

The Bridge

Once upon a time two brothers who lived on adjoining farms fell into conflict. It was the first serious rift in 40 years of farming side by side. They had been sharing machinery, trading a labor and goods as needed without a hitch. Then the long collaboration fell apart. It began with a small misunderstanding and it grew into a major difference which exploded into an exchange of bitter words followed by weeks of silence.

One morning there was a knock on elder brother's door. He opened it to find a man with a carpenter's toolbox. "I am looking for a few days of work", he said. "Perhaps you would have a few small jobs here and there. Could I help you?"

"Yes!" said the elder brother. "I do have a job for you. Look across the creek at that farm. That's my neighbor, in fact, it's my younger brother and we don't get along. Last week he dug a wider passage for water into his farm. But he ended up creating a very wide creek in between our farms and I am sure he did it just to annoy me. I want you to build me something so that we don't have to stand and see each other's face from across."

The carpenter said "I think I understand the situation. I will be able to do a job that will please you." The elder brother had to go to town for supplies, so he helped the carpenter get the materials ready and then he was off for the day. The carpenter worked hard all that day measuring, sawing, nailing.

At sunset when the elder brother returned, the carpenter had just finished his job. The elder brother's eyes opened wide and his jaw dropped. It was not what he had even thought of or imagined. It was a bridge stretching from one side of the creek to the other! A fine piece of work, beautiful handrails. And to his surprise, his younger brother across the creek was coming to meet him with a big smile and arms wide open to hug him.

"You are really kind and humble my brother! After all I had done and said to you, you still shown that blood relations can never be broken! I am truly sorry for my behaviour", the younger brother said as he hugged his elder brother. They turned to see the carpenter hoist his toolbox on his shoulder. "No, wait! Stay a few days. I have a lot of other projects for you," said the older brother.

"I'd love to stay on", the carpenter said, "but, I have many more bridges to build!"

Moral: There is no shame in accepting your mistake or forgiving each other. We should be kind and humble. We should try to stay together as a family and not break away from it over the petty arguments.

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Valentine's Day



LOCAL MARKET STATS

ORANGEVILLE:
January 2020

JAN
2020

JAN
2019

JAN
2018

# OF SALES	AVG. PRICE	AVG. DOM
26	\$599,585	23
30	\$535,310	29
21	\$524,483	41



Happy winter everyone! With the market underway in 2020, it looks like the buyers are out to an early start this year. 26 sales occurred in January, which wasn't as strong as January of 2019 but still a good start to the year. Average sale price is up around the \$600,000 mark, up 12% compared to January 2019. Inventory in January was not able to surpass 35 homes for sale. **The buyers are out there early, and with the lack of inventory, it's a great time for Sellers to hit the market early.** Don't hesitate to call us if you're thinking of selling, or have any questions regarding the current market! - **Dave**



Grime Team February Birthdays:

Feb 6 - Dave Grime
Feb 28 - Drisana Prashad

Grime Team Anniversaries:

Feb 14 - Lamoine Mikkelsen
26 Years with Team!!
Feb 21 - Cindy Morgan
3 Years with Team

Family Day Festivities!



Family Fun Day At Island Lake:

Monday Feb 17, 2020 from 10 am to 3 pm

- Learn to ice fish
- Skate on rink or trails
- Snow shoe
- Explore Trails
- Roast "Hot Dogs" or a S'more

Call CVC for more info 1-800-367-0890.
Some fees may apply.

Family Day at Teen Ranch:

Monday Feb 17, 2020 from 1pm to 4pm

- Free Skate at the Ice Corral
- Free face painting
- Free hot chocolate
- Tubing, Snow Sculpting & Marshmallow Roasting available (weather permitting)

Call Teen Ranch for more info 519-941-4501.