

## MANAGER'S MESSAGE



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■ It's been a long spring, but a good one! We remain ahead of a more normal spring timeline and except for some interesting rainfall distribution, things look pretty good! By the time you get this newsletter, crop protection applications will be complete. "Over the Top" in crop corn nitrogen applications are completed and forage fertilization is in full swing! Thank you for your support, and a BIG THANKS to your Co-

op staff for all those extra hours worked, to get the crop in, the feed delivered, keeping our stores open, and for working so hard to navigate the challenges brought on by the pandemic. Sales have been strong in all our departments, and again, we thank you for your support.

We will now be moving into the busy summer maintenance season at all our locations and working on some scheduled repair projects. New overhead doors have been installed in Teeswater, Markdale, and Wiarton. We have a new road-side sign in Markdale, complete with LED display inserts. The Belgrave Garden Center had a make-over and it looks great! Staff will begin to enjoy some well-earned vacation which may simply include some shopping and a dinner out, be nice if the simple things became simple things again. We are already beginning the planning process for fiscal 2022 and look forward to "bringing you what's next"!

Watch your mail for our 70th Anniversary flyer. North Wellington will be supporting this event with Member Specials and helping us buy in volume to ensure special pricing. See this great flyer for awesome member and anniversary deals, an opportunity to earn up to \$100 in gift certificates from the best local butcher shops, and a chance to win 1 of 5 Traeger BBQs. This event runs from July 15th – 24th and you won't want to miss it!

Have a great summer! I hope you get to enjoy some holidays with your family and get to see loved ones that you have been missing. So, get your vaccination, be safe, and thank you for the privilege of serving you again this season.

Kelly Boyle

## 70TH ANNIVERSARY BURSARY

In honour of the Huron Bay Co-operative 70th anniversary, we are in partnership with Partners Indemnity Insurance Brokers Ltd. to offer five bursaries annually of \$500.00 each to students attending post secondary education.

- Parent(s) must be member(s) of Huron Bay Co-operative Inc
- Resides in Huron Bay Co-operative Inc.'s trading area.
- Graduating from secondary school and attending post-secondary education in the application year OR be attending post-secondary education in the application year and have graduated from secondary school in the previous year.
- Have high academic achievement in secondary school and shown involvement in extra-curricular and community activities.

To see the application form, please visit our website, [www.huronbaycoop.ca](http://www.huronbaycoop.ca). This application can be mailed or dropped off to head office and must be completed in detail and post marked no later than August 1st.

## EMPLOYEE NEWS

We would like to welcome the following to the Huron Bay team:  
Holley Kelly - Branch Accounting Clerk, Owen Sound  
Kassandra MacDonald - Store Clerk, Auburn  
Dan Trepanier - Energy Sales & Service Specialist, Walkerton  
Connor Lee - Gas Bar Attendant, Teeswater

## ANIMAL HEALTH

Compared to other farm species, horses are especially tough on their pastures due to their constantly roaming hooves and their tendency to graze down to the root system of plants. Ongoing drought conditions mean new plant growth is stunted, resulting in reduced forage quantity and nutrient quality.

Dormant pastures in an extended dry period present unique challenges to horses, who rely heavily on forage in their diet for a healthy gastrointestinal tract. At a minimum, horses should be consuming 1% of their body weight per day in forage (approximately 5kg), which is difficult to achieve with pasture alone when regrowth is not keeping pace with grazing. Feeding hay in a slow feed net in a dry lot will ensure your horse is receiving consistent fiber while also preserving the life of your remaining pasture by letting it rest. If stretched for hay supply, hay cubes or a replacement product such as Rx Roughage can help fill in the fiber gaps in the diet while pasture regrows.

The stunted growth in pastures during drought conditions also means the nutrient quality has declined, requiring supplementation for health. While maintenance horses simply require a ration balancer or mineral, those who are in demanding life stages or athletic performance require a high fat/high fiber feed to ensure they are not losing condition and are obtaining the calories required to perform their job to the best of their ability. Reach out to the co-op to learn how to optimize your feed program for your horses during this dry spell!

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## HURON BAY 70TH ANNIVERSARY



Watch for our 70th Anniversary flyer in your local flyer bundle

Sales from July 15th to 25th, 2021

**Lots of great deals and chances to win prizes & giveaways!**

Grey County Junior Farmers Presents

## Grey's Ag Adventure

OPEN: JULY 17TH, 2021 TO AUGUST 28TH, 2021

**Step 1:** Print your Passport

**Step 2:** Travel to each location

**Step 3:** At each location punch your passport & learn about the location

**Step 4:** Share your adventure on social media using #JFAgAdventure

**Step 5:** Submit your completed passport to greycountyjff@outlook.com or message the Grey County Junior Farmers Facebook Page.

**Step 6:** Win Prizes! The First 100 People get a Free T-shirt and every completed passport will be entered into a draw for the grand prize\*!

For passport and more information visit the Grey County Junior Farmer Facebook Page

\*One entry person

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**MILK REPLACERS**

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- HELPS DEVELOP CALF'S NATURAL DEFENSE SYSTEM
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**DESIGNED FOR DAIRY PRODUCERS THAT WANT HEALTHY GROWING CALVES TODAY AND HIGHER HERD PRODUCTIVITY TOMORROW.**

Early health and growth, better lifetime productivity and achievement of genetic potential are the keys to successful dairy herds – our Blueprint Milk Replacers were developed to give producers the best possible option in early calf rearing.

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**FROM THE RETAIL STORE**

By: Lina Calvert

We are very excited to celebrate our 70th Anniversary with you this year! Over this time some things have stayed consistently the same, while other things have changed dramatically. One thing staying constant though is our agricultural roots, love of rural areas, and our passion for our country lifestyles. This translates to so many aspects of our lives, work and play, and we are so proud to live and operate in such a vibrant farming community!

One thing in our gardens that has staying power is the always popular Hydrangea. Hydrangeas come in a wide variety of sizes and colours and can add beautiful summer interest to any garden! Here are a few tips on how to keep your hydrangeas performing their best.

- Pick the Right Hydrangea for your area. There are different species of common hydrangea, but the ones that survive the best in our areas are: Smooth Hydrangea (*Hydrangea arborescens*) like the old-fashioned Annabelle; Panicle (*Hydrangea paniculata*) like Limelight and Phantom; and BigLeaf (*Hydrangea macrophylla*) like the Endless Summer and Cityline series. Oakleaf, climbing, and mountain hydrangea are all gorgeous too, but they can be a tough go in our growing zones.
- Water regularly! Hydrangeas need consistent watering, but not wet feet. Be sure to hand water when we hit the mid-summer months and rain can be scarce.
- Plant in rich, well-drained soil
- As a rule, hydrangeas love morning and late day sun but do not like the scorching mid-day heat. Hydrangeas need 6-8 hours of sun to bloom and grow their best.
- Deadhead hydrangeas to keep them blooming throughout the season.
- Don't prune hydrangeas unless needed – and prune after flowering is done. Most hydrangeas just need a light shaping to stay healthy.
- Fertilize spring and fall with a balanced, slow-release fertilizer like a 10-10-10. Manure or compost is an organic alternative.
- To change the colors of big leaf hydrangea blooms, lower the soil pH by adding sulfur, peat moss, or aluminum sulfate to the soil throughout the growing season.
- Hydrangeas are so popular because they are relatively disease and pest-resistant. Treat with a fungicide if you see any rust spots or powdery mildew, and treat with an insecticide if you see aphids, spider mites, or beetles.
- There are many uses for hydrangeas – focal points, hedges, and more! Choose from the classic "Grandma's Garden" types or try a new-to-the-market variety. Pop into your local branch to see what is in stock!

**FROM THE ENERGY DESK**



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■ Educate yourself on fuel, it's the lifeblood of your engines!

Water is the #1 problem when it comes to fuel, and no, that does not mean that your fuel was delivered to you with water in it. It is because the air inside your tank contains moisture. This moisture condenses when the outer walls of your tank are colder than the fuel. This causes the moisture in the fuel to condense on the top of the tank and drip down into the fuel. The water is heavier than the fuel so it will eventually settle to the bottom of the tank. Much effort is made to isolate the fuel from the air during production, transport, and delivery, but inevitably some will collect. Below are some steps you can take to help minimize this issue:

1. Refuel your equipment at the end of the day. Water issues are more common in diesel equipment tanks than storage tanks. This is because the fuel your engine takes from the tank but doesn't use, is returned to the tank, and the returning fuel is warm! A tank of higher-temperature fuel will naturally attract more condensation. So fuel your equipment at the end of the day so there isn't a large open air space to condense overnight or the following days the equipment is not used.
2. Ensure your storage tank is sized properly. Larger is not always better! If it takes you several months to empty your tank, that is several months you have a chance of condensation. The larger the tank, the larger the surface area inside that can attract condensation. So depending on your usage, a smaller tank might be best to assist in less time & surface area for condensation to form (this will also help in more frequent deliveries which will assist in better fuel quality). Please contact us if you feel you may have an oversized tank, we can look into your history and make a recommendation.
3. Don't fuel right after receiving a delivery into your farm storage tank. Any water that has formed at the bottom of your tank over time will get stirred up by the new fuel being delivered into your tank. If you fuel immediately after, you will get any of the water that is still suspended in the fuel. Give the water time to settle back to the bottom of the tank before you refuel (your pump pulls from several inches above the bottom of the tank to leave room for contaminants such as water). Using DIESELEX GOLD can greatly assist in this. DIESELEX GOLD's moisture control component can help separate the water in a matter of minutes rather than hours!

To contact the Energy Division with your inquiries or order needs. Please see below or scan the QR code.

**Please note the "Cell" number provided receives text messages ONLY.**

Call: 1-888-337-3835

Text: 1-519-957-1064

Email: energy@huronbaycoop.ca



**2022 CALENDAR PHOTOS**

**Please forward your digital photos to jhenderson@huronbaycoop.ca, that show livestock, crops, gardens, homesteads, equipment or your connection with the co-op. We always struggle with having winter scenes so please try and help us out with those!**

**INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Huron Bay Co-operative is accepting new members. We use the funds generated to strengthen the position of the co-operative and for financing new capital purchases to provide better service to you our members and customers. To become a member of the co-op requires a \$15 one time non-refundable membership fee. Huron Bay Co-operative offers a \$500 basic member loan with a 10 year term at BMO Prime plus 2% interest per annum. This loan is required before any patronage can be paid out. Members are entitled to patronage refunds when declared by your co-operative. As a member you are able to exercise a vote on company policies. You are also able to vote on the election of your board of directors, nominated from our pool of members. It also allows the member to invest monies in special member loans that are currently returning:

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| <b>2.5 % per annum</b> | <b>1 year</b> |
| <b>3.5 % per annum</b> | <b>3 year</b> |
| <b>4.5 % per annum</b> | <b>5 year</b> |

If you would like to discuss investing in your Co-operative, please contact your local branch manager, the Controller Rob Gordon at 519-392-8693 or the GM, Kelly Boyle at 519-367-5765