

Esther the Wonder Pig could soon have her own TV show

By Julie Slack
Metroland News Service

One of Milton's famed celebrities Esther the Wonder Pig may soon have her very own television show.

That's right, the 650-pound Internet sensation, along with her dads Derek Walter and Steve Jenkins, have a demo reel done by the same production company behind the *Curse of Oak Island* the *History Channel* show about a Nova Scotia island that has intrigued treasure hunters for 200 years.

Titled *Estherville*, Jenkins said the show would be filmed at the Campbellville sanctuary, Happily Ever Esther, where they live, along with Esther and some 43 abused and abandoned farm animals that Walter and Jenkins have rescued.

As much as the show is about Esther, it outlines how drastically the former Georgetown couple's lives have changed.

It's in the development right now out of Los Angeles, California where it's being produced, said Jenkins. It's being shopped to the networks now.

Although unable to say which ones, Jenkins assures that yes, it will be available in

Canada.

Esther became an Internet go-to after Jenkins started to fundraise to purchase a sanctuary in rural Milton. He quickly discovered the so-called minipig he'd rescued from an acquaintance who could no longer care for her, was in fact a full-sized pig living in their tiny neighbourhood home, getting bigger and bigger.

So, he posted photos and videos online, created a Facebook page, Instagram and Twitter accounts, much to the delight of viewers worldwide.

Even more to the delight of Jenkins and Walter, who managed to fundraise \$440,000 in two short months to make their dream of opening a sanctuary on a 50-acre farm a reality. The money came from 8,000 donors from 44 countries around the globe.

Now, Esther has her own single bed, a jar of Scotch mints all to herself, bumper stickers, Esther clothing, a full-colour calendar, and best of all, the love of two daddies, some cats, dogs and rabbits, under one roof.

It's nothing Jenkins or Walter could ever have imagined.

Neither were farmers. In fact, they didn't

Continued on page 36



Favourite Contractor
5 years in a row!



- Ceramic & Porcelain Tile Installation
- Bathroom Renovations
- Kitchen Backsplashes
- Heated Floors

Dave LoDuca

416-989-7809 • 905-877-1936



LIMITED TIME ONLY

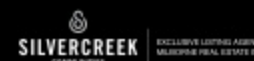
UP TO \$20,000 IN UPGRADES & PICK FROM NEWLY RELEASED FLOOR PLANS!

Last chance at pre-construction pricing
Construction to begin Summer 2017

BOOK AN APPOINTMENT TODAY!
TheHotelMcGibbon.com

Award Winning Presentation Centre
79 Main Street South, Georgetown
905 702 2525

Monday-Thursday | 12 noon-6pm
Closed Fridays
Saturday & Sunday | 12 noon-5pm



*Visit the Presentation Centre for further details. Certain conditions may apply. Limited time offer. Prices and specifications subject to change without notice. E.S.O.E. Rendering is artist's concept.