

# ERIN LIFE

2022 ISSUE 1

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what you find here*

## Taste it all

Sample inspired eats from charming family-owned pubs, bakeries and eateries.

## Soak Up the Seasons

Stroll through the fall colours, or delight in the outdoor winter wonderland.

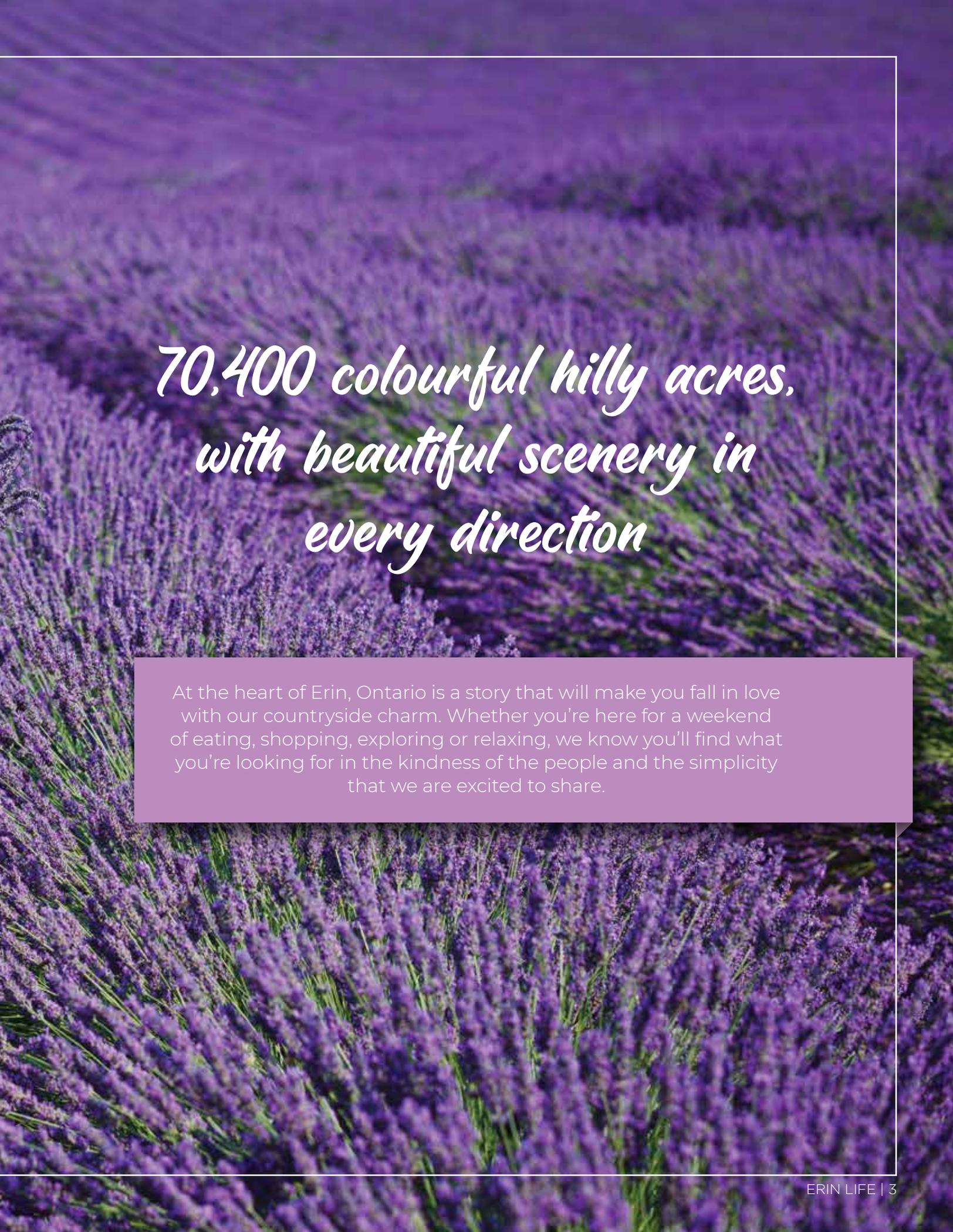
## Cherish Country Life

Take pleasure in country comforts from horseback riding to farm tours and beyond.

## Connect with Community

Admire the small-town charm and delight in the area's shopping, accommodation and historical tours.





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At the heart of Erin, Ontario is a story that will make you fall in love with our countryside charm. Whether you're here for a weekend of eating, shopping, exploring or relaxing, we know you'll find what you're looking for in the kindness of the people and the simplicity that we are excited to share.

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# Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of Erin Life. This collection of things to do and places to see is the gateway to the experiences of our community. As the Economic Development Officer for the Town of Erin, I know the hidden treasures well and hope Erin Life brings you to enjoy our small-town heart and soul in the way our townspeople do. No matter how many times I've travelled the country roads, I always find something new to discover and love. And I know you will too.

As a proud representative, I am delighted you found your way to this first edition of Erin Life magazine. I am confident you'll find inspiration to explore every season, every celebration, and every corner of the town — and receive a proper heartfelt welcome and unmatched hospitality while doing it.

I wish you safe travels and wonderful memories of your connection to our community.

You'll love it here.

**Robyn Mulder**  
Economic Development Officer, Town of Erin



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Visitors start the day in cozy corners sampling baked-from-scratch treats and hot drinks from locally owned and operated cafes, bakeries and tea shops each unique in atmosphere and delectables. After a hike or a wander through nearby villages, guests test the taps at fantastic pubs and indulge their cravings for scrumptious bites at one-of-a-kind eateries.



Feast on famous apple fritters or bring your royal appetite to Queen's Tea after a stroll through Erin's downtown shops. Savour French patisserie, share a Traditional British pie, or satisfy the kiddos with pizza while dining al fresco at picnic tables scattered through many of Erin's beautiful parks.



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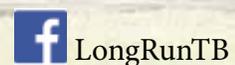


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# Soak up the Seasons

Check off your must-dos from the list in all four seasons. Explore local farms and small hamlets for plenty of seasonal activities, from the “maple sugaring off”, to the farmer’s market, to the annual fall fair to the Erin Christmas market.





# Celebrate Summer

## Erin Farmers' Market

Thursdays 3:00 – 6:30 p.m. June through September

Join farmers, artisans, and local food producers at the Erin Farmers' Market for an open-air experience that will delight your senses.

In peak season, Erin Farmers' Market is supported by over twenty farmers and producers who believe in building a local food scene that shares a unique combination of products supported by local agriculture.

We invite you to connect with community-minded foodies as you stroll and shop market stalls full of fresh seasonal produce, meats, handcrafted items, fresh flowers, lavender, honey, maple syrup, fresh artisan breads and a variety of beer and wine.

Watch Erin Farmers' Market social media for special events, music, and theme nights to be hosted throughout the summer months.

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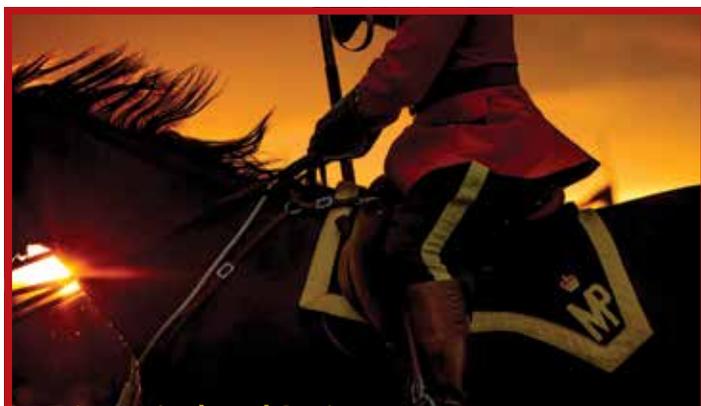
## RCMP Musical Ride

August 27 Two Shows 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Returning to the Erin Fairgrounds this summer, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Musical Ride featuring 29 Mounties and their horses in a colourful display of cavalry drills choreographed to music. The RCMP Musical Ride has a long history of pairing rider and horse to showcase the strength of the RCMP in working together.

This must see show ties nicely with Erin's passion with horses and is proudly hosted by the Erin Agricultural Society.

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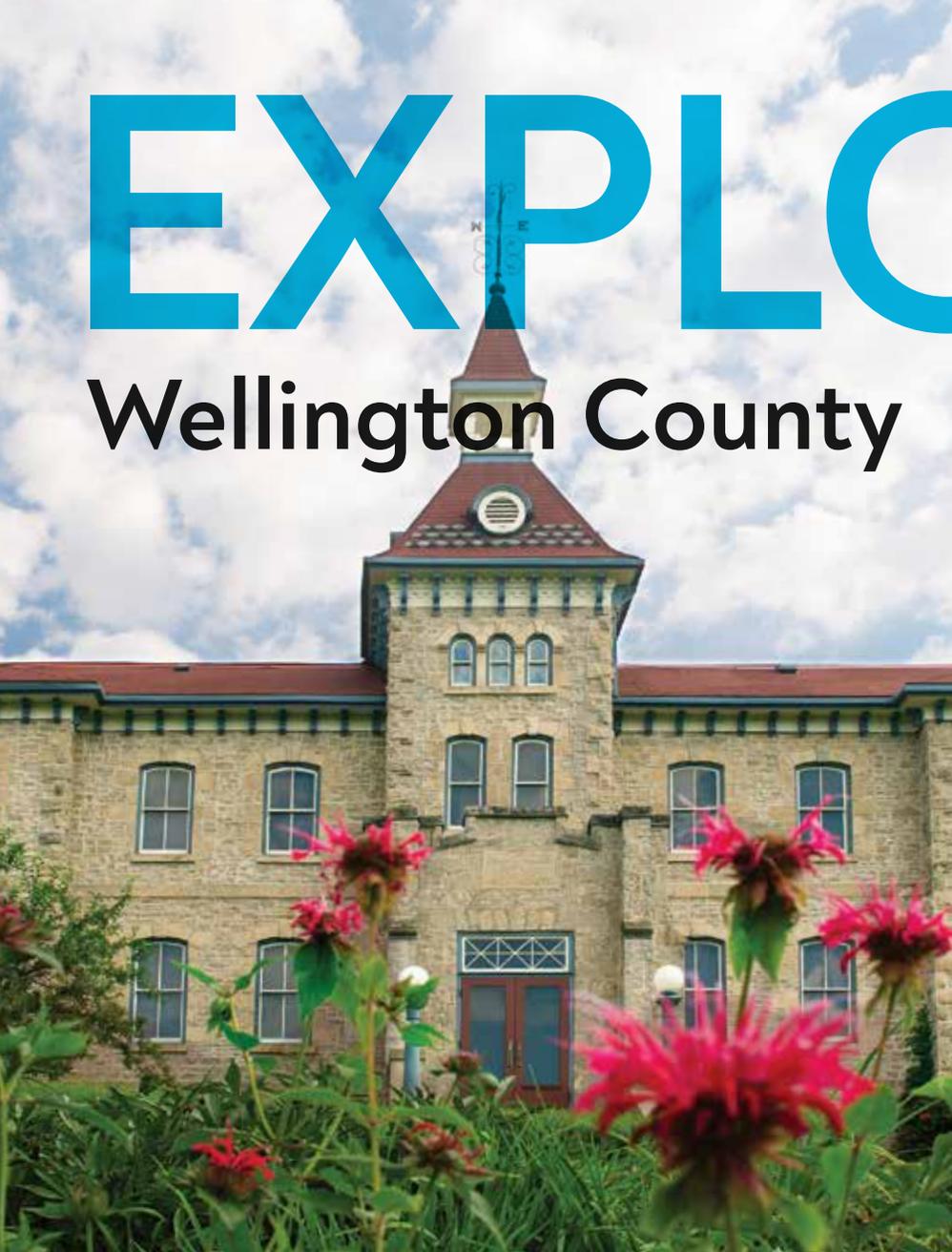
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# EXPLORE

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Discover your roots and explore the county's heritage at the **Wellington County Museum and Archives**, a National Historic Site.

Find local food, go on farm and food adventures, and savour local eats and drinks with **Taste Real**.

Get inspired by unique downtown shops, experience the outdoors and find the perfect picnic spot.

[www.experiencewellington.ca](http://www.experiencewellington.ca)

  
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# Fab Fall Finds

## Spectacular Views at Every Turn

In the fall, Erin's countryside is ripe with colour that's easily explored on the open roads and multi-use trails. Nature lovers are welcome to explore the easy Elora Cataract Trailway. All types of users can explore all or sections of the trail from Hillsburgh through Erin and on to Cataract in a weekend with enough time to enjoy stops along the way.

## Erin Fall Fair

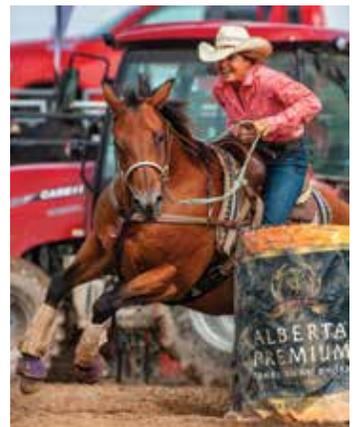
### Thanksgiving Weekend at the Erin Fairgrounds

A staple in the community for 170+ years, the Erin Fall Fair now welcomes visitors from all over Southern Ontario for a small-town celebration of country life.

The Fairgrounds come alive with a midway, truck pulls and live music. The exhibitions bring you into the farm experience with live sheep sheering, antique tractor shows and an up-close seat at a variety of horse and pony shows.

Guests often combine their Fair outings with tours of the fall colours and strolls through downtown shops.

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## *The Beauty Of Winter*

### **Explore the Erin Christmas Market**

Nov 18, Dec 2 and Dec 16, 2022

Escape the city hustle for a charming holiday or day of exploring in the countryside. Stroll, shop, and savour your way through the magical moments in quaint downtown shops and through the first annual Erin Christmas Market in December. The town comes alive with all the holiday sights and sounds from horse drawn carriage rides to ice carvings to beloved Christmas characters. Visitors won't want to miss the live choir.

Cuddle with the kids by the campfire while sipping hot chocolate. Chow down on comfort foods from the food trucks or sip a festive adult beverage in the "apres lounge". Everyone is welcome to revel in the enchanting festivities under the twinkling lights and at photo-worthy Christmas vignettes.

P.S. Santa is coming too. Get your Christmas wishes ready.

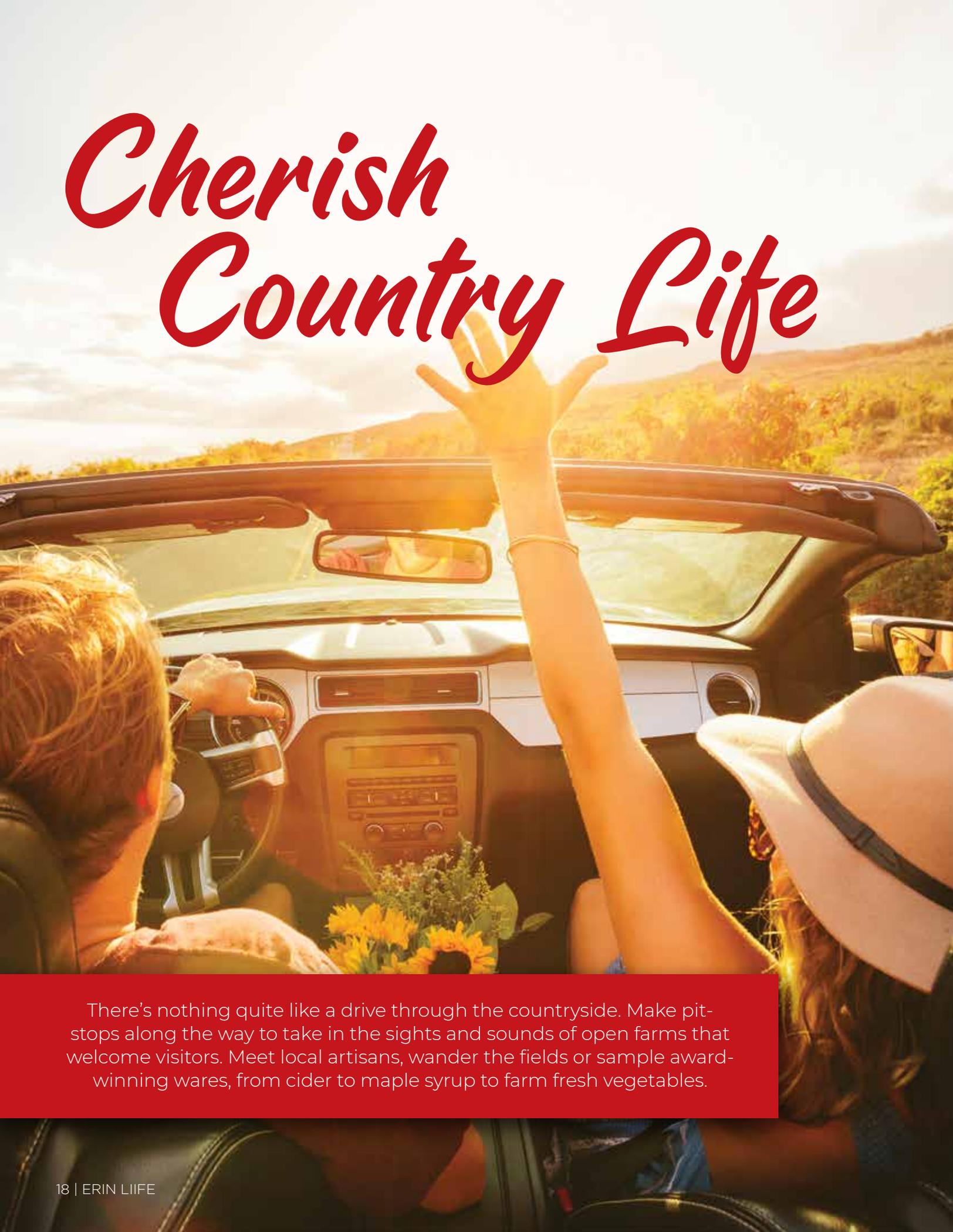


## Window Wonderland

Feel the magic of Christmas through beautiful window displays in Erin's beloved downtown shops. The crowd-pleasing Window Wonderland reveal and Christmas tree lighting opens the shopping season with a contagious and festive spirit.



# *Cherish Country Life*



There's nothing quite like a drive through the countryside. Make pit-stops along the way to take in the sights and sounds of open farms that welcome visitors. Meet local artisans, wander the fields or sample award-winning wares, from cider to maple syrup to farm fresh vegetables.

# Discover Artistic Talent

## Turn-of-Fate Studio

When Jennifer McKinnon, was asked why she chose to be a woodturner, she laughed and said " I didn't, it chose me. Who knew that a 4 hour course that I was forced (or highly encouraged to attend by my Father) would be my personal turn of fate."

Jennifer abandoned her extensive craft cupboard for a lathe, some chisels and a hunk of wood. That was back in 2003. Since then, she inherited her dad's lathe, bought 2 more, converted the barn into a studio space and creates exceptional works of local art.

She finds great reward in peeling away the rough exterior of a block of wood to expose the beauty held within. Thankful for the opportunity to celebrate nature`s imperfections, she embraces pieces overlooked by most woodworkers. Cankers, calluses and crotches are her diamonds in the rough. Their unpredictable hazards are outweighed by hidden treasures. A life full of storms, damage, recovery, and growth, allows her to expose and embrace the beauty that healing brings.

In 2016, she was awarded the top sculptor at the McMichael Gallery Autumn Art Sale. That was the year she got serious about integrating carving into her work. As a youngster, she felt a great connection with the gallery while gazing out over the treetops. Her art was displayed in that exact same window. Was it meant to be or just another lucky Turn-of-Fate.

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# Meet the Farmers

## Erin Hill Acres

### Owned & Operated by a Multi-generational Family

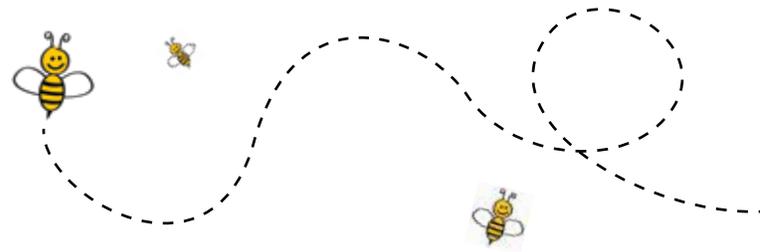
Erin Hill Acres invites you and your family to create wonderful memories on their 3-season farm in Hillsburgh. Take in the sights and smells of the lush lavender fields and sunflowers that summer brings. Return with family to pick bright and beautiful pumpkins for fall celebrations. And bundle up the little ones for a Christmas tree hunt in a winter wonderland.

The farm team welcomes family photography, and it shows. Seasonal vignettes and vantage points can be found all over the farm, from the historical silo lookout to the lovely sofas to the antique sleds, wagons and farm trucks. Or simply capture the whole family outing while visiting the chickens, grabbing a bite at the treat trailer or playing in the children's area.

The Barn Shoppe is stocked full of local goodies and handmade products, like honey collected from bees that enjoy feasting on the lavender that is later used in making locally made soaps. Be sure to hop on a wagon ride and venture to see where the bees and lavender grow.

Get ready to experience fresh flora, fresh products, and fresh air.

For bookings visit [erinhillacres.farm](http://erinhillacres.farm)





## Heartwood Farm & Cidery

Owned & operated by Brent Klassen & Val Steinmann

Brent and Val's two sons join them in the daily operations of their family farm. As a team, Heartwood has created a variety of hands-on experiences for adventure loving guests including cider house tours, tastings, farm activities, and workshops – such as, the spring maple syrup “sugaring off”.

While the unique range of ciders brings most visitors to engage with the Heartwood Cidery, it's really the regenerative farm experience that keeps them coming back. Heartwood has made a commitment to farming practices that aim to restore the soil and mitigate climate change. Their approach encourages biodiversity. And they tend to cows, pigs, sheep, chickens, and bees in ways that help to support the soil and the orchards of fruit and nut trees. All things raised and grown on the farm are carefully crafted into delicious farm to fork products – the dry summer sausage and pasture-fed meats are a must try that visitors can't resist adding to their basket.

These fun-loving cidermakers play with a range of styles and recipes that feature apples, berries, peaches, hops – and even hot peppers. It's no wonder Heartwood Ciders are award-winning.

[heartwoodfarm.ca](http://heartwoodfarm.ca)

*Our desire is to share Heartwood's bounty with others and to invite visitors to reconnect to simple wonders. This invitation is at the heart of everything we do.*

– Brent Klassen



Erin loves horses. Riders come from far and wide to enjoy riding these strong and majestic animals. Whether you are a first-time rider or you're looking to stable a family horse, visitors can share their passion in this dynamic hub of equestrians.



# *It's a Horse Lover's Paradise Here*



## **Angelstone Events**

Angelstone Events welcomes the world's top riders, championship-level horses and spectators to take in its world-class shows. Competition heats up in August with Major League Show jumping featuring some of the world's top 50 riders and biggest names in the sport. With over \$9 million in prize money distributed over the course of the Major League Season.

Pack the kids in the car, and head to Angelstone Events. The Kid Zone features face painting, bouncy castle and the Horseless Horse Show! Or make an advanced reservation for couples date night with a ring-side love-seat and champagne for two. We have something for everyone — bring your own picnic basket, grab a yummy food truck snack or reserve catered dining.

Shows take place over six-weekends. Educational opportunities are available to introduce visitors to the world of horse jumping. And show announcers take entertainment seriously with play-by-play broadcasts for all to enjoy and connect to the action in the arena.

[angelstone.ca](http://angelstone.ca)



# Connect with Community

Revel in the small-town charm of the downtown core. Make a day trip with a friend to enjoy the friendly atmosphere of local artisan shops, fine clothing stores, lunch spots and the spa.



# Explore Architecture & Artisanship



Every small town has a story, but Erin's is unique. Historic buildings and hamlets have been preserved as part of the charm and memorials of town folk who established the economic area focused on milling in the 1800s. Walkers taking the 1-hour self-guided heritage tour relish in the Victorian architecture, stained glass artwork and brickwork.



## Make it a Weekend

Take time to unwind at a peaceful bed and breakfast and enjoy the local hospitality. Explore at your own pace when you have a few days to shop, taste and adventure your way around Erin and the hamlets that make up the charming township.



## Tour Charming Villages

From Erin to Hillsburgh through Crewsons Corners and beyond, visitors can view stonecrafted homesteads, mills and churches built by early settlers. And across the township, historical signs dot the landscape to tell the story of days gone by.

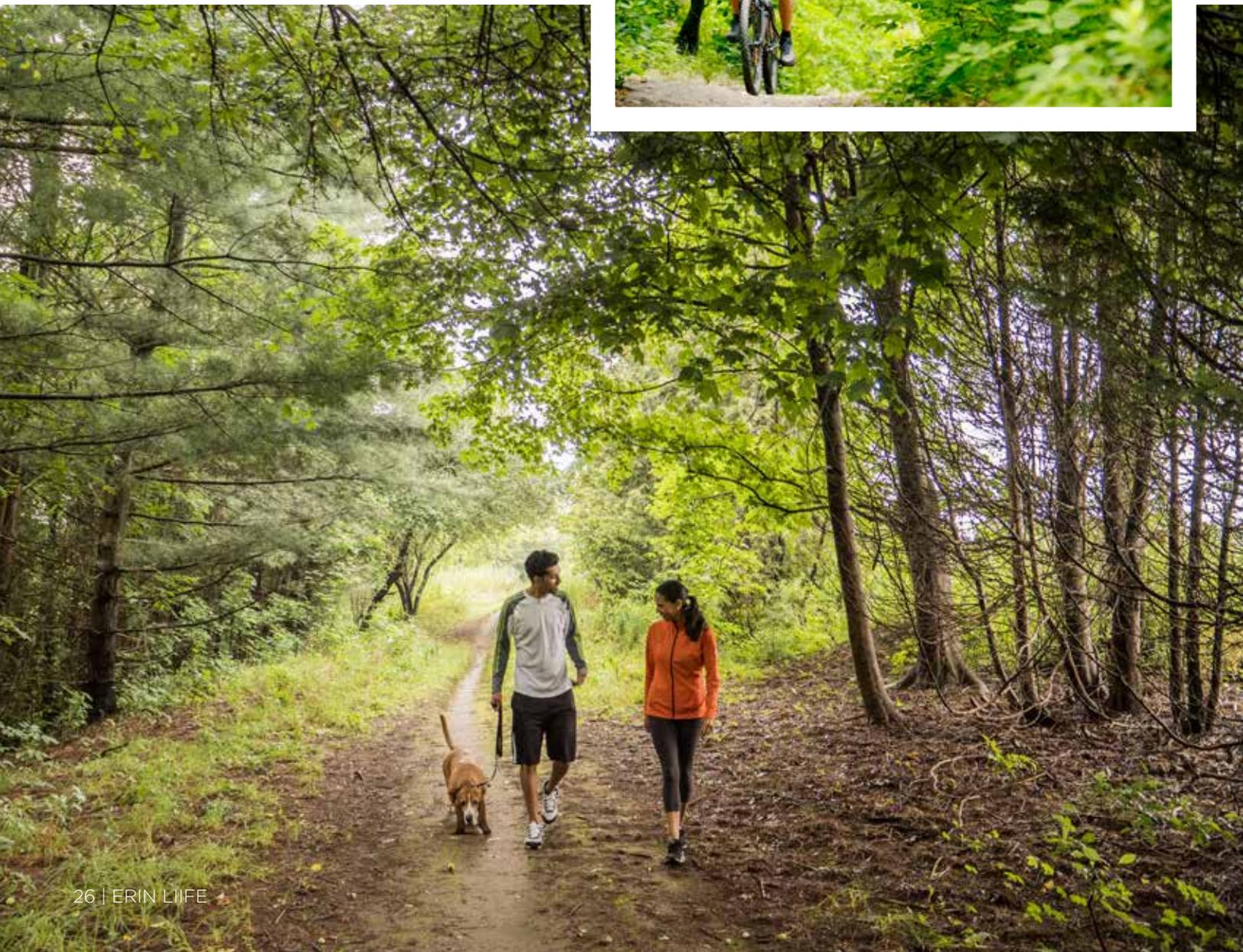


# Adventure Awaits

Hike, bike, horseback ride and more on Erin's short loops through the countryside. Or plan your holiday around the 47-kilometer Elora Cataract Trailway that links the watersheds of the Grand River and Credit River. The trail can be accessed from multiple towns and hamlets between Elora and Cataract, including Hillsburgh and Erin. Be sure to plan a lunch or grab a baked good downtown Erin to fuel up for the last leg of your excursion.



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