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2010 – 2011 Ontario Queen of the Furrow Crowning Banquet

*Thursday, September 23rd, 2010
St. Thomas Flight Centre
Social: 6:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm*



Queen of the Furrow
50th ANNIVERSARY

Message from the current 2009 - 2010 Ontario Queen of the Furrow – Melissa Sparling

Welcome to the 2010 Ontario Queen of the Furrow Banquet! It is an honour for me to be part of this event and celebrate the talent of these wonderful young women who have worked hard this past year promoting their local plowmen's association.

The Queen of the Furrow Banquet focuses on wonderful young rural women who have dedicated their time to their plowing associations. These women have had the opportunity to promote their local plowmen's association, network with other young women, and communicate the truth of agriculture. This year marks 50 years of the Queen of the Furrow Program. I could not be more proud to be involved in a program that has been cultivating young women into leaders for the past 50 years. The Queen of the Furrow Program gives young women the opportunity to be leaders in the industry and learn about themselves. This Program is a fabulous program that I want to see continue for the next 50 years.

This year I have had the opportunity to meet and network with tons of people. Travelling all over Ontario has allowed me to meet many wonderful people who always welcomed me with a warm smile and open arms! The generosity and sincerity of the people involved in this organization is undeniable. It doesn't matter what part of the province you travel to - plowpeople are all thankful to have you there and ready to chat about agriculture, the weather and plowing! These fine men and women have dedicated their life to cultivating the land. This is not just another job to them, it is a hobby, a sense of community and a way to get out and have fun.

Thank you for allowing me to be part of 50 years of Queen of the Furrow, it is a fantastic milestone that everyone should be proud of. Elgin County had the first Queen of the Furrow, Lynda Prong. It is a huge honour to celebrate this achievement in Elgin County. I have to thank the Ontario Plowmen's Association for their support and words of encouragement throughout the year. The Elgin County International Plowing Match Committee is the best bunch I could have asked for - not only were they amazing to work with but they were a ton of fun. Both of these groups have been instrumental in my year as Queen of the Furrow; they have been fantastic to work with and I appreciate everything they have done for me. I would like to thank my family, my friends and the Huron County Plowmen for their support and encouragement over the year! Thank you for believing in me and always supporting me. Good luck to all the Queens competing this evening and know that anyone of them will do a fine job in the coming year. Thank you once again for your support of the program and enjoy your evening!

Melissa Sparling, 2009 - 2010 Ontario Queen of the Furrow

Ontario Queen of the Furrow Crowning Banquet

Introduction of Judges.....Mel Switzer

Presentations:

Top Plow Queen and Runners Up.....Marie Chambers

Miss FriendshipDiane Brown, Queen Mom

Queen Finalists.....Vanessa Scott

Impromptu Speeches by Queen Contestant Finalists

Presentations

Toast to the QueensMelissa Sparling

Remarks from the 2009 – 2010 Queen Melissa Sparling

Presentation to Melissa Sparling

OPA Queen Co-ChairMel Switzer

IPM Queen of the Furrow Chair.....Kathy Minnema

Crowning of the 2010 – 2011 Queen of the Furrow

Presentation of CarRalph Millman

Presentation of Spencer Wilson TrophyRalph Millman

Remarks from the 2010 – 2011 Queen of the Furrow

Closing Remarks.....Dan McKillop

50 Years of Ontario Queens of the Furrow

1960 - 61	Lynda Prong	Elgin
1961 - 62	Barbara Mason	Peel
1962 - 63	Barbara Cunnington	Peel
1963 - 64	Elizabeth Barker	York
1964 - 65	Shaaryn Wylie	Victoria
1965 - 66	Verna Thompson	Halton
1966 - 67	Amy Stewart	Huron
1967 - 68	Irene Lawrence	Peel
1969 - 70	Eva Young	Haldimand
1970 - 71	Mary Dolson	Peel
1971 - 72	Janice Fox	Haldimand
1972 - 73	Linda Shouldice	Grey
1973 - 74	Sheila Armstrong	Perth
1974 - 75	Arlene Wilson	Peel
1975 - 76	Dawn Brunton	Bruce
1976 - 77	Barbara Taylor	Peel
1977 - 78	Lynne Stewart	Halton
1978 - 79	Laurie Frame	Brant
1979 - 80	Peggy Kniesz	Perth
1980 - 81	Marie Thomas	South Simcoe
1981 - 82	Yvonne Pallister	Grey
1982 - 83	Sharon Salm	Waterloo
1983 - 84	Lori-Ann Shibish	South Simcoe
1984 - 85	Lynne Dodds	Huron
1985 - 86	Christine Gee	Oxford
1986 - 87	Lori Hamilton	Hastings
1987 - 88	Jackie Bultje	Wellington
1988 - 89	Jill Patterson	Ottawa Carleton
1989 - 90	Karen Sayles	Brant
1990 - 91	Trina Code	Lanark
1991 - 92	Melissa Parney	Kent
1992 - 93	Tammy Thompson	Bruce
1993 - 94	Mary-Lou Fletcher	Wellington
1994 - 95	Kristy McCormack	South Simcoe
1995 - 96	Amy Dickieson	Wellington
1996 - 97	Pam Smelski	Perth
1997 - 98	Cheryl Hammell	Bruce
1998 - 99	Andrea Wills	Middlesex
1999 - 00	Katie Dickieson	Wellington
2000 - 01	Amy Holmes	Perth
2001 - 02	Melanie Babcock	Frontenac
2002 - 03	Stephanie Vanden Berg	York
2003 - 04	Darlene Downey	Peel-Dufferin
2004 - 05	Abbie Brander	Peel-Dufferin
2005 - 06	Jennifer Christie	Bruce
2006 - 07	Vanessa Klages	Bruce
2007 - 08	Katie Cheesmond	Wellington
2008 - 09	Jennifer Megens	Durham Region
2009 - 10	Melissa Sparling	Huron

2010 - 2011 Queen of the Furrow contestants

Jennifer Charlton	Brant Six Nations
Tammy Fischer	Bruce County * <i>Queen</i>
Amanda Laurett	Durham Region
Amber Reid.....	Elgin County
Amanda Moore.....	Essex County
Linay Repath	Frontenac Wolfe Island
Hayleigh Koggel.....	Glengarry
Amy McKinley	Grenville
Charlotte Curley.....	Grey (Keppel-Sarawack) *
Justine Lennox	Grey (Normanby)
Dana Bell	Grey (North) *
Emily McIntee.....	Haldimand
Samantha Bawden-Miller	Haldimand (Oneida)
Natalie Doombos	Hastings County
Stacey Reinsma	Huron County
Eveliene Kusters	Lambton County
Heather Ferrier	Lanark County
Mackenna Roth	Middlesex County * <i>2nd run rep</i>
Bailey Gould.....	Northumberland
Avaleigh Eastman.....	Ottawa-Carleton
Alex Chesney	Oxford (Blenheim) County
Heida Lamb	Oxford County
Meghan Van Kampen.....	Peel-Dufferin
Brittany Gaul.....	Perth County * <i>2nd run rep</i>
Ashley Calder.....	Peterborough
Bridge Graham.....	Renfrew County
Janessa Wardlaw.....	Simcoe
Kelsey Smith	Stormont
Stephanie Lachapelle	Temiskaming
Katherine Clyne	Wellington
Sarah Seroski.....	Wentworth (South)

Ontario Queen of the Furrow Crowning Banquet

Meet & Greet Cocktails Music by "Benny's Junction"

Dinner Seating (6:45)

A buffet with something for everyone..... Paul's Catering, Belmont
(Belmont Town Restaurant and Catering)

Pre-Dinner

Welcome from Master of Ceremonies..... Dan McKillop
Piper..... John R. Johnston

Entrance of the Past Queens

Entrance of Queen of the Furrow Contestants

O Canada Sam Taylor
Toast to the Queen & Country..... Dan McKillop
Grace Tammy Sparling

Dinner

Music by the Noorloos Family

Welcome and Greetings

IPM 2010 Chair Duncan McPhail
OPA 2010 Chair..... Ralph Millman

Remarks from our Sponsor, THE CO-OPERATORS

Recognition of Special Guests:

Mayors of the Tented City..... Jason White & Ray Reid
OPA Executive Assistant..... Cathy Lasby
Federal MP Joe Preston
Warden of Elgin County Bonnie Vowel
Mayor of St. Thomas..... Cliff Barwick
IPM Queen of the Furrow Chair..... Kathy Minnema
OPA Queen of the Furrow Committee Marie Chambers

Introduction and Recognition of the Past Queens

50th Anniversary Committee..... Melissa Sparling

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Louie Lackey

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Scotty's Pizzeria, Springfield
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DenHarder, McNames Button LLP
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Arkess Rebekah Lodge, Springfield
Steve Peters MPP
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Ryan & Debs No Frills, Aylmer
Rokeyby Orchards
Dan Patterson Conservation
Nancy Millman

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Malahide # 3 (Springfield) Fire Department
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Duff Largie Youth Group
Dan McKillop
Sam Taylor
Kathy Minnema
Rein & Helen Van Brenk
Diane Brown
Ivan Lackey & Bruce McCann



Ontario Queen of the Furrow Crowning Banquet

The Ontario Queen of the Furrow is chosen based on her performance in the following categories:

Plowing Ability	100 points
Interview	250 points
Public Speaking.....	250 points
Overall Demeanour	200 points
Total	800 points

The Queen of the Furrow Committee wishes to express a sincere thank you to our Judges:

Grace Campbell.....	Elgin County
Lois Robertson	Perth County
Bill Horvath.....	Haldimand

2010 Queen of the Furrow Committee

Chair.....	Kathy Minnema
Secretary	Rita Hermsen
Queen Mom	Diane Brown
Helen Van Brenk	Louie Lackey
Erica Ungar	Deb Shackelton
Jeanette Jenkins	Rosemary Kennedy

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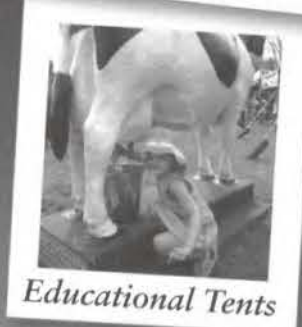
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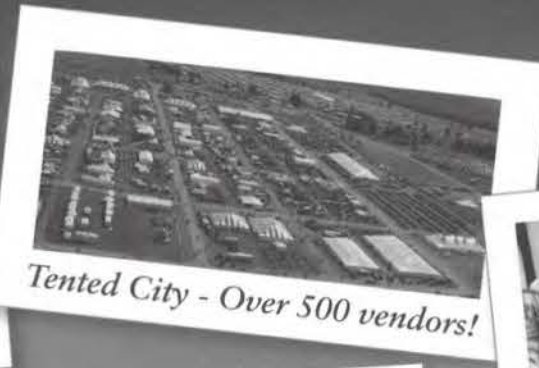
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Educational Tents



Antiques & Historical Display
 Demonstrations, displays, & children's area



Tented City - Over 500 vendors!



Quilt Displays



Plowing
 Enjoy past and present plowing demonstrations



Live Entertainment
 All day long on 6 stages!



HIGH VALLEY
 Community Worship
 Service & Concert
 Sept. 19 • Held at Faith Church
 Service: 3:00pm • Concert: 7:30pm



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Sept 18th 2010.
Media day Sept 21st 2010 Kick off for
the Plowing match & a meal.

DUNCAN M'PHAIL.



Joan Winfield

melissa Sparling.

NORMA M'PHAIL



Helen VAN BRENK

Joan Winfield

Melissa Sparling NORMA M'PHAIL

DOREEN Wilson





ELGIN - ST. THOMAS 2010
INTERNATIONAL PLOWING MATCH

September 21-25, 2010

Dear Potential 2010 International Plowing Match Partner:

The International Plowing Match (IPM) will be held in Elgin County from September 21 to 25, 2010. This 5 day outdoor event will spread over hundreds of acres of lands along Highway # 3 in the proximity of the St. Thomas municipal airport. This event presents an opportunity to showcase Elgin County's business, manufacturing, tourism, and agriculture industries and of course our wonderful hospitality. It is anticipated that 100,000 visitors will pass through the gates to experience the IPM. The tented city will have approximately 600 vendors presenting everything from farm machinery, alternative energies, local artisans and innovative methods of farming.

There will be exhibits on education, promotion of rural living plus demonstrations and exhibits on farming in the past. The IPM will draw world class competitors to the plowing competitions and over 12,000 school children to the agricultural education events designed just for them. Many visitors to this event and Elgin County will take up residence for the week in the 2010 RV park designed with an excess of 2000 sites, adjacent to the match site.

The success of the IPM will be due to the many generous financial partners and the estimated 2000 volunteers that will be required to stage the event. As volunteers, we ask that you consider being a part of this great event. Your support may come in many different ways. Although financial assistance is a priority, in-kind donations of goods,

The 2010 Queen of the Furrow Competition will also mark a very special milestone – its 50th anniversary. It was at the 1960 International Plowing Match, also held in Elgin County, where Linda Prong of the Sparta area took the first Queen of the Furrow title. We are once again looking forward to exhibiting the outstanding talents of our competitors as we celebrate agriculture in Ontario and the 50th anniversary of the Queen of the Furrow.

We are excited to showcase Elgin County for our contestants and are asking for any financial support that your organization can contribute to the Queen of the Furrow Competition. All of our sponsors will receive exposure to the thousands of International Plowing Match attendees through acknowledgement in our Queen of the Furrow Program, and the opportunity to connect with the competitors.

We look forward to working with you to make the 2010 Queen of the Furrow Competition memorable and magical. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. X

Warmest Regards,

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INTERNATIONAL PLOWING MATCH
"KICK-OFF"

PROGRAM

Call To Order, *MC Al Hughson*

Procession of Landowners, *Piper Noreen Lanning*

Welcome, *Chairman Duncan McPhail*

Grace, *Reverend Diane McPhearson*

Dinner

Slide Presentation, *Lands Chairman Steve Speller*

Appreciation of Catering, *Vice-Chair Donna Lunn*

MP Joe Preston

MPP Steve Peters

County of Elgin, *Mayor Lynn Acres for Warden Bonnie Vowel*

City of St. Thomas, *Alderman Terry Shackleton for Mayor Cliff Barwich*

Tom Marks, Mayor of Central Elgin

Recognition of Dignitaries, *Vice-Chair Rien VanBrenk*

OPA, Cathy Lasby, Executive Director

Introduction of Landowners, *Vice-Chairman Bill Walters*

Presentation, Chain of Office

Ontario Plowmen's Association, President Ralph Millman

Chairman Duncan McPhail

Response from Mayor

Closing Remarks,

Chairman Duncan McPhail



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INTERNATIONAL PLOWING MATCH: More than 100,000 visitors expected in the area for next week's rural expo

Up for the challenge as countdown begins

KYLE REA
Times-Journal

With less than a week to go before the Elgin-St. Thomas 2010 International Plowing Match, organizers are entering the home stretch and are about to see the rewards reaped from three years of dedicated labour.

Last week, local media outlets got a sneak peek at the plowing match site, just off Highway 3 east of St. Thomas, which is slowly taking shape in readiness for the Sept. 21-25 event.

The plowing match will be housed

on 800 acres of land, much of it contributed by 15 local farmers, and is expected to draw more than 100,000 visitors to the area.

Inside a spacious white tent on the grounds of the tented city, the smell of hay, wood chips and

dried alfalfa was present as organizers explained what the match is all about, and what visitors can look forward.

"We're getting close and we've got a lot to do yet, but we're up to the challenge and we've got great

people to make it happen," said chairman Duncan McPhail.

"It's much the same as a wedding. We're at the point where we want to make sure the bride shows up and walks down the aisle. In the world of plowing matches,

that means you just hope for nice weather."

McPhail noted he's praying for good weather, but there's a plus side if there are wet conditions.

"It frees up the farmers (during see INTERNATIONAL | Page 15



Sept 9th 2010

Media Day.

Rien VAN BRENIK

DUNCAN M'PHAIL





Kaysee Kalita.



I "ELLY" MASCOT for Plowing Match and
2 "ELGIE"

2010
INTERNATIONAL PLOWING MATCH
Grand Opening Luncheon
Tuesday, September 21, 2010

Chefs Jonathan & Cynthia Collins Present a

TASTE OF ELGIN COUNTY

- Lunch prepared by Lakeview Gardens of Eagle
- Wine provided by Quai du Vin Winery of Sparta & Investors Group - Jerry Galbraith, C.F.P., Dutton

HARVEST MENU

Artisan Bread Assortment with Whipped Butter
Roasted Butternut Squash Soup with Fresh Ground Toasted Coriander
Three Cabbage Coleslaw with Celery and Caraway Seed
Oven Roasted Buttermilk Chicken
Garlic Stuffed, Herb & Spice Crusted AAA Roast Beef with Beef Gravy
Roasted New Potatoes with Rosemary and Thyme
Green & Yellow Beans, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Carrots and Asparagus
with Momay Sauce

DESSERT

Spiced Golden Delicious Apple Crumble with Walnuts
and French Vanilla Ice Cream

