

Young and old test plowing skills

BY ANDY COMBER

Age proved to be no obstacle for competitors in the Plowing Match Competition hosted by the Essex County Plowmen's Association at the farm of Jason Byrne, near North Woodslee, Aug. 18.

"Keeping it straight," that's the hardest part of plowing, said 7-year-old Jayson Demelo of Woodslee. Although he had to stretch to reach the tractor pedals, Demelo managed a first place finish in the Class 1 competition.

Demelo was competing for the first time, assisted by his great uncle, Dave Chevalier, and cousin, Kevin Chevalier.

"Keep one eye closed," Demelo said, offering one of his secrets for creating the perfect furrow.

It was not the first competition for 77-year-old Jack McLeod, a Cottam resident who has been entering plowing competitions for the last ten years.

McLeod said the plowing match has become a real family deal, with his son, Murray, being the secretary-treasurer of the local plowmen's association, and his grandson, Adam, being the

provincial director for membership for the Essex-Kent Junior Farmers.

A former antique dealer, McLeod displayed a unique collection of farm tools for the first time at the plowing match, including everything from blacksmith tools to buggies and monkey wrenches to hand drills.

"Farmers used to do their own blacksmithing," McLeod said. "When you bought a machine, you got a wrench with it."

"I think I am hooked on these now," said McLeod, demonstrating a hand drill, with alternate speeds.

2007 Essex County Plowing Match Results are as follows:

Class #1 (Tractor - to age 13) 1st Jayson Demelo, Woodslee; 2nd Keith O'Connor, Amherstburg.

Class #2 (Tractor - age 14 to 17) 1st Mathew Steckle, Cottam; 2nd Kevin Chevalier, Leamington.

Class #3 (Tractor - age 18 and over) 1st Adam McLeod, Cottam; 2nd Peter Steckle, Cottam.

Class #4 (Tractor) 1st John McLeod, Cottam; 2nd Ken Byrne, Belle River.

Class # 5 (small tractor and plow - age 10 and under) 1st Pierre Simard, Belle

River; 2nd Mary O'Connor, Amherstburg.

Class # 6 (Walking plow) 1st Fred Goegebeur, Ruscom; 2nd Ray Bryant Windsor.

Class #7 (4-H Competition plow) 1st Mathew Steckle, Cottam; 2nd, Sarah Morris, Staples.

Class #8 (4-H Non-competitive plow) 1st Kevin Chevalier, Leamington; 2nd Keith O'Connor, Amherstburg.

Class # 9 (Antique tractor drag plow) 1st Lyle Bryan, Staples; 2nd Reg Dewhirst, Essex.

Class # 10 (Antique trac-

tor mounted plow) 1st Shylah Dyck, Windsor.

Class # 11 (Antique tractor drag plow - open to all Ontario) 1st Dennis Dudley, Alvinston; 2nd Riane Van Leeuwen, Ridgetown.

Class # 13 (Tractor -open all Ontario) 1st Robert Sterling, Pain Court; 2nd Brian Sterling, Pain Court.

Class # 14 (Open class for horses) 1st Stan Erickson, Thamesville; 2nd Ken Calder, Cottam.

In Class # 15, Amanda Moore of Ruthven was named the new Essex County Queen of the Furrow.



Essex County Queen of the Furrow, Amy Sue Moore of Kingsville, left, poses with Lambton County Queen of the Furrow Pat Dickenson.

Regional OFA meeting called

The Essex County Regional OFA meeting will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 5 in McGregor.

This meeting is your opportunity to elect Essex County representatives on the Ontario Federation of Agriculture board for the next year. These provincial directors are your voice at

OFA meetings. They vote on agricultural issues that affect farmers across Ontario. This meeting also elects the delegates for the OFA convention held in November at which implementation of the new OFA structure will be decided. Julien Papineau, implementation committee member,

and Neil Currie, OFA general manager, will provide an update on this crucial issue and answer questions.

The guest speaker for the regional meeting is Suzanne van Bommel, manager of stakeholders relations for Greenfield Ethanol (formerly Commercial Alcohols Inc.), Canada's largest pro-

ducer of ethanol. She will be talking about current issues in ethanol production and the future of the industry.

Tickets are \$5 per person and must be purchased in advance. Contact a local director or call the Essex County Federation of Agriculture at 776-5159.

Jack Morris Auctions Inc. Auction Sale
6 row corn head, tomato and other farm equipment and consignments
Saturday, August 25 at 10:30 a.m.
 For Mr. Jeff Allen, 8121 Alma St., Amherstburg, between Howard and Walker Rd. Watch for auction signs.
 Mr. Allen is selling his tomato equipment and other machinery that is not required for his farming operation.
Corn Head: Deutz Allis 6 row 30" corn head, will fit Gleaner N and R series, corn head is in good condition and sells with under carriage. **Water Unit:** three 1500 gal. plastic water tanks on a 24 1/2' semi trailer with transfer pump. **Tomato Equipment: Planter:** three-double row tomato planter with RJ model D600 planter units, central water control, two 335 gal. water tanks all on a good heavy duty planter frame. **Wagons:** 5 all steel tomato wagons with dual wheels - four 20' and one 22'. **Conveyors:** 16'x28" and 14'x28" mobile belt tomato conveyors. **Cultivator:** 6 row Lilliston 3 ph cultivator. **Harvester frames:** two Button Johnson harvester frames with motors. **Bean and Corn Planter:** Case IH model 900 - 11 row bean planter at 15" or 6 - 30" corn rows, has dry fert. and liquid pop up. **Duals:** 20.8x38 T-rail duals. **Other Items:** Joe Dog; Case 308-4 furrow plow; hydraulic motors; some harvester parts, harvester walkways; bus frame; 4 Bud wheel 5 bolt tires - 8.25x20; Serge milker units; other misc. items. **Consignments: Tractors:** Massey Ferguson 202 w/factory built forklift; Ford 9N; both tractors in good running order. **Other Machinery:** land leveller 12' wide x 24' long; 1000 gal. plastic water tank; transfer pump; 6 T wagon for water tank; 3 ph 3 furrow plow; 18 plate IH disc; 15' rotary hoe; 16' Krause disc. Planting: 24 run Tye drill end wheel pull type; MH #33 drill. **Round Bale Trailer:** 8 bale side dump two wheel bale trailer in very good condition. **Landscaping Rake:** 3 ph 8' power angle w/front ripper teeth, drop down box blade and back wheels.
 Consignments still welcome, but will not be advertised after this.
Terms cash or personalized cheque day of sale
 Owner or auctioneer not responsible for accidents day of sale
Auctioneer: Jack Morris at 519-687-2530
Proprietor: Jeff Allen at 519-972-1351
 Photos at www.jackmorrisauctions.com

Harrow Fair

August 30 - September 2

Wednesday, August 29th

10:00 am - 9 pm - RECEIVING all exhibits to the halls
Please note that the halls will NOT be open before 10:00 am
(Goods are to be in place by 9:00 pm)

Thursday, August 30th

9:00 am - JUDGING of all hall exhibits: hand crafts, baking, grains, seeds, vegetables, flowers, fruits, poultry
GATES OPEN to the Public BUILDINGS OPEN to the Public immediately following judging

1:00 pm - 4-H Drama Club, Achievement Day, *Show Ring*

3:00 pm - 4-H Sheep Club, Achievement Day, *Show Ring*

4:00 pm - 4-H Rabbit & Guinea Pig Club, Achievement Day, *Show Ring*

6:00 pm - Pie Auction, Stage

7:30 pm - 4-H Poultry Club Achievement Day, *Show Ring*

7:30 pm - HARROW FAIR OFFICIAL OPENING, Stage

8:00 pm - "Jim Gibb", Stage Area

Friday, August 31st

9:00 am - 4-H Swine Club, Achievement Day, *Show Ring*

9:00 am to 5:00 pm - Demonstration Tent, by 4H Booth

10:00 am - Registered Haflinger Show, Welsh Ponies Grade, Heavy Horse Show, Registered Shetland Pony Show, *Horse Ring*

10:30 am - Teddy Bear Parade, Stage

10:30 am - 4-H Beef Club, Achievement Day, *Show Ring*

11:00 am - Pie Eating Contest, Demonstration Tent

11:30 am - "The Beebo Musical Show", Stage

Lunch Break at Horse Show - 4-H Harrow Horse Interest Club, Achievement Day, *Horse Ring*

1:00 pm - Judging Beef, *Show Ring*

1:00 pm - Mom Calling Contest, Stage

2:30 pm - Roller Pigeon Contest, *Poultry Barn*

3:00 pm - 4-H Swine, Beef, Poultry and Sheep Auction, *Show Ring*

8:00 pm - "John Conlee", Stage

Saturday, September 1st

9:00 am to 5:00 pm - Demonstration Tent, by 4H Booth

10:00 am - 4-H Dairy Club, Achievement Day, *Show Ring*

12:00 - PARADE: starts from the Country Depot on Sinasac Street

1:00 pm - Judging Dairy Cattle, *Show Ring*

2:00 pm - Tractor Pull, *Horse Ring*

2:00 pm - (immediately following Parade) Rooster Crowing Contest (birds & people), *Poultry Barn*

2:00 pm - "The Beebo Musical Show", Stage

AFTERNOON ENTERTAINMENT

5:00 pm - Lawn Tractor Races, *Horse Ring*

6:00 pm - Fish Races - Proceeds donated to Harrow Park Community Washroom Fund, *Demonstration Tent*

Bossy Bingo - 4-H Dairy Club, *Show Ring*

8:00 pm - "The Wilkinsons", Stage Area

Sunday, September 2nd

9:30 am - Church Service, Stage

10:00 am to 5:00 pm - Demonstration Tent, by 4H Booth

10:00 am - Light Horse Show, *Horse Ring*

11:00 am - Goat Show, *Show Ring*

1:00 pm - Pedal Tractor Pull

1:00 pm - Dale Butler Trio, Stage followed by Pat and Friends, Stage

3:00 pm - Pet Show, *Show Ring*

5:00 - 6:00 pm - Pick up exhibits from the halls

At conclusion of the Entertainment and Horse Show, draws will be made on prizes donated by various booths at the Fair.

OPENING DAY MIDWAY SPECIAL

DISCOUNT ON STRIPS OF TICKETS:
 THURSDAY, AUG. 30TH
 On sale from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
 and must be used by 6:00 pm

Clean Wholesome Entertainment

Carter Shows Limited will be on hand with rides and games to provide plenty of thrills for the 4 day Harrow Fair. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday

ADMISSION: Adults \$7.00, Children 12 and Under FREE
 UNLIMITED PASSES: Available at Office for \$15 • Harrow Fair Office: 519-738-3262