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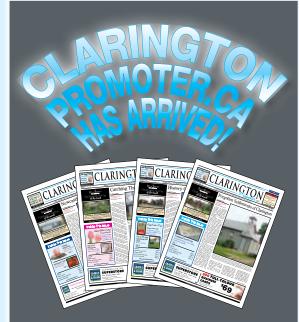
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## Are you going to Orono Fair? by Charles Taws



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www.claringtonmuseums.com It's Fair time again! What better way to end the hot summer and begin the colourful fall season. The Fair is 159 years old this year, but its origins stretch even further back than that. The Clarke Agricultural Society Fair was first organized in 1852, but it wasn't the first Fair in this area. Agricultural Societies were set up to promote modern and safe farming practices. Annual fairs were held to introduce farmers to new products, better seeds and livestock and learn new farming techniques.

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AND ARCHIVES

The first meeting of an Agricultural Society for the County of Durham was held in January 1831 in Port Hope (Hope Township was part of Durham County until 1974). In May of 1839 this society held a meeting to exhibit and judge horses, bulls and cows in Millbrook. The next show took place in October of the same year and it was held closer to home- in Newtonville (then known as the Village of Newton). Although records are scarce it is likely they began holding fall fairs at this time. By 1847 the "usual Autumnal Exhibition of the Durham Agricultural Society was held in the Village of Newcastle."

From these grass roots beginnings the fair we know today emerged. In 1850 an act was passed to establish a Board of Agriculture in Upper Canada. This promoted the formation of agricultural societies and Clarke Township duly organized their Clarke Agricultural Society



You will always find something new and interesting at the Orono Fair. Mark your calendar for September 8-11.

Fair in 1852. It is presumed that all the early fairs were held in Newcastle as no early records have been found to the contrary. From 1873 to 1895 Newcastle and Orono took turns in hosting the fair. Newcastle had the fair in even years and Orono in odd years.

The last quarter of the 19th Century was an uneven time for the fair. When it was in Orono it made money, but it lost money when held in Newcastle. In 1890 the fair directors were forced to borrow money to pay expenses and cover prize money from the fair held in Newcastle. Orono merchant, C.G. Armstrong, commented, "Newcastle beats the world for gall and cheek. They get our township fair every second year, which they have no more right to than Jerusalem has, but they can't get enough people to make expenses and Orono has to make it up." In 1894 the fair in Newcastle was a financial failure and the fair was in serious trouble. The following year the fair moved permanently to Orono. It has been known officially as the "Orono Fair" since 1907. The fair grounds were established in 1875 on land purchased from Robert Ruddock. Further additions in 1935, 1937, 1952 and 1954 have created the fair grounds that we are familiar with today.

Over the years the Orono Fair become very popular and has featured many unique and different things. A fat man's race, mouth organ contest (won by Ross Metcalf in 1944), baby show, horse races, tractor pulls, theatrical plays, rooster races, baseball games and band concerts have all been held at the fair over the years. In 1912 the Seymour Light and Power Company set up an exhibit on the uses of electricity. People were amazed at the toasting, cooking, ironing and heating demonstrations. Whoever did the advertisement for the Fair in 1921 obviously had a sense of humour. It reads: "Come meet your sisters and your cousins and your aunts. Old friends-New friends-No friends. There are 2 great Fairs in Ontario, one at Orono! Where's the other? It don't matter, it's past now anyway. Meet all the best people at Orono."

A big part of the fair is exhibiting animals, plants, flowers, vegetables, various arts and crafts, and baking. This story will show how far

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## Goals Should Drive The Exit Process



by Peter Hobb

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Sometimes decisions are made with respect to the succession of a business without clarifying the goals of the key stakeholders. These decisions can ultimately work against the true goals once they are established.

The starting point for any succession plan is to clearly define the goals of the key stakeholders. If the goals are not clarified at the beginning it is unlikely that the strategies that are implemented will meet the goals and needs of the key stakeholders and the exit plan will not be successful. Clarifying the goals is a difficult task, likely the most difficult in the exit process, but once they are clarified the balance of the process becomes a lot easier.

Business owners, through the experience of running their own businesses, are used to being the decision maker and directing the work of other people. Accordingly, they may believe that they know what the best course of action is when it comes time to prepare for the transfer of business ownership and make decisions based on this belief. Certainly they are a key element in the decision making process, however, doing so in isolation can lead to unexpected consequences. An example might be where the business owner has made up their mind that they are going to transfer the business to one or more children without determining whether this fits with the child's or children's future goals. If it doesn't the child or children will probably not have the same passion for the business and business performance will likely suffer. In the case of the transfer to more than one child, you want to be confident that the children are able to work together for the best interests of the company. This is not an easy transition and they may end up undermining each other's authority once they do take over the business which would be very destructive for the business. It is best to know the goals and interests of the key stakeholders at the start of the process to avoid disappointment and having to alter course later on.

Goals need to be realistic and consistent. The process of clarifying goals will help ensure that goals are realistic, achievable and consistent. One major advantage of the goal setting process is that it makes the key stakeholders think seriously about their personal goals, including the owner(s)' goals in retirement, and the goals for the business. In the first go around it is quite common for goals not to be realistic or consistent. For example, if the business owner needs a pool of cash when they leave the business to support their retirement goals, a sale to employees, if that is another goal, will likely mean this objective will not be achieved. The employees will probably not have the ability to raise the funds required to meet the business owner's cash requirements. If the goals are realistic, achievable and consistent



the success of the exit plan is greatly enhanced.

The process of establishing goals can be a very emotional and trying process. It can bring to the surface old wounds which have been buried too long. The most important rule of the goal setting process is for everyone to be honest. For these reasons you should engage the services of an experienced facilitator to steer you through the process. The goal setting process establishes the framework for moving the exit planning process forward. If the framework is faulty the process will fail and money and energy will be wasted.





## Working Quietly Behind The Scenes



by Jim Abernethy, Editor jim@ClaringtonPromoter.ca

When you pass through the Orono Fair entrance gates this year, take a moment to acknowledge the almost 200 other Volunteers that have been working diligently for months, planning and organizing for 4 days of events.

They change things up just enough to keep your interest yet maintain the agricultural traditions that have

lasted in our community for the last 159 years.

Orono Fair is a celebration of the important role that agriculture has played in the development of our communities and forming the foundation of our heritage, commerce and culture

There are few organizations that can say that they have 159 years of history.

Just think, some of the early settlers of our community attended the Orono Fair long before our nation was born.

Another organization that has a great tradition reaching back to the days of Confederation is the Canadian Postal Service.

The Post Office Department of the Government of Canada was founded in 1867 and was rebranded Canada Post in the late 1960s though it officially remained the Post Office Department until October 16, 1981, when the Canada Post Corporation Act came into force. The act purported to set a new direction for the postal service, aiming to create a more reliable service and to ensure the postal service's financial security and independence. (Wikipedia)

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by Allison Fellowes Strike

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- Before you travel outside your known area, call your credit card issuer to advise where and when you will be. They monitor your spending habits.
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- standing near to see your PIN number. You should change your PIN & passwords often.
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- Limit yourself to a few credit cards. The fewer cards, the easier it is to track them. Moreover, each time you apply for credit, a report is filled under your name, and that can affect your credit rating/history.
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Kendal Vale Farm is a family owned, pasture based, sustainable, local-market farm located in the Ganaraska River Valley just east of Kendal. Proprietors are John Thomson and Cathy Graham.

Until recently their primary focus has been to expand their pasture raised sheep and lamb operations. Now, in addition to producing wonderful woolen blankets and the very best woolen socks, they have added sheep milk cheese to the growing list of local market products which can be purchased at Kendal Vale Farm.

The first product from their Discoverer series of Artisanal cheeses is a semi-soft, washed rind Magie de Ganaraska, sheep milk cheese. Both a brie and a Blue brie type cheese will be available soon.

Currently, KendalVale cheeses are being produced with Ontario sheep milk at the award- winning fromagerie, La Moutonniére at St Helen de Chester in Quebec.

KendalVale's association with La Moutonniére provides assurance that the cheese is produced to the highest federal government standards. KendalVale also distributes the highly acclaimed cheeses from this renowned Quebec producer.

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KendalVale and La Moutonniére cheeses are available at the KendalVale farm located at 4561 Concession Rd. 6 just east of Newtonville Road, call 905-983-6107

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#### **Seniors Tea in Tyrone**

Wed September 14th at 1 pm \$3.00 per person. Light lunch, tea/coffee & entertainment (Organized in Partnership with the Tyrone Community Hall Board)

#### **Social Dance with Clarington Beech Nuts**

Fri. Sept. 16, Oct. 21 & Nov. 18 1 pm - 4 pm.

\$3.50 Members / \$4.60 Non Members. No partner necessary.

### **Euchre Extravaganza**

Dinner, games & prizes! No partner required Sat. Sept. 17 & Nov. 19 at 3 pm. \$10 in advance / \$12 at the door.

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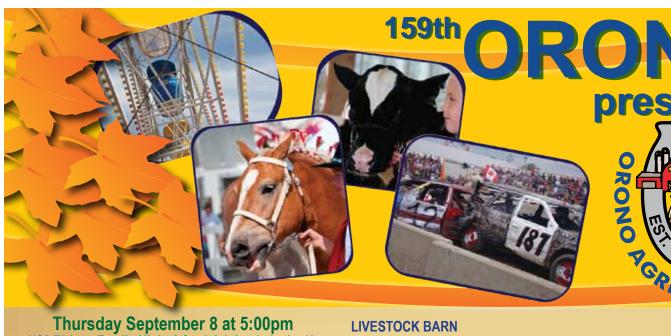
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#### **ARENA**

**Homecraft & School Displays Clarington Art Show/ Competition** 

A Celebration of local art coutesy of the Clarington Visual Arts Centre

#### From Forest to Furrough

The Living History of Clarington Exhibit Courtesy of Clarington Museum & Archives

Women's Institute Tea and Rest Area 6:00

7:30 **Tebworth Brothers** 

8:00 **Ambassador of the Fair Competition** AGRICULTURAL BUILDING

**Field Crop Exhibits** Fruit & Vegetable Exhibits **Maple Syrup Exhibits** 

**4-H Exhibits** 

**Cooking Demonstrations Country General store** 

**Scarecrow Display and Competition** 

#### **GRANDSTAND**

6.00 Official Opening & Unveiling of the Official **Framed Fairbook Cover Artwork** 

\*\*\*NEW\*\*\* DEMO CROSS 6:30

#### **GROUNDS**

All Day Charlie's Pride Ponies **Shingle Cutter Demonstration** 

**ATV/Lawn Tractor Pull** 

#### LIVESTOCK BARN

7:00 **Durham County Holstein Show** 

#### Friday September 9 at 9:00 a.m.

\*\*\* Pay one price at the Midway \*\*\*

#### **ARENA**

**Homecraft & School Displays Clarington Art Show/ Competition** 

From Forest to Furrough

Women's Institute Tea and Rest Area 11:00

6:00 Prize Cake & Pie Auction,

**Auction of the Official Framed Fairbook Artwork** 

7:30 **Fiddle Contest** 

#### **AGRICULTURAL BUILDING**

All Day 4-H Exhibits

Maple Syrup Exhibits **Field Crop Exhibits** 

Fruit & Vegetable Exhibits

**Cooking Demonstrations Country General Store** 

**Scarecrow Display and Competition Kids Cooking Demonstrations** 

#### **GRANDSTAND**

**Elementary School Parade Arrives** 11:30

**Orono Fair Idol Competition** 5:30

Central Canadian Heavy & Light Horse Pull 7:30

11:00 4-H Dairy Club Day

1:00 **Guided Tours of the Poultry Barn** 

7:00 4-H Lamb Show

**Lamb Auction** 7:30

#### **GROUNDS**

#### All Day Charlie's Pride Ponies

**Shingle Cutter Demonstration** Ken Jen Petting Zoo

9:30 **Elementary School Ag Education Activities** 

**The Ginn Sisters- Entertainment Tent** 8:00 **Fred Eaglesmith- Entertainment Tent** 8:30

#### Saturday September 10 at 9:00 a.m.

\*\* Pay one price at the Midway \*\*

#### **ARENA**

All day Homecraft & School Displays Clarington Art Show/ Competition From Forest to Furrough

Women's Institute Tea and Rest Area

12:00 **Jungle Cat World** 1:00 **Dixie Land Band** 

**Ganaraska Country Cloggers** 2:00

3.00 Jungle Cat World

**Angie Austin and Friends** 4:00

**Hard Tymes** 5:00

#### **AGRICULTURAL BUILDING**

All Day 4-H Exhibits

Maple Syrup Exhibits Field Crop Exhibits

Fruit & Vegetable Exhibits **Ag Education Activities** 

**Cooking Demonstration Country General Store** 

**Scarecrow Display and Competition** 

#### **LIVESTOCK BARNS**

All Day 4-H Poultry Show and guided tours **Junior Beef Cattle Show** 11:00

12:00 **Beef Cattle Show - All Breeds** 

**HORSE RING** 

9:30 **Light, Heavy & Morgan Horse Show GRANDSTAND** 

10:00 **Great War Fighter Demonstration** - Flying over Orono

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#### **GROUNDS**

All Day Charlie's Pride Ponies **Shingle Cutter Demonstration** Ken Jen Petting Zoo

1:00 Jungle Jack Children's Entertainer

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some people would go to win a prize. "Some years ago a farmer of the district who had an unusually fine crop of roots saw a neighbour with a put on by the Clarke Agricultural Society, but in 1932 the West Durham Agricultural Society, who put the fair on in Bowmanville, disbanded but put their support with the Clarke group. At a joint

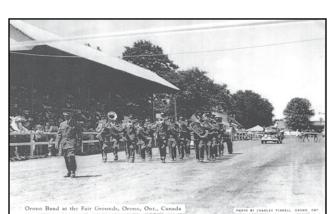


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lighted lantern going carefully up and down his rows, occasionally stopping to pull one out. At the fair, the following day, the neighbour, who had taken second prize, said to the farmer, 'Well, you beat me." "Yes" replied the farmer, 'but I had the advantage of you, I gathered mine by daylight, while you made your selection at night."

The Agricultural Society that runs the fair has seen some changes over the years The original fair was meeting of directors held on Jan. 16th 1932 the name was changed to the "Durham Central Agricultural Society." In 2011 the name changed again- this time to the "Orono Agricultural Society." This not only reflects Orono's pre-eminent involvement with the fair but avoids confusion with another fair held in Durham, Ontario (located south of Owen Sound).

Much of the information used in this article is gleaned



The Orono Fair parade has always been a tradition.



Up until the mid 1990's horse racing was an important event at the Orono Fair

from the book "Out of the Mists: A History of Clarke Township" by Helen Schmid and Sid Rutherford. If you are interested in the history of Orono or Clarke Township then this is the best book you can buy! Pick your copy up at the Fair. They are available at the Country General Store in the Agricultural Building. If you have a

question about local history or are doing family research call Clarington Museums at 905-623-2734 or contact the archivist, Charles Taws, at claringtonmuseums.archives@rogers.com.

This year the Fair begins on Thursday September 8th at 5:00pm and closes on Sunday September 11th. See you at the Fair!



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by Cathy Abernethy HOME PROMOTER

**CONTRIBUTOR** 

This is one of my favourite fall dessert recipes. It is easy and everyone always seems to love it! The darker plums seem to work a lot better in this recipe. We certainly have had a great growing season this year. Enjoy!!

#### Plum Platz With Maple Cream

Platz is a Mennonite recipe- a tender coffee cake topped with seasonal fruit and finished with a crumb topping. The maple sour cream makes a perfect way to finish off this dessert. You could also serve cake with vanilla ice cream.

#### Fruit Topping:

4 cups sliced, pitted blue or purple plums (you don't need to peel plums) 1/3 cup maple syrup

Crumb Topping: *Maple Cream:* 1-1/2 cups all purpose flour 1/4 cup brown sugar ½ cup sour cream 2 tsps. baking powder ½ cup all-purpose flour 2-3 Tbsp. maple syprup ½ cup sugar 2-3 Tbsp. butter ½ cup butter

#### Preparation

½ cup milk

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease an 8x8 inch or 7x11 inch baking pan.

To make fruit topping, combine sliced plums with 1/3 cup maple syrup.

For cake, in medium bowl, mix together flour, baking powder and sugar. Cut ½ cup butter into cubes; cut into flour mixture with pastry blender or fork. Stir in milk. Pat batter into greased pan. Spoon fruit over batter.

To make crumb topping, mix brown sugar and flour in a small bowl. Cut in butter until mixture is crumbly. Sprinkle crumb topping over fruit. Bake for 40-50 minutes, until golden brown.

Meanwhile, make maple cream. In a small bowl, add maple syrup to sour cream. Whisk together, refrigerate, covered until ready to serve.

Serve cake warm or at room temperature. Cut into squares and top with a spoonful of maple cream. Makes 8-12 servings.

## Clarington Farmers' Market

Nestled in the centre of the Foster Creek Subdivision in Newcastle Village is another one of Clarington's "gems".

A visit to the Clarington Farmers' Market on a Sunday morning is a real treat.

Now in their seventh year, the market; operating from the parking lot of Newcastle Memorial Arena provides Clarington residents and visitors a unique, abundance of local fresh produce and specialty foods.

With the glorious chimes of St George's Anglican Church ringing in the background, the market opens at 10: 00 AM and remains open until 2:00 P.M. Begin your day with a delicious Peameal Bacon-On-A-Bun or a fresh Lobster Roll, then visit the produce fresh stalls of the market vendors.

Along with a multitude of garden goodness, the Clarington Farmers' Market provides shoppers an exceptional opportunity to pur-



chase Maritime Lobster and Seafood, local beef products, fresh baked specialty foods, honey, maple syrup, artisan breads and rolls.

Also, unique to this market is the Watkins Home Care Booth and Shirley Moore's West Indian style baked goods and spicy treats. An excellent selection of apples from Newcastle and delicious jams - jellies and pastries are yours to discover.

Dog and cat treats and a great selection of wild bird seed for your backyard feeders makes visiting this market a most pleasant weekly experience. Fido is welcome - clean washrooms are available in the arena and there is lots of parking.

The Clarington Farmer's Market – another venue that make our community unique, authentic and worth exploring.







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## Apple season is here in Durham



by Tom Coleman **DURHAM FARM FRESH** www.durhamfarmfresh.ca

The kids are heading back to school and the air is getting cooler. That can only mean one thing - it's the tastiest time of the year! **Durham Farm Fresh farmers** are working hard to harvest their fall crops, which means plenty of fresh, local food options for you and your family.

Beans, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, corn, cauliflower, eggplant, onions, peppers, raspberries and squash are just some of



the crops being harvested and tasting their best during the month of September.

Of course, we can't forget everyone's favourite: apples! Here in Clarington, we have rich land that produces some of the tastiest apples around. Apples are an easy and nutritious on-the-go snack for you and your family. After all, an apple a day

keeps the doctor away.

There are endless ways to enjoy apples, from pies and crisps to cider and even wine. The Algoma Orchards Gourmet Market in Newcastle is a great place to stop by to taste every form of apple!

Apple picking can make for a great family outing on a crisp fall day. Stop by Archibald Orchard and Winery in Bowmanville and fill a bag this season - you will truly taste the local difference. While you're there, I encourage you to taste and pick up a bottle of Archibald Estate Wine.

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by Tim Tufts, Chairperson

#### LIGHT HARNESS, HORSE COMMITTEE

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This year, the Thursday night admission is 2 for 1 and all midway rides are discounted. Friday evening Fred Eaglesmith, one of Canada's best country singing stars will entertain. Saturday morning there will be a fly over of WW2 fighter planes. Later that day the big tractor

pullers arrive to astound you with the power they can generate Be sure to wear your hearing protection!! . Sunday wraps up with the demolition derby.

On top of all this excitement there are horses, cattle, poultry, one of the largest midways

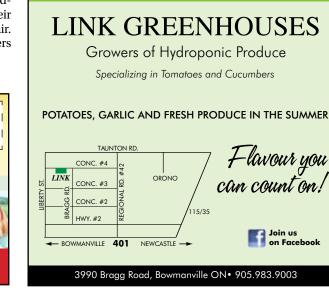
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Parking is free. Come on out to Orono for one last fling before we get back to real life.

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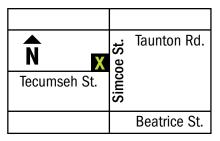
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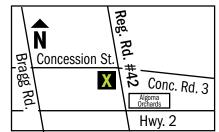




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