

ONTARIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC.
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Newsletter – March – April, 2019



**Ryndock Realty, LLC
Opens In Ontario @
1250 NYS Rt. 104,
(Ontario Plaza)
Ontario, NY 14519
“Our Heart Is In Your Home”
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Pictured L to R: Latoya Jones, Mark Ryndock, Sylvia Ryndock,
Devin Williams, and Brian Natale, Ontario Chamber Board Member



**Autumn Joy
Alpaca Farm**
April, Chamber
Business of the
Month

*Pictured is Karen
Fabi, owner of
Autumn Joy
Alpaca Farm
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*Pampered Paws –
March Business of the Month
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*Autumn Joy Alpaca Farm -
April Business of the Month
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Make Your Reservations NOW for
Easter Brunch!
Sunday, April 21st
Seating from 9am-1pm
Reservations required.

Attendant Carved - Top Round au jus
Honey Ham - Potatoes au gratin - Tuscan Chicken
Garlic, Mashed Potatoes - Garden Salad and Deviled Eggs
Mac N Cheese - Scrambled Eggs - Bacon & Sausage links
Assorted Pastries & Fresh Fruit - Waffles & French Toast Sticks
Assorted Hot & Cold Beverages and Assorted Desserts!!!!

\$28 Adults (Includes NY Sales Tax and Gratuity)
\$15 Kids (age 10 and under)
Kids 5 and under eat FREE

Deadline for Reservations is Friday April 19th!
Ontario Country Club
2101 Country Club Lane • Ontario, NY 14519
www.ontariocountryclub.com

For reservations call
315-524-8495 ext. 201
or e-mail
events@ontariocountryclub.com

Ryndock Realty, LLC Celebrates Grand Opening With Ribbon Cutting

Ontario, March 23 - Friends, family, business owners, and Ontario Chamber members were on hand to offer congratulations to Sylvia and Mark Ryndock on the grand opening of their real estate office at 1250 NYS Rt. 104, Ontario. The Ryndock's have renovated an office space that had been vacant for many years in the Ontario Plaza, corner Rt. 104 and Slocum Rd. Sylvia said it took vision, persistence and some work, but the result is a beautiful, contemporary looking office with a lot of appeal. Sylvia hopes this will be a spark for other businesses to locate in the same area.

Ryndock Realty, LLC, "Where Our Heart is in Your Home" was established November 11, 2016 in the residence of Mark and Sylvia Ryndock, Ontario NY.

Mark was raised in Walworth and has been a lifelong resident for over 45 years. Sylvia moved to Ontario in 1983 and has lived here for 36 years.

Mark and Sylvia were married July 15, 2000 and this year will be celebrating their 19th Wedding Anniversary. All three of their children attended Wayne Central and they have a grandson who currently resides in Rochester, NY.

Sylvia has been a licensed real estate agent for almost 15 years. Although she considered herself to be living a healthy lifestyle, sadly a diagnosis of breast cancer was received on December 27, 2013. After the sixteen month journey of surgeries, treatments and dealing with a life threatening disease, Sylvia knew that she needed to take her profession to the next level.

Sylvia began her online broker's course in 2015 and became a broker July 2016. November of that year, she just knew it was time to start Ryndock Realty, LLC. After establishing their company, Mark as co-owner and Sylvia as managing/broker owner they have been working to build a name and reputation in Ontario as a business with character and a compassionate heart. Their desire is to help sellers and buyers through the home selling and buying steps in the most simplest and easiest process. Also, Ryndock Realty is proud to say they currently have four realtors who have joined their company and look forward to increasing their family of professionals.

By relocating Ryndock Realty from their home to its current location, their vision and dream is to see their company become a big part of the Ontario community that they thoroughly embrace and enjoy.

Mark and Sylvia would like to thank you for joining in their Grand Opening Celebration as they officially open their office to you all. Come in and look around, get to know them, enjoy the refreshments, win a prize, have a fun time and please come back and let them help you buy or sell your home!

Ryndock Realty can be reached by cell, (585) 943-0203, or office (315) 333-1272, or email:

sylviasellzhomes@gmail.com. Website www.ryndockrealty.com

New Ontario Chamber Community Liaison Connection

Tim Strickland, owner of Core Fitness and Life-Vest Financial Group is the chamber's new *Community Liaison contact*. You may contact him at 585-370-1328 or email timstrickland2598@yahoo.com. The Community Liaison has the responsibility to contact new businesses and welcome them into our community, explain chamber benefits, and learn of any concerns, questions, or problems they may have regarding their business. Please feel free to contact him. We thank Ray Cedruly for doing this job for many years and helping the Ontario Chamber grow.

Adventures In Climbing, Jim Porcelli
 Albright, Liz, Town Historian
 Altra Rental Supply Inc., Jim Pedulla
 Autumn Joy Alpaca Farm, Karen Fabi
 Avalanche Fabrication Inc., Paul Duerr
 B & C Auto Restoration & Paint, Bill Kilpatrick
 Benchmark Hydraulics Technology,
 Richard Bebernitz
 Bene-Care Inc., William Bach
 Basement Technologies of WNY, Kansas &
 Patrick McDonald
 Birthright of Ontario, Nora Craft
 Biscayne Auto Sales, LLC, Jim Tuchrello
 Brian Tolbert Automotive
 Brooks' Factory Direct Trailers, Inc., Ray Brooks
 Buolla, Donna, Chamber President
 C & D Service Center, Dean DeMarree
 C.P. Kelly & Associates, Charlie Kelly
 Cam's Pizzeria, Jason Benton
 Cavallaro-Neubauer Chevrolet, Rick Neubauer
 Concord Insurance Agency, Tom Glanton
 Conifer Realty LLC-Brown Square Village
 Connors-Haas Inc., Brian Haas
 Core Fitness Center, Colton Strickland
 Cornerstone Realty Associates, Paula Priest
 Cross Keys Automotive Inc., George Vargo
 Crown Electric Supply Co. Inc., Matt Hanlon
 Deidre's Hair Design, Deidre Beach
 Divine Inspirations Café & Bakery, Melissa &
 Ashley LaRue
 DPR Bookkeeping Services, Diane Romano
 Edward Jones, Jon Wordingham
 Empire Wrecking Inc.. Julie DiLella
 Exelon Generation -R.E. Ginna Plant
 Farmers Insurance Agency, Brian Natale
 Financial Service Partners, J.R. Ruiz
 Finger Lakes Trellis Supply, Todd Smith
 Furguson's Hair Care, Deb Furguson-Leaty
 Furnace Mini Storage LLC, Ray & Anna Cedruly

Gerber Homes & Additions LLC, John Graziose
 Green Team 100, Robert Billett
 Heintzelman's BBQ Pit, Bob & Dawn Heintzelman
 Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Kara Kane
 Integrated Health Center, Teon Kowalyk, D.c.
 Integrity Tool Inc., Mike Friedler
 J.J. Scofero & Son Builders, Inc., Leonard J. Scofero
 James S. Sullivan Agency, Karin Montgomery
 JD Chapman Agency, Inc., Bruce Chapman
 Jeffers & Birnie, Scott Birnie, CPA
 Jim Doyle Repair
 Joe's Meat Market, Joe Pagliuso & Bros. Inc
 John Lockwood Plumbing , LLC
 Johus Properties, Joe Huss
 Kimmie's Closet, Kimberly Brown
 Knataitis Construction, Noah Knataitis
 Konstantinou's Restaurant, Pro & Jeanee Konstantinou
 Kuk Sool Won, Gary Evarts
 Kunzer Electric Inc., Jeff Kunzer
 Lake Country Geothermal, Steve Cooper
 Lakeside Restaurant, Niki & Jimmy Amaxopoulos
 Lakeside Roofing & Siding Materials, Bradley Burns
 LaMora Farms, Earl & Lindsey LaMora
 Lazzaro Performance, Inc., Kevin Lazzaro
 Legg, Roger & Cheryl
 Leszyk, Richard Attorney
 Life-Vest Financial Group, Timothy Strickland &
 Bradley Sheremeta
 Linc Management LLC, George Leopard
 Lockwood's Old Time Stuff, Shirley Lockwood-Kushall
 Lori Furguson's Tax Planning & Preparation
 LW Emporium, George Bernhard
 Lyons National Bank , Jarrod Crawford
 Mama Lor's Café Inc., Lori Rosenzweig
 McConnell Editorial Service, Charles McConnell
 McDonald's of Ontario LLC, Nancy Wilkes
 Mehserle, Eric and Dawn



Display in the Ontario Town Hall lobby/library

Mizelle, Thomas
Mr Auto / Parts Plus, Jan Leaty
Murphy Funeral & Cremation Chapels, Wayne Brophy
Nature's Way Floral and Garden, Joellen Simone
North Coast Catering, Jim Hall
Noto Fruit Farm & Cider Mill, Fedele Noto
O'Connell, Thomas & Debra
Ontario Country Club, Melissa Mancine
Ontario Laser Wash, George Vargo
Ontario Public Library, Sandra Hylen
OptiPro Systems, Mike Bechtold
Pet Passages, Mike Harris
Photon Gear, Inc. Gary & Billie Sue Blough
Pines of Peace Inc., Terry Whitt
Preston's Garden Center, Inc., Aaron Preston
Profetta Overhead Door Co. Inc., Dana Profetta
Pugsley's Marine Inc., Robert & Carol Cario
Reliant Community Credit Union, Karen Dean
Riddell, Bill, Town Economic Development
Robusto, Frank, Town Supervisor
Rochester Vapor LLC, Mark Sullivan
Ryndock Realty LLC, Sylvia & Mark Ryndock
Save-A-Lot, Suzanne Schmitz
Sea to Sea Diving Enterprise, Steve Dunning
Secor Hardware & Lumber Co. Inc., Brian Secor
Steele, Vicki, Mary Kay Beauty Consultant
Stone Road Auto, Sammy Getiren

Sue's Hair Trends, Sue Yantch
Sue's Little Pizza Shop, Sue Lansing
Sun & Record Wayne County Mail, John Addyman
Switzer, Jim, Chamber Treasurer
T Nelson Sales, Inc., Tom Nelson
Times of Wayne County, Ron & Patti Holdraker
Tobin Center LLC, David Tobin
Tripp, Susan, 3D Travel Company Consultant
Tuscany To Tennessee, Terry Beardsley & Mike Brandes
Twisted Creations, Roxanne Brown
Uno Chicago Grill, Ann Kabel
Verstraete, Sherry, Chamber V.P.
Victor Furniture & Flooring, Inc. Igor Baraniak
WCI Realty, Rick Borrelli
webSURGE, LLC, Joe Crestuk
Yancey, Linda, Bus. Mgr., Town of Ontario
Yesterdays Architectural Salvage & Gift Shop
Jeanne Steffen

The Ontario Chamber thanks all of our members for their continuing support! Please remember to patronize our local businesses.

National Small Business Week May 5-11, 2019

National Small Business Week is a recognition supported by the Small Business Administration (SBA) and began in 1963 to recognize the small businesses in every community and the impact they have on the economy throughout the country. The first president to sign a proclamation for National Small Business Week was John F. Kennedy.

In the Town of Ontario, we are fortunate to have many small businesses, with fewer than 500 employees, a/k/a "Mom and Pop" stores. As a town with a population of approximately 10,000 persons, these businesses are the true economic engines for our community. They work hard at surviving and to provide customer service to local residents and employees of larger companies. The Ontario Chamber of Commerce salutes all of our local businesses and recognizes that they provide jobs, services, and products that keep our local economy thriving.

During National Small Business Week, we encourage you to remember to thank any small business you enter for choosing Ontario and for their service or product(s). You will be spreading a kind word and placing a smile on their face. And remember, the opening of small businesses has accounted for 40 percent of new jobs over the last two decades nationwide. (source: www.sba.gov).

NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, America's progress has been driven by pioneers who think big, take risks and work hard; and

WHEREAS, from the storefront shops that anchor Main Street to the high-tech startups that keep America on the cutting edge, small businesses are the backbone of our economy and the cornerstones of our nation's promise; and

WHEREAS, small business owners and Main Street businesses have energy and a passion for what they do; and

WHEREAS, when we support small business, jobs are created and local communities preserve their unique culture; and

WHEREAS, because this country's 28 million small businesses create nearly two out of three jobs in our economy, we cannot resolve ourselves to create jobs and spur economic growth in America without discussing ways to support our entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United State has proclaimed National Small Business Week every year since 1963 to highlight the programs and services available to entrepreneurs through the U.S. Small Business Administration and other government agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ontario supports and joins in this national effort to help America's small businesses do what they do best – grow their business, create jobs, and ensure that our communities remain as vibrant tomorrow as they are today.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Frank Robusto, Supervisor of the Town of Ontario, do hereby proclaim **May 5 – 11, 2019** as

NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

Adopted by the Ontario Town Board on this 8th day of April, 2019.

Frank Robusto, Supervisor
Joseph Catalano, Deputy Superviso
Jeremy Eaton, Councilman
Richard Leszyk, Councilman
Scott TeWinkle, Councilman

NEWS AND NOTES PAGE

SLOW DOWN ~ MOVE OVER ~

It's the Law

After recent incidents in Rochester involving drivers who failed to slow down or mover, AAA Western and Central New York is pleading with drivers to be alert and use caution when any vehicle is on the side of the road.

- As soon as you see lights, vests or reflectors, check traffic around you, SLOW DOWN and safely MOVE OVER.
- Drivers MUST use care when approaching an emergency vehicle or hazard vehicle, including police vehicles, fire trucks, ambulances, construction and maintenance vehicles and tow trucks.
- The Move Over Law applies to both sides of the roadway, not just the shoulder on the right.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSES

Take the course online for only \$29.95. Registration:
AAA.com/DefensiveDriving
1-800-836-2582

Replace Your Peeling License Plates for *FREE*

The printed coating on some older New York State license plates may be peeling off the metal plates. This is called delamination and it can lead to fines up to \$200 if a plate is unreadable.

There is no charge to exchange peeling plates for a new set. Just visit a Dept. of Motor Vehicles office or call 1-518-402-4838 between the hours of 8 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday.

You may be asked to submit a photograph of the peeling plates or to bring them in to the office at the time of the transaction. Replacement of the delaminated plates is free, but there is a \$20 fee if you want to keep the same plate number.

Only replacement of delaminated plates is free. If your license plates show damage from natural use, including fading or cracking or crash damage, the replacement fee is \$25, plus a \$3.75 fee to issue a new registration.

Standard I.D. Cards Available for People With Disabilities

Standardized identification cards for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities are now available upon request. The goal of the I.D. cards is to help first responders – law enforcement, firefighters and emergency medical services personnel better understand and interact with people with developmental disabilities who may not be able to communicate their situation effectively. The front of the card displays the statement: "I have a developmental disability. I may have difficulty understanding and following your directions or may become unable to respond. I may become physically agitated if you prompt me verbally or touch me or move too close to me. A developmental disability is not an excuse for illegal behavior. I am not intentionally refusing to cooperate. I may need your assistance. Please see the back of this card." The back of the card includes the card bearer's name, address, date of birth and emergency contact information. You may request a card by visiting Office for People with Development Disabilities, at <https://opwdd.ny.gov/iddidcards>

Life-Vest Financial Group – Winner of the Chamber Business Promotion Award

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Congratulations to Life-Vest Financial Group, owned by Tim Strickland and Bradley Sheremeta, 2011 Ridge Rd., Ontario for our 1st Quarter Business Promotion Award winner. They have won \$100. to advertise their business! The advertising can be in any form of marketing promotional items or material including pens, mugs, brochures, copying expenses, ads, etc. Life-Vest can be contacted at (315) 333-5139 or Email: tdstrickland@ft.newyorklife.com or bwsheremeta@ft.newyorklife.com

The Business Promotion Award is a random drawing held by the chamber once a Business quarter. To participate you must be a chamber member and submit your business card to: Ontario Chamber, PO Box 100, Ontario, NY 14519 with Business Promo written on the back. The drawing is open to all chamber members and **new cards are accepted at the beginning of each calendar year as well as throughout the year.**

Historical Society Request: Donations Needed for Spring Barn Sale

Donations will be accepted on Thursdays April 25 and May 2 (6-8 PM), and Saturdays, April 27 and May 4 (9 AM to noon) at the Barn at Heritage Square, 7147 Ontario Center Road, corner of Ontario Center Road North and Brick Church Road in Ontario, NY.

The Town of Ontario Historical Society's Spring Barn Sale will be held on

Thursday, May 16, 9 AM to 8 PM

Friday, May 17, 9 AM to 8 PM

Saturday, May 18, 9 AM to noon (\$3.00 bag sale all day)



We are in need of good saleable donations. We are looking for items such as jewelry, dishes and other kitchen items, furniture, both indoor and outdoor, books, toys, games, small electronics in working condition and seasonal decorations. Gardening equipment, flower pots and other yard ornaments and baskets will be accepted. Please no large electronics – TVs, stereos, etc. or clothing.

If you have any questions about your donations or need to make special drop off arrangements, please contact Ann Welker at 315-524-9330. Donation slips are available upon request.

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1250 NYS Rt. 104, Ontario Plaza
(Corner Rt. 104 & Slocum Rds.

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All Meals Homemade

Monday – Saturday – 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m,

Weekly Specials

Call Ahead to Order

Terry – (585)-474-4097

Mike – (585)-284-9901

Officers: (terms expire in 2020)

Donna Burolla, President - (315) 524-8286

Sherry Verstraete, V.P. - (585) 820-8801

Jim Switzer, Treasurer - (585) 750-2277

Cheryl Legg, Secretary - (585) 315-0935

Board of Directors: (3 year terms)

Brian Natale, Farmers Insurance – term expires 2019

Sue Yantch, Sue's Hair Trends – term expires 2021

Joellen Simone, Nature's Way Floral and Garden - term expires 2020

Tim Strickland, Community Liaison (585) 370-1328

WELCOME BACK RENEWING CHAMBER MEMBERS!

Thank You For Being So Prompt With Your Dues

Your Continued Support Is Appreciate

ALTRA RENTAL SUPPLY, INC. Jim Pedulla, 2127 NYS Rt. 104, Ontario, NY 14519-9649
PINES OF PEACE, Terry Whitt, Executive Director, 2378 Ridge Rd., Ontario, NY 14519-9558
PROFETTA ENTERPRISES, INC., Dana Profetta, 6362 Dean Parkway, Ontario, NY 14519-8970
EDWARD JONES, Jon Wordingham, 6323 Knickerbocker Rd., Ontario, NY 14519-8837
TOBIN CENTER, LLC, David & Pam Tobin, PO Box 482, Ontario, NY 14519-0482
EMPIRE WRECKING CO., INC., Julie & Vince Steffen, 6372 Knickerbocker Rd., Ontario, NY 14519
PROJECT MANAGEMENT & ENGINEERING, Eric & Dawn Mehserle, 1088 Hillsboro Cove Circle, Webster, NY 14580
INTEGRATED HEALTH CENTER, & EUPHRAXIA HEALTH, Teon Kowalyk, DC, 1422 NYS Rt. 104, Ontario, NY
RICHARD LESZYK, Attorney, 322 Ridge Road, Ontario, NY 14519
OPTIPRO SYSTEMS, Michael Bechtold, 6368 Dean Parkway, Ontario, NY 14519
GERBER HOMES AND ADDITIONS, LLC, John Graziose, 1250 Ridge Rd., Ontario, NY 14519
AVALANCHE FABRICATION, INC., Paul Duerr and Thad Spaulding, 6314 Dean Pkwy, Ontario, NY 14519
ROCHESTER VAPOR, Mark Sullivan, 710 NYS Rt. 104, Ontario, NY 14519
BIRTHRIGHT OF ONTARIO, Nora Craft, Pres., 2003 Ridge Road, Ontario, NY 14519

Welcome New Members to the Ontario Chamber!

RYNDOCK REALTY, LLC, Sylvia and Mark Ryndock, Managing Broker/Owner, 1250 NYS Rt. 104, Ontario Office Phone: 315-333-1271; Cell: 585-943-0203; email: ryndockrealty@gmail.com

NOTO FRUIT FARM & CIDER MILL, 7539 East Townline Rd., Williamson, NY 14589. Fedele and Phyllis Noto are managers of the Ontario Farmers' Market. The market is opening **June 9, 2017 to Oct 27, 2019**. Phone: (315) 589-8703 (Fedele Noto) or (585) 737-3929 (Janet Hanley). They are **NOW seeking vendors**. For an application and rules, go to www.ontariotown.org under Parks and Rec Dept or www.ontarionychamber.org

SUSAN TRIPP, 3D TRAVEL CONSULTANT. 6106 LaFrank Drive, Ontario, NY 14519; Ph: 585-478-8371; email: susan.tripp@3dtravelcompany.com; website: www.susantripp.com

News From Chamber Members

- **Core Fitness**, 2013 Ridge Rd., Ontario, has been approved for the **Silver Sneakers Program**. Contact Colton Strickland, (315) 333-1244; or email: corefitteam@gmail.com for details.
- Congratulations to **Charlie Kelly, C.P. Kelly General Contractors**, 1201 Ridge Rd., Ontario, for winning the award for the next phase of Intergrow Greenhouses now under construction on Timothy Lane, Ontario.
- Business Expansion – **Integrated Health**, 1418 NYS Rt. 104, owned by Teon Kowalyk, D.C. will soon be opening **Euphraxia Health Fitness**, a comprehensive exercise center.
- **Gerber Homes & Additions** will be adding 56 self- storage units to the Ontario Storage facility located at 6453 Furnace Rd., Ontario. Website: www.ontarionystorage.com



Heather Benedict, Owner of Pampered Paws Grooming Salon

**Ontario Chamber of Commerce
March, 2019
Business of the Month
5933 Arbor Rd., Ontario, NY**

A Cut Above the Best!

Pampered Paws Grooming Salon is Ontario Chamber of commerce business of the month and is a "cut above the best". Heather Benedict, Certified Groomer and owner is available to add panache and style to your dog's step. Her business is located at 5933 Arbor Rd., Ontario, NY 14519. Benedict can be reached at (585) 267-6866 and specializes solely in dog grooming. Benedict can also be found on Facebook at *Pampered Paws Grooming Salon*.

Benedict, a former Wayne Central graduate, always knew she was going to work with animals. It was during her tenure employed in a veterinarian office, that one of her colleagues suggested dog grooming. As Benedict embarked on her studies at the Rochester Institute of Dog Grooming, it soon became evident she found her career. "My teacher took an interest in me and invited me to work in her shop, *Creature Comforts* in Ontario", she remained there for four years.

Benedict's Father offered to build a shop near their homestead on Arbor Rd. She has been at her current location four years. The salon offers full service dog grooming, including bathing, brushing, haircut, nails, and ear cleaning. Your beloved dog will enjoy a pampering experience, in a comfortable, safe, loving environment.

Benedict cares about her pet owners as well, and stated, "I'm willing to please my customers by going above and beyond" I'm very much a people pleaser. I will accommodate my clients by helping to answer their pet questions. I also make them feel at ease and give them 100%".

Business integrity is paramount for Benedict. "My parents, Bill and Jenny Benedict are just wonderful, hard working people and have instilled in me a great work ethic. They are my greatest inspiration. And, in order to remain a successful small business owner, one must continually work hard, remain dedicated, while practicing patience and kindness"

In her free time, she can be found enjoying her own treasured pets, a cat Missy and a five-year-old Yellow Labrador, Molly. Camping is a favorite family pastime, and during camping season her clients book ahead.

Benedict plans to remain in Ontario and "keep on grooming".

Interviewed by Joellen Simone, Natures Way Floral & Garden



Ontario Chamber of Commerce
 April, 2019
 Business of the Month
Autumn Joy Alpaca Farm
 6018 Arbor Rd.

Autumn Joy Alpaca Farm is the Ontario Chamber April Business of the month. Owner Karen Fabi maintains a striking herd of five huacaya (pronounced wah-KI-ah) Alpacas, and one Llama. The Alpacas' avowal all males: Bobbie, Shadow, Harry, Tucker and Sam. Gema, is the sole female llama, and as Fabi explains, "It's funny, Gema is large and in charge. She serves as the herds protector." Alpacas are the smallest member of a species of *South American camelid*, domesticated for thousands of years. They are social herding animals and have a natural life span of 15 to 25 years. Alpacas are commonly found grazing in the wild at an altitude of 3500 m (11,500 ft.) to 5,000 m (16K ft.) in the Andes of Southern Peru, Western Bolivia, Ecuador, and Northern Chile. (1) (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alpaca>)

Fabi, was originally from Webster NY, and returned to the area after a long career in Washington DC 's Law Enforcement. She chose to begin her second chapter in a town close to her roots and family, selecting the Ontario location out of endearment and with her business in mind. *The Autumn Joy Alpaca Farm* is located at 6018 Arbor Rd., Ontario, NY, and resides on a portion of the former *Benedict Farm*, which operated back in the 1950's to 1970's.

It was during a visit to the Hemlock fiber festival, (part of the Genesee valley hand spinners guild), that Fabi first met an Alpaca, echoing, "It was love at first sight". Intern her fondness and respect for animals endured. Fabi's business is "a labor of love", and she has created an eco-friendly environment, utilizing 100% of the herds resources and generating almost zero waste. Fabi mentions, "the only waste we have on the farm is the empty bags of grain, which can also be recycled and reused in many different ways".

Fabi researched becoming an Alpaca farmer for 3 years before taking the plunge, and has been in business for 5 years. Her crafting experience and skills, ("my grandmother taught me how to knit and crochet 55 years ago"), enable her to provide naturally unique products. "The *Autumn Joy*, Alpaca herd is utilized strictly for its fiber, which is similar to sheep's wool, because it is hollow, but softer and more luxurious like cashmere." However, even the Alpacas manure "beans", can be repurposed. Fabi creates "fire bricks" from the sun dried "beans", which are mixed with melted wax and molded in tins to form a safe, renewable fire starter. She also manufactures another product from dried ground "beans" called, "Plant Tea", which is sold in burlap bags. It is utilized to provide N, P, K macro plant nutrients, when rehydrated.

The Alpaca industry is a large supporter of the artisans of Peru. Fabi's exceptional line of super warm, Artisan quality goods; socks, hats, gloves, sweaters and scarves are obtainable at *Autumn Joy's* farm store (585-626-8967), local craft shows and on Facebook. "I knit and crochet about ½ of the products I sell, using my handspun yarn. The yarn is died on the stove, using all plant-based dyes and white vinegar." Another "Fabi-style" inventive offering includes, "drier balls." Fabi makes the balls using an Alpaca fiber felting process. They last up to one year, and are designed to replace dryer sheets, helping to eliminate unwanted household chemicals. Customers may purchase an array of products ranging in price from \$4.00 to \$50.00. To generate new product ideas, Fabi attends actual fiber shows and she observes everyday items which can be remanufactured using alpaca fibers. Her beautifully designed purses are a prime illustration of her success.

Roger Keymel, an alpaca farmer in Walworth, has been both a mentor and inspiration to Fabi during her business adventure. Keymel and his wife own 14 alpacas. Fabi comments, "Alpaca farmers in general are great people, shop local".

In the future, Fabi hopes to continue selling handmade alpaca products, while teaching children to respect and learn more about the Alpaca species.

Interviewed by, Joellen Simone, Nature's Way Florist, Ontario, NY.

Ontario Chamber of Commerce Membership Information

The Ontario Chamber of Commerce is open to membership for all businesses and residents. You do not need to be a local business or resident to join. There is only one level of membership at \$50.00. Some of our business support projects include: Business of the Month; Ribbon Cutting Ceremony; Support for our Business Improvement District. Community projects include: Support for the Ontario Food Pantry; Christmas Tree Lighting Event; Scholarship given to a Wayne Central graduate; Distribution of Welcome Packages to new residents. For more Information about additional projects please visit our website: www.ontarionychamber.org. Please consider joining us and becoming part of our team to support businesses and our community. Your membership would be welcomed!

Ontario Chamber of Commerce – Membership Form

Membership Dues: \$50.00 annually. Please make checks payable to Ontario Chamber of Commerce, and mail to PO Box 100, Ontario, NY 14519-0100

BUSINESS NAME: _____

NAME OF OWNER: _____

TYPE OF BUSINESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

(No. and Street)

(Post Office Box) (City, State, Zip)

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____

(No. and Street)

(Post Office Box) (City, State, Zip)

HOME PHONE: _____

BUSINESS PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

WEBSITE ADDRESS: _____

FAX NUMBER: _____

*PERMISSION TO ADD TO ONLINE BUSINESS DIRECTORY (circle one)

YES NO

*(We depend on members to provide updated information as it occurs.)

Delivery Tips

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FedEx

Outdoor box

Advantage Auto Supply

2045 NYS Rt. 104, Ontario, NY

Phone (store) (315) 524-2691

Daily Pickup @5 pm

Monday thru Friday

None on weekends/holidays

Western Union

Send & Receive

Money/Messages

Rite Aid Pharmacy

6296 Ontario Ctr. Rd., Ontario, NY

S.E. corner @ NYS Rt. 104

Phone (store) (315) 524-2511

UPS (United Parcel Service)

Secor Hardware (within store)

Tops Plaza, S.E. corner of NYS Rt. 104

and Furnace Rd., Ontario, NY

The service is available during regular store hours

Phone (store) (315) 524-4052

Mobile DMV at Webster Public Library

Mondays 10-3:30; except holidays

2019 Chamber Meetings

January 21st

February 18

March 18th

April 15th

May 20th

June 17th

July 15th

August 19th

September 16th

September 19 – Annual Banquet

October 21

November 18

December – No Meeting

All chamber members are invited to attend as well as the general public. Meetings are held at the Ontario Town Hall, 1850 Ridge Road in the town board meeting room and begin at 3:30 p.m.