



GRAND OPENING

OF THE LISTOWEL AGRICULTURAL FAIR

THURSDAY, JULY 18th



Schedule of Events:

- ◆ Parade starts at Livingstone Park, 7pm
 - ◆ Opening Ceremonies following the parade
- Official Opening of the 168th Listowel Fair by
Dr. Karen Galbraith & Steve Dolson**

Ambassador Competition & Fireworks Show to follow.

Opening Night Officials!

Dr. Karen Galbraith & Steve Dolson

*2024 Inductees to the Stratford-Perth
Museum Agriculture Wall of Fame*

At a ceremony this past spring, a local dairy farming couple from Atwood, Dr. Karen Galbraith & Steve Dolson, were inducted into the Stratford-Perth Museum 2024 Agriculture Wall of Fame.

The couple's master breeder registered Holstein herd, known as Legacy Holsteins, has been one of the top producing and highly-classified herds in Perth County for many years. Both Karen and Steve have helped lead a number of community organizations over many decades in their young careers.

Karen was a founding member and past president of Perth Care for Kids and a board member of Elma Mutual Insurance (which later became Trillium Mutual Insurance in Listowel). She has been active with Big Brothers Big Sisters as an active Big Sister, a 4-H leader and also a leader on her local church board. She was also heavily involved with the dairy portion of the 2013 International Plowing Match and has spent many years organizing the ice cream booth at the Listowel Fair. Earning a M.Sc. from the University of Guelph in capacity and rural development, she spent some time living and working in inner Mongolia helping small landholders to help improve their milk quality. In 2014, Karen became an inaugural director and is still active on the Kenyan Kids Foundation Canada.

Steve has been an active and valued member of the Perth County Holstein Club, is a past 4-H leader and is currently an Ontario 4-H Foundation trustee. He is a past president of United Breeders and was involved with the process of forming the Semex Alliance. Steve is also a past member and chairman of the board of Gay Lea Foods. In the past, Steve was awarded the distinguished certificate of recognition from Holstein Canada for his valuable contribution to the Canadian dairy industry. Locally, he has been involved in the Listowel Agricultural Society for many years taking on many leadership roles, including President in 1993 & 1994. Along with Karen, Steve is involved with Kenyan Kids Foundation and has also been an active participant in dairy extension work in Kenya. Steve is also the current chairperson of the Ontario Agri-Food Discovery Centre.

The Listowel Agricultural Society want to thank Steve & Karen for their contribution, not only to the agriculture industry, but to our local community. It is our honour to have them opening the 168th Listowel Agricultural Fair!

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