

# 4-H News

## A snort to remember

It was on the 14th of July (last Friday, for some of you) that the 4-H Swine Club had a swell affair at the house of the DeMarte's. We went in to the DeMarte's barn to see the pigs which were so covered in mud that we couldn't show them. They were fighting over vegetables that Ashley gave them. We saw the horse and a turkey that I believed was a hustler. My reasoning comes after the fact that I learned it loved shiny objects and seeing the turkey/hustler going after a girl with a shiny clipboard. That only proves that you never know what you will find on a farm.

After this we went outside and started talking about what is to be done before the Harrow Fair

starts, such as: how much should the pigs weigh, how to get our buyer, what to get our buyer, posters, tools we might use for the fair, and the clothes needed for showing pigs at the Harrow Fair.

The next meeting will be held at the Civic Centre on July 24 when we will be working on the club's board and the meeting after that is at Rachel W.'s Aug. 7.

We closed the meeting having chips, pop and watermelon. Thank you to the DeMarte family for letting us use your property to have the meeting and for the treats. I'm sure of one thing, this meeting has been a snort to remember.

— Darren Mayville



**SAFE AND SOUND** — Paul Bondy, left, the owner of the Michigan Roadhouse, holds a painting he commissioned from Steven Johnson, right. Raffle tickets for the painting will be sold at Michigan Roadhouse and Essex Memorial Arena until July 31. The money raised will be donated to the Essex arena project. The painting is of a firefighter holding a child.

## Local historical society offers road trip

The 6th annual place on Saturday, August Leamington-Mersea Historical Society Self-guided Road Trip takes

and all you need is lots of curiosity, a tank of petrol in your auto and a camera.

This trip will explore Essex County and will include visits to a couple of interesting museums, a national historic site, some out of the way places most folks in Essex County have never found and much more.

The tour begins at 8:20 a.m. at the Historical Society's Museum on County Road #14 (Old Mersea Road #9 at Albuna). Everyone is welcome and there is no charge other than your own lunch and museum entry fees as appropriate. You will need a car and driver, a co-pilot for navigation and any

friends you care to bring along.

As happens each year, each car and navigator will receive a free, fully detailed guide for the trip. The guide outlines distances, times, when to stop and when to turn and, most importantly, contains notes about what you are seeing or why we have stopped for a few minutes. Brief informative talks are offered along the way at important stops.

This year's trip is about 150 kms and will take about seven hours including tours and lunch. For information, contact Lloyd Brown-John at 519-322-4566.

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