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Peacocks find home on farm in Mono

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Debbie Bozinoff has always had a houseful, a barn full of animals; until late last summer, she was the proud owner of a charming wild boar, named George. She has donkeys, a miniature horse, two goats and a couple of pot bellied pigs.

She is always willing to offer a home to guinea pigs and bunnies and has several of these living at liberty in her barn. Of course, there are also dogs and cats.

She likes birds, too, and has housed chickens, ducks and geese, and, now, peacocks.

She likes to tell the story: "It all began on a beautiful summer day about 10 years ago, when I went to visit friends and there he was in all his splendour — a fabulous male peacock! I was blown away and I just had to have him and his two female companions, the peahens."

So, she bought the three birds from her friends and took

them home to her farm in Mono.

They were a wonderful asset to Debbie's home. The magnificent male strutted about the property, fanning his tail and calling out to the world that he was there with that special "cur-ouw!" (well, let's see you spell a peacock's call) that is so distinctive. It echoed across the neighbourhood, through the woods and across the fields.

Much to Debbie's delight, the hens laid eggs and sat on them. Said Debbie: "When they started to lay on their eggs and hatch their chicks, I thought it was just wonderful. This kept happening until, after some years, I had 50 of them."

Although peacocks only have one brood per season, they were free to come and go as they pleased during the nice weather and, over several years, of course, their numbers grew.

At one point, though, there was a problem with racoons breaking into the peacocks'

enclosure and so, Debbie began to look for other ways to safeguard the eggs while they were developing.

Her first option was an incubator, in which she kept the eggs she took from the peahens, watching over them with as much diligence as their mothers, turning them and listening for the "peeps" of the emerging chicks. The project was fraught with difficulties.

As Debbie explained it: "With the peacock chicks, the humidity has to be perfect. And the timing of their hatching needs to be done just right — you can't start until they're ready — you have to hear them peeping. Then, if you're helping them get out it has to be done so slowly — otherwise they bleed to death."

Indeed, I remembered one day, popping in to Debbie's for tea. She was sitting in a chair, with an egg in her hands, holding it tenderly and trying to guess when she should help the tiny chick inside remove the next chip of egg shell. She was clearly quite in love with

the baby and deeply worried about her own skills as a mother peacock.

"Eventually," she continued, "I had to stop because it was so stressful, getting up at all hours of the night to catch them at exactly at the right moment."

She had chickens in a secure coop and thought it might work out well if the chickens hatched the pea-chicks. And she was right. The chickens were as good at mothering pea-chicks as they were their own chicks.

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ORANGEVILLE TIGERS hosted their 31st annual Sweetheart Tournament to rave reviews this past weekend. With teams from as far away as Sudbury making the trek to Orangeville, a total of 74 teams took to the ice of both the Alder Street and Tony Rose rinks as well as the pad at Teen Ranch making for another exciting weekend of hockey action.
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Debbie Bozinoff in the barn with one of her peacocks.

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Muskies atone for loss with 6-1 win

Everyone who has dropped a line into a pond has a story about the one that got away. This weekend, the Shelburne Muskies added one of their own when the Fish let a three goal lead slip away to the Ripley Wolves who scored with 1:45 left on the clock to edge Shelburne 6-5.

This game started out well for the Muskies, up 3-1 at the end of the first on goals from Zac Duerden, Anthony Pototschnik and Sean Connor.

Ripley took advantage of a less-than-100-percent effort from the Fish to chip away at their lead and score two of their own to tie the game. Shelburne added another on the power play when Matt Lougheed and Pototschnik set up Chris Greer late in the second.

Again finding themselves tied after a Wolves goal just over a minute into the third, Brad Horan scored a power-play goal to give Shelburne some short lived breathing

room. Sniffing a victory, Ripley continued to nip at the Muskies until Shea Armstrong slipped one past Rob Senay in the dying minutes to snag the win away for Ripley.

Smarting from the loss the night before, a much sharper Muskies squad took to the ice back home at the CDRC on Saturday night against Lucknow.

With Derek Smith, Bill Boyes and Horan leading the way, Shelburne again found themselves with a 3-1 lead heading into the mid-frame.

This time however, there would be no repeats of Friday night.

With the Muskie defense keeping Lucknow's snipers to the outside, Senay did his part between the pipes, turning away those pucks that manage to make it to the crease.

Chuck Mesley and Greg Patton each chipped in with second period markers while Derek Smith put the last marks

on the score sheet early in the third, snapping a shot from the point on the power play to make it 6-1.

With two games remaining

in the regular season, Shelburne currently sits second in the North Division standings, three points back of Saugen Shores.

Both games are big ones for the Muskies but possibly the most important of the two is Friday nights contest in Elora

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ORANGEVILLE PEEWEE AA FLYERS started the post season on the right track, defeating the visiting Stoney Creek Warriors by a score of 3-2 in OMHA Qualifier action at the Alder Street Community Centre on Monday night.
Photo/MIKE MALONEY

Sweet success as Tigers host tourney

The Orangeville Tigers were the toast of the town as the group successfully hosted the 31st edition of the Sweetheart Hockey Tournament this past weekend.

This annual event saw an estimated 1,300 players forming 74 teams take to the ice competing in 14 divisions over the course of the past weekend.

Starting on Friday night with the presentation of championship banners and the ceremonial puck drop, teams played almost non stop on the five local ice pads Friday evening and Saturday, wrapping up Sunday with the semi-final and championship games being played.

While all the Tigers teams showed well in the tournament an number of them earned berths to the semi-finals and then onto the finals in their

respective division.

Leading the way for Orangeville was the Novice C squad who set the championship standard for the Tigers, posting a huge 7-0 victory to win their division.

Following closely behind them were the Bantam B Girls who's scored a pair of goals off the top of the third to break a scoreless deadlock then hung on to edge North Halton 2-1 in their championship game.

The Atom B girls were less fortunate however, dropping a tough 3-1 decision to a very strong Sudbury Wolves squad.

Rounding out the tournament, Orangeville again found themselves winning by a score of 2-1. This time it was the Peeewe BB squad doing what they had to do to edge Waterloo in their championship match.

Crushers downed 7-4 by Blues

The Orangeville Crushers found themselves on the wrong side of the score card this past weekend, dropping a 7-4 decision on the road Friday night to the Collingwood Blues.

Collingwood set the pace early with a goal from Eric Cox exactly seven minutes into the game before Dan Minor and Matt Chiarantano would set up Norm Ezekiel, evening the score at 1-1 five minutes later.

Collingwood would catch

some energy playing before the hometown crowd, adding a pair off the top of two before Mike Arnold notched his 25th of the season with assists going to Kirk Evely and Matt Crilly.

The Blues again came back on strong, slipping another pair past Andy Groulx to make it 5-2 just under seven minutes into the third.

Jarrod Connelly and Curtis Longland put some snap back into the Crushers stride drawing Orangeville back to within

one at the 9:08 mark.

Penalty trouble again proved to be deadly for Orangeville as the Blues took full advantage of the opportunities presented to them, scoring a pair in the last half of the third to seal the 7-4 victory.

With only eight games remaining in the regular season schedule, the week ahead will prove to be a true test for the character of this team.

Having been edged from fourth to fifth in the standings
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