they began to arrive. Tuesday morning was

comprised of two speakers. First, Kelly Dobson of LeaderShift came by to talk about coaching and mentorship

in agriculture, how it has been shifting through the years, and how we can look internally to begin to find solutions to the challenges that we face. After Kelly,

Andrew Leach of Farm Life took us through the process of succession planning, covering all

angles from the financial security of all generations to navigating the complexities of intrafamilial strife. On Tuesday afternoon, we wrapped up the conference by splitting into smaller groups. First, we had a pair of breakout

sessions on stress management and identifying one's strengths. This was followed by completing an activity focused on identifying what must be done to keep agriculture sustainable moving forward, and what we can do specifically to attain that. Once our conference was complete, we had half of the attendees stick around to go to the OFA's

Harvest Dinner as well. Many thanks to the OFA for their support of the conference. And finally, a big shout out to our OYFF coordinator,

Kylie O'Neil, and this year's OYFF Committee - Carson Wagner, Mark Ruiter, Patrick Sullivan & Tina Wark.



Social Media Representative Report

Over the past year, our social media pages have maintained a strong presence across the province and within all the clubs. It has been a rewarding experience to be able to highlight all the different provincial events that clubs put time into hosting throughout the year, as well as highlighting local events clubs put on throughout the year! This year, I focused on enhancing our presence on Facebook and Instagram, ensuring consistent growth on these platforms. It should be noted that the statistics reveal a notable increase in Instagram profile views compared to Facebook.

Some of our most engaging posts this year included our outgoing and incoming delegates. Everyone online was ecstatic that the international delegates were returning to the province for the first time since the pandemic. Ahead of their arrival, we shared their biographies on our Facebook and Instagram pages, receiving-

enthusiastic feedback from our alumni and community members.

Throughout the summer, some delegates provided weekly overviews, highlighting their experiences and travels in each county. I shared these posts on our Instagram story, offering our audience a chance to engage with their adventures.

Overall, it's been another exceptional year for our social media presence, and I extend my gratitude to all the clubs for their continuous posting on their Facebook and Instagram pages, enabling us to share their activities with the entire province.

Keely Henderson
Social Media Rep



4-H Representative Report

I really enjoyed connecting with 4-H Leaders and members this past year. As a current 4-H Leader, 4-H member, and Junior Farmer member I see the full circle effect with proper education and collaboration between the two organizations that can be made to help the transition of a 4-H member into the Junior Farmer Association. After discussing some ideas with the Programming and Resources department at 4-H Ontario we came up with the following ideas which would tie the two organizations while benefiting the members.

Junior Farmer 4-H Credit (Project Suggestion)

- Pay the Junior Farmer membership fee
- Attend 6 Junior Farmer meetings within the year (with one of the meetings needing to be the meeting that covered Structure & Parliamentary procedure
- Help their local JF club with their community betterment project, help with one: ag awareness, conservation or 4-H vent and make a presentation

to 4-H about Junior Farmers or do some type of activity with 4-H members (i.e. social rec at a 4-H meeting, awards night, etc.)• Attend the yearly JF county banquet as the Achievement of the 4-H Project completion. To create this type of project a Locally Submitted Project form must be completed and submitted to your local 4-H Association for approval. At that point, the local 4-H Association will submit to 4-H Ontario for final approval. Once provincially approved the club can be run by any county in the province. The next step would be to create a sub-committee to work on the meeting criteria for such a project.

Dougie Robinson
4-H Ontario Rep



OFA Representative Report

As my 2023 term as the Junior Farmers OFA Rep draws to a close, I reflect on the experiences I've had this past year with OFA. I've had numerous opportunities to attend meetings, events, and online workshops. As the OFA Rep, I had the privilege of participating in Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings. During these sessions, we tackled various issues, including the emergence of battery storage sites in Southwestern Ontario. PAC meetings provided me with the opportunity to work alongside representatives from various counties and commodity groups, working together to develop solutions that benefit all farmers across Ontario.

In March of 2023, I was invited to represent JF at OFA's annual Lobby Days at Queens Park.

During this event, we had the opportunity to engage with MPPs on critical ongoing issues such as the Carbon Tax, Farmland Preservation, and the Farmer Wellness Initiative. These are pressing concerns that impact everyone, with the Farmer Wellness Initiative being particularly noteworthy for its successful launch. The initiative offers a 24/7 support line accessible to all farmers and farm families at 1-866-267-6255. My first term as OFA rep concluded in November, coinciding with my attendance at the OFA AGM in Toronto. At this event, Drew Spoelstra was elected as the 33rd President of OFA, amidst a gathering of over 400 attendees. We collaborated on resolutions and engaged in various workshops, fostering a collective effort toward the advancement of our agricultural community.

Carson Wagner
OFA Rep



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Club Reports

Essex Kent Junior Farmers

The Essex Kent Junior Farmers kept busy in 2023, participating in events both in our county and provincially. We held our annual slow-moving vehicle sign exchange in April in Leamington, exchanging 18 signs, and in August in Chatham exchanging 35 signs. It was great to continue this tradition and work with Peavey Mart and both the Essex Federation of Agriculture (ECFA) and the Kent Federation of Agriculture (KFA). We are looking forward to having these exchange events again in 2024, and are planning on being in Essex on April 6th! On July 27th, we had 5 international delegates and 1 member from Middlesex join us on a crop tour of Kent and Point Pelee National Park in Essex. We had a great time showcasing what our 2 counties have to offer. Special thanks going out to Jeff for a tour of the Pickle Station, Middlesex Junior Farmers for allowing us to have the delegates for a day and Derrick's parents for hosting a delicious BBQ! On a



-provincial level, our member Nic Willemsma was elected as Director of Community and International - programs at the 2023 AGM. Nic has been a great representative for Essex Kent and has flourished in this role. He organized a great exchange experience for 7 international delegates. Great work Nic! Our members attended many provincial events this year including March Conference, Night at the Races, Sing Swing, Roast



and Toast and OYFF. Looking ahead to 2024, we've already had 2 new members

(Emma and Jack) join our club which is very exciting! Essex Kent Junior Farmers is proud of all our accomplishments in 2023 and is looking forward to a successful 2024!

Carleton Junior Farmers

This past year Carleton County Junior Farmers have been busy! As a club, we were able to attend most provincial events this year which allowed for connections to be made and ideas of what other great community events we could try to come to light. At a local level, we were able to strengthen relationships with local associations (i.e. fair boards, Ottawa OFA, Junior Beef Sweepstakes) and help them run their events while promoting JFAO and meeting new people. We completed our roadside cleanups despite the added challenge of the ditches being dug deeper. We were able to help once again at the 4-H judging night and hope to run more activities that involve 4-H members in the upcoming year. We sprinkled in some fun with our own



club through our monthly and zone socials. Our euchre tournament and silent auction were a success and allowed us to donate money to our local food banks. We

even got to host the International delegates for a few days and tour them around Ottawa on Canada Day (thanks Renfrew!). Our club enjoyed the opportunity so much that we are going to try hosting them ourselves in the upcoming year! We also hosted a BBQ for 18 Young Farmers from Scotland who were touring around Canada. Last, but certainly not least, we hosted Autumn Profile in Greely, Ontario! This allowed

for different club members to plan and execute the event and further their leadership skills. It was a hit in our opinion, with 10 teams and lots of laughs, it was great to see people make the journey out to Carleton County. We can't wait to see what 2024 brings!

Wellington Junior Farmers

Wellington County Junior Farmers experienced a busy 2023 that was jam-packed with socials and community events. Some highlights included a summer campfire, trivia nights, our annual Pumpkin Pyjama, and a Christmas Curling party. In addition to attending monthly socials, members and alumni volunteered their time at local



community events including the Harriston Fall Fair helping with the Ag Awareness Building, Pizza Perfect hosted by the Grand River Agricultural Society, and our annual roadside clean up.

We were happy to put a new spin on our annual community supper and hosted a beef-on-the-bun dinner. The community supper, held on October 14th, was a success with a diverse turnout of current

members, alumni, and community attendees. We sold 70 dinners, generated a profit for the club, and collected numerous non-perishable

food items for the Drayton Foodbank. After a hiatus during COVID, hosting the supper again was a delight, and we are eagerly anticipating next year's edition.

A new event that has been a success is the Wellington County Junior Farmers Book Club which held its first meeting in September 2023. The group discusses the latest book that is chosen by members, enjoys good snacks, and social time, and

then chooses the next month's book. So far, the books chosen have included Killers of The Flower Moon, The Rosie Project, Ready Player One, and The Personal Librarian. We look forward to continuing the book club throughout 2024. Reach out to Wellington County Junior Farmers if you are interested in joining us for our next read!

Peterborough Junior Farmers

Peterborough County JF had a very successful year. The main project we take on every year is doing a road cleanup for a section of Highway 2 in Keene.

Peterborough adopted this section of road many years ago and with the help of the local sanitation department, has made it our goal to keep it clean. Along with that, we have a bottle drive collection

point at Three Road Farms in Keene. This is our main fundraiser for the club. We usually have 2 or 3



sorting and potluck socials throughout the year.

This was the second year of our Halloween for Hunger event. Our club met at the agreed-upon location and in barnyard theme costumes and went around the neighbourhood collecting food for Kawartha Food Share. The biggest hit of the year was our time with the delegates. Dawes were their first stop in

Canada, we knew we had to set the bar high. Everyone spent the week touring many farms and local attractions.

Stormont-Glengarry Junior Farmers

The Stormont-Glengarry Junior Farmers started their year by welcoming their new executive members at their AGM meeting in January. We had our annual Snowball dinner and dance at the end of January, and we were able to raise \$3100 for Beyond 21 in



Cornwall. We had 5 members participate in winter games and drove through a terrible snowstorm to get there. Two members attended the March conference. We also had the opportunity to attend and donate a silent auction item to SD&G Dairy Care where they raised \$187,488.12 that evening. We had a Volleyball social in May in Maxville after that is the season of the Fairs. In June Maxville Fair is our first fair of the year, donated \$500 helped with the bingo, and donkey show and put in a beach volleyball team. Next up was our Post Planting Party which was very successful. We had over 300 people show up.

We hosted the delegates for a day, went to Calypso and visited the St-Albert Cheese Factory where the delegates had poutine for the first time. Donated \$500 to the Calf rally for the Avonmore Fair. Bartended and served ice cream at The Stormont County Fair. Received the great news that we were approved to host the Winter Games.

Attended Carelton softball social, had our Cornhole Social, and roadside cleanup went well this year. We had 3 members attend OYFF, and 5 members attend the Autumn Profile. Alecsa Villeneuve is the winner of the 2023 Stormont-Glengarry Junior Farmer bursary. We finished the year with our annual December Christmas Potluck and organized a float for 4 Christmas Parades where we handed out chocolate milk, cookies and cheese strings. We look forward to 2024, hosting the Winter Games, being involved and helping out our community and most of all to keep having fun and building great connections.



Renfrew Junior Farmers

In 2023 the Renfrew County junior farmers had a great year. We started the year off by electing our new club executive in the first few days of the new year, electing Cailen Bromley as our president, Brayden Campbell as Vice, Brady Wytenburg as provincial director and Jocelyn Smaginski as our treasurer and secretary. As we moved into February we hosted our annual east zone bonspiel which was a lot of fun with twenty-three people attending, from all three counties that form the east zone. Then as march began, six of our members attended winter games in Goderich, teaming up with Stormont-Glengarry Junior Farmers to make up our team. Overall everyone had a great time and Huge thanks to Huron-Perth for hosting. As March continued four of our members took the long trip down to Kitchener for the March Conference, where one of our members, Jamie Schultz would move into his Past President position as the JFAO executive. As well, for one of our members, it would be her last March conference as a member. It turned out to be a wonderful weekend socializing with people from different counties as well as getting to tour a few different farm operations. Moving into April as a club we were also planning our farm safety day we would later host in May. At the farm safety day, we had 67 kids attend to learn many things about the different types of safety on the farm, including equipment safety, livestock safety and grain bin safety. It was a great day and we are thankful for all the people that donated their time and equipment for us to use.



As June came in, our club began to prepare to host the 7 delegates at the end of June and into July. We had a jam-packed two weeks with them that we spent taking them to several different farming operations that we have across Renfrew County, as well as some of the beautiful landscapes that we have during that time as well. We finished off the two weeks by attending the Beachburg Fair and then bringing them to Ottawa to catch their flight to Calgary for the Stampede. Then before we knew it we made our way into August, where 4 of our members attended The Ambassadors banquet hosted by Grey. It was a great time and was a great way to send off the delegates back home. At the end of August, we attended the Cobden Fair and did a 50/50 to help raise money for the fair. At the end of the night, the winner went home with \$884! Coming off an event-filled August, September flew by and we were into October. We kicked October off by attending our local Taste of the Valley event and helping run a food booth, where we sold hot dogs, Sausages and Hamburgers and served more people than we ever had before. At the end of October, seven of our members attended the Autumn Profile in Carleton. Congratulations to Renfrew Team 1 for winning the day events! As we then transitioned into November, we began to plan for our Annual Bottle drive. This year we were able to donate the proceeds to three different food banks across the county, totaling just under \$1000 for each one. As we brought the year to a close in December we held our Christmas party to celebrate the wonderful, event-filled year that we had. We are looking forward to seeing what 2024 will bring and the opportunities it will present!



Middlesex Junior Farmers

2023 was a really good year for Middlesex. We had 4 new members join us and we had

at least one member at all the provincial events! In January we hosted Kylie's Roast and Toast, we sent a team of 6 to the Winter Games in February and attended the March conference.

We hosted our Second annual Farmers' Night Out in April and raised \$4225 for Rural Mental Health initiatives. We are looking forward to hosting our 3rd annual Farmers' Night Out and donating to a local Cancer Centre for 2024. Over the summer we volunteered at our local Historical Society Fun Night, put educational field signs up for the MFA, and helped Oxford County JF at their Tractor Pull Clean-up. In the fall we had a food booth at the local plowing match and ran the people mover at the fair. We handed out Harvest snack bags which were a big hit in the community. We plan on continuing this initiative in 2024. We also participated in some local parades and entered our float.

We hosted the International Delegates this year and had a great week with them exploring



Middlesex. We had a successful food drive in Komoka collecting 40kg of food and \$369.65 in cash donations for our local foodbank. We had socials every month which ranged from a sugar bush tour to axe

throwing to a car rally to giant vegetable tip presentations. We went line dancing and learned some new steps for Sing Swing which helped us win! New this year, we had a booth at the Water Festival in London where we planted bush beans with kids and had a guessing game on what comes from a farm, and how much water different crops use. We also had our first annual Dairy Day which was a huge success. We had a dairy educator come and set up a booth with trivia, tools for hands-on learning and a display dairy cow for kids to learn about the dairy industry. Two members



brought their calves for the public to see as well as we had yard games and a BBQ food booth on site. We look forward to hosting this event on a dairy farm for 2024! We look

forward to another successful year ahead!

Huron-Perth Junior Farmers

Huron Perth Junior Farmers started their year off with the AGM. We had many newer members step up and take on executive roles within the club and it was exciting to watch as they gained confidence and adjusted to their new responsibilities. Middlesex hosted a wonderful Roast and Toast for Kylie O'Neil.



At the beginning of March, we hosted the Winter Games. This was the first time hosting an event for most of the committee, because of this we had a few hiccups but were able to work together to make the day a success. Our members made themselves available to help out and did an incredible job running events and filling in where needed. We had a wonderful turnout, not only for the games but also for our Wild West-themed dance that followed. One thing our club looks forward to is seeing the results from our "Who Let the Hogs Out" fundraiser. Due to all our efforts last year, we were able to drop off two butchered pigs to food banks within the Huron and Perth counties and we are currently working on our donations from this year's efforts.

Several of our members and a couple of alumni attended the March Conference this past year. We had quite the weekend and won Club of the Year, the communication award for best collage of photos and favourite JF memory. Kirsten McIntosh won the Rose Award for Outstanding Novice Member and Lauren Bos won the Rose Award for Outstanding Member. One of our members got accepted to take part in an exchange to Scotland and we enjoyed watching as the new executives took up their roles, and our club's past president Jolande Oudshoorn

-became the new president of JFAO. After a few years away, we were able to get back this year and promote Junior Farmer with our apple fritter booth at the Canadian Dairy Expo. This event turned out to be a lot of fun but wouldn't have been possible without the help of some of our alumni Crystal and Patti Blake. This summer was a busy one, with leadership

camp and within the community, our annual roadside cleanup followed by many volunteering opportunities. We had a booth advertising JF at the Goodrich pride event, helped out with Seaforth's Farm Safety Day, and volunteered at breakfast on the farm in Brussels.

A couple of people from our club attended the Ambassador's Banquet where Kelsey Brekelmans' did a presentation about her international exchange. We spent the following week hosting the delegates and touring local farms like the Atlas Tannery and Koskamp's water buffalo farm. And with it being their final week, we made sure it was an eventful last night attending Night at the Races. Blyth's Threshers is something our club is fortunate enough to do every year. This is our opportunity to promote the club and also educate the public on agriculture. With a tent full of animals, people are always drawn in and full of questions. It's been a busy year for Huron Perth. We were able to send teams to all the provincial events. From Autumn Profile, teaming up with Wellington and Oxford's Sing Swing, we were able to be there and support our fellow clubs. Even at a non-provincial level, we were lucky to have members make it out to several events hosted by neighbouring clubs. Including Middlesex's car rally and turbo tubing, Wentworth-Niagara's ice cream social and Christmas party, Wellington's curling social and book clubs and Oxford's Skating social.

Oxford County Junior Farmers

2023 was a year filled with many ups and downs and lots of happiness and challenging moments for Oxford JF. This year our club had lots of fun together and raised lots of money for our local communities. To start off the new year we welcomed our new 2023 club executive. Our president for the year was Elizabeth Bruce with the vice president being Julie Debruyne and our Past President was David Pullen. Our secretaries were Pressley Debruyne and Sarah Danen, the treasurer was Carson Wagner, and the Provincial Director was Emma Pullen. For our

committee members, we had Scott Hanlon as our Agriculture Representative, Kelly Debruyne as our Media Rep, Amy Danen as our Fundraising Coordinator, Sam Debruyne, Natasha



Bolander, and Daniel VanRyswyk as our Social Coordinators, and Emma Pullen as our OCFA Rep. throughout January members were busy planning our Louisville bus trip return since covid! Our first social of the year was a Christmas tree burn where many members brought out their old trees and we had a large fire. In February Oxford club members along with other local community members took a trip down to Louisville Kentucky for the farm show and indoor tractor pull, everyone was thrilled for the return and had a wonderful time. Along with the bus trip our club celebrated Canadian Ag Day with social media posts from members across the county. In February we also celebrated our annual banquet. We had many awards given out and thanked everyone who put another great meal together. In early March we had two teams of Oxford members travel to Goderich for winter games! Later on in March Oxford traveled to Grey County to play some hockey. Although not coming out of top we all had a great time. We also had many members travel to Kitchener for the March conference, congrats to Oxford as Ag club of the year! In the month of April, some of Oxford's members took on a new challenge of rock climbing. Thanks to -

-Christina, our JFAO west zone director for joining us! In May we brought back our ice cream socials, our first one was at Ritchies in Norwich! In June our club welcomed a whole bus load (40) of Belgian Farmers for a tour around Oxford, they got to see a pig farm, a dairy farm, and a dairy goat farm. Throughout the summer we hosted multiple JF delegates from different countries around the world and said goodbye to Sarah Danen and Elizabeth Bruce as they went on their own exchanges to different parts of Ireland. During the long weekend in 2023, we hosted our annual Embro Truck and Tractor Pull! Our club raised lots of

to donate throughout Oxford and neighbouring counties. During the month of September Oxford decided to have an end-of-summer bash dance. It was hosted at the Mt. Elgin hall and had a great turnout! In October we had a

bowling social in Ingersoll where we tested out different moves while all having a great time. In November we took on the challenge of hosting Sing Swing. It was a great success and we thank the committee along with the OCFA for all the hard work and support. In December our club had our annual meeting along with our Christmas party. We are looking forward to what 2024 has in store and we thank everyone for another successful year! Peterborough County JF had a very successful year. The main project we take on every year is doing a road cleanup for a section of Highway 2 in Keene. Peterborough adopted this section of road many years ago and with the help of the local sanitation department, has made it our goal to keep it clean. Along with that, we have a bottle drive collection point at Three Road Farms in Keene. This is our main fundraiser for the club. We usually have 2 or 3 sorting and potluck socials throughout the year. This was the second year of our Halloween for Hunger event. Our club met at the agreed-upon location and in barnyard theme costumes and went around the neighbourhood collecting food for Kawartha Food Share. The biggest hit of the year was our time with the delegates. Dawes were their first stop in Canada, we knew we had to set the bar high. Everyone spent the week touring many farms and local attractions.

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1945	Howard Laidlaw, Peel*	1973	Murray Pearson, Oxford*	2001	Erin MacDuff, University of Guelph*
1946	Wade Emmott, Brant*	1974	Glen Reugg, Wellington	2002	Corinna Smith-Gatcke, Leeds
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1948	Ross Beattie, Simcoe*	1976	Bruce Saunders, Grey	2004	Jennifer Mitchell, Wellington
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 The Junior Farmers in the Province of Ontario.
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 The country is the finest place on this we all agree.
 So let us face the future one and all with hearts aglow.
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