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May 3rd: Sunshine Fibre Fest

Fabulous fleece and fibre festival featuring diverse vendors, demonstrations, live animals and more! Taking place on May 3rd at the ODAS Park 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

More details www.sunshinefibrefest.ca

May 14th: News and Advertising Deadline

The advertising and news deadline for the **June** issue of Farm View is **Wednesday, May 14th**.

May 28th: Program announcement for E.D.G.E

Elmvale District Garden Enthusiast invites you to join: May 28th at 7 pm located at 7 John St. Elmvale Legion.

Featuring Dusana Bondy speaking on Ticks-Lyme Disease. Guests are welcome and lug your mug. Annual membership is only \$15.

E.D.G.E. plant sale will take place on **May 24th**. Locally grown perennials, hostas, ornamental grasses, shrubs and veggies. Location Heritage Park Hwy 92, Elmvale 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Cash only.

May 31st: Farm Business Reg. Refund deadline

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June 21st & 22nd: Kawartha Antique Power Show

The 45th Kawartha Antique Power Show is the biggest, annual event of the Kawartha Antique Power Club. An event not to be missed, taking place Saturday and Sunday June 21st and 22nd at Lindsay Exhibition Fair Grounds 354 Angeline St. S. Lindsay, ON Contact: 1-519-939-0354 or kawarthantiquepower24@gmail.com

Local Farm Community Donates \$1,000 to Support Student Breakfast program in Elmvale

Article and photo submitted by Matt Ververs

Earlier this year, the local farm community generously donated \$1,000 to the Mindful Morning Program at Huronia Centennial Elementary School located in Elmvale. The donation, presented by Matt Ververs of Pioneer Seeds Canada to Amber Klein Gebbinck, a program helper. These funds will help provide nutritious food options for students, including breakfast, fresh fruit, and baked goods. This ensures no child goes hungry during the school day, fostering a supportive and healthy learning environment.

The program continues to make a positive impact on students' well-being, thanks to the ongoing support from our local farm community.



Matt Ververs of Pioneer Seeds Canada at left and Amber Klein Gebbinck are pictured above helping to distribute a morning meal to students at Huronia Centennial Elementary School.

Scholarships in Agriculture

The Stewart L. Page Scholarships in Agriculture and Home Economics, as contributed primarily by people and organizations of North Simcoe, are offered annually in recognition of the guidance given in the development of agriculture and rural life by Stewart L. Page, Agriculture Representative for North Simcoe during the years 1925 to 1967.

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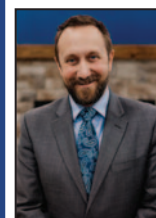
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Norwood Country Jamboree
July 17th- 20th
More details on page 19 under
Coming Events

“Keep Kids Safe” workshop

Presented by Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture

Story and photos by Roslyn Watkins



The annual Keep Kids Safe Workshop was once again sold out with 100 kids signed up. This event gets better and better each year. The kids are engaged and encouraged to participate by all presenters.

In the photo to the left is the inflatable fire safety house. It is an interactive and fun fire safety learning experience giving the kids the opportunity to experience how it feels to navigate through smoke. Fire Prevention Officer Kent McDonald instructed the kids to talk to their parents immediately about working smoke alarms, practicing two ways to leave your home in the event of a fire with a set meeting place, and explained you get

low and you go. And you do not go back in for any reason. McDonald also taught the kids what to do if they can't leave their room due to fire. Block their closed bedroom door with clothing, open the bedroom window and start yelling. He explained firefighters circle the home and will get a ladder up to them right away.



Community Safety officers from Nottawasaga and Huronia O.P.P pose with one of the seven groups of kids at the Keep Kids Safe Workshop.



In the photo to the right Mark Giffen and Kristy Slack from Huron Tractor taught the kids about lawn mower safety. Many safety elements were discussed but most importantly the message was to stay clear of the mower deck at all times and no riders at any time.

In the bottom left photo Action First Aid discussed steps on when and how to do CPR.

Other presenters informed the kids on how to keep safe on ATV's, around tractors, propane, and hydro lines. A must attend event for next spring if you missed it this year.



Thank you to our Keep Kids Safe Workshop Sponsors, Presenters & Volunteers:

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EDITORIAL



Roslyn Watkins
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While looking for information for this issue I discovered the passing of Michael Giffen of Glen Huron. I knew of the building collapse in February but only learned now of the fatal details. My condolences to the Giffen family. Mike will be remembered by many. The market was a comforting stop for me to get a bite or treats to bring home to my kids while completing my paper deliveries. Perhaps the poem to the right will bring you comfort as it does to me in my mom's memory.

This issue of Farm View has coverage and photos of a few fun events that took place last month. One of which being the Keep Kids Safe workshop (see page 3). So much information was presented in a way that the kids really seemed to grasp. I made pages of notes to share but due to space limitations wasn't able to include everything. I do highly recommend attending this event next spring, whether you live on a farm or not the safety information is invaluable.

In next month's issue Don Beaulieu will be providing coverage of the CASA grain bin rescue training that is taking place at the end of April. Keep an eye for that article coming up. In the meantime be safe on the roads as weekend travellers and commuters are once again in a hurry to get from A to B.

My final note is a personal one. Our middle child, Trenton, is turning 18 at the end of May. Happy birthday Trenton from all of us. We couldn't be more proud of the young man you have grown into. You're thoughtful, considerate, intelligent and extremely funny. We are blessed to be celebrating you this month!

Take care of yourselves and one another,
Roslyn Watkins

DEADLINE for the June Farm View is May 14th.

On the Cover

MPP Jill Dunlop spoke with the media early April thanking front line workers regarding the ice storm. Read her comments on page 8.

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In Memoriam

Jill Beischer
May 27th, 1953 - May 17th, 2019

I Am Always With You

I am always with you
When I am gone, release me, let me go.
I have so many things to see and do,
You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears,
But be thankful we had so many good years.
I gave you my love, and you can only guess
How much you've given me in happiness.
I thank you for the love that you have shown,
But now it is time I traveled on alone.
So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must
Then let your grief be comforted by trust
That it is only for a while that we must part,
So treasure the memories within your heart.
I won't be far away for life goes on.
And if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear
All my love around you soft and clear
And then, when you come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and a "Welcome Home".

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In memory of Jill Beischer

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W.J. Bryan

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Considering Renting your Farmland?

Presented by Grey Bruce Ag Services, synopsis by Cathy Hamill-Hill



There are about 4 million acres rented in Ontario, according to a University of Guelph survey. This is 35% of all the farmland in the province. Rented lands is a huge part of Ontario agriculture- and it should be considered important enough to have a written rental agreement was the basic message from a hybrid presentation by Grey Bruce Ag Services titled “Considering Renting your Farmland?”

Bruce Kelly, recently retired as the environmental program manager with Farm and Food Care Ontario for 12 years, was the speaker for the presentation. Kelly was also a Wellington area pork producer for over 20 years and worked with the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association for several years during his career.

The farmer rents land for one basic purpose, to make money because Kelly said, “no profit, no point”. He said the farmer can, with rented acres, invest less money on buying land and “divide equipment costs over more acres”.

The landowner rents land for several reasons but often it comes down to money either from the rent money or the fact that renting the land qualifies the landowner to get a better rate for property taxes. Secondary reasons often are preserving the land and keeping it in production.

Landowners can run into problems renting land when there is no agreement in place. Problems often are centered on money when the farmer does not pay- or does not pay on time. Land that gets damaged or ignored by erosion or lack of nutrients are more problems. “Pesticide and manure use with concern with drift over children and pets and gardens”, Kelly said are also problems when there are no agreements in place.

Problems between landowners and farmers continue, much

in part, to the fact that 75% of farm rental agreements are just oral- and nothing is written down. Kelly stressed that rental agreements need to be written down- to protect both sides.

Farmland rentals for one year, Kelly explained is “like driving a rental car, no one ever looks under the hood of a rental, is this how we want to treat farmland?” Short term rentals mean less investment to grow cover crops, manure applications and fertilizers. No farmer is going to drop a lot of investment into something they rent for just a short time.

Farmland rentals that are longterm as in 5 years to 10 years of time see “farmers treat the rented land like they own it”, he said. Farmers set up rotational crop plans and invest in the expensive fertilizers to get the land up to a productive state building soil health when they know the land will be part of their farming operations longterm.

Renting land is more than just the field. There needs to be decisions made in which side will maintain driveways and culverts and if the equipment is too wide to fit, who will pay for necessary improvements. “Field border maintenance, if there is an ice storm, who will move out the broken branches and trees?” he asked. Further, with renting out pasture lands, which side will maintain the existing sheds and barns on the property is another concern. “Do not assume anything, put it into the agreement, Kelly advised.

A big ticket item for rental agreements is drainage. “Tile draining is not evil,” Kelly said adding that tile drainage is necessary for some fields and this cost can be shared between both sides- if there is a longterm rental agreement involved.

Rental agreements can stop a lot of hard feelings. Nobody is going to appreciate hosting a family party the same day the farmer that is renting the land decides to manure the nearby fields all afternoon. A rental agreement can list certain dates that some farming practices will not take place on.

With good partners there is two way regular communica-

tion, Kelly advised. He said that the farmer should tell the landowner when the equipment is going to roll on to their land- and give over times of manure applications and spraying (chemicals) dates. The landowner can point out environmentally sensitive areas and the farmer can treat it carefully which might include wetlands, well, septic bed and favourite walking paths.

Instead of just cash farmers can offer services to the landowners such as snowplowing laneways, driveway grading and a short time use of tractors or backhoe.

Kelly explained a bare minimum rental agreement has to start with legal names and contact information including cell phone numbers and emails of both sides. The property should be listed with description that includes lot and concession numbers. The length of the rental term and the rental rate to be paid and on what date the payment will be coming. The rental agreement should be dated and signed by both sides.

There are several ways to cover finances with rented land. The simple “pick a number” and then pay it out is only one way. According to Kelly, “some farmers pay the simple rented rate and then add in a bonus when yields are good”. Some farmers and landowners crop share meaning they divide crop inputs and harvest yields.

Nothing in life lasts forever and this includes rental agreements. The rental agreement should have a plan in place to cover if either side dies or gets injured. The agreement also should cover what happens if one side wants to exit the agreement and have a schedule of shared payments if improvements such as tile draining was ever involved.

Pat Learmonth, founder of Farms at Work and current Secretary/Treasurer explained Farms at Work have written and contributed to many studies about the obstacles of getting access to land in Ontario. To help link land with people, there is an online resource that lists- for free- land that is available at www.farmsatwork.ca

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Simcoe County Holstein Club Social Night

By Don Beaulieu, intrepid reporter

Nearly 70 members, family and friends of the Simcoe County Holstein community gathered at the Elmvale Lions Hall in mid-April. It was very much a social gathering with lots of stories shared among the crowd with recognition for some key accomplishments thrown in for good measure.

The Lions Club provided beverage service and there was a charcuterie table with veggies & dip plus some dessert squares from Valley Farm Market. Often, this annual event takes on a more traditional banquet form. Having recently hosted a large banquet for the Ontario General Meeting, it was decided to have a more informal event.



Shawn Potter
Simcoe Cty. Holstein Club

President of the club, Shawn Potter addressed the crowd, asking for input on how members liked this evening's format compared to a traditional banquet. Potter ran through the dates for upcoming Twilight Meetings. He was pleased to say the club's hosting of the AGM was a success, thanked the sponsors and "...everyone who put in an incredible amount of work".

Potter also announced that Kevin Harvey is the new national director for Holstein Canada.

The club's veteran members were introduced, and will have received their Holstein Canada Veteran Member & Breeder pins by the time this edition of Farm View hits



Top three winners in the of the Simcoe County Breeder's Cup lactation competitions were; 3rd place Spencroft Stars Lano Red, 2nd place Arway Sidekick Leighton and in 1st place Haanview Red Eye Marlene. Their humans are seen here with the certificates.

the streets. Congratulations went to: Tom Klein Gebbinck (Tomkar) for 40 years. Peter Kapteyn (Aptohaven) for 40 years. John den Haan (Haanview) for 50 years. Bob Widdes (Oldfort) for 50 years.

It was also noted that the Holstein Ontario Heart of the Herd 2025 Simcoe County Winner was Harvdale Lauthority Peanut EX-95-5E from Harvdale Holsteins and Dr. Tim Henshaw of Stayner.

About one month before this meeting, the 2025 Memorial

Breeder's Cup was held and also considered a success. Judge Jeff West provided a brief synopsis for the members.

Winner of the 2025 Spirit of 4-H Award is Rachel Lange of the Cookstown Dairy Club for her 7 years of involvement. She has held many positions in the club executive. The award recognizes the contribution of a 4-H member (each county) through leadership, dedication and commitment to the programme. Noteworthy achievements and contributions to the community are also taken into consideration.

In honour of Holstein Canada's 100 years of classification, they've been honouring herds who have bred over 100 excellent cows under one prefix. Three of these are from Simcoe County: Spencroft, Roger Spence and family. Sunny Maple, the Livingston family. Farisview, Dalton Faris.

Sarah McEachern was the winner of the evening's door prize of a cow motif wooden wall hanging. She had come down from Meaford, Ontario. McEachern was attending with boyfriend Eric Wright, first vice-president of the club executive.



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A Look Back on March and April: MPP Jill Dunlop Reflects on Ontario’s Response to the Ice Storm

As Ontario recovers from the ice storm that struck in late March and early April, I want to take a moment to reflect on the tremendous efforts made by our communities, first responders, and emergency teams

As the newly appointed Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, it has been an honour to witness such resilience during this challenging time.

Simcoe North, my home riding, was particularly hard hit by the storm. Many residents faced extended power outages, dangerous road conditions, and fallen trees blocking access to homes. The ice storm left its mark on local infrastructure,

but our communities came together to support one another. I was deeply moved by the strength and resilience of Simcoe North, as neighbours helped neighbours and local volunteers stepped up to assist, and as the Ontario Corps moved swiftly into action to help our communities.

In response, we prioritized the safety of our residents, working with local municipalities and emergency teams to restore power and clear debris. Over 2,000 wellness checks were conducted across the affected areas, ensuring that vulnerable residents received the support they needed. In Simcoe North, crews worked tirelessly to restore electricity and ensure that essential services were available as quickly as possible.

As I said during the storm, “When emergencies happen, getting boots on the ground quickly can make all the difference to ensure life-saving actions are taken.” I am incredibly grateful for the efforts of hydro workers, first responders, and volunteers in Simcoe North who answered the call. Their dedication has been essential to our recovery.

Looking ahead, we remain focused on long-term recovery efforts across the region. Ontario continues to support communities in need, and we are committed to ensuring we are prepared for future emergencies.

This storm has shown our collective strength and the importance of being prepared. Together, we will continue to overcome.



On April 4th Ontario Premier Doug Ford spoke to the media in Orillia addressing concerns over the (at the time) ongoing ice storm. He was joined by (left to right) Basil Clarke Mayor of Township of Ramara, Randy Greenlaw Mayor of Oro-Medonte, MPP Andrea Khan-jin, Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy, MPP Jill Dunlop and Orillia Mayor Don McIsaac.



Chief Ted Williams, Chippewas of Rama First Nation (far left), Ontario Premier Doug Ford and Jill Dunlop, Simcoe North MPP and Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, gave a helping hand organizing meals during last month’s ice storm. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy is in the background with local chefs from Casino Rama.



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After The Chores: Big World to Grow Up In

By Cathy Hamill-Hill



White Kid is a story that will go down into history here.

White Kid was born a disaster. White Kid's parents, alone, have both produced healthy, strong kids but together, their genetics did not work. The advice from the Vet after showing pictures of this White Kid was to euthanize him- and I still see the logic and reality of that advice. The Vet also prayed for this kid.

Growing up, my Dad got to know and enjoyed visits from a man named Gord. Gord showed ponies at local Fairs and we showed goats. He was always encouraging and often his advice was "There is a big world to grow up in" when he saw a baby goat or lamb or calf or foal that didn't fit in with the rest. I thought of Gord's advice for many days when I saw this White Kid and questioned what do with him.

White Kid was born with two front legs that stopped working at the knees. The kid could not get up past his front knees as much as he tried. Sweetie splinted the legs but White Kid just did not have the strength in those legs to even attempt to stand. I held the mother doe so he could get milk and he gobbled down as much as he could hold. The doe soon decided she hated this- and it was a full out battle every time to make her stand still.

The second day of White Kid's life he showed no signs of giving up though he still could not stand. He kept his huge appetite and dodged his ugly mother as she fought me as hard as she could to be held still. I had another doe that also needed this kidding pen, so I put her and her new tiny little kid in with White Kid and his hateful mother. The tiny kid the next day bounced past White Kid- and it made me so sad. White Kid tried to stand and got his legs under him for a few seconds before collapsing. White Kid was so exhausted

he promptly went to sleep. I debated about that euthanizing but the will to live was still so strong. I could hear Gord's voice from so long ago, there was a big world to grow up in.

The fourth day White Kid was found outside the pen with the tiny kid curled up together. White Kid now was able to get up on his legs that were twisted to one side for a few minutes- before he did another face plant. The tiny kid happy danced, like all healthy kids do, past White Kid and now he would get up and try again to walk over and over and over again. It was like White Kid was in therapy as he fought so hard to get back up to try to walk again after falling down over and over and over.

By the sixth day, this determined White Kid was able to stand up and walk albeit with a very strange off to one side gait. He sort of had his legs twisted to one side but he learned to angle his body so he got up a bit of speed. Instead of the twisty dance off the ground steps of other kids, he gently swung his body from side to side while balancing his weak twisted legs. White Kid was doing the best he could in the big world he was trying to grow up in. I had tears when he added trying to lift one twisted leg to his physically challenged body dance routine.

I came to the barn one morning and was startled to find his mother had very little milk. His mother promptly called him over to affectionately nuzzle his little face and I saw that she had fully accepted him as her kid again so he already had his breakfast. White Kid kept looking down at his front legs when he carefully walked as his legs naturally straightened a little bit more each day. Sweetie took off the splints. With his Mom back and four legs, White Kid spent much of his time looking puzzled as to how all this good happened.

White Kid is now unrecognizable as the kid that could never walk. He plays and happy dances at top speed with his kid friends. He is not the biggest kid but he is growing. His legs are fully straight. He now has a voice and follows me around yelling at top volume until he gets some grain in a bucket for himself every chore time.

The story of White Kid is testimony to having hope and never giving up even in the worst times because answered prayers happen.

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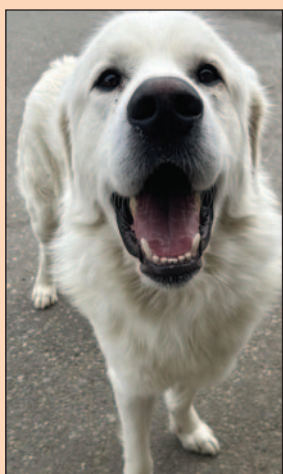
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4-H clubs gear up for new season!

South Simcoe 4-H Horse Club

By Abby Patton

The South Simcoe 4-H Everett Horse Club Level 1 had its first meeting at Jackie McCallum's on March 25th at 6pm. We started the night off by going around the circle saying your name, your experience with horses, and what you were hoping to learn from this club. Then we did a safety demonstration with one of the horses, including do's and don'ts with horses. Next a few of our senior members brought five horses to the arena. We were then split into groups and did a few obstacle courses and challenges with our teams. One of the challenges we did was which team had the horse that shed the most and got the most horse hair off! After we finished the obstacle courses in the arena we went into the side room for snacks and held elections for President, Vice, Secretary and News Reporter. Looking forward to our next meeting!

South Simcoe Sheep 4-H Club

By Catherine Reid

At our first monthly meeting of South Simcoe 4-H Sheep Club, we had so much fun!

We started with our 4-H pledge. Next we held our elections. After that we talked about selecting a sheep and what you want to look for. Then we played a fun game of true or false – sheep edition! After we played a get-to-know-you game and ended with some snacks! Overall, I think we all had a wonderful time!

South Simcoe 4-H Field and Crops Club

By Wesley Brooks

On March 20th the Field and Crops Club met in Mulmur at Maple Grove Farm & Market for our first meeting of the season.

We are focusing on wheat and potatoes for our 2025 project.

Elections were held and these members were voted in: Nathan Dykstra is our President, Brooklynn Downey is our Vice President, Elly Blank is our secretary and our News Reporter is myself, Wesley Brooks.

Our club has 28 participants, setting a record for the biggest club in South Simcoe!

At Maple Grove Farm, we met the owner Chris Wallace, who taught us how they make sourdough bread. Did you know that they only use water, flour, and salt? The starter they use to make the bread is over 12 years old!

South Simcoe 4-H Hiking Club

By Victoria Reid



After a couple failed meeting attempts due to unexpected weather we had our first meeting the weekend of April 13th!

At the first meeting of the South Simcoe 4-H Hiking Club we learned how to Geocache! We used a GPS to find different markers. When we found the marker we punched it on our paper and put in the coordinates for the next marker!

Then we held elections for President, Vice-President, Secretary and News Reporter.

I think that we are all very excited for the next meeting!

Farm View welcomes 4-H reports from all clubs in its distribution area! Submit your report and photo to farmview@on.aibn.com by the 14th of the month.



We played a bunch of games and talked about what we are going to do this season. Then we finished the meeting and took a group picture.

Thank you to Chris and Robin Wallace at Maple Grove Farm & Market for hosting our first meeting.

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Livestock Guardian Dogs are not the average pet dog

By Cathy Hamill-Hill

The Livestock Guardian Dog (LGD) is not the average pet dog and those differences were discussed at a recent hybrid event held by Grey Bruce Ag Services. "Working and Training Livestock Guardian Dogs" was presented by Anne Poirier, owner and Rescue Rehab Director of Peartree Wellness Centre.

Not every LGD will become a good working LGD when it grows up because not all dogs are created equal. Poirier explains, "With 10 puppies born, you might get 2 puppies that are meant to be 'hardcore working' LGD's. The other puppies might turn out to just be pups," she said adding that some farms don't need hard working LGD's whereas big farms with thousands of livestock to protect do.

When choosing a LGD, it is important to get the breed that will best do the job it's needed for. Poirier said some breeds are inclined to come in the house at times whereas other breeds want to be outside all the time. "Predator load" is important to know, she clarified, "one LGD cannot take on 20 coyotes by itself" and there is a big difference for protecting livestock against foxes than a bear. There are over 35 different breeds of dogs considered LGD's to choose from to find the correct dog for the job it needs to do.

Poirier said there are two main sources to learn about LGD's from people that know from real life experience. The first are "breed clubs online". These breed clubs can lead to local breeders that "know their breed inside and out". The second are dog shows. "Often with the working dogs we handle our own dogs," she said adding that finding out where the good working dog is from is done by simply asking at the show because there "is a wealth of knowledge at these shows".

Choosing a LGD from a rescue service is a gamble because "most rescues right now don't train the dog with livestock". The one she founded and works with is the exception as Peartree Animal Wellness Center specializes in LGD's.

LGD puppies should be trained once they leave home for the first time. Week 1 out of 4 weeks training starts with teaching the puppy socialization skills. Poirier does not believe that the LGD should not ever leave home. The first critical step is teaching the pup about the crate.

"I feed every meal in their crates. Dogs love routine. Feeding releases endorphins and I feel

good because I eat in my crate feelings," she said adding feeding dogs in the crate also eliminates the need to guard their food. The crate becomes a special place for the dog.

Dogs are to be fed three times a day and changed to twice a day when they are a year old.

"Lots of LGD's don't like to eat out of a bowl. Feed them out of a Gatorade bottle or go buy a treat puzzle. LGD's are working dogs. Once you make them work for food, they will feel like eating because it has been fun," she explained adding that pet dog owners might not understand this as pet dogs are not working dogs.

Poirier gave some advice for training puppies. She said week 1 starts with walking on different surfaces like ceramic tile, grass and sand. Meeting with different people like a man with a hat is "not meeting someone to give the dog a treat, only treats should be given by the owner of the dog, not strangers". She explained "meeting" is seeing and smelling the person. Poirier said LGD's are very wary of strangers naturally so making them take treats from a stranger is not helpful to training and can cause nipping not from aggression but from feeling anxious.

The dog should be taught to sit- using treats and keeping it non-verbal. The dog can also learn to lie down and stay using treats as rewards.

"Remember puppies need 20 hours of sleep in a (24 hour) day. If they get bitey, they could just need a nap in the crate," Poirier stressed.

The first week should introduce the puppy to transportation. "Put them in the crate and put the crate in the car," she advised adding that going to a small town Tim Horton's to get a "pup cup" makes going in the car "a huge treat".

"LGD's can be taken off the farm, if trained," she said.

When the LGD puppy does something bad like steal a shoe and start chewing on it, do not yell at the dog. They are doing this to get your attention and you are rewarding the dog by yelling at it, even if you are mad. "Trade the shoe for a treat and then give them back the shoe and then trade it again for a treat and take away the shoe. Then give the dog a toy. The dog is not left empty handed," she advised.

Week 2 of training ramps up the walking with walking over pillows and over broom sticks on the floor. Meeting animals like chickens and sheep

start this week. Transportation to different areas like hardware stores and the train station where it is louder than home starts now and end the trip getting a pup cup. The sit and stay practices are for longer times, each longer time is rewarded with a treat.

Week 3 highlight walking through a ladder, in deep snow and on top of grates. Meeting the vet in a white coat starts this week. Meeting is seeing and smelling, not receiving treats from the person. Walking on leash should be progressing, "if a dog won't walk turn back towards home because that is telling the dog, if you are not going to listen, we go home".

Week 3 also includes meeting other dogs as in seeing other dogs from a distance and checking in with treats if the dog is okay with doing this.

Week 4's transportation piece moves to having the dog going on elevators before the final stop in getting the pup cup. This is when Poirier increases the "Pocket" game. She places treats in her pocket. A mat is placed on the floor and once the dog gets on the mat, she says "pocket" and the dog stares at her pocket and gets a treat. This teaches the dog to watch her intently.

"Puppies eat three times a day so training should be three times a day," Poirier said.

"You want to spay and neuter almost 18 months old," she advised adding that if the dog starts to act out before 18 months, "find a trainer or (dog) behaviorist if you are having issues, do not just jump on the neutering bandwagon".

When first training with sheep, keep the dog on a tether. She advised putting the dog on a tether on the other side of the fence from the livestock to start. Poirier suggested moving the dog in with the livestock for 30 minutes a day- on a tether- and under observation.

The dog needs a doghouse that is insulated to meet animal welfare rules- and to keep the dog safe especially from a sheep flock which usually includes an aggressive ram because rams are made that way. "The dog house gives the dog a place to go from the ram when he goes after the dog," she advised.

For anyone looking to have a LGD trained or rehomed, contact can be made through Facebook for Peartree Animal Wellness Center. Contact information can be found in the ag business directory on page 18.

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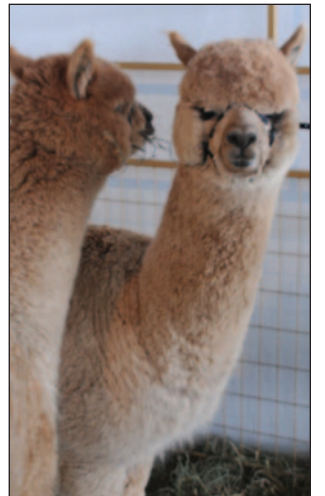
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Alpaca Spring Show!



Cathy Hamill-Hill visited the recent Alpaca Ontario Spring Show. Look for the story in next month's issue...

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Sunderland Maple Syrup Festival

Story and photos by Cathy Hamill-Hill

It was 30 years ago when Susan Wright and a few friends all from Sunderland decided they wanted to hold a Maple Syrup Festival in their home community. Only the global pandemic stopped the Festival for two years, the event continued this year after the massive ice storm for its 28th edition on April 5-6. The Festival brings thousands of people to Sunderland every year.

The streets in Sunderland were closed off for an outdoor vendor's market that spread down several streets. Ducks Unlimited Canada had someone dressed in an adorable duck outfit complete with duck calls, delighting children. There were several local maple syrup producers, kettle corn made from Ontario corn and local mushrooms being sold amidst the rows and rows of vendors. Two women passed by with both hands loaded in bags full of merchandise bought here. There was no more maple candy left to buy early in the afternoon on Sunday. There was a constant relay of busses coming and going out to the Harlaine Maple Products operation as this has been a constant Festival highlight: the Harder Family were among the Sunderland friends that began this event three decades ago. A live band sang well known country music from the outdoor stage.

All around the Festival location, especially in rural areas, are damages from what is considered by many as the ice storm of the century. There are thousands of households still without power at home but here at the Sunderland Maple Syrup Festival, there is only fun and joyful realization that spring and maple syrup have now both arrived.

In the photo below is Christine Hartinger of Beaverton, owner of Schoolhouse Flower Farm. Christine grows her flowers in a room in her house- and sources anything she might need as "fillers" for arrangements from local sources in Ontario. Christine grows only organic flowers and sells them seasonally at an outdoor stand by her home. She also does a lot of flower arrangements for weddings. Sales were so strong at the Festival she completely sold out.



Pictured above is Sean Whitelock of Brechin with his Lake-House Maple Syrup. Sean and his friend, Jonathan Simmonds, operate a small maple syrup operation that they are grateful did not get damaged in the severe ice storm. "Trees came down, but they missed every one of our lines. We lucked out," he said. Working seasonally, Sean decided, ten years ago to go into maple syrup to make good use of his early spring time



In the photo above is Claude Cayer of Peterborough. Claude is a retired truck driver who has now taken up a second career as a wood carver. Claude designed and made this bird house that would work as a home for wrens, chickadees and bluebirds. He especially enjoys carving small animals out of wood.

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A sweet start to the maple syrup season across the region!

Story and photos by Roslyn Watkins

Maple Weekend was joyfully celebrated across Ontario the weekend of April 5th and 6th. Shawn and I had the pleasure of checking out the festivities at Windlee Farms located in the Township of Tiny. Windlee Farms offered many activities to be enjoyed such as the all important pancake and sausage breakfast, Birds of Prey presented by Riverside Raptor Rescue, Bling Face Painting and of course Sugar Bush & Shack Tours, Tastes & Wagon Rides. Township of Tiny Fire Department Station 4 were on site with the Tanker. Proceeds from these events were donated to the Georgian Bay Food Network in Midland.



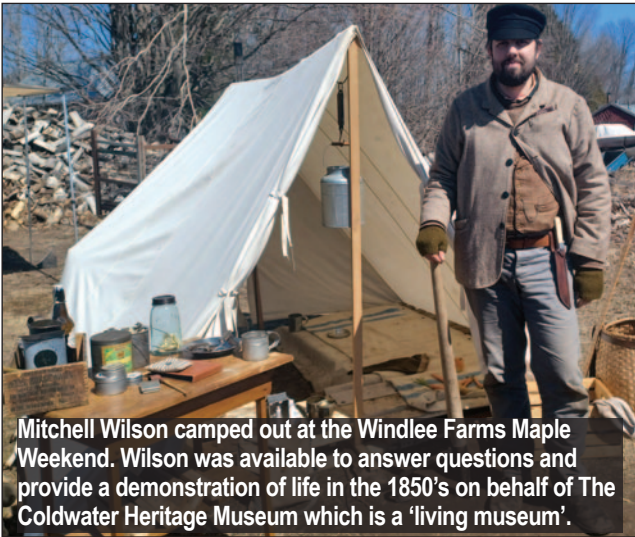
Guests didn't get far at Windlee Farms Maple Weekend celebration without being warmly greeted by Anne Lorrimer of Windlee Farms (to the right), Sparky, and firefighter Andrew Patterson.



Tom Smith (pictured above) and Delaney Scott (not shown) of Riverside Raptor Rescue educated the interested crowd in the rehabilitation process these birds of prey go through. They can be harmed from window strikes, car collisions, or nest interference. The birds involved require experienced and specialized help which is offered at Riverside Raptor Rescue. To learn more or make a donation to this incredible organization visit their website www.riversideraptors.ca



Pictured here is Peter, good friend and neighbour to Peter & Anne Lorrimer, owners of Windlee Farms. Peter was giving a very thorough explanation of the maple syrup making process at Windlee Farms.



Mitchell Wilson camped out at the Windlee Farms Maple Weekend. Wilson was available to answer questions and provide a demonstration of life in the 1850's on behalf of The Coldwater Heritage Museum which is a 'living museum'.

Sweet family fun at Spring Tonic in Essa Township

By John Beischer

Last month the Tiffin Centre for Conservation, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Barrie, presented the 2025 annual Spring Tonic Festival at their property in Essa Township, ten miles west of Barrie. As in years' past, the most popular attraction was the pancake and sausage breakfast where 1,400 guests were served over the 2 day festival, and 70L of maple syrup were poured over the pancakes. Rotary volunteers served each day until 2 pm at the picnic pavilion. Despite the overcast sky and day long drizzle, Saturday's attendance was close to normal. A brighter day on Sunday brought

guests out in sufficient numbers to close the weekend on a very successful note, seeing more than 2,500 visitors attend the 2 day festival. Visitors learned about modern and traditional methods of making maple syrup. In addition they enjoyed watching dog agility demonstrations, wagon rides through the forest and live music. On hand again this year were firefighters, paramedics and conservation officers who generously donated their time to meet and greet young and old alike. All proceeds from the festival go towards Rotary community projects and maintaining the Tiffin Conservation area.



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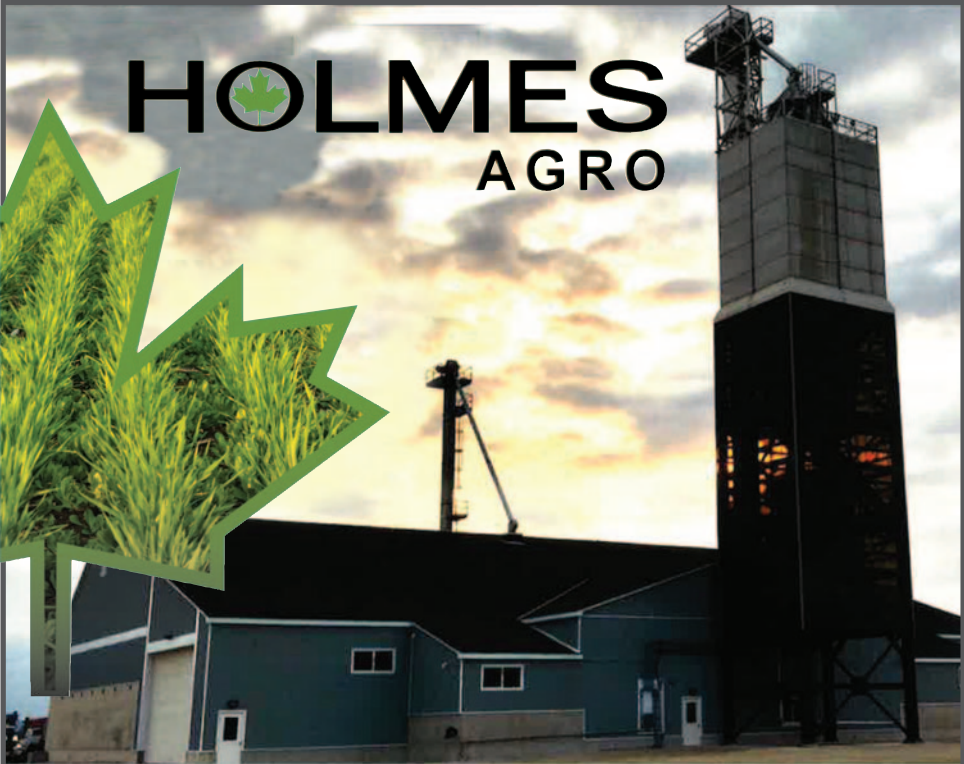
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Addis Grain spring marketing meeting

Synopsis by Roslyn Watkins

The annual spring marketing meeting hosted by Kevin Eisses and staff of Addis Grain in Oro-Medonte was once again very well attended. The crowd gathered early for an informal coffee reception provided by TD Bank. The morning's speakers mingled as well taking the time to introduce themselves and chat with the audience one on one.

Kevin began the formal presentation with a few funny "you might be a farmer" jokes then took the time to introduce the staff and thank each of them for their hard work in helping to make the seminar a success. Next Kevin introduced the first speaker, Dwayne Wilson, Grain Merchandising Specialist at White Commercial.

Wilson gave a brief overview of the topics he would be addressing in more detail. He stressed the goal is to capture prices for your grain while they are high, the challenge of knowing what is reasonable, emotion vs thinking and acknowledged the amount and diversity of information farmers need to take in. Wilson displayed graphs showing the ups and downs of 2020 to 2023. Reminding guests the market doesn't care what you paid to put the crop in the ground. Farmers need to know their own numbers, know your costs, determine what you'd like your profit to be and set your target sell price. Wilson stressed that is what Kevin Eisses and his staff at Addis Grain can help you to do.

Eisses gave the group a demonstration of the Addis Grain App. He explained the app is an easy, interactive tool that can be used to set target orders at any time day or night.

Jim Pelot of Podium Prosperity Group was the morning's second speaker. Podium Prosperity Group provides business coaching, consulting and financial planning. Pelot gave a lively presentation of his views of the market, and long term effects of the tariffs. Pelot opened the floor to questions and addressed many comments and concerns.

Eisses closed the meeting and guests were invited to partake in a pulled pork lunch catered by Julie Eisses of Sarge's Pit Crew.

Both speakers were highly knowledgeable in their subjects. This is a marketing meeting to set on your calendar for next year to take advantage of the wealth of knowledge presented.

Spring season safety

By Dennis Gannon

Welcome to the month of May. After a long traditional winter, we endured some additional weather challenges at the end of March and the beginning of April. With the weather troubles hopefully behind us we are looking forward to warm weather, travel and recreational activities. The long weekend in May, known as Victoria Day, will be the start of our warm weather season and getting out and enjoying the opportunities that we have been looking forward to. With more families staying close to home this year we all want to be safe in our activities.

Let's start around the home. Working on the roof, in the yard or around the house, think about the hazards. If you need to climb a ladder, secure it or have a helper hold the ladder for you. Think about your foot wear. Wearing flip flops might be enticing but if you are using an axe or a chainsaw a slip may cause a great amount of pain. If you're using a chainsaw, it's important to wear chainsaw chaps, boots and have eye protection. The grass and weeds will be growing so if you are using a weed wacker or lawnmower hearing protection and eye protection is a must.

Thinking about hitting the road, then take your time! It's a long weekend, enjoy the scenery. Speeding to get to your destination may only save you a few minutes, but cost you a speeding ticket or worse. Speeding also decreases your reaction time, so slow down. Be ready for the road. This may be the first opportunity for you to use that motorcycle or RV that has sat all winter. Check the vehicle over well, make sure all the lights work and it's safe for the road. Of course don't drink and drive or drive after using recreational drugs. Impairment leads to unwanted injuries and sometimes death and a lifetime of pain for many.

This may be the first opportunity to get on the water. Whether it's for fishing, tubing or just checking out the scenery everyone must have and wear a properly fitting and approved life jacket. Water temperature will still be cold and hypothermia is a concern. If you do go swimming do so with a buddy. If you have small children remember to always keep them within an arm's reach when near water.

S'mores and campfires go hand in hand and who doesn't like them? Consider what you are wearing. Newer synthetic fiber clothing is extremely flammable and shrinks when heated. Children must always be supervised around the campfire. Have water, a hose or bucket and a shovel at the ready for any spot fires. The spring season is always a prime time for fires. Make sure to extinguish your fire when done or when unattended.

Enjoy what the month of May brings and keep safe.

A reminder to be prepared and heed weather warnings

Photo by Cathy Hamill-Hill



The Ice Storm last month is considered to be a "once in a generation" event with massive ice build-up caused by two waves of intense freezing rain. It is expected to take a full month to get the heaviest damaged isolated areas back with full service with hydro and phone lines. This tree was like many trees that were left severely damaged.



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Park the treadle machine and start a new project

By Janis Hamilton

Welcome Spring, well let's hope the signs of spring can continue without ice storms that keep us in the dark for days and in some cases weeks. I hope you didn't have much damage and if you were lucky enough to have a generator, I hope it worked well. Hats off to the first responders, hydro crews and those volunteers who did "wellness" checks on many neighbourhoods. They all worked tirelessly even as their families were in the dark as well. The damage and loss of the tree canopy is just devastating! Clean up will continue long past spring for sure.

I was in Thimbles and Things in Orillia shortly after they got power. They had jugs of water and offered a charging site for those needing it. Everyone seemed to extend themselves in any way they could. I did smile when I realized all the customers buying fabric still had no power from the conversations in the store. Our love of quilting and fabric continues in the face of even an ice storm. Just for the record I did have power and yes really needed more fabric.

Local shops have gone ahead with their joint shop hop, and it is a chance to meet fellow quilters, explore new shops and consider doing their shop challenges. Usually, the shops choose to offer quilters a project and you can get the pattern, fabric and even buy the finishing kit if you choose. Some shops offer lucky draws, some offer quizzes with prizes and all offer a welcome hello and a chance to see many wonderful new collections of fabric.

This years Hills and Valleys Quilt Shop Tour takes place May 1st to the 3rd. The stops will be at:

- Creemore House of Stitches Quilt and Yarn Shop
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I had the chance to visit St. Jacob's Market recently and we stopped in Newton. Well, we had to visit their quaint quilt shop called E & E's Cloth and Creations. The shop sells many fabrics made by Canadian manufacturers. The selection was stunning with whole collections front and centre, the prices very exciting and the samples on the walls were worth the trip. So, if you are down that way, maybe stop in. It is located at 4463 Perth Line 72, Newton. Of course, we also stopped at Creekbank Sewing Centre with their new store and wonderful fabrics to tempt you as well as their sewing machines. Road trips are such a chance to see towns and villages we've never heard of, and it all makes for an amazing day!

Here is a list of some of the Canadian manufacturers worth searching for at your local shops: Elizabeth's Studio, Fabric Traditions, Happy Hollow Designs, Hoffman, International Textiles, JN Harper Co. Moda Northcott, QT Fabrics, Riley Blake, Robert Kaufman, Sykel, Wilmington, Windham and Figo Fabrics.

One quilt shop told us at a recent Guild meeting that some of the American Manufacturers have blocked them from seeing what they sell and will not ship any longer to Canada. Pellon is one of the products we may have trouble getting. This makes great stiffeners in making bags and totes. The shops are on the hunt to get replacements. The shop did warn us that needles, scissors and acrylic rulers will certainly go up in price if the US goes ahead with their plans for tariffs.

So as the snow drifts fade in our memories and you have power back, park the treadle machine and start a new project maybe from the shop hop. Enjoy each stitch and try not have the seam ripper become your best friend.


Local Guilds to research either by website or Facebook Continued from the April Farm View edition

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Communication is key — especially in agriculture



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We've all missed a message at some point — a lost email, a wrong number, or a letter sent to an old address. It's frustrating, but more importantly, it can cause us to miss out on valuable information. For members of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA), keeping contact details up to date is essential to staying informed and connected.

Each year, OFA receives member contact information from Agricorp, which administers the Farm Business Registration (FBR) program. When you submit your FBR, the contact details you provide are shared with the general farm organization (GFO) you select — in this case, OFA. This information is uploaded to OFA's membership system after the FBR renewal deadline, and it becomes our primary source for reaching out to members throughout the year.

What many members may not realize is that Agricorp is the official holder of this information, and they manage it on behalf of the FBR program.

The good news is members can update their contact information with Agricorp at any time during the year. If your email address, phone number, or mailing address has changed, you don't need to wait until the next FBR period — simply contact Agricorp directly to ensure your details are up to date. You can reach Agricorp at 1-888-247-4999. Best practice would be to contact OFA as well and provide your new information to our Member Relations department.

Why is this so important? A recent example highlighted just how critical good communication can be. A municipal partner needed to share information quickly during a wide-scale emergency with the local farming community and reached out to OFA for assistance. Of the 211 members in that area, OFA was only able to reach 94 by email. The rest couldn't be contacted — some had unsubscribed, others had invalid or outdated email addresses, and many had been automatically removed from our system due to repeated bounce-backs.

That's not just a lost email — that's a missed opportunity to stay informed, connected, and supported.

So, what can you do? It's simple: review the contact information you provide for your Farm Business Registration and keep it up to date with Agricorp. This ensures OFA has the most current and accurate way to reach you with essential updates, services, and support.

And if you'd like to receive the OFA Weekly Newsletter, which includes important updates, news, and opportunities from across the agri-food sector, we encourage you to subscribe. Please note that the OFA Weekly Newsletter uses a separate email subscription list. Even if your email is on file through your Farm Business Registration, you must opt in separately to receive the newsletter. You can subscribe by completing the form at the bottom of our landing page at www.ofa.on.ca.

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Communication is key — especially in agriculture, where timing and information can make all the difference. Let's keep the connection strong. Update your contact details with Agricorp and OFA makes sure we can all continue delivering the information you need, when you need it most.

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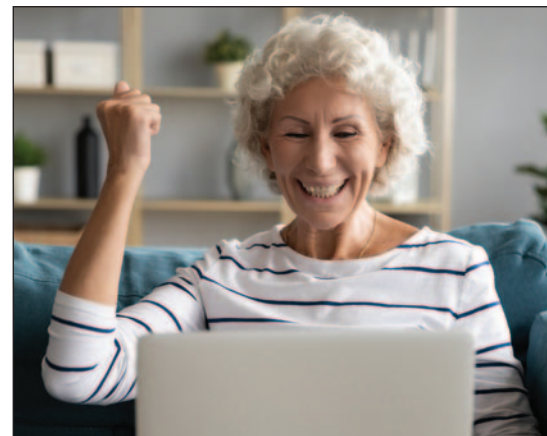
A reverse mortgage does not mean that you are giving away your home and the equity in it.

Reverse mortgages have come a long way over the years especially with more competition and options!

Discover the benefits of a reverse mortgage or a 5-year mortgage payment pause to give you financial peace of mind while you maintain the remaining equity in your home

Tracy Green, a 25-year plus veteran in the industry, Level 2 Mortgage Broker and Owner of Ontario-Wide Financial in Orillia has received numerous enquiries over the years from older homeowners who have been rejected by a bank for a mortgage.

Green says, "I have a lot of seniors calling me looking for funds, because they have been unsuccessful at the banks or other lending institutions. And the 2% qualifying rate as set out by the Government of Canada, is making it more difficult for seniors to obtain institutional funding. Many seniors are unable to borrow against their homes."



Age and risk management

Obtaining a mortgage as a senior can be a daunting challenge in two ways: firstly, with the reduction of the amortization period based on age with some lenders, and secondly, the extra 2% qualifying rate the bank of Canada set out in June 2021. Green says, "These measures, while justifiable under the guise of risk management, significantly hinder seniors ability to secure a mortgage if they need the funds. Even though the equity in their home may be \$1,000,000, they may not qualify for a \$300,000 mortgage to buy a vacation home or help their children buy their own home. This often leaves seniors turning to private mortgages which come with higher interest rates. But Tracy Green says there are alternative solutions."

The benefits of a reverse mortgage

Reverse mortgages offer a unique flexibility that many may not be aware of. Green says, "Many people think that a reverse mortgage means that they're giving their house away. They don't realize that they can make mortgage payments on a reverse mortgage to maintain the equity in their home."

By making regular payments, homeowners can cover the interest or a portion of the interest and even reduce the principal by up to 10% annually, maintaining or growing their equity stake in the property as values rise over time. Green says, "This approach allows older homeowners to enjoy the liquidity of a reverse mortgage while safeguarding the value of their home. A reverse mortgage does not have to mean that the homeowner is taking equity out while the interest is accumulating, and they'll eventually have nothing left. A homeowner can make full payment which over the full term will not take any equity out of the property or they can make partial payments to slow the erosion of equity."

Homeowners can also take advantage of the "no payment at all" option and take lump sums as needed rather than all at once. It works like a line of credit, with some restrictions.

As property values increase, a home's equity will appreciate. A reverse mortgage with the option of making monthly mortgage payments slows or eliminates equity erosion, capitalizes on rising property values, and gives older homeowners peace of mind.

A 5-year mortgage payment pause

A program that offers a 5-year pause on monthly mortgage payments may sound like a financial fantasy, but Tracy Green says it's a viable option for many, regardless of their age. "Up to 55% of the home's value can be put on a 5-year, no payment program. While the interest accumulates over the 5 years, if the homeowner wants to sell or refinance early, they can do that with no penalties."

The program is designed for homeowners who need a break from making full mortgage payments because they are returning to school, or they may be struggling financially and want to wait to see if interest rates decline. As home values rise and they age, they may then qualify for a reverse mortgage that can be held as long as they want. The program is open to homeowners of any age who can't afford their mortgage payments and are considering selling.

Navigating the complexities of mortgage financing can be challenging, especially when traditional mortgages from a bank are out of reach.

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A look at the history of egg incubators

Village stories

by Andrew Hind

Consumers in the United States have been forced to scramble as egg prices have been elevated since December.

The soaring prices of eggs in the United States early this year (largely the result of H1N1 avian flu outbreak) and the resultant political fallout has caused me – and I suspect many others as well – to reconsider the importance of eggs in our diets and lifestyle.

Chickens and their eggs have been staple food items for much of the world more than a millennium and have been a presence on Ontario farms from the very beginning of European settlement. When Jesuit missionaries founded St. Marie among the Hurons, they brought chickens with them (as well as cows and pigs).

To increase yield, some farmers in the late 19th and early 20th centuries turned to early generation egg incubators.

As the name implies, the incubator allows eggs to incubate without the hen needing to be present to provide warmth. Furthermore, by precisely regulating temperature and humidity to the ideal, eggs within an incubator hatch with far greater success rate than the natural norm.

Incubating eggs is not new. Egyptians had a method of incubating eggs as early as 400 BC. Egyptian egg ovens were pyramidal brick buildings shaped like a pyramid. Eggs were placed in a woven basket and partially covered in warm ashes to maintain the ideal temperature.

A revolution in incubation occurred in the 18th century when thermometers that could accurately measure temperature were invented. This made it far easier to maintain temperatures ideally suited for eggs to hatch.

The first modern, scientific incubator emerged in 1879 when American Lyman Byce created a coal lamp incubator in 1879. The first commercial machine appeared two years

later. Incubators with oil lamps soon followed. The electric egg incubator, which was based on the same principals, was invented in 1922 by Ira M. Petersime.

The most widely distributed egg incubator in Ontario in the first half of the 20th century was manufactured by the Buckeye Incubator Company. A Springfield, Ohio-based company, Buckeye first unveiled its line of incubators at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair in Chicago. It soon became one of the largest incubator manufacturers in America, and with offices in Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver came to dominate the Canadian market as well.

So, how did the incubator work? A small boiler containing a few quarts of water was heated via a burner. The heated water was distributed throughout the box via pipes, maintaining an ideal incubation temperature (102-103 degrees) throughout. Eggs would be turned occasionally.

Incubators were meant to be brought into the home where farmers could keep an eye on the eggs within. As such, they were typically made to look like a piece of furniture, something that wouldn't look out of place in the salon. Many were finished with redwood.

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Shop/Farm Rel: Qty 4" diam irrigation pipe-var lengths; (3)5' Rubbermaid water troughs; rolls of used chain link fence; (2)steel gates; wire gate; (12+)plastic pipes, 8"-12"diam, 1/2-3/4"wall, 12ft+, asst lengths; Danuser 14" posthole auger; EX-45000 12" post hole auger; pallet forks; Woods L59 mower deck; Steiner 220 mower with deck-parts only; good qty scrap; floor jacks; water pumps; water hose

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Where: The Gilpin Farm 6894 9th line Thornton

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Spring Equipment Consignment
Saturday May 17th, 9:30am

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Guild presents:
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June 7 & 8, 2025
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net wrap / twine, silage special, 540 rpm, Unit is located at Stewart's Equipment in Erin.
Stock number: U4814
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pivot tongue mower conditioner, 1000 rpm, 2 pth, excellent condition, Unit is Located at Stewart's equipment in Erin.
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camo unit, diesel, ROPS with canopy, front windshield, front bumper, 4 seater, spray in bed liner, 25x10:00-12nhs, Unit is located at Stewart's Equipment in Erin.
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