

Castleton P.S. accolades



Cramahe Township public schools continue to earn accolades and the continued attention of Kawartha Pine Ridge District Board of Education Director of Education Sylvia Terpstra. On Monday, at Castleton Public School, a first-place prize winner for art work in the waterfowl Poster Contest sponsored by the Friends of Presqu'ile was presented prizes. Laiken Starreveld, second from left, won a pair of binoculars for herself and for her school for her winning entry in the Grade 5-6 competition held in conjunction with the annual Waterfowl Weekends in Brighton.

In addition, two additional Castleton students won honourable mention. Left to right are: Director Sylvia Terpstra; first prize winner Laiken Starreveld; Nicki Carr and Shannon Lenahan (honourable mentions); and Principal David Mitchell.

Just weeks ago, the Director visited Colborne P.S. to hear the award-winning student musicians.

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Farmers hold unified-voice meeting Wed.

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Three grassroots farmers with no connections to commodity boards or general farm organizations expected to be nominated to a unified agricultural venture this week.

An agriculture crisis update meeting was slated for 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 6 at the Scugog Community Centre in Port Perry. Organizers intended to form a steering committee. But how much clout that committee will carry may depend on how broad their support from different farming sectors and regions of the province proves to be.

Because there is no constitutional connection, any resolution which resulting from the meeting is non-binding on general farm organizations and commodity groups.

It's "goofy" to have grassroots members working atop the unified voice platform with the general farm organizations, Ontario Federation of Agriculture president Ron Bonnett says. But he acknowledges it is beneficial to occasionally have outside people assist on specific issue-oriented agendas.

Mr. Bonnett says grassroots farmers should continue to work at the local level lobbying their MPs and MPPs to effect change.

Kawartha Lakes farmer Scott Swain was to chair the meeting.

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