

To The Editor,

Something is happening very quietly in the Royal Rd. area of South Marysburgh township but it is something of which we should all be aware. It could happen (and is happening) anywhere.

Farm after farm after farm is being purchased by a single individual.

We should all be aware that this is a process that is going to change our community from one that is made up of many small family-owned farms to one largely made up of residential dwellings and a privately owned megafarm. And we should question whether this is what we really want.

It represents a huge loss of power to the family farm and to ordinary people who just want to produce good food in a responsible way on a manageable scale and make a living and a life for themselves and their families.

Not only do land buy-ups like this cause small family farms to disappear, they prevent them from ever coming back: a land holding the size of the one that's being created here can only ever be purchased by a large corporation or another billionaire.

We should also be aware that this is not an isolated incident but part of a growing trend in agriculture all over the world that is putting the control of the world's food supply in the hands of the richest one percent of the world's population.

Last but not least we should be aware that as ordinary people we have the power to stop this trend and turn things around. All it takes is awareness and action.

Two good places to start might be to gain an understanding of the many problems in Canadian agriculture today which contribute to making this kind of sellout seem like a small farmer's best or even only option, and to support our local farmers.

Rosalind Adams, R.R. #1 Milford

The South Marysburgh Recreation Committee, including the Marysburgh Mummers and the Milford Fair

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Wii Bowling

Back by popular demand! 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. every Thursday until August 30th at the Milford Town Hall

Milford Market

Every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
At The Shed at the Milford Fair Grounds

Road Bowling

A great family event - good friendship and exercise!
Every Sunday afternoon (weather permitting)
at 2:00 p.m. Meet at Mt. Tabor parking lot

Fair Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 11th at 7:00 p.m.
at Milford Town Hall

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