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#### **FRONT COVER**

Two oxen make a neat job of ploughing a small farmer's field. Picture courtesy of Afritrac, specialists in animal traction.

## **COMMENT, by Pete Bower** A real mess

roperty owners may be forgiven for thinking that expropriation of their land without compensation (EWC) is the biggest bone of contention in the dog's breakfast that is modern-day South Africa, but they'd be wrong.

Make no mistake, EWC ~ or at least the threat of expropriation of land and possibly other assets ~ is not going to go away, at least not as long as Julius Malema and his EFF rabble-rousers continue to take centre-stage. However, while South Africans' attention was distracted by Jacob Zuma and his Gupta pals and their blatant thievery, the country was descending into an unmitigated mess.

In a way, what we have now is a perfect storm, because a number of lingering problems and national ailments have developed into full-on crises at the same time, and all have landed on the doorstep of President Ramaphosa. Poor man! Take education: We have known for decades that primary and secondary state education was a mess. Children continue to drown in pit latrines because schools have no toilets. Badly trained and poorly-motivated teachers are expected to teach an everchanging curriculum in broken-down and poorly-resourced schools which turn out functionally-illiterate and innumerate school leavers into a job market that simply can't absorb them. So in an attempt to better their prospects of employment, these school leavers chase what they believe is the holy grail in the form of a university degree. Which, because many of them simply can't afford it, resulted in the Fees Must Fall campaign, which was a resounding success, thanks to Jacob Zuma's cowardly and unaffordable capitulation to the students' demands last year.

Take healthcare: Nurses and doctors work ridiculous hours in state hospitals that are filthy, broken, understaffed and under-equipped. And all the while the minister of health (who as a specialist in public health should know better) attempts to ram through his dream of a National Health Insurance scheme for all, never mind the fact that he hasn't quite worked out how it's going to be funded.

Take the job market: No entrepreneur in his or her right mind wants to take on the aforementioned functionally-illiterate and innumerate school leavers as workers, not least because the one thing they have internalised in their school careers is a sense of entitlement which tends to hobble their enthusiasm for productivity at work.

None of this is helped by labour laws that make it unpleasantly burdensome to take on ~ and pay ~ additional staff, or to get rid of underperforming or dishonest workers. As a result, millions of young people spend their time at home, on street corners or getting up to mischief because their hope of ever getting a job that will "suit" them is zero. Thus, depending on how you define the total available labour force, unemployment in South Africa stands at anywhere between 25 and 60-plus percent.

Take social welfare: 17 million old, poor, disabled adults, and poor children, receive a monthly payment from the state, which is funded by five million taxpayers. While supporting the country's most vulnerable financially is a noble sentiment, and a great regular injection of income into the economy, given the numbers it clearly isn't sustainable in the long term.

Take local government: Even in a small province such as Gauteng, early-morning service delivery protests have become commonplace. And if they're commonplace here, they are also taking place regularly around the country. Road are potholed. Rivers are polluted with sewage from broken municipal sewerage works. Water periodically stops flowing from one's taps, or the lights go out. Emfuleni municipality recently had no official vehicles because it neglected to pay its vehicle leasing charges. Johannesburg, which should have about 140 functional fire engines, has 15 on the

Take state-owned businesses: The Post Office, after its protracted strike mid-year, is allbut defunct. Prasa is, by its own admission, a financial basket-case. SA Airways is bankrupt. Transnet is wracked by corruption and the SABC doesn't have the money to pay its suppliers, despite raking in millions in TV license fees.

And then there's politics: The ANC may have been an effective liberation movement but that hasn't made it an effective governing party. It's had 24 years to manage the affairs of the country but, after a promising start when the economy was growing and all seemed set fair, it has descended into an ineffective, fractured mess that would have difficulty running a bath, much less a country.

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premises as I'd anticipated. That evening they came home and walked into the house.

The next morning I went in with my staff on the pretext of changing the bed linen and

cleaning the carpets. The husband wasn't there but the wife started pushing me around and later bragged to the police that she had yanked me by the scruff of Continued on page 7

#### Erratum: ARC course cost

slip of the finger meant that we published an incorrect price for a course being offered by the Agricultural Research Council this month. The course, on Oyster Mushroom Production, will be

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held at the ARC-Plant Protection Research Institute in Roodeplaat, Pretoria. The course fee is R6 500 pp, and not, as we had it, R2 500 pp. To book contact 012 427-9700/9740 or email trainingservices@arc.agric.za.



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# Egypt lifts listeriosis ban on SA fruit, veg

gypt has lifted a temporary suspension of fresh fruit and vegetables exported from South Africa to that country that was imposed in May in an attempt to combat the threat of Listeriosis being introduced from South Africa. Egypt's decision to lift the

suspension follows health minister Dr Aaron Motsoaledi's announcement that the listeriosis outbreak was over and that no new cases had been reported in the last three months.

The Dept of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries emphasises that exporters of fresh fruit and vegetables must still comply with all

phytosanitary, food safety and quality requirements for fresh fruit and vegetables destined for Egyptian markets.



the property owner.

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**Bev Untiedt** 

From page 5 the neck to the front door. However with the help of my staff we managed to remove the bed linen, DSTV decoder, and heater and floor rugs. My husband also unscrewed the

That night the Welbekend police delivered a 25 page long court application instructing us to restore everything to the way it was. (Which we did.)

front door.

The crux of these events indicates that this man utilised every loophole in South African law to exercise his rights. As I write to you (September), no payment has yet been received.

I have sought legal counsel which has been estimated to cost me R10 000. According to Travelground, Safarinow and other legal experts they have never encountered such blatant abuse of the law. An eviction order will take more than two weeks and currently I have no recourse or hope of recouping my losses.

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There is now an app available should you come across the beetle in trees on your

property or in public areas. The app for android phones is available from Google Play and from iTunes for iPhones. This app allows PSHB infestations to be reported with "two pics and one click". The app generates a "pin" of the exact location of the affected tree. Reporting the infestation allows the spread of the PSHB to be measured and tracked. Local organisations are then automatically

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# Expect a dry summer in Gauteng

on't expect to be blessed with an extra-wet summer in Gauteng this year. That's if

one follows the forecasts of oceanographers studying the central Pacific Ocean for the dreaded El Nino/La Nina effect.

The word from scientists is that our weather is predicted to be "ENSO-neutral ... through August-October 2018, with El Niño favoured thereafter. Chances for El Niño are 65-70% during Northern Hemisphere winter 2018-19."

This prediction is provided by the International Research Institute (IRI) for Climate & Society, updated in late August.

The name El Nino ("little boy"

in Spanish) is given to the phenomenon of colder than average sea surface temperatures that develop in the Central Pacific Ocean from time to time and which typically result in drier-than-average conditions over the land masses of South America, Africa and Australasia in the southern summer months.

The converse, the La Nina ("little girl") effect is when sea surface temperatures are warmer than average in the Central Pacific Ocean resulting in wetter-thanaverage years over the

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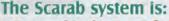


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notified and appropriate action can be taken.

The Tree Survey requests two pictures of every tree, one close up photo of the bark showing the beetle hole and one picture of the whole tree. Apart from this notification, the app can also be used to request help with a private tree, submit an infestation report to the University of Pretoria's Forestry & Agricultural Biotechnology Institute (Fabi), report a dead public tree to Joburg's City Parks department, request permission from City Parks to remove a dead tree or to ask

City Parks for permission to treat a public

If you would prefer to use email to report an infestation, the email address for Fabi is diagnostic.-clinic@fabi.up. ac.za. The institute requests that you include pho

requests that you include photos of the symptoms, the type or species of tree, your street address or GPS co-ordinates and your contact details.



Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer is only 2mm long

Alternatively you can use WhatsApp to send your observation to 064 756 2736, to update the PSHB Dynamic Risk Profile.

To send a WhatsApp Location

Pin, turn on your phone location, open WhatsApp, select attach, select location, select send your current location. You are also asked to send photos of the trunk or symptomatic branches, the symptoms (close-up), the entry/exit hole, if visible, with a ballpoint pen for scale (remove gumming or exudate if necessary) and, if fusarium dieback is observed, include a picture of the entire tree. You can also phone Jan Hendrik Venter at the Dept of Forestry on 012 319-6384. The Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer has a wide host range

Olive, peach, nectarine, plum, almond, apricot, walnut, prune, pomegranate, pecan nut, apple, cherry pear, fig, quince, mulberry, lemon and grape vines.

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the southern hemisphere land-masses.

There is also evidence that the strength of the El Nino/La Nina effect, ie the degree of variation of the temperature of the ocean surface, has a direct

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correlation on rainfall figures. The fact that there is a probability of an El Nino this season does not, of course, mean that there will be NO rain, just that it may be less plentiful than normal.





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that includes important crop tree species such as avocado, macadamia, peach, orange, grapevine and pecan trees, as well as many forest trees such as the cabbage tree, monkey plum, common coral tree and honey flower.

Unlike most borer beetles which live in dead wood, the shot hole borer attacks living wood. The PSHB is indiscriminate in the trees it attacks since it does not eat wood, rather it eats fungus that it farms inside extensive tunnels that it creates inside the living tree. The beetle is only 2mm long, but it carries

three species of fungi that it moves between host trees by carrying spores within a pouch in its mouthparts. These ambrosial fungi are inoculated into host trees and are the sole nutritional source for the adult beetles and their larvae. It's actually the fungus that kills the trees.

Signs and symptoms of PSHB attack can vary depending on the type of tree. However, tiny beetle entry and exit holes (a bit smaller than the tip of a ballpoint pen) are usually present in the tree's bark. Sawdust is often found

around the holes or on the ground around the trunk; sometimes a sawdust "toothpick" can be seen sticking out of the beetle hole. In areas around the beetle holes, trees may show signs of liquid or resin oozing out of the bark or 'sugar volcano' symptoms ~ little cone-shaped piles of white powder on the bark. In some cases, trees need to be removed and the wood responsibly disposed of, in other cases trees can be

A working group of entomol-

treated.

ogists, scientists and government officials has been set up and there is an appeal to the public to be on the lookout for the beetles. However, some stakeholders are frustrated by the lack of urgency in government departments.

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very equestrian should learn how to check a horse's physical condition for tell-tale signs of illness, injury or fatigue. The health check is a critical factor with all competitions, and it is useful in day to day management as well. In most cases routine checks are second nature and often you will perform them subconsciously every time you ride, groom, feed, bring in or turn out your horse. When you are doing it more formally, don't rush into it. Stand back and just watch the animal carefully for a few minutes. The horse should be alert and his ears should be pricking to and fro. Is the coat sleek and lying flat? Are the eyes open and bright, with the membranes under the lids and the lining of the nostrils salmon pink in colour? A horse at rest should not be sweating. There are a few aspects of horse health you need to monitor on a daily basis: ☐ The amount of feed being consumed, with the horse eating well and chewing normally. If a normally

greedy eater suddenly slows

down you'll know something

could be wrong. Check for excess salivation or dropping

food when eating. This can mean there is a problem with the teeth or tongue or throat.

☐ The amount of water being consumed. The average horse drinks between 15 and 30 litres a day, depending on the air temperature, activity level and whether the horse's main diet is grass or hay. The urine should be fairly thick, light brown or almost colourless and should be passed several times a day. All is not well if the horse strains to urinate, or if the urine is coffee or blood coloured.

☐ The amount of manure being produced. This is more difficult to monitor if your horse is out on pasture, but you can count on cleaning out about eight piles of well formed, firm manure (depending on the size of the horse) a day from a horse kept stabled. The faeces should appear as a mass of firmish round balls, which should separate into individual balls as they hit the ground. The smell should not be offensive. Runny manure can be a sign of nerves, but can also mean illness or an unsuitable diet.

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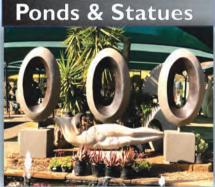




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Constipation or straining to produce manure is also not healthy.

Do a visual check daily for lumps, bruises, scrapes or punctures, runny noses or eyes. Check for symmetry on both sides of the animal, looking out for unusual swellings that could indicate the site of injury or disease.

The horse should stand evenly on all four feet, although sometimes they rest a hind foot. Check hooves frequently for cracks, signs of infection (unusually bad smell or secretions), and loose shoes (easily identifiable by walking the horse over concrete or brick. If the shoe clanks it's loose.

☐ When the horse is walking it should be take strides of equal length, with the weight evenly distributed.

☐ The breathing rate can be measured by watching the sideways expansion of the chest. When at rest the rate should be 8 – 14 inhalations per minute. The rate can often be raised when the horse is stressed or sick.

☐ The pulse can be taken by placing two fingers on the facial artery where it runs over the edge of the jaw bone. Count the number of beats in 15 seconds and multiply by 4 to give the heart rate for one minute. Normal ranges between 35 and 42 beats per minute.

☐ If you have a rectal thermometer, the tempera-

ture should be 37,3 - 38°C.

Pinch or 'tent' the loose skin on the neck or shoulder between your fingers and thumb for a few seconds. In healthy animals the skin should then immediately return to normal, whereas if the horse is dehydrated there will be a delay before it flattens out again. The skin should move easily over the bones.

Pain is hard to define and measure in animals. Because there is no other way of communicating with them, we have to rely on their behaviour to tell us where the pain is and how bad it is. Some of the signs of pain are common to most species of animal:

☐ reluctance to eat;

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dullness (or increased agitation and restlessness);

☐ standing apart from its

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A daily check of your horse is a good practice.

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# Responsibilities of a livestock

#### owner

re you in the know about the legislation that governs the keeping of farm animals on your property? Each Metro has by-laws which will indicate the housing specifications for animals, as well as the duties of keepers of cattle, horses, mules and donkeys, goats, sheep, rabbits and poultry. These can be downloaded off the metros' websites. While there are often small differences between them in wording etc, the essense of the different metros' by-laws are the same, so if the bylaws relating to the area in which you live are not listed, you will probably be safe if you comply with the bylaws of a neighbouring municipal-

In Ekurhuleni, for example, they are to be found in the Public Health Bylaws dated 23 September 2009. On the West Rand you will need West Rand District Municipality: Municipal Health Services By-laws. In the City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality: Standard By-Laws relating to The Keeping Of Animals, Birds And Poultry And To Businesses Involving The Keeping Of Animals, Birds, Poultry And Pets 2004. The City of Johannesburg Public Health By-Laws has a chapter on the keeping of animals, including livestock.

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- standing apart from its mates:
- groaning, especially if the injured part is moved or pressed;
- horses may kick at the affected part or kick out at the handler;
- unusual immobility or reluctance to move;
- change in personality
- (usually for the worse!);
  ☐ increased muscle tone
  (tight-feeling, harder) around
- limping or uneven gait;

the affected area;

head pressing (eg, against a post or building);

Most municipal by-laws state

that animal owners must

- increased heart rate, increased respiration rate; With horses, also take note of:
- sweating;
- ☐ kicking at belly;
- looking round at flank;
- teeth grinding;
- rigid posture;
- grunting;
- head held low.
- In horses with colic, the normal gurgly abdominal (gut) sounds are absent.







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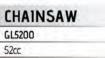


















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maintain the premises on which an animal is kept in good repair and in a neat condition, in order to prevent the occurrence of a public nuisance, and that the owner may not leave or allow any animal to be on any section of a public road or leave such animal in a place from where it may stray on to such section of a public road.

According to the proposed National Pounds legislation, a livestock owner "must exercise control over his or her animal so as to avoid damage to another person's property" and the owner is "liable for damage caused by that animal".

Apart from municipal by-laws, the national Animals Protection Act gives a detailed list of what actions against animals will be treated as an offence:

Owners may not:

Overload, overdrive,

**ANIMAL WELFARE** override, ill-treat, neglect, infuriate, torture or maim or

cruelly beat, kick, goad or terrify any animal;

☐ Confine, chain, tether or secure any animal unnecessarily or under such conditions or in such a manner or position as to cause that animal unnecessary suffering or in any place which affords inadequate space, ventilation, light protection or shelter from heat, cold or weather; or ☐ Unnecessarily starve or

under-feed or deny water or food to any animal;

☐ Lay or expose any poisoned fluid or edible matter or infectious agents except for the destruction of vermin or marauding domestic animals or without taking reasonable precautions to prevent injury or disease being caused to animals:

☐ Deliberately or negligently keep such animal in a dirty or parasitic condition or allow it

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# The twilight years...

ommercial farmers sell off their livestock as soon as they are no longer productive, but many smallholders don't have the heart to do that. However, just as most humans start to have

trouble with their joints, teeth and digestion as they get older, old animals will have similar problems and owners should do whatever they can to keep them comfortable.

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external parasites or fail to render or procure veterinary or other medical treatment;

Use on or attach to any animal any equipment, appliance or vehicle which

to become infected with

appliance or vehicle which causes or will cause injury to such animal or which is loaded, used or attached in such a manner as will cause such animal to be injured or become diseased or to suffer unnecessarily;

Liberate any animal in such a manner or place as to expose it to immediate attack or danger of attack by other animals or by wild animals, or baits or provokes any animal or incites any animal to attack another animal:

Drive or use any animal which is so diseased or so injured or in such a physical condition that it is unfit to be driven or to do any work. The act also refers to setting traps and using animals for fighting.

The act states the powers of officers of society for prevention of cruelty to animals. Breach of the anti-cruelty provisions of section 2 of the Animal Protection Act 1962 is

punishable with fines, imprisonment, confiscation and banning animal ownership.

Producer societies, together with animal protection NGOs, have drawn up voluntary codes of practice for transport and for specific species of farmed animals which include stunning and slaughter provisions.

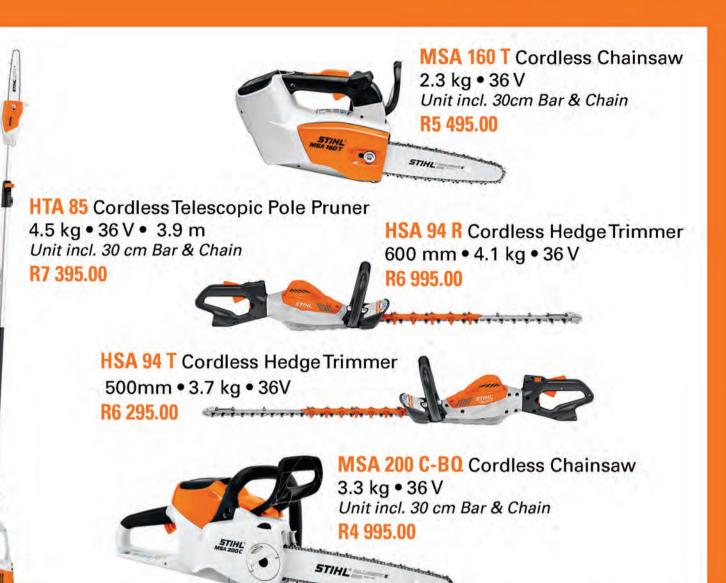
Livestock owners can also base their treatment of animals on the Five Freedoms of Animal Welfare:

- 1. Freedom from hunger and thirst by ready access to fresh water and diet to maintain health and vigour.
- 2. Freedom from discomfort by providing an appropriate environment including shelter and a comfortable resting area.
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Old goat From page 23 Sheep can live to more than ten years of age, cattle to more than 15 and horses well into their 20s, so it is certainly

older age. But, it requires extra planning, preparation and preventive health care. A common problem among cattle, horses, sheep and goats will be difficulties with their feet. Because they are less

active, overgrowth of the horn on their feet can become a problem. Most farm animals need regular ANIMAL CARE becomes slightly less efficient,

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meaning it takes more bites

Worn teeth of an old sheep

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and loose or missing teeth can make grazing difficult. If you notice excess salivation (drooling) or dropping food from the mouth, have a veterinarian examine the animal. Eventually teeth problems lead to weight loss because the animal can't bite or chew effectively. Once a cow or sheep starts to lose her incisor teeth, every bite she takes







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to eat the same amount of feed as a younger animal. So older livestock may need extra feed, particularly when grazing is short.

A ruminant's molar teeth are vital to be able to chew food, so any trouble with these will lead to weight loss.

Among older horses, sharp

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edges (on the outside of the top cheek teeth and the inside of the bottom cheek teeth) are very common, and can cause ulcers inside the cheeks and on the edges of the tongue.

As a guideline, older horses benefit from dental treatment every year or two. This improves their bite and

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chewing efficiency by rasping and levelling sharp edges and uneven surfaces on cheek teeth and incisors.

On the other hand, feeding too much can cause other problems. If animals become too fat, excess weight can exacerbate other health issues commonly found in older animals, such as arthritis.

It is a good idea to keep older animals of similar age together, as this can help in the management of feed quality and correct quantity. They should have sufficient minerals, as deficiencies of cause diseases such as grass tetany or milk fever.

degenerative changes in and around the joints. Old bulls or rams should always be assessed by a vet to ensure they are fertile and sound before being joined with cows or ewes. It is not uncommon that a male looks sound but, due to arthritis in hip or stifle joints, is unable to mate.

In any species, some mild stiffness can improve with regular mild exercise such as





# Dealing with snakes on your plot

arly spring is when snakes become more active. The rains bring out frogs, which many snakes eat. Warmer temperatures will also encourage snakes to start looking for a mate. Before smallholders start to panic, however, and lay about with brooms and spades when they see a snake on their plots, it is worth knowing that many of

the snakes that are seen in Gauteng are harmless, such as the Brown House Snake, Peter's Thread Snake, Mole Snake, Bibron's Blind Snake, Green Water Snake and the Aurora House Snake.

Among the dangerous snakes seen on plots the Rinkhals is the most common, but smallholders also report sightings of Puff Adders and Snouted Cobras (also Continued on page 31

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a steady walk each day. It certainly helps if the animal isn't fat, because excess weight puts more stress on the joints. It helps too if the animal has access to effective shelter from bad weather. In cold or wet weather, stiff horses can be made more comfortable by keeping them warm with a good waterproof cover. The cover should be checked frequently to make sure it doesn't leak or cause chafing.

There are anti- inflammatory drugs available for animals, if the stiffness worsens.

Worms in the stomach and

Worms in the stomach and intestine can cause problems in older livestock, because older animals are more susceptible to parasites. They may benefit from strategic

treatments with anthelmintics.

Older animals are more vulnerable to disease because their immune systems may not be as responsive as when they were in their prime. Bacterial or viral infections can also be a problem, so it is important to maintain their vaccinations.

Sickness in any old animals should be investigated further, as it can be a sign there is a problem in your overall herd or flock.

As a responsible owner, you need to constantly ensure that the animal is comfortable and relatively pain free. At some stage though, you are probably going to have to discuss euthanasia with your vet, who can advise when other treatment options have been exhausted.



















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sometimes called the Egyptian or Banded Cobra). Ideally, smallholders should follow the live and let live policy and appreciate that snakes have their very important place in the eco hierarchy, but if you do not want snakes on your smallholding, there are measures that you can take to discourage them. Start by removing anything that might provide shelter or

food for snakes. Keep the grass around your house well mown, as long grass is a favoured habitat of

snakes. Regularly sweep up in brick

Harmless green water snake

leaves and other garden debris.

Also keep shrubs trimmed round their base and ensure that tree branches do not overhang your house or seating areas in your garden. Make sure that there are no holes in your roof that snakes can get through ~ particularly if trees overhang your house. Ensure skirting boards do not have gaps under or behind them. Seal all holes where wiring, plumbing or gas pipes enter your home. Cover gutters and drain pipes with fine gauge mesh.

Fill gaps, cracks and crevices in brick and stone walls.

Wooden decking in seating areas should be solid, rather than slatted, to prevent snakes slithering through it. Be aware that play areas such as wendy houses, tree houses, sand pits etc might be appealing to

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snakes.

Stack your wood on a suitable platform – such as a pallet – off the ground. Try to avoid having piles of building rubble, sheets of corrugated iron or piles of firewood near your house or sheds, as snakes like dark or neglected areas.

Compost heaps could potentially attract many different species of wildlife which, in turn, may become



Poisonous Rinkhals the prey of a snake, so make you heap far from the house

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or enclose it with a wall. Some people go as far as attaching a strip of foam or rubber under their doors to reduce the size of the gap, in the hope that this will prevent snakes from gaining access to their houses. There are commercially marketed repellents for snakes. However, it is difficult to confirm that any effective product exists to repel snakes humanely. Some people suggest using moth balls, which do not harm the snakes but still deter them from coming inside. However, moth balls can also be hazardous to children, pets and domestic animals.

It is important to know that most snakes are more scared of you than you are of them. A snake will not purposefully attack you. They lack true aggression and most will only attack in self-defence. Most snakes will get out of your way and will only strike when they have no escape and are feeling threatened. What should you do if you come across a snake? Once you have seen the snake, do not go towards it and obviously don't try poking it with a stick! If you are close to the snake, freeze and watch the snake's reaction. If it is slithering on the ground it is probably moving away from you. Move away slowly, so that the snake does not feel threatened. However if the snake rears up and flattens its neck to form a hood it is showing aggression. Back away slowly. If you step on a snake or are very close to a Puff adder then move away quickly.

If a snake appears to be dead, do not pick it up. Some snakes such as the Rinkhals play dead, where they roll over and allow the tongue to loll most convincingly out of the mouth. However if you touch it, it is

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very likely to bite.
Two of the three South
African spitting snakes occur
in Gauteng, namely the
Rinkhals and the
Mozambique Spitting Cobra.
They can spit their venom
up to three metres and do
so in self-defence, to
temporarily blind an attacker
so they can make a quick
escape.

If you a snake spits at you wash out your eyes with lots of water. If you are near a tap hold your head under the running stream of water for 15 minutes. If you are out in the bush you can use other fluids such as beer or milk, but water is preferable. Then go to a doctor as soon as possible. There might be temporary blindness but permanent damage is unlikely, particularly if prompt medical attention is sought.

If you are bitten by a snake, it is most important that you remain calm ~ difficult though that might be. Identify the snake if possible. If you do not know what snake it is try and memorise what it looks like. Do not panic or run as this speeds up your metabolism and spreads the poison faster. Do not apply ice to the bite area and don't, under any circumstances drink alcohol. If bitten on the hand, remove any rings as soon as possible.

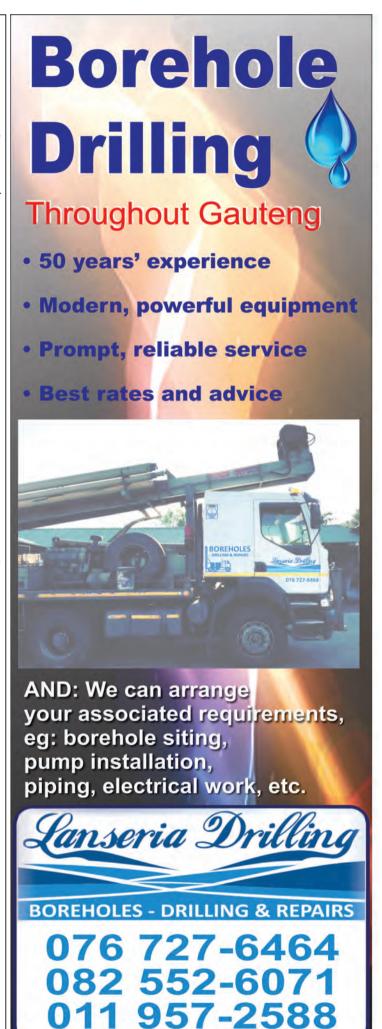
Immediately apply a crepe bandage firmly around the wound, as if for a muscle sprain. This will reduce the amount of venom entering the bloodstream but should not cut off circulation.

Do not apply a tourniquet. This often causes more damage than the bite itself. Also, never try and suck the venom out.

Get someone to take you to hospital as soon as possible as anti-venom might be needed.

If someone is bitten by a

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Puff Adder, call for medical help immediately. Apply a bandage starting at the bite site and working up the limb. Do not apply a tight bandage or tourniquet. A lightly applied bandage may help stop the spread of the poison. Keep the limb lower than the victim's heart. Do not remove the bandage until the anti-venom has started to take effect.

Snake bite experts maintain that if a snakebite victim is taken to hospital within 30 minutes to two hours, the outcome should be good. It makes sense for smallholders to educate themselves, their families and their staff on snakes. There are many snake books available which will help. The African Snakebite Institute has recently released a free app for android and Apple smart phones called ASI Snakes. This app has several useful features such as snake profiles, posters, articles, a list of hospitals listing those that are closest to you and a list of over 450 snake removers around the country.

If you are unable to acquire this app on your phone, don't wait until there is a snake in your house to download a list of snake removal experts in your area. Go to https://www.africansnakebitei nstitute.com/snake-removalsinformation, download, print the list and keep it in an easily accessible place. If you fear that waiting for a snake removal expert will take too long, for example if the snake you encounter is in

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# BEEKEEPING

# The benefits of honey (and cinnamon)

t is found that a mixture of teaspoon of cinnamon honey and cinnamon can assist with many diseases, with scientists increasingly accepting honey as a "ram bam" (very effective) medicine for all kinds of ailment. As long ago as 1995 Weekly World News, a magazine in Canada, listed a number of ailments that can be assisted by honey and cinnamon, as researched by western scientists. Cautionary **note:** These recipes or cures are not endorsed by the Gauteng Smallholder. The information presented here is given for interest only and readers use it at their own risk:

☐ Heart disease: Make a paste of honey and cinnamon powder, apply it on bread instead of jam and eat it regularly for breakfast. It reduces the cholesterol in the arteries and saves the patient from heart attack. Also, those who have already had an attack, when they do this process daily, they are assisted in preventing a further attack. Regular use of the above process relieves loss of breath and strengthens the heart beat. In the USA and Canada various nursing homes have treated patients successfully and have found that as one ages, the arteries and veins lose their flexibility and become clogged, and honey and cinnamon revitalize the arteries and the veins. ☐ Arthritis: Arthritis patients

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may take daily (morning and night) one cup of hot water with two tablespoons of honey and one small

powder. When taken regularly even chronic arthritis can be cured. In recent research conducted at the Copenhagen University, it was found that when the doctors treated their patients with a mixture of one tablespoon of honey and half a teaspoon of cinnamon powder before breakfast, they found that within a week (out

of the 200 people so treated) practically 73 patients were totally relieved of pain and within a month most of the patients who could not walk or move around because of arthritis now started walking without pain.

☐ Cholesterol: Two tablespoons of honey and three teaspoons of cinnamon powder mixed in 16 ounces of tea water given to a

cholesterol patient reduces the level of cholesterol in the blood by 10% within two hours. As mentioned for arthritic patients, when taken three times a day, any chronic cholesterol is cured. According to information in magazine, pure honey taken with food daily relieves complaints of cholesterol. ☐ Colds: Those suffering

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From page 37 common or severe colds should take one tablespoon lukewarm honey with 1/4 spoon cinnamon powder daily for three days. This process will cure most chronic coughs, colds, and clear the sinuses.

☐ Influenza: A scientist in Spain has proved that honey contains a natural Ingredient which kills the influenza "germs" and saves the patient from flu.



☐ Longevity: Tea made with honey and cinnamon powder, when taken regularly, arrests the ravages of old age. Use four teaspoons of honey, one teaspoon of cinnamon powder, and three cups of water and boil to make a tea. Drink 1/4 cup, three to four times a day. It keeps the skin fresh and soft and arrests old age. Life spans increase and even a 100 year old will start performing the chores of a . 20-year-old (!!).

Raspy or sore throat: When the throat has a tickle or is raspy, take one tablespoon of honey and sip until gone. Repeat every three hours until the throat is without symptoms.

☐ Weight loss: Daily in the morning one half hour before breakfast and on an empty stomach, and at night before sleeping, drink honey and cinnamon powder boiled in one cup of water. When taken regularly, it reduces the weight of even the most

obese person. Also, drinking this mixture regularly does not allow the fat to accumulate in the body even though the person may eat a high calorie diet.

☐ Cancer: Recent research in Japan and Australia has revealed that advanced cancer of the stomach and bones have been cured successfully. Patients suffering from these kinds of cancer should daily take one tablespoon of honey with one teaspoon of cinnamon powder three times a day for one month.

☐ Fatigue: Recent studies have shown that the sugar content of honey is helpful rather than being detrimental to the strength of the body. Senior citizens who take honey and cinnamon powder in equal parts are more alert and flexible. One medic who has done research says that a half tablespoon of honey taken in a glass of water and sprinkled with cinnamon

powder, even when the vitality of the body starts to decrease, when taken daily after brushing the teeth and in the afternoon at about 3:00 P.M., the vitality of the body increases within a week.

☐ Hearing loss: A dose daily morning and night of honey and cinnamon powder, taken in equal parts, restores hearing.

☐ Sores that won't heal: The antiseptic properties of raw honey, when applied to open sores that won't heal as a balm, helps the wound to heal.

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# EHBA fundraiser

o raise funds for the next annual Beecon conference the Eastern Highveld Beekeepers Association is hosting a fundraising event at Emperors Palace in Kempton Park in December.

The event will take place in the Barnyard Thatre at Emperor's Palace and is entitled Big Top Rock (Let Us Entertain You).

The date is Sunday 9

December at 14h00. Tickets cost R185 per person and can be purchased from Taryn Flee on 082 647 7322. Ticket sales close on Monday 19 November. Theatregoers are welcome to take their own food to the event and a cash bar will be available.

Pre-orders are also available, and can be booked through Taryn Flee.



## HONEY

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A note about diabetes and honey. Contrary to the views of many in the honey industry, honey is NOT safe for diabetics, either Type 1 or Type 2. Apart from any beneficial enzymes and compounds which honey may contain honey is, after all, a complex sugar which, in the body, breaks down like all sugars to glucose and can thus cause a dangerous spike in blood sugar levels.

The only time honey is beneficial to a diabetic is if the sufferer experiences a hypoglycaemic event (dangerously low blood sugar), in which case a spoonful of honey will quickly (within minutes) elevate the blood sugar level to acceptable safe levels.

The same treatment can, of course, be used safely on anybody suffering a hypoglycaemic event, but it should be noted that honey is not the only means to combat hypoclycaemia. Any naturally sweetened substance or drink will do the same, as will a glucose sweet or spoon of raw

glucose or sugar.

Smallholders who are interested in keeping bees have access to assistance, advice and support from one of three beekeepers associations in the province. All three associations welcome new beekeepers to their regular meetings and have active Facebook pages to keep members abreast of developments.

The Northern Beekeepers Association (known as "Northerns") meets as a rule around Pretoria and caters for beekeepers around Pretoria. For details call Riekie on 082 972-1889.

The Southern Beekeepers
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# Make the most of your marketing

ne of the biggest difficulties facing a smallholder-based business is the question of how to advertise itself successfully. For, unlike a shop in a mall or on a main street in town, a plot-based business can't simply erect a sign above its entrance, or put an enticing display of its wares in its shop window.

Moreover, going door-to-door ~ either as a direct knock-onthe-door cold call or to put flyers in letterboxes ~ is not distances involved between plots and secondly because most plots don't have letterboxes at their gates. (Having said that, going doorto-door in the suburbs is becoming increasingly difficult too, as many are now boomed off and much modern housing is in security estates to which a casual visitor will be denied access). The budget for marketing for many smallholder businesses will also limit what and how much the business can do to sell its goods and services. But sell itself it must if it is to survive and thrive. The product or service, as

feasible for a plot-based

business, firstly because of the

The product or service, as well as the desired area of operation, will have an effect on the nature of the advertising effort, and on the nature of the advertising itself.

Thus, before spending money on advertising the business owner must know in his own mind what his target market is. Is the product or service aimed at males or females? Young or old? Urban or rural? Is the product or service aimed at the higher end of the market, or is it downscale? Similarly, a firm grasp of the area to be served is important. Is the company selling its product or service nationally, in which case how will it serve clients in outlying areas? Conversely, if the offering is of a local nature is there a sufficiently large possible market in the chosen area? The biggest initial mistake made by any business is to rely on the identification of "a

gap in the market" as

justification for its launch.

Rather, after having identified

a gap in the market, the prospective business owner must determine whether there's a market in the gap. For, the perceived gap in the market can be as wide and as obvious as the Oribi Gorge, but if there's no market there the business will never succeed.

The nature and price of the

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determine how much one can afford to spend on advertising, of whatever form. One way of calculating this is to ask how many units of the product, or service hours, must one sell to cover the cost of the advertisement, flyer etc.

The cost of production and of airtime for television advertising rules this medium out of the picture for a smallholder. Radio advertising is much, much cheaper, both to produce and to air, but the key to effective radio advertising is the choice of station and flighting time, and repetition, repetition, repetition, and this can quickly add up. On the face of it, print advertising appears expensive, but one must remember all the work that goes into producing and distributing a worthwhile number of credible journals to an audience of potential buyers:

writing, editing, layout and design, pre-press (production of printing plates), printing (considerable!), collating, binding, packaging and distribution. Then, weigh up this cost against the cost you would incur if you attempted to get your sales message in front of the same number of readers (who are, if you have chosen the medium correctly, your potential customers). A cheaper option than paying for advertising but still using print is to use flyers or brochures. These can be guite accurately targeted to specific areas if you pay to have them inserted into the banks of letterboxes at chosen regional post offices, although the effectiveness of this method is low.

Door to door distribution of flyers is more labour intensive, but as we have shown above, not always feasible in smallholding areas, or even in suburbs.

Handing out flyers at street intersections is another option. Choice of the intersection is key. If you are targeting a localised area, choosing a road that is a regional through-route will be wasteful, because the cars will be travelling through, rather than into and out of, the

chosen area.

Also, when handing out flyers choose a stop-street rather than a traffic light intersection. That's because at a stop street every vehicle has to stop (or should stop, anyway!), while at a robot 50% of the cars move past the person handing out the flyers when the light is green.

An often-neglected, but very cost-effective form of advertising is available to you if you have vehicles on the road, either carrying sales reps to and from calls, or undertaking deliveries, namely vehicle branding. However, ensure that your spelling is

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correct, that your signage is legible and the vehicles clean. All the rage nowadays, of course, is advertising on social media such as Facebook, Instagram, and websites on the internet, searchable via search-engines such as Google.

While a company website is important, and relatively cheap to set up, the key to it being useful in your sales effort is to keep it updated, something many businesses neglect to do. This is particularly important if the site lists products and prices. The problem with social

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From page 43 media is that the landscape is

changing very quickly. Today's new "big thing" quickly becomes stale tomorrow, either through inappropriate overloading with useless posts, or simply because the idea behind it is surpassed by a newer, better one. Social media commentators are already, for example, predicting the downfall of Facebook.

Beware, also, the cost of social media search optimisation and advertising on Google and other for a. It can very quickly add up, and

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needs to be weighed up by the returns achieved, which are often not what the people selling these services will have one believe. Just because your site generates a lot of "clicks" or a lot of "views" doesn't mean that these translate to a lot of sales. One of the biggest mistakes people who are not versed in artwork, design and print make, for example, is to listen to the sage advice of some ponytailed "graphic designer" who will come up with a wonderfully colourful or technologically elaborate idea which will cost way more than the nature of the product can afford. A classic example of this is in wine bottle labelling. How often have you seen a pedestrian wine on your bottlestore shelf in a bottle bedecked with an elaborate die-cut label printed in five or six colours, often with embossing and

gold or silver leaf added? While the cost of all this design will be passed on to the consumer through a higher price than the contents warrants, does it actually sell more wine? Probably not, and certainly not enough to warrant the cost of the elaborate labelling. Similarly, if the business opts for advertising in a magazine or newspaper, the size and colour of the advertisement must be carefully calculated so as not to exceed the value of the product it is expected to sell.

nasty design, and the design of the product packaging and its related sales material must always be in keeping with the image of the product. One would not, for example, successfully sell delicate products such as ladies'

fragrances or lingerie using

Having said that, simple

design does not need to be

bold, heavy, masculine typefaces, loud colours and brutish designs more suited to selling off-road motor accessories.

If one chooses to advertise one's product or service in a newspaper or magazine one must first establish whether the publication of one's choice reaches the market one is trying to sell to. Advertising ladies' fragrances in a motoring magazine, for example, will be just as wasteful as advertising an engineering workshop in Fair Lady.











## **DIARY**

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NOTE: FARMERS' & CRAFT MARKETS. For a listing of REGULARLY HELD markets and fairs please see the separate section on page 47 Only markets that are held infrequently are now listed in this calendar section.

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Mnandi Methodist Church, 09:00, Mnandi Centre, cnr Tulip and Short Streets, Jen 012 651-5509. Gail 072 477-0708., A small community who worship together. We have a Youth and Children's church.

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#### **Every Monday**

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6: Charity Country Market with Food & Entertainment, Uitzicht, Van der Hoff Rd extension, Pretoria West, in aid of the Manger Care Centre. 09h00 – 15h00. Family & pet friendly. Call 012 376-0042 or 087 944-2110

6: Christmas in October Food & Craft Market at the Bokkie Park, Southvale Rd, Parkdene, Boksburg. 09h00 – 14h30. Huge variety of crafts and food stalls, live entertainment, tea garden, park activities, pony and camel rides. A great outing for the whole family. Contact Janine 072 713-3332 8-12 Introductory Course in Small Stock management ARC Irene. Contact: Ms Mpho Makhanya at makhanyam@arc.agric.za / 012 672-9153. 8-13 Jun 2019: Grain Crop Production course at Buhle Farmers Academy.

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Dirk van der Hoff Rds, Brakpan 09h00-14h00. Over 50 stalls, food, art, crafts, etc. Call Marius 082 904-8852 or 011 744-2322 16 - 19: Oyster Mushroom Production Course, ARC-Plant Protection Research Institute in Roodeplaat, Pretoria. The course fee is R6500 pp. To book contact 012 427-9700/9740 or email trainingservices@arc.agric.za. 18: Tuffy Agri Implements' 2nd Production Auction, 11h00, Plot 168, Modder-oos Orchards, Delmas. Hundreds of new implements on auction, as well as spares. used vehicles, engineering equipment and a 4ha plot with various outbuildings. equipped borehole etc. Auction by Vleissentraal Ermelo, tel 017 819-1106. Marketer Johan Taute 073 204 7646 20: Northerns Beekeeping Association members' meeting. Visitors invited from Pretoria & surrounds. For times, venue and details call Riekie van den Berg 082 972-1889

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3: Charity Country Market with Food & Entertainment, Uitzicht, Van der Hoff Rd extension, Pretoria West, in aid of the Manger Care Centre. 09h00 – 15h00. Family & pet friendly. Call 012 376-0042 or 087 944-2110

3: Bokkie Park Food & Craft Market at the Bokkie Park, Southvale Rd, Parkdene, Boksburg. 09h00 – 14h30. Huge variety of crafts and food stalls, live entertainment, tea garden, park activities, pony and camel rides. A great outing for the whole family. Contact Janine 072 713-3332

6-7: Groom Training Course at Groenvoer, 410 Olifantsfontein Rd, Midrand. 08h30 -15h30 both days. R1 500 per delegate (Groenvoer customers pay only R1 000). Covering basic feeding, grooming, tack and vet care. Call 011 314-1211

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# Regular Gauteng Farmers' Food Markets

NOTE: This is a listing ONLY of markets held weekly. Markets held less frequently (eg 1st Saturday of each month) are listed in the DIARY section of the magazine and we urge readers to check each month for dates and events of interest. We would like this list of food markets to be as comprehensive as possible. If you know of farmers' food markets that are not listed here, please email us the contact details of the organisers, and details of the market. Only FOOD markets are included. Similarly, if you know of markets in this list that have CLOSED please inform us so that we can delete incorrect or outdated information. We invite you to tell us of your experiences when visiting these markets so that we can better inform our readers. Were they as advertised? Was the produce on sale plentiful, well-priced, well-presented and fresh? Email your comments to editor@gautengsmallholder.com

DAY	WHAT	WHEN	WHERE	CONTACT	WHAT TO EXPECT			
Thursday								
Every Thursday	Bryanston Organic & Natural Market	09:00 - 15:00	40 Culross Road, Bryanston (off Main Road)	Konrad or Glenda 011 706 3671 glenda@bryanstonorganicmarket.co.za	Quality hand crafted goods, unique art and fresh organic and naturally grown produce.			
Saturday								
Every Saturday	The Red Windmill Village Market	09:00 - 15:00	104 Main Road, Walkerville	082 627 3134 or 072 637 9355 Stalls: 082 641 8982	Fresh produce, food stalls, coffee shop, plants, arts & crafts, book etc.			
Every Saturday	Waterfall Estate Farmers Market	09:00 - 15:00	Waterfall Estate, Waterfall Cor Midrand	Robyn 083 311 4768	Fresh produce, pickles, preserves and home industry & craft, food etc. Enquire about stall prices.			
Every Saturday	Pretoria Boeremark	05:30 - 09:30	Moreleta Street entrance, Krige Street ext, Silverton	012 804 8031 or 079 987 1025	Fresh produce & traditional bazaar treats like jaffles, kaiings with pap & boerewors rolls.			
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Every Saturday	The Hazel Food Market	08:00 - 14:00	Greenlyn Village Centre, Cor Thomas Edison & Mackenzie St, Menlo Park, Pretoria	Rietha 083 554 5636 www.hazelfoodmarket.co.za	Fresh produce straight from the producer. Coffee, eats on sale			
Every Saturday	Walkerville Farmers Market	09:00 - 15:00	112 R82 Main Road, Walkerville	079 076 7680 info@wfmarket.co.za	Fresh produce, arts & crafts, food court and kids play area.			
Every Saturday	Walkerville Country Market	09:00 - 15:00	Walkerville Country Market @ the Showgrounds	lvan 084 590 2312 market@walkervillesa.co.za	Fresh produce, crafter's market, food court, craft beer, kids play area and pet friendly.			
Every Saturday	Bosheuvel Fresh Produce	10:00 - 19:00	54 Glory Road, Muldersdrift	Mitch 082 553 2846	Outdoor country experience working farm cattle, sheep pigs. Free range meat, cheese, eggs and poultry. Craft beer			
Every Saturday	The Fresh Co-op Weekly Farmers Market	07:00 - 10:30	204 Allan Road, Glen Austin Halfway House, Gauteng	info.freshproducecoop@gmail.com 082 369 7755	Fresh produce, pickles, preserves, home industry, arts and crafts, food etc.			
Every Saturday	Jozi Real Food Market	08:30 - 13:30	Pirates Sports Club, 25 Braeside Road, Greenside	Ingrid 083 532 2992 jozirealfoodmarket@gmail.com	Outdoor pet & child friendly, organic vegetables, food, arts & crafts			
Every Saturday	Waenhuiskrans Plaas / Farmers Market	08:00 - 14:00	Cor of Veda & Enkeldoorn Ave opposite Montana Traders and next to Kollonade Centre	Phil Jansen - 083 5050 329 or office 012 567 6076 to book a stall	Stalls: Food, arts and crafts Fresh produce, eggs, chicken, meat, fruit and veg, Kiosk, Maders Pies, coffee			
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Every Sunday	Fourways Farmers Market	10:00 - 15:00	Cor Montecasino Boulevard & William Nicol Drive, Fourways	011 465 0827 www.ffmarket.co.za	Get your groceries in the garden!			
Every Sunday	Carlington Food & Craft Market	09:00 - 15:00	The Bru House on the R563 Hekpoort-Krugersdorp Road	For stalls 0827824142 Debbie.Prinsloo@outlook.com	Restaurant, live music, safe kids play area, safe parking			

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sales@soughtafterseedlings.co.za.

082 365 0050 or email

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# In harmony with nature

ast month we hosted a couple of house-guests from the UK for a few days. Despite close ties to Africa (the husband was born and raised in Rhodesia) they had never spent time in Johannesburg or Pretoria, merely transiting through the airport on their previous visits.

Thus, among the touristy excursions we arranged for them was a morning's visit to Brenthurst in Parktown, the 45 acre plot that has been home to the Oppenheimer family since roughly the turn of the last century.

You can do a guided tour there by appointment on three days a week, the proceeds of which go to Little Eden, a charitable institution that runs homes in Edenvale and Bapsfontein for mentally-challenged and disabled children and adults.

Set on the north-facing slope of Parktown Ridge directly under the Johannesburg Hospital, Brenthurst is an oasis of greenery and calm, surrounded by the bustle of the City.

The Oppenheimer influence on the garden as it is today has been the handiwork of three generations of Oppenheimer women, the work having been started by Sir Ernest's wives May and Ina, continued by Harry's wife Bridget and now under the management of Strilli Oppenheimer.

As was the fashion of the time, May, Ina and Bridget concentrated their efforts on establishing a traditional formal garden in the English style (and Bridget was helped in no small measure by the legendary landscape designer and gardener Joane Pim). But cultivating and establishing the traditional vibrant shrubs and flowers of a formal English garden, not to mention pruning the hedges and maintaining acres of manicured lawns, comes at great expense, both of effort and cash, for one is in effect bending nature to one's own will.

Such a mammoth undertaking required a full-time staff of no fewer than 45 gardeners.

Plus, as the new chatelaine of Brenthurst has so eloquently proven, it comes at the expense of the environment for, while it may look beautiful and neat and colourful with its lovely vibrant shrubs and flowers and manicured hedgerows and lawns, many of the plants thus required are alien and either do nothing in the way of providing a habitat and food for the smaller inhabitants of the planet such as insects and invertebrates, or actually repel them.

The result? You have a beautiful looking garden, but one that is bereft of many species of bug and insect, and is thus equally bereft of bird life as those avians which feed on insects choose

to seek their meals in more fertile places.

Thus, when Strilli took over she chose to re-indigenise the garden. When alien European shrubs and flowers died they were replaced with indigenous plants. Manicured lawns, requiring hours of mowing, and great expense in fertilising and watering, were replaced by expanses of indigenous grasses. Pesticides and herbicides gave way to companion planting and the encouragement of healthy and diverse eco-systems at all levels of insect and animal life.

And, interestingly, cellphones were banned from the garden, because Strilli believes their radiation upsets the normal living conditions of bees and butterflies. And gradually increasing numbers and varieties of insects reappeared, and birds now nest in increasing number, and in greater variety, in the tall old trees.

And this back-to-nature approach is a lot less labour intensive, too, requiring only 19 gardeners! Not that the whole place is an unkempt jungle. There are still areas of formal garden, notably a

maze adjoining a summer house that used to act as a pavilion for the tennis courts, a formal area directly below the imposing main house comprising a large pond, lawn and grotto, leading down to one of many bronze artworks scattered throughout the garden, and a pavilion housing what must be the best collection of bonsai plants in Johannesburg.

And to honour the memory of a child who died, Strilli has had constructed a Japanese garden, high up on the steepest slope of the ridge, with its own waterfall, ponds and a Japanese teahouse. It is beautiful and, even to a harrassed, curmudgeonly old cynic like me, induces a wonderful sense of peacefulness and inner calm to all who visit it.

A walk around Brenthurst is a must for anybody with a love of gardens and nature.

It will open your eyes to the rich possibilities of living in harmony with nature, rather than trying to bend nature to one's will, something many smallholders could apply on their own patches of the Highveld.



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