



# IN THE NEWS

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## Worth 1000 words or more!

The cast took a tour of the Chester Playhouse Theatre on February 12. For many of them it was their first time "on stage".

## Bonny Lea Farm Takes the Stage with *Something's in the Air*

Bonny Lea Farm, The Chester Playhouse and the Department of Culture, Communities & Heritage present, *Something's in the Air*—A comedy of errors artfully written and directed by Cynthia Myers, featuring almost 30 actors from Bonny Lea Farm.

Participants have been rehearsing for months to bring this play to the stage of the Chester Playhouse for two shows, March 13 and 14.

Set in the studios of three popular radio stations, it quickly becomes clear that EVERYONE HAS DREAMS...

This play showcases the many abilities of people living with disabilities.

The participants have been involved in acting, costume design and building pieces of the set.

We invite you to join us for an evening you will not soon forget!

Many people have asked us why we are not charging for tickets. It is free as a requirement of the Building Vibrant Communities grant.

To reserve your FREE tickets please visit [www.bonnyleafarm.ca](http://www.bonnyleafarm.ca)

or call Liz at 902-275-5622 ext 241.

"My favourite thing about being in the play has been getting out of my comfort zone and trying something new."

- Laura



## Set and prop building

Participants have been busy building parts of the set. Ben is shown here sanding an "On Air" box that will be used as part of the set on the stage.

## 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS\*

Something's in the Air	March 13 & 14
Chester Playhouse Theatre	@ 7:00pm
2nd Annual Craft Beverage Showcase (booth)	April 6
Windsor & District Lions Club - Windsor Legion	@ 2:00-6:00pm
Bonny Lea Farm Benefit Concert	May 26
New Germany Anglican Church Hall	@ 1:30pm
Team Bonny Lea Farm - Chester Cut 'n Run	June 2
Annual Plant Sale & Breakfast	June 8
Lobster Lover's Feast	August 4
Annual Benefit Golf Tournament	September 8

\* For more information check [www.bonnyleafarm.ca](http://www.bonnyleafarm.ca)



David is an avid sports fan and weather watcher. Read below to learn what we would like to do for him and other participants and staff who live and work at Bonny Lea Farm.

Photo: Allan Robertson

## Working to Increase Comfort & Safety for Participants and Staff

David is an avid sports fan who keeps us up to date on the latest hockey or baseball games. He loves music, listening to CDs and attending concerts. David is also a weather watcher. Weather disturbances and their possible effects cause him to feel anxious. A power outage and the uncertainty it brings for him and others here at Bonny Lea Farm adds to these feelings.

Our current manual-start generators provide only partial power in our homes. Over a year ago we began efforts to install automatic generators in our homes to provide seamless power supply. We are still raising funds to meet this \$150,000 goal.

In recent months local Lions Clubs have made donations towards this project of nearly \$3000 and we have received private donations of \$5000. We have a long way to go, but will continue to work towards our goal. We are grateful for the support we have received so far.



LEFT: Lynn and Ronnie with Chester Basin, New Ross, Chester King Lion Sandra Zwicker; RIGHT: King Lion John Cook presents a cheque to Kathy and Joanne.



Top to Bottom: Laura & Laurie-Anne helped prepare for a Valentine's Day party at residence; Liz & Kathy had a good time at the party; staff member Allan with Tom; Blair always has a good time at a party! Participants enjoying their Winter Carnival Breakfast, which was followed by Bingo, a Scavenger Hunt, and movie. Oak Island Resort & Conference Centre ordered 40 lobster traps for the first annual For the Love of Lobster event on February 12. Bonny Lea Farm was also invited to hold a silent auction at the event. Thank you to all those who supported this event!

“The staff and participants were very helpful and friendly. I was amazed by everything that happens at Bonny Lea.”  
- Charlotte, following a recent tour