



Building OFA's new structure

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Over the generations, a lot has been said about change. Some people support change, some tend to resist change, while some say it doesn't matter to them.

As Ontario's largest general farm organization, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture knows how important change is to remaining relevant. When the world around you changes and you stand still, you become irrelevant.

The agriculture industry has changed radically over recent decades, and OFA must change with it!

We're in the midst of a major change right now. This change to OFA's governance structure began two years ago with a resolution from one of our county federations. History has taught us that successful change begins at the grassroots level.

The idea of having a smaller board of directors for OFA had been debated for years. Some felt the larger board could no longer be effective and efficient. That was the focus of the 2005 resolution and subsequent decisions made at OFA conventions.

Now OFA members are being called on to elect members for an 18-member

board of directors. Four directors were acclaimed to office – those in Northern Ontario, Huron and Perth Counties, Peel, York and Simcoe Counties, and those in Prescott, Stormont, Russell and Glengarry Counties.

For OFA members in the remainder of the province, voting is currently underway. Members have been sent ballots which they can mark and return to OFA by mail, or by depositing them in a ballot box at Federation House – the OFA building at Canada's Outdoor Farm Show near Woodstock from September 9th to 11th. Successful candidates will be announced as soon as possible after the

September 12th closing date.

This process will give us 15 directors. Three directors-at-large will then be elected at the annual meeting of the OFA in Toronto November 24th and 25th.

Another key component of OFA's new governance structure will be the Policy Advisory Council. Every county, region or district in Ontario will be electing representatives to this council at the annual regional meetings scheduled for September, October and November. That council will meet approximately four times each year to discuss policy issues impacting agriculture.

The results of those dis-

cussions will become the basis for decisions made by the Board of Directors. Convention delegates will also be responsible for electing OFA's president and two vice-presidents, much the same as in the recent past.

For this process to be successful, we need OFA members to get to know the candidates and vote to exemplify OFA's grassroots, democratic structure. Remember, you have until September 12th to cast your ballot.

ESTATE AUCTION /W ADDITIONS

Masonic Hall, 20 Laird Ave., Essex
Friday, September 12, 6:00 p.m. Preview 5:00 p.m.

We have been commissioned by the Royal Trust to sell the living estate of 'Dorothy Croyn' of Windsor, to include antiques, collectables, and modern furnishings.

Modern – 1960 & 1970 Items – 2 love seats, wing back, glass dining & end tables, chairs, lamps, crystal, figurines, 21" Sony colour flat screen tv, 5 drawer dresser, 4 poster bed, 9.1" cu. ft. Kenmore fridge (like new), large Sears upright freezer, utensils, and more.

Glass, China – Occupied Japan, Carnival, Depression, Goofus, Glass, (31) pcs Friendly Village dinnerware, Flow Blue, Belleek, Cottage ware, Chintz, Royal Doulton HN2716, The Cavalier, and featuring 7" Moorcroft vase, and more.

Jewellery – Ladies 10kt gold/marquis black onyx ring (appr. \$195.00), ladies 14kt gold/3 diamond ring (appr. \$1500.00), pocket and wrist watches, costume pieces, and more.

Antiques/Collectables – Clarinet, violin, guitar, cameras, butter press, railroad items, fishing equipment, lightning ball and rod, farmers milk scale, toys, GI Joe, train sets, Lincoln tow truck, boxes of dinky vehicles, old prints, frames, oils, and featuring "Marilyn Munroe" collectables, and more.

Tools – Early "Stanley" 45-300 aluminum square, planes, hand & power saws, pick axe, post hole digger, old locks, and more.

Auctioneers Comments –

This is only a partial list. There are many more boxes to unpack and there will be many more surprises in store for those looking for modern items. This is our BIGGEST & BEST sale yet! Be there early to view merchandise.

"Do not miss this opportunity!"

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WIPER AUCTIONS

Clare Wiper, Auctioneer

phone 519-322-5580 cell 519-560-1845

Come for the pie and coffee & stay for the auction!

Jack Morris Auctions Inc.

Auction Reminder

Farm Primitives, Farm Machinery and Other Items
Saturday, September 13 at 10:30 a.m.

For the estate of Arnold Wiper, Leamington. Sale will be held at the Wiper farm at 936 Mersea Rd. 4 approx. 1 mi. east of Hwy. 77.

Tractors: McCormick Farmall 300 and McCormick Farmall Super C gas tractors. **Plus** smaller older equipment, farm primitives, few toys, etc.

Terms: cash, debit or known cheque day of sale.

Proprietor: the estate of Arnold Wiper.

For info call Morris Wiper, 519-326-8963

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Auctioneer: Jack Morris, 519-687-2530 or 1-800-462-3561

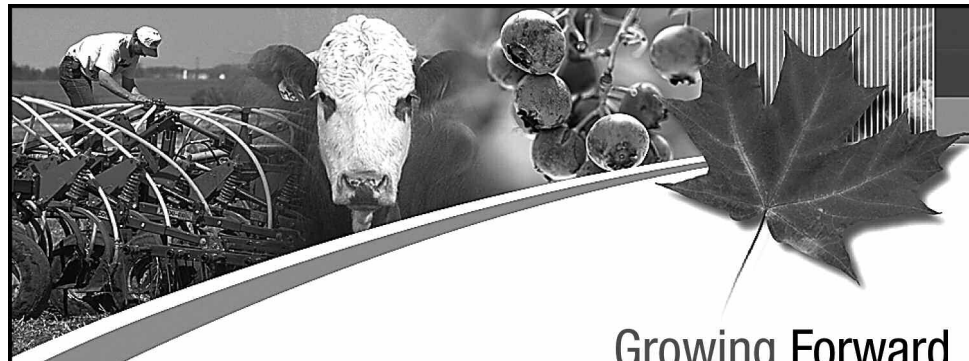
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Apply by checking the box on your 2007 farm tax form or contact the call centre at 1-866-367-8506. The call centre will be open for extended hours on Saturday, September 20th and 27th from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CDT. To learn more, visit www.agr.gc.ca/agriinvest

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UNHOLZER/SAUVE UPCOMING AUCTION

Saturday, Sept. 13, 2008 at 11 a.m. Viewing starts at 9 a.m.

At 1596 South Middle Road (Malden Valley Farms)

Directions: From Windsor take Cty. Rd. 46 to Woodslee go South on Cty. Rd. 27 (Belle River Rd.) around S curve to first Rd. on RHS (South Middle) turn Right to sale. Follow signs on sale day.

Owner has moved out of the country and has asked Unholzer/Sauve to liquidate all of his household and business effects. This is an absolute sale you will not want to miss.

HOUSEHOLD: beds double/queen w box and mattress, Pine king bedroom set w mattress and box, dresser and mirror, 2 dressers - 1 antique, Pine coffee and end tables w glass top, 8 custom made solid Oak bar/island stools, 4 maple bar/island stools, large 8 person Oak dining table w solid Oak chairs, solid Oak 2 tier L shaped custom made serving/bar/island, 4 leather couches - 2 reclining, leather ottoman, 3 reclining sofas, Sharp 36" colored TV w stand, 20" colored TV, computer/office desks w chairs, Dell computer, several custom made silk plants-potted, tappin elec. stove, Hotpoint fridge, microwave and many smaller misc. items.

CONSTRUCTION/CARPENTRY: Honda em3800sx generator, Ryobi 16" mitre saw, Dewalt 12" compound mitre saw, Turbo heater, table saw, Hepa vacuum (for mold), Dewalt radio, Dewalt cordless guns, Passload Impulse framing nailer, hardwood floor nailer, portable air compressor w many air hoses (pneumatic), 2-16' aluminum ext. ladders, finishing nailers, box/belt/palm sanders, drills w bits, plainer, sawsall, ext. cords, box of carbide tipped saw blades, heavy duty ext. cords, Mastercraft glue gun kit, roofing air gun w 3 boxes nails, cement trowels, standup floor screw gun, levels, squares, drywall scrapers, lights, saw horses, fan dryers/heaters, boxes of misc. tools etc.

MISC. ITEMS: Craftsman 5 hp 22' snow blower, Ultra sound pocket therapist, boxes of cleaners, cocking guns, boxes of drill bits, nails, screws, tapes, plumbing materials, electrical mat. Never used harley Davidson exhaust, boxes of oak flooring, solid oak colonial door 1 3/8x6'-8x28", Oak and Hemlock Newell and stair railing and spindles, 3 rolls of orange security fence, power washer, lawn mower, leaf blower, box on construction books, misc. hockey equip., satellite reciver X-Box, many other items as well.

Terms: cash or business cheque with proper I.D. Auctioneer or owner not responsible for accidents or injuries day of sale. Refreshments will be available.

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