



IN THE NEWS

April 2019

We're 45!
Empowering people with disabilities since 1973.



Joe Stackhouse, one of Bonny Lea Farm's founders, celebrated his 90th Birthday

Happy Birthday Joe!

Reflections of a Founder and Long Time Volunteer

When asking Joe to reflect on his involvement with Bonny Lea Farm over the last 45 years, he smiles and says it has been a good journey.

He says what still stands out for him is the feeling he gets when he walks into the cafeteria and is greeted by the participants who benefit from the vision shared by our founders. It is a community that Bonny Lea Farm has created — a place where people with disabilities can learn, grow and succeed. As Joe commented, “Each one is different and each one has a place here.” That is what it’s all about.

Once a Board Member, Joe continues to volunteer as an active Life Member. A frequent visitor to the Farm, he’ll walk through checking in with participants and staff asking “What’s new?” and “How are things going?” He regularly attends Finance Committee and Board meetings.

We are grateful for his continued input and support, and that of all of our volunteers, as we adapt to the changing and unique needs of our participants who are at the centre of everything we do.

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2019 CALENDAR*

Bonny Lea Farm Yard Sale
227 Central Street, Chester
May 4 @ 8:00am-2:00pm

Bonny Lea Farm Benefit Concert
New Germany Anglican Church Hall
May 26 @ 1:30pm

**Team Bonny Lea Farm -
Chester Cut 'n Run**
June 2

Annual Plant Sale & Breakfast
June 8 @ 8:00am-11:00am

Lobster Lover's Feast
August 4

Annual Benefit Golf Tournament
September 8

For more information check
www.bonnyleafarm.ca

Wish List:

Donations of cotton jersey clothing and flannel sheets for our Wiper Program.

If you are cleaning your closets please drop items off at Bonny Lea Farm, Monday to Friday between 9:00am and 4:00pm.

Donations for our Yard Sale.

Drop off times at 227 Central Street:
May 1 10:00am-1:00pm
May 2 10:00am-1:00pm
May 3 9:00am-4:00pm

If you would be interested in helping out on the day of the sale, just let us know!



Worth 1000 words or more!
Members of the cast of *Something's in the Air*.



The Show People are Still Talking About! *Something's in the Air*

In case you missed it, Bonny Lea Farm participants took to the stage last month in the production of *Something's in the Air*, written and directed by Cynthia Myers.

Set in the studios of three popular radio stations, the play made it clear that EVERYONE HAS DREAMS...and a place in our community.

The participants were involved in acting, costume design and building pieces of the set. The experience built skills and memories which they will cherish for a long time.

Here's what some of you had to say about it:

"That was such an amazing show last night. I'm so glad I didn't miss out on it."

"What a wonderful evening! Thank you and crew for a heart warming show."

"What a wonderful production! The cast put all they had into it and it was pure entertainment!!! Well, well done!!!"

"Fun and talent. Combined it very well last evening! A true joy to be in the audience!"

"You had real stars on stage last night... Congratulations. It is wonderful to be alive."

"Congratulations on tonight's show. The participants were such shining stars. It's the most positive piece of theatre I've ever seen. They were genuinely each a star!"

The play was made possible by a Building Vibrant Communities grant from the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage. We were pleased that the Honourable Leo Glavine was able to join us on Thursday for the show, where he announced \$32,000 in funding to upgrade flooring and two bathrooms at Day Program!