



“Farmers Working for Farmers”

LAMBTON FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE

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The mission of the L.F.A. is to be an advocate for agricultural producers through networking, education and communications with community and governments.

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There are still director positions available on the LFA board. If you are interested, please contact Christina at lambtonfederation@hotmail.com.

2013 DIRECTORS

Front (Left to Right): Christina Hyatt, Brooke Leystra, Sarah Jackson, Melissa Forbes, Brenda Miner

Middle: Steve Murphy, Dave Ferguson, Herman Kremer, Doug Krall, Ron MacDougall

Back: Peter Greydanus, Martien Kusters, Harry Buurma, Bill Milliken, Blair Williamson

Absent: Debbie Gilliard and Jim McLachlan

The Lambton Federation of Agriculture is looking forward to another great year working on behalf of Lambton County Farmers! We would like to welcome Sarah Jackson, Brenda Miner, Melissa Forbes, Blair Williamson, and Herman Kremer to the board and hope they will find their participation interesting and relevant.

LFA ONLINE

Don't forget to follow the Lambton Federation of Agriculture on Facebook and Twitter!

Do we need an E-NEWSLETTER?

The Lambton Federation of Agriculture is examining sending out a newsletter similar to the one Bryan Boyle use to e-mail, as well as sending out occasional notes to farmers when important information or events are occurring that affect our county. This would be a service provided to any interested producers, industry representatives etc. The biggest challenge will be compiling a database of e-mails for those interested.

We would like to hear your thoughts and ideas on the need for this type of county wide communication, as well as suggestions for compiling a database. Please contact: lambtonfederation@hotmail.com

HALL OF FAME NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!

The Lambton Hall of Fame is looking for **new members, individuals interested in serving on the board of directors and nominations for the 2013 year.** This is a noble program that works hard to recognize people, groups; and organizations that have made great achievements in agriculture which have benefited the rural community of Lambton County and beyond.

A lifetime voting membership is \$25 for individuals, and \$100 for a nonvoting business/organization.

If you are interested in becoming a director the volunteer commitment is a two year term with 3-4 meetings a year.

Nominations for this year's Agricultural Hall of Fame are being accepted until **March 31, 2013.**

If you are interested in more information please contact Christina Hyatt the LFA Secretary at 519-864-4224 or lambtonfederation@hotmail.com. Please support this great community project!

FARM SAFETY NIGHT

Tuesday March 26th, 7:30pm at the Wyoming Legion a light lunch is provided.

Protecting your Farm Assets – Lambton Mutual

Ontario One Call – Union Gas

For more information contact: George and Agnes Dickenson 519-344-7858 or perchlane@sympatico.ca

Reminder: The Farm safety day camp for kids will be held again this July more watch out for more information!

OFA CORNER

Ontario Tire Stewardship Fee Increase

Recently we became aware of the significant increases in tire stewardship fees levied on agricultural equipment tires. The fee increases apply to all tires used off-road; agriculture, forestry, mining and construction are among the sectors impacted by these increases. The new fees are set to come into effect April 1, 2013. These fees are intended to fully cover the costs of recycling, including costs of collections and transportation to a recycling facility.

The OFA Board of Directors will meet with Ontario Tire Stewardship during our March Board meeting to learn about the process and why this is being proposed. It is important that this program does not disadvantage Ontario farming.

There were no opportunities for the public, or OFA, to comment on these increases. The OFA was not informed of these changes.

Until **March 31**, agriculture tires carry a \$15.29 stewardship fee, regardless of rime diameter or tire weight. After April 1st, all off-road tires will carry a stewardship fee based on the weight of the tire. Agricultural equipment tires will carry stewardship fees ranging from \$5.88 for tires weighing less than 33 pounds, to \$352.80 for tires weighing between 826 and 1543 pounds

Visit www.ofa.on.ca for more information

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Congratulations to all our 2012 scholarship winners. The Lambton Federation of Agriculture wishes you all the best as you pursue your post secondary education.

2012 Scholarship Winners

Joyce Anderson Memorial Scholarship - Michelle Slaughter
Bill & Dorothy Abraham Scholarship - Eric Shrijver
Donna Stewardson Scholarship - Jennifer Vanden Ouweland
Bell Federation Scholarship - Mike Cornelissen
Lois Wakefield Scholarship - Krista Campbell
The Patrick & Timothy Kerrigan Scholarship - Paul Kerrigan

Congratulations!

We encourage students currently enrolled or entering in post secondary education to check out the scholarships available through the LFA on our website. Applications are due each October and winners are presented at the LFA Annual Meeting in November.