

Farm Twilight Tour announced

The Essex Soil and Crop Improvement Association will be holding their Annual Farm Twilight Tour this year at Tiessen Acres, home of the 2005 Conservation Farm Award winners. This year's event will be focussing on modern technologies and the equipment being used at farming operation all across North America.

Live demonstrations and informative insight will be available from some of the area's leading companies in innovative and progressive farming machinery, GPS technology and GPS equipment. Representatives from Kentown, HJV Precision, Settingington's and Auto-Farm/Novariant will be on hand to demonstrate and answer any of your machin-

ery, software and equipment questions. See how the latest system can help farmers operate with precision and ease.

Those interested will have the opportunity to take a ride in a new John Deere tractor without using the steering wheel or drive a tractor up a preset line, demonstrating the precise pulling of beds insuring continuity with drainage tiles, fertilizer application, etc. As always, representatives and specialists from OMAFRA will be present offering their expertise and perspective.

The event is on Saturday, September 9 beginning at 2 p.m. at Tiessen Acres, the home farm of Martin and Paul Tiessen, 1316 County Road 20 in Leamington,

two miles east of Point Pelee Drive. The day will end with conversation and a barbecue. Admission is free and everyone is welcome. The event is sponsored by the Essex Soil and Crop Improvement Association, Essex Conservation Club, Essex Region Conservation Authority with help and support from various local agri-businesses.

For more information contact Tim Impens, Secretary, Essex Soil and Crop Improvement Association, at 519-791-1334.

Essex County Farm Hiker Tour

The Essex County Federation of Agriculture's 13th Annual Farm Hiker Tour is scheduled for Sunday, September 17 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The tour has seven stops from Amherstburg through Harrow along the shores of Lake Erie.

This is a free, self-guided driving tour of farms and other agri-food operations in Essex County. This year there will be opportunities to see many kinds of horses – from the large, beautiful

STEAM SHOW

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He now says the antique automobile is nearly complete and he plans to sell it if he's offered the right price.

"I'll be sad to let it go," Bald, a 10-year member of the Steam and Gas Engine Club said.

"But I'm just running out of room in my garage and something's got to go."

The event also featured an antique tractor pull, music by the Dave Butler Trio and a parade down Walker Road, which included the Windsor Military Band and fire engines from both the Essex and Amherstburg departments.

Raffles, souvenirs and hand-made crafts were also available from the many vendors set up in the park.

"This event is not just for farmers," Baker said. "There are attractions for families and kids too."



Paul Labbe, 4, operates an antique corn stripper during the 22nd Annual Essex County Steam and Gas Engine Show at Co-An Park in McGregor, Aug. 12. The event featured a variety of events, including an antique tractor pull, live music and a parade down Walker Road.

Clydesdale to the quick, highly trained cutting horse, as well as the many breeds of riding horses. Other stops includes a beef cattle farm, the most southerly mixed fruit farm in Canada, an award win-

ning family owned winery, an agri-business featuring environmentally friendly fuels and products and a conservation farm with demonstrations. Maps, available at most large grocery stores in Windsor and

Essex County, allow you to choose which farm to visit first. Signs along the route will direct you to the next stop.

For more information, please call the ECFA office at 519-776-5159.

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Saturday, August 19th at 10 a.m. (Preview 9 a.m.) at Richard's Auto Sales on the Belle River Road. We will be selling to the bare walls shop equipment, inventory plus any vehicles that have not been sold by auction time. Consigned to this sale will be a large assortment of power and hand tools, tool cabinets, woodworking equipment and miscellaneous related items belonging to a retired mechanic from Windsor. (These items will be sold unreserved following Richard's Equipment and Inventory.) Vehicles will be sold at 12 p.m. **Terms:** Cash and Interac or certified funds. Lunch available.

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Murray McLeod Secretary - Treasurer 839-5351

Attention Farm Families

The Canadian Farm Families Options Program - Application Forms Available

The Options program is in place to help lower income farm families to find ways to improve their income situation.

Farm families with a minimum of \$50,000 in gross farm sales and a total income less than \$25,000 (for families) or \$15,000 (for individuals) are eligible to apply for the program, which includes short term income support.

To qualify, farm families are required to access business assessment and skill development services to help them improve their farm or off farm income potential over the long term.

Application forms are available on the Options website:

www.agr.gc.ca/options

or by calling toll free:

1 866 367-8506

Deadline to apply is
October 31, 2006.