



Renfrew North District

Congratulations to Janice McLaren who was presented with the "Woman of Excellence Fair Award" at the Cobden Agricultural Fair in August of 2010. Janice has been a valued Member of Zion Line WI (Renfrew North District, Eastern Area) for over 30 years, and an active member of the Cobden Fair for over 35 years. Janice was a member of the 4-H Homemaking Clubs, and then continued on her path of learning through her work with the Agricultural Fair and membership in the Women's Institute.



Braemar WI

There is usually a reason why a person decides to volunteer for an organization. For Norma Howe of the Embro area it was her husband Fred's farm accident that influenced her to start volunteering for the Oxford Farm Safety Association. Back in 1972, Fred fell off a corn crib roof and broke both knee caps. Norma also gives her mother credit for influencing her to work for this organization. The late Jeanne Coulthard belonged to the Perth Farm Safety Association and was also a Member of St. Paul's WI for 75 years.

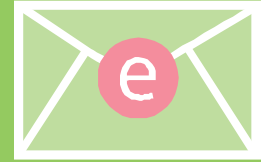
Pictured (L-R): Oxford District President, Sheila Greason, with Norma Howe.

Since 1984, Norma has worked to educate farmers, children and the general public on farm safety. After 26 years, Norma decided to retire from the Association and an open reception was held for her in January.

A Member of Braemar WI (London Area), Norma received congratulatory remarks from Oxford District WI President, Sheila Greason, who thanked her for being the Oxford District WI liaison on the Association since the late 1980's. "She always had a report for us – promoting Farm Safety events or projects," said Sheila.

Mayor of Zorra, Margaret Lupton, also congratulated Norma on her years of service and presented her with a certificate from the Township.

Oxford Farm Safety Association Treasurer, John Van Ginkel, stated that "we can never measure the success of what we do – if we can save just one life, it's worth it". John highlighted the current projects that Norma has worked on and presented her with a special plaque and a gift certificate to her favourite restaurant in Embro. Congratulations, Norma!



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