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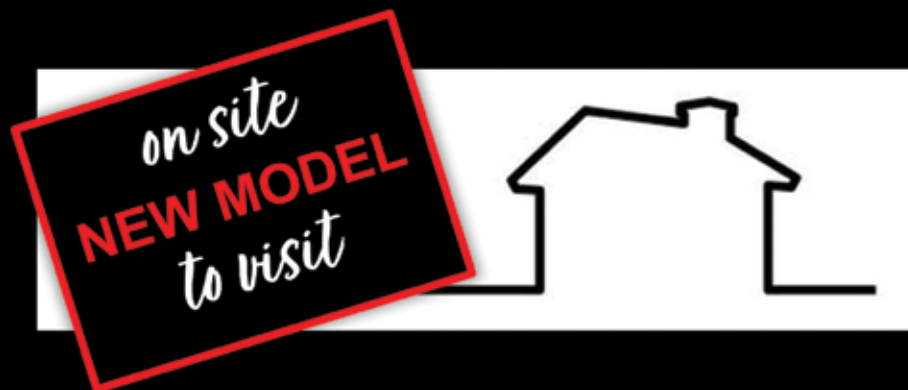
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MESSAGE FROM THE IPM 2023 LOCAL COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS: DAWN VAN KAMPEN & BILL MCCUTCHEON

Welcome to the the 104th edition of the International Plowing Match and Rural Expo (IPM)—held for the very first time in Dufferin County, the *Headwaters of the Grand*.

This year's match in Bowling Green, Ontario is hosted with the support of the Township of Amaranth and the Town of Grand Valley where we have some of the best soils and climate for growing crops and producing livestock in Canada.

Our team has assembled an interesting lineup of demonstrations, events and entertainment for your enjoyment. The always-popular RAM Rodeo Tour is returning to the IPM again this year, along with other perennial favourites like the Canadian Cowgirls Precision Drill Team. The plow fields are always a must-see and our daily entertainment lineup features talented artists, contenders in the IPM International Shearing Competition, 4-H livestock shows, agricultural displays, education, lifestyles, exhibitors, food vendors and more.

To the nine farm families who stepped up offering their farm fields for the match site, we owe a particular thanks. To our sponsors, volunteers, our host municipalities and the Ontario Plowmen's Association ... we truly needed everyone and for that we are

grateful.

For one week in September match attendance could well match or surpass our county's population and while you are here we invite you to take the time to visit our beautiful community. We have the beautiful Mono Cliffs, Island Lake Conservation Area, the Bruce Trail and we're a part of the Niagara Escarpment World Biosphere Reserve. There's the Luther Marsh, Orangeville Theatre, Pickin' in the Park, the Dufferin Farm Tour and three local fairs, in Orangeville, Shelburne & Grand Valley.

As our team was considering a theme for this year's match "*Breathe in Dufferin—Ontario's Heartland*" came to us quite naturally. When you get out of your car in our lovely area you immediately take a breath in. We were inspired—and we hope you are too.

Hosting this event has been a monumental undertaking for our community and we are so proud of our entire team—the enthusiasm and passion to showcase our community has shown through and we can't wait to welcome you.

We're ready to welcome you so please come visit us this September and enjoy all the IPM 2023 and Dufferin County has to offer. We hope to see you all again with future visits and "*Breathe in Dufferin—Ontario's Heartland*".



MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

Warm greetings to everyone taking part in the 2023 International Plowing Match and Rural Expo.

Our agricultural communities are the backbone of Ontario and are critical to our province's prosperity. I have nothing but the greatest respect for Ontario's farmers and everyone working in our agricultural sector. Your hard work and enterprise support thousands of jobs, promote vibrant rural communities, and provide us with good, locally grown food.

This event is a much-loved tradition that brings the community together and showcases the skills of our farmers. Many thanks to the wonderful folks at the Ontario Plowmen's Association for organizing this much-awaited event. Our government is working hard to support the productivity, competitiveness and sustainability of our agri-food sector. We will continue to make strategic investments that position Ontario's agri-food sector for success — now and in the future.

Best wishes for another exciting competition.



Doug Ford, Premier

A stylized, handwritten signature of Doug Ford in black ink.

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A FEW OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF 2023 IPM

MUDMEN

The IPM will be hosting Canada's Celtic Rock Warriors! The Mudmen combine rock, bagpipes, and Celtic influence for an energetic and unique sound that will have you dancing whether you were planning to or not. This fun, hard-hitting, Canadian group has quite the list of events including Special Olympics Opening Ceremonies, 7 Grey Cups, and 3 Briers; the IPM is thrilled to be a multi-time entry to this list.



AMBER MARSHALL

The 2023 International Plowing Match and Rural Expo (IPM) is pleased to welcome back Canadian star of Heartland, Amber Marshall. Amber will be showing off that star power as she co-MCs the Rodeo on Saturday! Amber is known for her excellent work as Amy Fleming in the Canadian classic, 'Heartland,' which saw her win Canada's Screen Star in 2013.

RAM RODEO

The RAM Rodeo is a classic and long-time fan favourite of the IPM. Fans will be holding their breath and jumping with excitement as the



talented compete in events such as barrel-racing, bucking broncos, and the dangerous, yet thrilling, bull riding competitions. And to add even more excitement to this thrilling event, the RAM Rodeo results are counted toward the RAM Rodeo Tour so every lasso, buck, and bronc comes with very high stakes!

TENTED CITY

Tented city has something for everyone, with 100s of vendors and exhibitors that range from local merchants to displays that depict farming past and present visitors will be sure to find things they were searching for and much more. Whether you're looking to learn, enjoy some leisurely viewing, or are interested in seeing what Dufferin County has to offer you'll find it all in Tented City!

CANADIAN COWGIRLS

The 2023 IPM will be once again be hosting the Canadian Cowgirls Rodeo Drill team. This unique group (who hail from Chatham-Kent, Ontario!) does coordinated formations,

precision movement, and dangerous & daring manoeuvres all while on horseback. They are known to dazzle viewers worldwide as they are the only Canadian ever to be invited to the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, CA and have also acted as Honour Guard for His Majesty King Charles III and her Majesty The Queen.



RITCHIE BROS. AUCTIONEERS CHALLENGE

One! ... Five! ... Sold! Catch all that? I am impressed because I didn't. A battle of the word: combining, speed, precision and concentration. Auctioneering is more than just a vocation; auctioneering is an art form. The IPM will be hosting some great auctioneers who will battle for supremacy in the Auctioneers Challenge.

We will see – hear? – auctioneers auctioning live. This will give viewers the opportunity to see just how difficult the world of auctioneering is as well as the vocal precision required to be a successful auctioneer. Come on out and cheer on your party they call their way to supremacy!

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They say variety is the spice of life and if that's the case we have a plethora in the music scene. First, we have the Country Legends, a variety of handpicked impersonators that are not only experts in their chosen artists' music but their wardrobe. Next up we



have a Abba & Night Fever who have who are currently touring together to bring you the sounds and rhythms of Abba and the Bee Gees. And finally, we have the original Eagle tribute Hotel California allowing fans to immerse themselves in the ageless classics of the Eagles.

SHEEP SHEERING COMPETITION

If unique is your form of entertainment, then check out the sheep shearing competition! Competitors will be judged on time, final appearance and the integral 'second cut' where judges note whether a sheep was sheared twice in the same spot which shortens the wool. Come shear on the competitors as they trim their way to glory.

HOST FAMILIES

By Andrew Joseph

The organizers needed land to put on the **International Plowing Match & Rural Expo (IPM)**. Here are a few who kindly offered their land.

PAUL & MARION OVERGAAUW

After emigrating from Holland in 1993, **Paul** and **Marion Overgaaum** started up the **Sevenhills Holsteins Limited** farm. Together with their sons **Dave**, **Kevin**, **Mark**, and their families, the Overgaaums operate a dairy farm and broiler chicken barn.

Although having previously visited the IPM as onlookers, when the opportunity arose this year, they offered up 125 acres for the Tented City and plowing. As Paul Overgaaum said: "It's an honour to contribute and to help promote agriculture in Dufferin County."

STEVE ILLICK

With a long family history in the area, **Steve Illick** offered 120 acres of land for plowing and parking. His **Gilt-Edged Farms** has a 65-cow robotic dairy and 2,200 sows; he grows alfalfa and corn for cow feed.

Providing land for the event was an easy decision for Steve. "I know plenty of neighbours who are helping out at the IPM. And, since the event is part of our community, I wanted to do my part to help make the event work for us all."

RUDI MAZENAUER

The 500-acre **Mazenauer Farm** is owned by **Rudi Mazenauer** and his father, **Joe**, whose mixed farming includes: dairy, poultry, and cash crops.



The farm is providing a 75-acre wheat field underseeded with clover to be used as an RV park.

"We provided our land because a group of neighbours hoping to bring the Plowing Match to Dufferin asked us to," stated Rudi. "We left it up to the organizers as to how our land best fit into their plan." He continued: "We were familiar with the RV park, as we have parents, aunts, uncles, and friends who have enjoyed the adventure of traveling to it and the atmosphere within the Plowing Match RV park."

SCOTT & GRANT BOYS

Owners of 150-acre and 100-acre plots, brothers **Scott** and **Grant Boys** of **Boys Farms** are now retired from their early-wean pig enterprise.

The 100-acre plot of land will be used for the plowing competitions, but should rain make the ground too muddy, Scott Boys said the 150-acre plot is available for plowing and parking. "Along with us wanting to show our community support, for us, this was just a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to participate in the event."



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2023 INTERNATIONAL PLOWING MATCH & RURAL EXPO DETAILS

Date: Tuesday, September 19 to Saturday, September 23, 2023

Hours: 8:30 am to 5 pm daily

Daily Tickets: One ticket is required per day, per person. (For example, one adult attending all five days will need five adult tickets)

Admission:

- Adult (ages 16+) - \$25 (HST incl.)
- Youth (ages 6 - 15) - \$5 (HST incl.)
- Children ages 5 and under - **FREE**

We accept Cash, Debit, Visa and Mastercard at the Gates. All sales final. No refunds. No exchanges. Not for resale.

Daily events run 8:30 am to 5 pm

- No pets allowed in Tented City (service animals allowed)
- No smoking or vaping is permitted in Tented City

Scooters:

All mobility scooters (personal and rented) are permitted at the IPM.

MED-E-OX Mobility in Motion is taking reservations for scooter rentals (for September 19, 20, 21, 22 & 23).

- Reservations are for Full Days and Weekly rentals only (no rentals by the hour).
- All reservations must be paid in advance with a valid credit card.
- See details and the price list at: www.plowingmatch.org.
- To reserve, call 1-800-265-5500 ext. 203 or ext. 208 - between 8 am - 5 pm Monday to Friday - or email: ellamay@medeoxmobilityinmotion.ca or terrie@medeoxmobilityinmotion.ca

Service Animals:

Working service animals are permitted.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO IPM 2023!

Note: Every effort has been made to provide current and up to date information in this guide. The Tented City map, Thank You to sponsors and the exhibitors list are current to August 20th. Additions and changes after that time unfortunately are not included.

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Mel Brouwer
Cookstown-Simcoe Steam Show
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**Allto Construction Services Ltd.,
Orangeville 1B 12**

Alpaca Time Inc., Harriston 4B 19

Amazing Mat, Grand Valley 4B 20

Amigos Distributing, New Dundee 2B 42

Antiques and Historical Displays North 4 & 5

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**Avertex Solutions Final Furrow Lounge
..... South 5**

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Amaranth..... 1A 31-34**

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Wingham 2A 14

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Canadian Armed Forces, Toronto 4B 37

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Winnipeg, MB..... 3A 36

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Sawmills, Oxford Mills 2A 06

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Country Aerial Photography, Kenilworth .. 4B 24

Dairy Farmers of Ontario 3A 02-04

D&D Meats, Alliston 4B 28

De Dell Seeds Inc., Melbourne..... 2A 02

Deker Electric Ltd., Georgetown 4A 33

Dewdad Inc., Scarborough 4B 14

Dodge..... 3A 43-46

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Elmvalle District Lions Club, Elmvalle 4B 12

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Equipment Ontario Inc., Elmira ... 2A 39-46

Facca Fasteners, London 2A 09

**Family Centre, First Aid and
Lost Persons Tent..... 3A 10-11**

Fastform ICF, Orangeville 4A 35

Fellowship of Christian Farmers,
Alexandria 4A 24-25

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Markdale..... 2B 01-02

Gospel Focus, Kirkfield 4A 18-19

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Cambridge..... 4B 35

Grand River Robotics, Fergus..... 2A 01

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Guelph Solar, Guelph 4A 28

Heatmaster, Perth..... 4B 31-33

Holmes Agro, Orangeville 1A 09-10

**Holmes Agro Agricultural Showcase Tent
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Hydro One 3B 01-07

Hydro One Education Centre... 5A-5B 31-41

iLGi Canada, St. Agatha..... 1A 14

Islandview Farm Equipment, Mono 1B 28-30

**JDC Custom Homes - Design/Build,
Melancthon..... 5A 21**

JSC Factory Direct Inc., Barrie..... 4B 11

Kawigga Pet Products, Tottenham 4B 21

L.S. Bilodeau Inc., Saint-Ephrem, QC 2B 08

Lifestyles Tent 5B 25-27

Lil' Country Woodshop Ltd., Alma 4A 17

LongHaul Trailer Sales, Listowel 2B 44-46

Lucan Biddulph Recreation Committee,
Lucan 4B 18

**MacMaster Buick GMC/Orangeville
Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram/Orangeville
Volkswagen, Orangeville..... 3B 44-46**

MAPAgri, Plattsville 1B 17

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Palmerston 2B 27

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Goderich..... 5B 28-29

Multi Shelter Solutions, Palmerston 2B 29-30

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Ontario Flag and Pole, Sutton West 4B 13

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Ontario Landowners Association,
Elmwood..... 2A 04

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Food & Rural Affairs 3B 31-34

Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and
Forestry, Garson 4B 36

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Ontario PC Caucus 3B 36

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Partnership Park 3A 16-20

PilePro, Belwood 4A 38

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Postech Screw Piles, Markdale 4A 23

Premier Equipment Ltd., Elmira North 1

Quality Homes, Kenilworth..... 4A 31-32

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Ancaster..... 4B 23

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..... South 3**

Robert's Farm Equipment, Chesley 1B 01-08

Rogers Communications (Cell Tower) ... South 2

Rural Living Tent 5A 05-11

**Scott Reinhart Trailer Sales Ltd.,
Mulmur..... 2B 31-32**

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Baltimore..... 1A 38-41

Sew Special Embroidery, Belwood..... 5B 30

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Shiva Fashions Inc., Scarborough 4B 15-16

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Speedway Trailers, Cambridge 2A 35-37

Starbright Industry, Listowel 1B 15

Surf & Turf Instant Shelters Inc.,
Stoney Creek 4A 30

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The RAM Truck Corral North 3

The Ten of Tarts, Shelburne..... 3B 40

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Saint-Simon-de-Bagot, QC..... 2A 24

Town of Grand Valley 3A 21-23

Township of Amaranth 3A 21-23

Trillium Ford Lincoln, Shelburne 2A 31-32

Trillium Ford Tailgate Talks..... South 3

Victoria Manufacturing, Proton Station ... 4A 20

Wallenstein Equipment Inc.,
Wallenstein..... 1A 43-46

Weldesign Hardware Inc., Burgesville 2A 12

Whiskey Road Hat Co., Bolton 4B 41

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Amaranth..... 5A 19-20**

WM, Kitchener 3A 37-38

Yogi's Leather Shop, Conn..... 4B 01

Yvon Champoux Inc.,
Notredame du Nord, QC 5A 12-14



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RITCHIE BROS. FARMING FOR THE FUTURE TENT (SOUTH 3)

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Enviro-Farm

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Tire Discounter Group, East Garafraxa

Trillium Ford Tailgate Talks

Trillium Mutual Insurance Company, Listowel

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ARTISAN TENT (5B 08-14)

Belts That Last / Breller Books, Gravenhurst

Creations by Brocs, Erin

Gypsy Rose Naturals & More. Gravenhurst

Heaven Scent, Arthur

Jackie Warmelink Pottery/Silmaril Silver

Weaving, Mulmur/Kenilworth

Kite Weather Shield Skirts, Caledon Village

Lazy Daisy, Gravenhurst

Mel's Belts, Gravenhurst

Northern Fabrication, Durham

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Reiner's Originals, Orillia

Sparkle & Sass Handcrafted, Orangeville

Squirrell Woodworks, Mono

The Jewel Tree, Toronto

Whisky & Wine Rustic Design Co., Dundalk

COMMERCIAL MARKET TENT (SOUTH 4)

Alliston/Orangeville/Hanover Home Hardware

Building Centre, Orangeville

All Star Metals Inc., Listowel

Bob King Distributors, Oakville

Bridlewood Soaps, Orangeville

Canadian Self Care Store Ltd., Brampton

Giddy Yo, Mono

Krown Rust Control, Schomberg

LeafFilter North of Canada Inc., Mississauga

Lifestyle Home Products, Peterborough

Lubecore Central Ontario Inc., Flesherton

Mimosa Springs Alpacas, Hillsburgh

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HOLMES AGRO AGRICULTURAL SHOWCASE TENT (1A 01-08)

Dufferin Federation of Agriculture

HYDRO ONE EDUCATION CENTRE (5A-5B 31-41)

Climate and Energy

Dufferin County Forest

Dufferin County Libraries (Grand Valley, Orangeville, Shelburne)

Dufferin County Waste Department

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Ontario Sheep Farmers

RURAL LIVING TENT (5A 05-11)

Animal Welfare Services - The Ministry of the Solicitor General. Mississauga

Canadian Snowbird Association Inc., Toronto

Dufferin Board of Trade, Mono

Harry Buurma - Free Bibles, Watford

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Interlock Metal Roofing, Mississauga

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ONTARIO PLOWMEN'S ASSOCIATION WELCOME CENTRE (3A 05-09)

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IPM 2025 Local Committee

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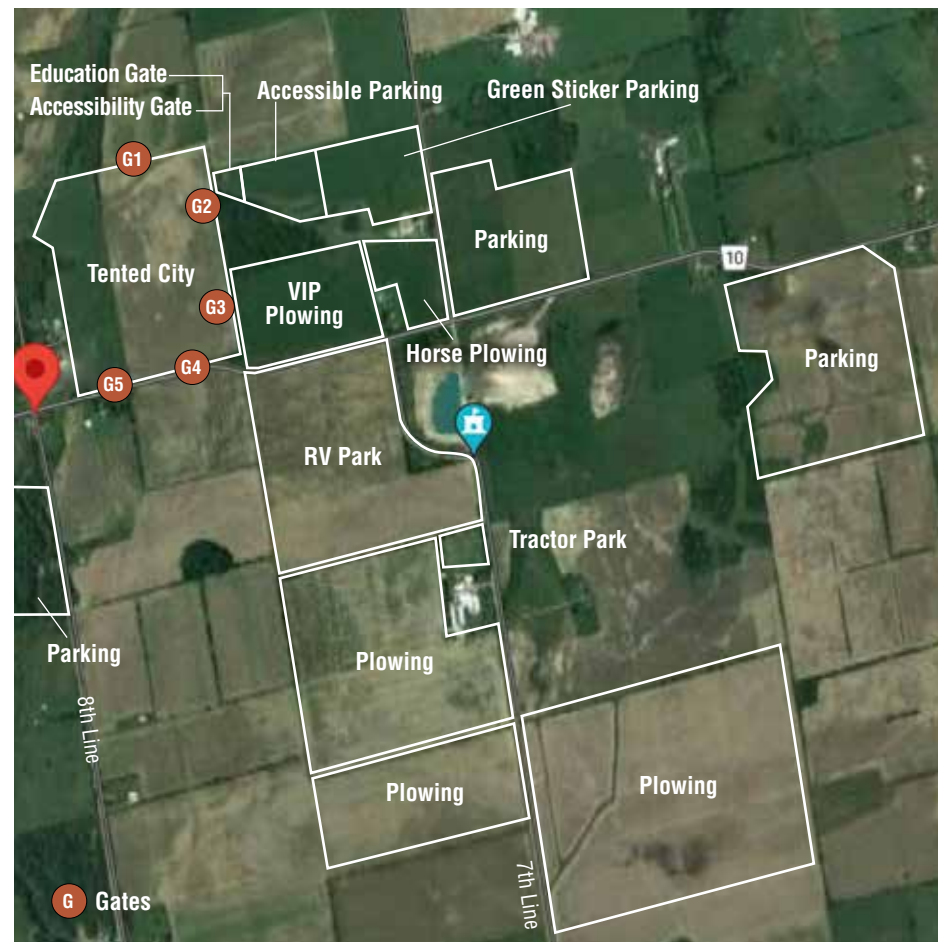
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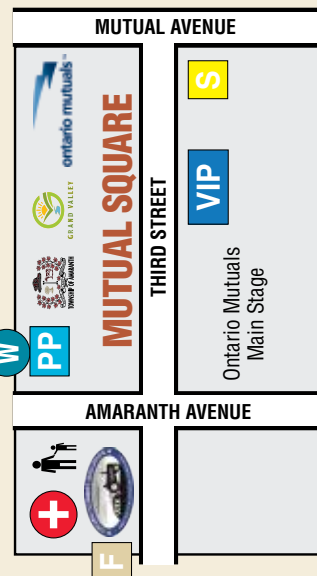


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Bowling Green,
Dufferin County, Ontario

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for any updates



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FALL FAIRS

The 2023 International Plowing Match and Rural Expo (IPM) want to thank our local fair partners for their support and help in organizing and presenting the 2023 IPM. We hope our visitors have enjoyed the Orangeville and Shelburne fairs and encourage you to visit the Grand Valley fair.

Orangeville Fall Fair

September 1

- Fair & Midway officially open 4-11 pm
- Truck & Tractor Pull - 6 pm

September 2

- Fair 10 am & Midway 11 am; closes 11 pm
- Demo Derby 1 - 6 pm

September 3

- Fair 10 am & Midway 11 am; closes 11 pm

- Demo Derby 2 - 6 pm

Website is - Oaseventcentre.ca

Shelburne Fall Fair

September 15

- Ambassador competition

September 16

- Garden Tractor Pulls start at 10 am
- Derby 4 pm

Grand Valley Fall Fair

September 23

- Tractor pull is 4 pm
- Fall fair dance at 9 pm, COUNTY LADS are playing at the dance.

September 24

- Truck pulls at 11 am



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SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

DAILY EVENTS	<p>Saturday, September 16th 7:30 - 10:30 pm RV Park Entertainment Tent Campfire Poets Open to all. Tickets online: https://www.plowingmatch.org/ipm2023/visitor-info/rv-park/campfire-poets/ (advance tickets only) * Free for RV Park guests</p>	<p>IPM Worship Service: Sunday September 17th, 2:00 -3:00 pm in the RV Entertainment Tent. Worship Service with local churches and choir. Bring your own chair.</p>	<p>Join us for the Bruce Power Opening Day Parade through Tented City, at 10:00 am, and the Opening Ceremony on the Main Stage at 11:30.</p> <p>Monday 7:30 am - 10:30 pm RV Park Entertainment Tent Freddy Vette & His Rhinestone Plowboys (RV Park Guests only)</p>
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TIME	The Ontario Mutuels Main Stage (3B 15-20)	The Mutual Avenue Stage (3A 24-30)	AVERTX Solutions – The Final Furrow (South 5) (Lounge – Stage sponsored by GFO)
8:30			
9:00			
9:30			
10:00	Bruce Power Opening Parade and Opening Ceremonies		
10:30			
11:00			
11:30			
12:00			Aaron Muir Band
12:30			
1:00			
1:30	Hotel California Tribute	Sandy Harron	
2:00			
2:30			Bustin Loose
3:00			
3:30	Josh Oatman	Orangeville Show Chorus	
4:00			
4:30			
5:00			
5:30			

SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

DAILY EVENTS	<p>VIP Plowing – 2:30pm PLOWING SCHEDULE Morning – 9:30am Horse Plowing – 10:00am Afternoon – 11:00am Shuttle to Plowing Fields from Gate 3</p>	<p>Daily Demonstrations in the Antiques Area Lifestyles Tent 10:00am- 4:00pm Daily Demonstrations: Wood-carving Expressive-collage/painting The making of tinctures Textile arts (spinning)</p>	<p>HYDRO ONE EDUCATION CENTRE Various hands-on activities and livestock throughout the day. 7:00 -10:00 pm RV Park Entertainment Tent The Aaron Muir Band & Open Mic Show</p>
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TIME	Holmes Agro Agricultural Showcase Tent (1A 01-08)	The Ram Truck Corral (North 3)	Ritchie Bros. – Farming for the Future Tent (South 3)
8:30			
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10:00	IPM 4-H Open Dairy Show		Visit the 1/16 scale Enviro Farm on display daily 8:30am - 5:00 pm
10:30			
11:00	Agricultural Commodities & Field Crop competition Daily Displays		
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1:00			Trillium Ford Tailgate Talks
1:30		Canadian Cowgirls	
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SCHEDULE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

DAILY EVENTS	PLOWING SCHEDULE Morning – 9:30am Horse Plowing – 10:00am Afternoon – 11:00am Shuttle to Plowing Fields from Gate 3	Queen of the Furrow Plowing 2:30pm Daily Demonstrations in the Antiques Area	*Wandering in Tented City 3, 1/2 hour shows Orange Peel Morris
TIME	The Ontario Mutuels Main Stage (3B 15-20)	The Mutual Avenue Stage (3A 24-30)	AVERTEX Solutions – The Final Furrow (South 5) (Lounge – Stage sponsored by GFO)
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SCHEDULE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

DAILY EVENTS	7:00 -10:00pm RV Park Entertainment Tent The Barn Dance (RV Park Guests only)	Lifestyles Tent 10:00am - 4:00pm Daily Demonstrations: Milling of flours Pottery Textile arts The making of tinctures Nature-inspired arts	HYDRO ONE EDUCATION CENTRE Various hands-on activities and livestock throughout the day.
TIME	Holmes Agro Agricultural Showcase Tent (1A 01-08)	The Ram Truck Corral (North 3)	Ritchie Bros. – Farming for the Future Tent (South 3)
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SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2023

DAILY EVENTS	PLOWING SCHEDULE Morning – 9am Horse Plowing – 9am Shuttle to Plowing Fields from Gate 3		Daily Demonstrations in the Antiques Area		7:00 -10:00pm RV Park Entertainment Tent “CASH” Johnny Cash Tribute Show (RV Park Guests only)	
	TIME	The Ontario Mutuals Main Stage (3B 15-20)	The Mutual Avenue Stage (3A 24-30)		AVERTEX Solutions – The Final Furrow (South 5) (Lounge – Stage sponsored by GFO)	
8:30						
9:00						
9:30	Queen of the Furrow Speeches					
10:00			Royal City Ambassadors 10:00 - 10:45			
10:30						
11:00						
11:30			Adam Cousins 11:15 - 1:15			
12:00				Mudmen		
12:30						
1:00						
1:30						
2:00	Mudmen		Royal City Ambassadors 2:00 - 2:45			
2:30				The Brewery Boys		
3:00			Sandy Harron			
3:30						
4:00						
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5:00						
5:30						

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2023

DAILY EVENTS	Celebration of Excellence. Tickets available online.	Lifestyles Tent 10:00am- 4:00pm Daily Demonstrations: Milling of flours Pottery Textile arts (weaving) Spinning	HYDRO ONE EDUCATION CENTRE Various hands-on activities and livestock throughout the day.
TIME	Holmes Agro Agricultural Showcase Tent (1A 01-08)	The Ram Truck Corral (North 3)	Ritchie Bros. – Farming for the Future Tent (South 3)
8:30			
9:00			
9:30	IPM International Sheep Shearing Competition & Shearing demo		
10:00		Canadian Cowgirls	
10:30			
11:00	Ritchie Bros Auctioneers Challenge		Trillium Ford Tailgate Talks
11:30			Visit the 1/16 scale Enviro Farm on display daily 10:00 - 5:00pm
12:00		RAM Rodeo	
12:30			
1:00			
1:30		Canadian Cowgirls	Trillium Ford Tailgate Talks
2:00	Speed Shearing Demo		
2:30		RAM Rodeo	
3:00			
3:30			
4:00			
4:30	Agricultural Commodities & Field Crop competition Daily Displays		
5:00			
5:30			



SCHEDULE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

DAILY EVENTS	PLOWING SCHEDULE Junior Match – 8:30am Shuttle to Plowing Fields from Gate 3 2:00pm Speed Plowing Demo (subject to entries) from Gate 3			
TIME	The Ontario Mutuels Main Stage (3B 15-20)	The Mutual Avenue Stage (3A 24-30)	AVERTEX Solutions – The Final Furrow (South 5) (Lounge – Stage sponsored by GFO)	
8:30				
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9:30		The Rogersons		
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10:30	Riverboat Lite			
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12:00		Tyler Crockatt	Dufferin County Line	
12:30				
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1:30	Off the Rock Tribute			
2:00				
2:30		Grand River Band		
3:00				
3:30				
4:00	Closing Ceremonies			
4:30				
5:00				
5:30				

SCHEDULE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

DAILY EVENTS	Daily Demonstrations in the Antiques Area	Lifestyles Tent 10:00am- 4:00pm Daily Demonstrations: Milling of flours Pottery Textile arts (weaving) Textile arts (spinning)	HYDRO ONE EDUCATION CENTRE Various hands-on activities and livestock throughout the day
TIME	Holmes Agro Agricultural Showcase Tent (1A 01-08)	The Ram Truck Corral (North 3)	Ritchie Bros. – Farming for the Future Tent (South 3)
8:30			
9:00			
9:30	IPM Sheep Shearing Competition		
10:00		Canadian Cowgirls	
10:30			
11:00			Trillium Ford Tailgate Talks
11:30	Agricultural Commodities & Field Crop competition Daily Displays		Visit the 1/16 scale Enviro Farm on display daily 10:00 - 5:00pm
12:00			
12:30		Ram Rodeo (featuring Co-MC Amber Marshall)	
1:00		Canadian Cowgirls	
1:30			
2:00			
2:30		Ram Rodeo (featuring Co-MC Amber Marshall)	Trillium Ford Tailgate Talks
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SPEED PLOWING

By Derek Govier

When most people thinking of plowing they picture a nice country road with open fields and big machines meandering their way across acres of land for hours on end. But what happens when you take that lovely country picture, add in some Swedish ingenuity, and a dash of Tokyo Drift? You get the wild sport of Hastighetsplöjning, or 'Speed Plowing'!

Developed in the south of Sweden in a town called Lalthom, near the border of Denmark, speed plowing is a competition where, you guessed it, speed is absolutely critical. The competition is set up in 75 foot rows where each plower goes up and back 4 times, also known as performing 8 'strikes'. While speed is integral, the plows need to make sure they maintain a minimum 15cm (6inch) deep plow as the whip up and down the lanes. Plows must also remain in good repair

throughout and after the conclusion of the competition; this is important to remember as plowers and their riders can grab some air with the speeds they maintain during the turns and straights!. Competing against multiple opponents in a tournament style setup, the plower with the lowest combined time will win!

If you've ever late for the dance hall Friday but needed to finish the fields before heading out, these folks would be the ones to emulate! You'll see plows drifting around corners, wheels bouncing on and leaving the dirt and quick precision with each strike as each plow races home. So, whether you're a rider yourself who loves to see what the machines can do or you're someone that just loves some excitement and competition, come and watch some Hastighetsplöjning for a taste of swift, Swedish fun!



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WELCOME TO THE BOWLING GREEN WITH THE SUPERIOR NAMING HISTORY.

By Andrew Joseph



Bowling Green is host to the **2023 International Plowing Match & Rural Expo (IPM)**

But Bowling Green? Where did that name come from?

In ye olde days of yore, it must have been refreshing to realize that one could simply confer a name on a town if one could pay the correct price—such as a jug of booze.

If that sounds completely Canadian, welcome to Bowling Green, Ontario, formerly Jellyville, almost Connorville, but not Moleville.

The community of Bowling Green was originally called Jellyville after **William B. Jelly**, born 1835 in what we now know as Brockville.

He lived in Amaranth Township in Dufferin County as a farmer turned businessman, building the **British Canadian Hotel** (where **Caravaggio's Pharmacy** now stands) in 1865; the hotel was colloquially known by locals

as the Jelly Hotel in Shelburne.

Jelly was also the area's first postmaster, with the post office located within the Jelly Hotel. In 1870, the hotel was sold and is now known as **Shelburne House**.

As for Bowling Green? There's indeed a famous town known as such in Kentucky, which was named after Bowling Green Square in New York City in 1798 — a place where American patriots had previously pulled down a statue of Great Britain's King George III and used the statue's lead to make bullets during the American Revolution.

But Ontario's Bowling Green has a much better story.

After the local post office closed in Jellyville — Jelly had passed away in 1900 — there was a discussion between two men about what to call an area south of Shelburne.

While Connorville was suggested by a gentleman named Mr. Connor,



the winning vote was delivered by Mr. Mole, who offered up a jug of whiskey for himself and Mr. Connor if he was granted the right to name the office.

Not suggesting Moletown, Mr. Mole opted for Bowling Green after the “pretty place” he had once visited while down in the US. Or so the story goes.

AND NOW A WORD FROM THE MAYOR OF AMARANTH...

“All I did was ask a question.”

And that’s how the Township of Amaranth got the ball rolling for both themselves and Grand Valley to become the official co-hosts of the 2023 International Plowing Match & Rural Expo (IPM).

When Dufferin County wasn’t sure it wanted to play host, Amaranth Mayor Chris Gerrits asked if the IPM required permission from a county to hold the event.

The answer was “no”, as the Match is actually a private event held on privately-owned farmland by residents who wish to host said event.

While the county ultimately declined to host, two days later Mayor Gerrits and Mayor Steve Soloman of Grand Valley each received a call from Ontario Plowmen’s Association President, Floyd Wills.

While Dufferin County did not want to take on the event owing to the short



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turnaround given to them, Bowling Green and Grand Valley had no such qualms.

"This event has nothing to do with myself — it's all the work of the 600 volunteers," stated Mayor Gerrits, though he noted that Amaranth and Grand Valley are both contributing to the Match's funding and that he himself is working the phones for additional event sponsorship.

"What surprised me the most, is the number of local businesses that have nothing to do with ag that are stepping up to financially support the event with some level of sponsorship," related Mayor Gerrits, adding that Dufferin County has stepped up to provide financial support for the event.



Chris Gerrits

"People are recognizing that this is a good event for the municipality."

He added that the town will have a tent at the Match to highlight the diversity, equity, and inclusion that Amaranth has welcomed since its founding.

"Our visible minority has gone up significantly within the 21st century," noted Mayor Gerrits. Of the 4,000 people in the area, about 1.4% were visible minorities in 2001, but as of 2021, that has increased to 12.13%.

"We're also looking to get the word out about who and where Amaranth is," he acknowledged. "And also why it is a great place to set up business and raise a family."

IPM 2023 COMMITTEE



Left to right: Jack and Henriette Kottelenberg, Alan Howe, Steve Bowles, Karen Webster, Kelly Tovell, Jill Pogson, Charlie Bryan, Billie Jo Berry, Liz Bryan, Gord Gallagher, Courtney VanOmmen
Crouching: Lisa Rice VanDyk, Bill McCutcheon, Dawn Van Kampen
Not pictured: Larry Braiden, Ken Galbraith and Deanna Tuckey



Visit the Dufferin Federation of Agriculture (DFA) and the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) in the Holmes Agro Ag Showcase Tent! Proud to be the host County Federation for the 2023 IPM

Recent DFA Results:

- Nuisance coyote compensation program
- advocated for agricultural land protection
- meetings with all government levels
- trespassing legislation

DFA also supports

- The Dufferin Farm Tour
- Ag Awareness Days • Skilled Trades Day

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY PREMIER & MPP FOR DUFFERIN-CALEDON

As Ontario's Deputy Premier and MPP for Dufferin-Caledon, I am delighted to welcome participants of the 2023 International Plowing Match and Rural Expo to beautiful Dufferin County, from September 19 to 23.

Growing up on a farm and representing a community that has a diverse agricultural economy, I know first-hand the important role Ontario's farmers and the agri-food sector have in our communities. It's wonderful to see the tens of thousands of people who come from across Canada and beyond to celebrate agriculture in our province at the IPM and Rural Expo. As North America's largest event of this kind and



Sylvia Jones

a tradition that many look forward to every year, I know attendees will enjoy this year's festivities, along with the hospitality of Dufferin County.

Thank you to the Ontario Plowmen's Association for hosting the 104th International Plowing Match,

and for supporting agriculture and rural living in Ontario. I know this event is not possible without the countless hours volunteers give to make sure your visit to Dufferin County will be a memorable one. I wish all of this year's participants and organizers a very memorable time in Dufferin County.

A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD & RURAL AFFAIRS

Welcome to the 2023 International Plowing Match and Rural Expo.

On behalf of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, thank you to all the dedicated organizers and volunteers who give their time and energy to put this wonderful event together, year after year.

This annual tradition is one of the highlights of the year in Ontario's agriculture sector. Not only does it provide an opportunity to meet new people, catch up with old friends, and learn something new; but here in one



Lisa M. Thompson

place, we get to showcase some of the agricultural excellence that Ontario has to offer, meet the hardworking people who make our sector and communities so strong, and connect citizens from all over the province.

I hope everyone takes advantage of the opportunity to connect with agriculture and find out why it is such an important part of our province's economy and rural communities.

Here's to another fantastic year at the International Plowing Match and Rural Expo!

A MESSAGE FROM THE ONTARIO PLOWMEN'S ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

For the first time ever, the International Plowing Match and Rural Expo (IPM) is being held in the County of Dufferin. With the strong support of the Municipalities of Amaranth and Grand Valley, over 500 volunteers have enthusiastically joined together to provide an event second to none.

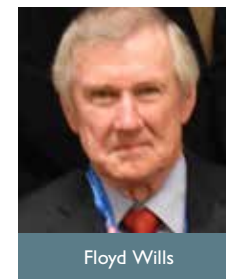
Located near the picturesque headwaters of the Grand River, the hamlet of Bowling Green will experience the arrival of approximately 80,000 visitors from September 19-23. Home to most agricultural commodities, the area is only a short drive from the population centres of Toronto, Kitchener-Waterloo, Guelph and Barrie.

As its name implies, plowing competitions have always been the focus of this event with classes for all ages and plow categories.

Get that "Back to the Farm" feeling by catching a wagon shuttle for a short ride to the plowing fields to admire the skills of the more than 150 competitors.

This year, for the first time, an exciting addition will be a "Speed Plowing" class, breaking all the rules the I.P.M. has spent years trying to enforce.

Back in the tented city, rural living



Floyd Wills

is the focus with exhibits of homecrafts, farm machinery, local entertainment and education. Daily programming will amaze the whole family. The Dodge Ram Rodeo returns on Thursday, Friday and Saturday along with the Canadian Cowgirls precision

drill team each day. Don't miss the Queen of the Furrow competition where 16 talented young women from across Ontario will compete for a chance to represent the IPM and travel the province for a year.

Take time to admire the beautiful quilts displays in the Quilt tent, the sheep-shearing competition, and the many local entertainers at the performance stages.

The Ontario Plowmen's Association Board of Directors offers our sincerest thanks to the Ontario Government, Hydro One, Ontario Mutual Insurance Association and all of our sponsors for their loyal support and to all our faithful exhibitors who make the IPM all it can be.

Thank you also to all of you, our visitors, for taking some time to attend our show.

Welcome, join us and Breathe In Dufferin!



Gord Gallagher photo



A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER OF TOURISM, CULTURE & SPORT

Welcome to the 2023 International Plowing Match and Rural Expo!

This annual event brilliantly celebrates Ontario's rural communities. It showcases their achievements in the field of agriculture and connects residents and visitors with local farmers and growers, fostering an appreciation for the beauty and importance of rural Ontario.

Farming and agriculture are the lifeblood of Ontario's rural communities. They also contribute significantly to our



Neil Lumsden

province's economy, ensure food security and provide for the health and well-being of all Ontarians. Our government is proud of our agricultural producers, who work tirelessly to ensure that Ontarians have access to fresh, nutritious and locally sourced food products.

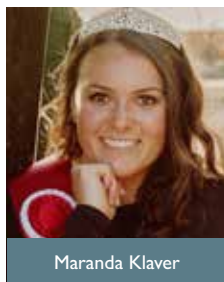
Thank you to the event organizers, sponsors and volunteers for your many efforts to cultivate pride in Ontario's rural communities and showcase all that they have to offer.

MESSAGE FROM THE REIGNING ONTARIO QUEEN OF THE FURROW

Hello and Welcome to Bowling Green to celebrate the 2023 International Plowing Match and Rural Expo (IPM). For the first time in the 104-year history of the IPM this is the first year it will be held in Dufferin County, how exciting is that! I look forward to having you join us in recognition

of the vibrant history and culture of the agriculture industry, both here in Dufferin County and throughout Ontario. The IPM offers an abundance of exhibits, demonstrations and competitions, and visitors will enjoy an immerse experience of this beautiful County of Dufferin.

My name is Maranda Klaver and I am honored to represent the Ontario Plowmen's Association (OPA) as the Ontario Queen of the Furrow. I am equally as proud to represent my home County of Huron. I've had a fantastic reign thus far,



Maranda Klaver

with many opportunities and experiences; this opportunity promoting the IPM and OPA is something I will cherish forever.

This match would not be possible without all the dedication and efforts of a tremendous amount of volunteers, board and committee

members, host landowners, sponsors, and the local community of Bowling Green. During your visit, you'll see for yourself the magnitude of this celebration and tireless efforts required to ensure its success.

I would like to thank all the competitors for participating and making this a memorable event, and good luck to all of you. Enjoy your time at the International Plowing Match! From the plow fields to the tented city, it is sure to be a great experience for all!



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