

Field to Food looking for volunteers

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ROSENEATH – The Northumberland Agriculture Awareness Committee, a sub-committee of the Northumberland Federation of Agriculture (NFA), is once again organizing the Field to Food event in Roseneath, and is looking for volunteers.

The event takes place in the Roseneath Fair ground agriculture barn on Sept. 29 and Sept. 30 and is aimed at elementary students of Northumberland County – in particular the Grade 3 students, as agriculture is a part of their curriculum.

There will be eight to 10 stations set up in the barn where educators will be speaking about different agriculture or agriculture related topics that can be found in Northumberland County, says event organizer Marion McComb.

"This started back in the early '90s as a way to educate children not living on working farms about agriculture," said McComb.

She says that children don't have the same connection to farming any more, and often can't get out to a farm to see first-hand where the food they eat is grown and raised.

"This event gives them the connection to learn a bit

about it," said McComb.

Volunteers are needed to guide the children around the barn to listen for a few minutes at each station, she says, and many times the volunteers learn something about agriculture as well.

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There will be stations providing information on raising beef, dairy farms, apples, maple syrup, bees/honey, land stewardship, poultry and pork, and McComb is looking for two more agricultural industry educators to step up to the plate.

At the end of this time, the students gather in the middle of the barn where they will see a milking demonstration. The teachers will be given material that they can use as follow-up in the classroom.

Everyone will receive an apple (compliments of NFA

and the Ag Awareness committee), a carton of milk (compliments of Northumberland Milk Committee) and a tree seedling (compliments of the Northumberland Land Stewardship Committee).

Although some classes are already registered, McComb says there's room for more, and home-schoolers are welcome as well. There is no cost to students other than their transportation as the event is funded through the Northumberland Federation of Agriculture.

We are looking for volunteers to assist us with our event as tour guides who will lead the groups of children around the barn to the various stations, says McComb. Lunch is provided for the volunteers.

"They all come away with new knowledge and enjoy their time there," said McComb.

The sessions are at 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and then 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. If you would be interested or know of someone who might be interested, please contact Marion McComb at 905-344-7601.



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Marion McComb, organizer of the Field to Food event for students later this month, says it's important for children to learn about agriculture and where their food comes from.



Births



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AMOS: Proud parents Josh and Michelle Amos of Gosport would like to announce the birth of their first daughter, Adeline Jean Amos, born August 25, 2009 at Belleville General Hospital at 13:33 pm. Proud Ma and Pa (Jean and Ted Payne) of Gosport and Oma and Papa (Chris and Elisabeth Amos) of Colborne. Proud Great Oma is Anne Kraft of Guelph. Thanks to Dr. O'Brien and Mrs. Smith for all their support and guidance. Adeline will sure be spoiled by all aunts and uncles and cousins Madison & Liam Payne.

AMOS: Josh, Michelle and Adeli would like to send a special thank-you everyone who has shown their love a support at this exciting time. Thank y to everyone for attending the baby shcer and providing beautiful gifts. Tha you to Jean, Jaimie, Ashley, Karre a Elisabeth for all their hard work putti on a great shower.

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MARIJUANA HAUL: Pot plants seized from corn fields



PETE FISHER Sun Media

OPP Emergency Response Team members fill a U-Haul truck with marijuana seized from a corn field north of Grafton yesterday. OPP Drug Enforcement officers, Emergency Response Team members and an OPP helicopter searched areas around Northumberland County for marijuana. This time is year is typically the harvest time for the crop. Marijuana found Thursday was mainly located in corn fields. Although it's difficult to spot marijuana in a corn field from the ground, Det. Sgt. Scott Mahoney said it is very easy to spot using the helicopter. After officers checked only three areas, the U-Haul truck was nearly filled with more than 400 marijuana plants.

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