

Lanark Federation News

President's Message – Summer 2023

Happy summer LFA members!

This is my 1st newsletter, so a quick introduction might be in order as the President of LFA for the next year. My family has a dairy farm outside of Almonte and I work full time in the industry as a forage agronomist. I look forward to the opportunity of serving our members and county in this role.

It has been a busy 1st half of the year for your local Federation of Agriculture. In March, we hosted another Farmer's Breakfast in Lanark with an excellent turnout of friends and neighbours. These breakfasts give a fantastic opportunity to not only share some updates from the Federation side of things, but more importantly some appreciated fellowship in the community served with some excellent maple syrup.

In May, the Mississippi Mills Fire Department participated in grain entrapment rescue training, using a device that was partially funded by LFA and OFA through the Revive program. Ideally, this device will never need to be used, but it is a great comfort to local communities to have this potentially lifesaving device and training nearby.

As always, remember that help is available. LFA is proud to continue funding the Farmer Wellness Program - working with a local, farm experienced therapist to provide up to 3 initial counselling sessions for free to members.

Stay safe this summer and wishing you a prosperous fall.



SAVE THE DATE

***Lanark Federation of
Agriculture
Annual General Meeting and
OFA Regional Meeting***

Thursday, October 12th, 2023

***Location – Brunton Community Hall
Beckwith***

Dinner – 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Meeting – 7:30p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

***Tickets will be available for
purchase through directors soon.
Stay tuned for more information!***

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Pancake Breakfast – March 30, 2023

LFA held a Pancake Breakfast for OFA Members at the Lanark Civitan Hall on March 30, 2023, which saw 40 – 50 members in attendance. Civitan made very tasty batches of pancakes and sausages, with the Maple Syrup was supplied by Temples (Jamie Fortune). Although John Jordan and Scott Reid were unable to attend, we had interesting guest speakers – Marisa Okum from ALUS; Marilyn Scott Harris, therapist involved with the Lanark County Farmer Wellness program; Justin Hemsley, Deputy Fire Chief for Mississippi Mills, presentation on Grain Rescue; and Jenn Doelmann, Zone 8 OFA Director.

LFA Directors discussed the possibility of a brunch in 2024 and having it on a Saturday. We look forward to an even bigger turnout in 2024.



Marisa Okum – ALUS



Marilyn Scott Harris - Wellness



Justin Hemsley, Mississippi Mills F.D.



Jenn Doelman – Zone 8 with
LFA President Ashley Knapton

Mississippi Mills – Grain Entrapment Training

In May, Mississippi Mills hosted their own firefighters as well as many from Drummond/North Elmsley Tay Valley Rescue, North Algona, Perth, Rideau Lakes, Russell and South Frontenac for grain entrapment rescue training. This will enable local fire departments to respond more effectively to where someone is trapped in a grain bin, silo, trailer or other structure. The training was conducted by instructors from the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA) and included hands-on instruction in a mobile training and demonstration unit allowing participant to have practical, hands-on experience in grain extraction processes. This training will undoubtedly benefit the agricultural community, by improving the response time and effectiveness of the rescue in grain entrapment emergencies.

Lanark Federation of Agriculture is proud to have participated in organizing this event. We are also very proud to announce our donation towards purchase of the grain rescue stabilizing kit. This will allow firefighters to secure and potentially extract the victim in a safe and timely manner. Ontario Federation of Agriculture has matched our donation through the Revive Funding program, making the total sponsorship of the stabilizing kit \$2,000. We are excited to support this initiative throughout the county.



Zone 8 OFA Director Report – Jennifer Doelman

Jennifer Doelman, Provincial Director – Zone 8

Many changes for Zone 8! As my term as Provincial Director for the Ontario Federation of Agriculture draws to a close, I know you will all be in great hands with **my successor, Lanark's own Andrea McCoy-Naperstkow**, a woman of many talents, all of which focus on supporting leadership, community, and agriculture.

I will still be frequenting Lanark County on a regular basis as I will continue to be an instructor at the Algonquin College Agri-Business Program at Perth Campus and I will still be an active board member at the Renfrew County Federation of Agriculture. I started as your elected representative in the midst of a pandemic and virtual meetings and am so grateful for the opportunities and

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lessons learned in this position, as well as the opportunity to meet and connect with so many amazing people in our community. I have the greatest respect for the leadership, management and staff of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture and know they all work incredibly hard to help support members and the agricultural community. **I also wanted to extend a thank you to the amazing Directors of the Lanark Federation of Agriculture – they truly are a great representation of the power of a volunteer grassroots organization.**

Congratulations to Jayne Henry on the safe arrival of a new addition to her family – we'll miss her while she is away on parental leave but couldn't be happier for her and her partner. **Welcome to Angela Field, our new Member Services Representative for Zone 8!** Angela and I have had the good fortune to collaborate on many amazing projects together before she joined the OFA, including most recently, the TractHer event: hosted by the Renfrew County Federation of Agriculture. Sixteen women from across the Ottawa Valley participated in a hands-on farm equipment training at the Renfrew Fairgrounds. Skid steer, zero turn lawn mower, tractors, loaders, harvesters and even a pickup truck with a gravity wagon were all on-site for safety training, orientation and learning how to drive them.

Government consultations and submissions (this is a small portion of the topics under research):

- **Supporting Critical Transmission Infrastructure in Northeast and Eastern Ontario:** Min of Energy is proposing to take actions to facilitate development of 3 transmission projects across Northeast and Eastern Ont. Projects to be built on time and cost-effectively in response to rapid electricity demand growth in these regions over the next 10 years due to economic development priorities, electrification and decarbonization initiatives.
- **Proposed Regulations Related to Methods of Service, Appeal and Animal Forfeiture Time Periods and Contact Information under the Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act, 2019:** Proposed regs relate to service of orders, notices, and statements of account by animal welfare inspectors, time periods for owners and custodians to appeal matters to the Animal Care Review Board and corresponding time periods for animal forfeiture, and contact information to be collected when animal ownership or ongoing custodianship changes and that animal is the subject of an order.
- **Review of proposed policies adapted from A Place to Grow and Provincial Policy Statement to form a new provincial planning policy instrument:** MMAH proposed policies for an integrated province-wide land use planning policy document. MMAH is seeking input on a proposed Provincial Planning Statement that takes policies from A Place to Grow and the Provincial Policy Statement to support the achievement of housing objectives.

MSR – Janine Lunn for Jayne Henry

I am pleased to introduce Angela Field from Renfrew as your new Member Service Representative, into our team for a 12-month term during Jayne Henry's parental leave.

Angela has been employed and living in the agricultural community for over 20 years since graduating from Kemptville College. She is involved with her family's dairy farm along with her spouse and children and has been a director on the Renfrew Federation of Agriculture for 2 years, serving as president in the most recent term. At this time, she will be stepping aside from the local Federation position to work with OFA. Previous work roles with Dairy Farmers of Ontario have provided her with experience working directly in ag

education (Dairy Educator) and farmer engagement, training dairy farmers on proper procedures following the Canadian Quality Milk program (Now ProAction).

A recent passion project is her leadership of the TractHER program in conjunction with the Renfrew Federation, held in July, which offered a friendly and safe environment for those new to farming or wanting practice operating farm equipment and tractors.

Beginning July 27, Angela can be reached at Angela.field@ofa.on.ca Cell. 613.761.8426 1 (800) 668-3276 x304

For questions and resources to support your farm business, questions, programs and opportunities, your OFA field staff are more than happy to respond! I am enjoying getting to know many of our Eastern Ontario members, and reconnecting with others; please be in touch.

Yours in farming,

Janine Lunn, Manager, Member Services (East & North)

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PAC REPORT - Andrea McCoy-Naperstkw

PAC (Policy Advisory Committee) only meets two or three times a year. One of these was held in Eastern Ontario and hosted by local Federation. This past June the local federation members got together to discuss the future of this meeting. With great discussion here are some of the highlights of that meeting.

- The eastern federations of the Ontario Federation of Agricultural have a practice of meeting periodically for the purpose of planning, communication, and coordination of activities of common interest to their members.
- These have proven to be effective, and the federations wish to continue the activity and establish a basic term of reference to enable its functions.

A term of reference was determined and sent to the OFA Board further discussion and follow up.

A member go-around Identified the following county updates and emerging issues – priority setting and action items.

- Federation Priorities
 - Land use
 - OFA AGM Hybrid potential
 - Battery storage
 - Farmer Wellness Program funding in a couple of counties (benefit)
 - Mushroom compost (benefit)
 - Bio digester and fertilizer plant coming (benefit)
 - Approved for funding through Revive Fund for Sr. Gardens (Leeds)
 - 90 homes being built on 100 acres à farmer concerned with land use and water quality.
 - Muck fire concerning farmers (Winchester) à beavers built a dam, but municipality is trying to remove beavers??
 - Land investors (Area 1 Farms)
 - Abattoirs à Joyceville, Renfrew (a lot of issues Sarah discussed)

- Flexible burn bylaw in Glengarry (benefit)
- Rural/Urban neighbour à beaver dam flooding farmland, civil issues
- Ag truckers backlog on licence renewal
- Skilled labour shortage
- Hard to protect municipal Ag Land
- Absent landlords
- Veterinary Act
- Ottawa, GHG's, turbines and garbage

The group collaborated and decided on the next plans of action.

- Continue to do key messaging (especially on Bill 97), some issues will be municipal.
- Land use à Keep settlements and prioritize.
- Veterinary Act Consultations
- Remind people that there is a job opening and think of potential candidates à Jayne's position (Member Service Rep – Zone 8) - maternity coverage 12-month contract, listing closes June 9
- Renfrew hosting next summit? And keep same location at Algonquin College?

Farmer Wellness Program Lanark – Andrea McCoy-Naperstkov

Members of OFA can access the following:

1. Counselling services

Professional counselling services are available to OFA members and their families in Lanark County. Up to 6 sessions will be provided by a licensed professional at no cost to you. Allowing a comfortable introduction to what therapy can offer you or allowing you to continue your mental health journey.

2. Flexibility

Your time is valuable, and your schedule is variable. We understand that you need access to flexible appointments and different formats. Our program offers alternatives to fit your farm schedule. You can access sessions in-person, over the phone or through video calls. You may also customize your meeting location to best suit you - in-office, in-home, or at an alternative location.

3. Confidential professional services

Our program has been carefully designed to offer you a safe and confidential space. Your name and identity will always remain private.

4. Appreciation of farming

In this program, you will be working with trained and vetted mental health professionals. It is a core value of our program that the individuals involved in this program have an inherent understanding of the struggles and challenges that farming brings because they have a background in agriculture.

Go online at <https://www.farmerwellnessprogram.ca>

Select your county on the '[BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT](#)' page to get started with your mental health journey today.

OR

Book your appointment by contacting: Marilyn Scott Harris Psychotherapy (613) 213-4350

Lanark Federation Bursary

The Lanark Federation of Agriculture offers two \$500 bursaries to students enrolled in a diploma or degree course in a Canadian university or Community College. The student applicant must be an immediate ~~or~~ family member of a current Ontario Federation of Agriculture member within the Lanark Federation of Agriculture ~~boundary~~. The applicant can apply in any of the years in which they are attending the program. The bursary can only be given once to an applicant. Applications are due Dec. 31.

The applicant must write the application. It must include the marks from the previous semester. The application must include information regarding their previous education, career aspirations, volunteer and workplace experience and interests and related organizational involvements (e.g., 4H, sports, theatre, community).

All information included in the application will be used to evaluate the applicant. Experience and career interests in Agriculture and related fields can be used to finalize the decision between applicants but this characteristic is not mandatory for application and may not be the basis for the final decision.

Please send applications to Nancy Fleming E-mail lanarkfedofag@gmail.com or mail to 57 Maple Avenue North, Smiths Falls, ON K7A 2A6

LANARK FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE NEEDS YOU!

New Directors for LFA

Are you looking for a new challenge, have some new farm related ideas, want to work with a talented group of people, meet farmers from other communities and regions, and talk to local politicians regarding current events? Lanark Federation of Agriculture is looking for new Directors to join our group. We meet the second Thursday of every month at Beckwith Town Hall in person and via Zoom at 7:30 p.m. If you are interested, we would be excited to have you contact one of the Directors or Association Administrator listed above.

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