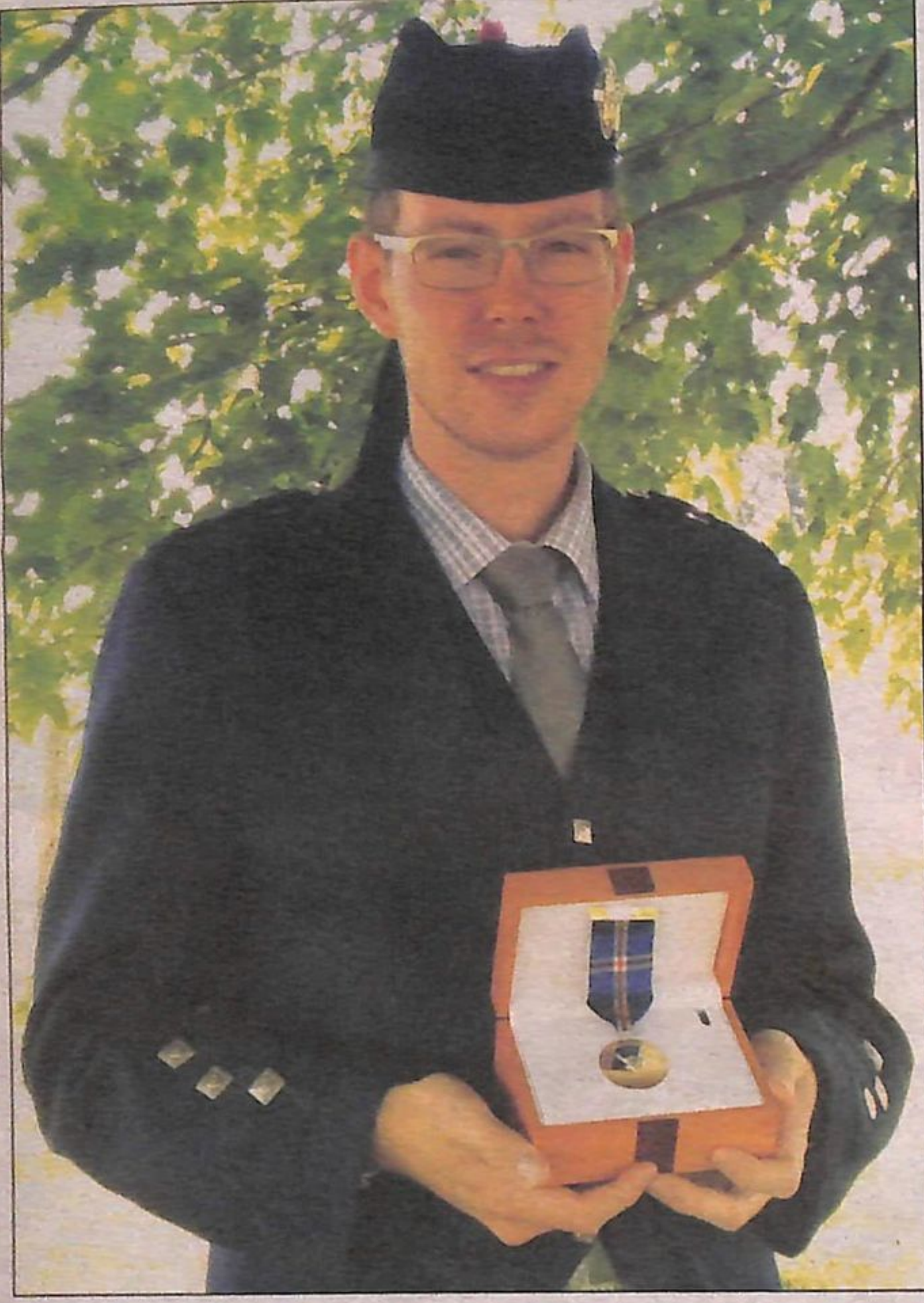


Walpole wins national gold medal in Maxville



Glenn Walpole received a Piobaireachd Society national gold medal last month in Maxville. (submitted photo)

On July 29, Glenn Walpole of Underwood earned the Piobaireachd Society's national gold medal at the Glengarry Highland Games in Maxville, Ontario. This is the only competition outside of Scotland sanctioned by the Piobaireachd Society of Scotland and is restricted to professional solo competitors.

Piobaireachd is the music of the Great Highland Bagpipe - the most classical form of music played on the bagpipes. Walpole played *In Praise of Morag* which runs for about 14 minutes increasing in technical difficulty as the tune progresses.

The idea for the Pio-

baireachd Society Gold Medal (Canada) and the Bar to the Gold Medal came from Major Archie Cairns. He was Walpole's first Piobaireachd instructor and remained his instructor until his passing on April 1, 2016, making this medal particularly meaningful to Walpole.

This medal allowed Walpole to compete against former winners in the Bar to the Gold Medal, which was won by Andrew Hayes of Ottawa this year. The competition was judged by Bill Livingstone of Whitby.

Walpole began his piping career with the Kincardine Scottish Pipe Band at the age of

eight under the tutelage of David Hamilton. He continued his instruction in light music with Bill McLeod of Kincardine, who immediately introduced him to solo competition. Walpole began at the Grade 4 level. McLeod then introduced him to Major Archie Cairns of London, Ontario so that he could add Piobaireachd to his repertoire to become a more well-rounded competitor on the world stage.

Walpole joined the ranks of Professional Solo Piping in 2011, at the age of 18, after winning the North American Championship as an amateur piper. He has piped in Ontario, New

Brunswick, Nova Scotia, New York, New Jersey, California, Florida and Scotland.

Walpole, now 23, is enrolled at the University of Toronto in a combined MD/PHD program. He still enjoys coming home to Kincardine and bringing his pipes to join the Kincardine Scottish Pipe Band in the Saturday night parade as he has made many life-long friends through the band. He enjoys piping and hopes to continue to improve his playing while he completes his medical training in Toronto.

Submitted by Deborah Walpole
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Kincardine's Hodglyn Holsteins take honours at Bruce Grey Holstein Show

Spectators at the 19th annual Bruce Grey Holstein Show held the evening of Tuesday, Aug. 30 at the Walkerton Fairgrounds watched.

Bruce Sayles of Paris, Ontario judged 94 head of Holsteins exhibited by breeders of Bruce, Grey and Huron Counties.

Grand Champion of the Show was the Mature Cow class winner "Marfloacres Sanchez Lady" exhibited by Hodglyn Holsteins, Kincardine and Trinal Holsteins, Teeswater with Reserve Champion Honours going to "Lindenright Gold Annabel", the Senior Two Year old class winner shown by Hodglyn

Holsteins, Kincardine. The Best Bred and Owned Champion of the show was "Chakelburg Picolo Lasanga, exhibited by Chakelburg Holsteins, Mildmay; Showstyle Genetics, Mildmay; J-Star and Calaway.

The Junior Champion honours went to the Senior Calf "Florbil Doorman Lilly" exhibited by Florbil Farms Ltd., Mildmay. Reserve Junior champion was awarded to "Valleyriver Lotus Stella" the Junior Calf class winner shown by Valleyriver Farms Ltd., Bognor.

Premier Breeder of the show was Hodglyn Holsteins, Kincardine and Premier Exhibitor honours went to Sunspark

Farms Inc., South Bruce Peninsula.

In the afternoon 32 4-H members participated in the 4-H Showmanship classes. Zac Goodacre was selected as Grand Champion Showperson, and Cole Holland as Reserve Champion Showperson.

Zac and Cole were the first recipients of the Leanne Russwurm Brusso Memorial Perpetual Award for Champion and Reserve Champion Showmanship. Grand Champion 4-H calf was shown by Cole Holland and the Reserve Champion 4-H Calf was exhibited by Kara Tichbourne.



Submitted
L-R: Jordan Schoulton - Ontario Miss Mid West, Bruce Sayles - Show Judge, Paul Murphy of Ireland at the halter of the Reserve Champion, Greg McLean at the halter of the Grand Champion, Ken Horst of Trinal Holsteins in Teeswater, and Adam and Bella Hodgins of Hodglyn Holsteins in Kincardine.



Photo shared by Shirley Hartick
Victoria Park Kincardine hosted the 27th Annual Gathering of the Bands Festival and it went on from noon to midnight. The Toronto All Star Big Band kicked off the day, with pipe bands from Teeswater, Goderich, Wiarton, Sarnia, Forest Cambridge, the Ontario Fire Services and more entertaining, with the Mass Band Parade at 8pm on Aug. 26, 2017. There were ine ups for all-you-can-eat corn on the cob and hot dogs for a nominal fee, as visitors entered Victoria Park with a free admission to celebrate one of Kincardine's favourite traditions as a thank you from the Kincardine Scottish Pipe Band.