Wow – what a fabulous Hoe Down event we enjoyed as a lake community on September 3rd! The sun came out and the full moon brightened the lake for a perfect weather night to support the lake we all cherish. This generous and positive spirit contributed to a successful fundraising event for the lake that was nothing short of heartwarming!

Following the lit up and decorated properties on the North Shore of Puslinch Lake, many could hear the hooting and hollering that went down for the annual Hoe Down and Pig Roast this past Labour Day weekend.

Decked in country hats and boots, with a constructed dance floor under a large tent, this family-friendly event available to lake residents and non-lake residents was a huge success. Open to all, over 150 guests flooded the event, participating in a buffet beyond belief of pot luck items. Generous donations poured in for this event with a 50/50 draw, raffles and silent auction items.

There are so many to thank for the success of this event, as well as all who participated with your attendance, donations or time to help all go smoothly. Special thank you shout out to: Sara and Robin Puskas (35 Lake Ave) and Michelle and Ken Scott (37 Lake Ave) for offering their properties to host our event! The venue was magical and so beautiful!

Our gracious hosts along with neighbourly North Shore teamwork enhanced their lovely properties with festive decorations and limitless twinkle lights and adequate seating to encourage community enjoyment AND a homemade dance floor. We are so grateful for your willingness to host!

Hoddle Services donated their DJ services for the evening that kept announcements needed delivered and most importantly kept the dance floor full with their dynamic playlist and responses to requests!

The Puslinch Fire Department who donated the tent and provided the man power to set up/take down and assisted with the pick up and return of 30 straw bales and corn from local farmers.

Gunson Family Farms for donating the corn on the cob! It was delicious! Yzerman Family Farms for arranging and lending us 30 straw bales to house seating and decorating for the event!

Janis and Malcolm Potvin for completely taking on the raffle prizes and silent auction that was so enticing! The talent to create such inventive and desirable prizes was amazing!

All the Puslinch Lake volunteers who helped plan, orchestrate and participate in the planning and setting up/cleaning up of the event – YOU are amazing and we could not have done it without you.

Special thanks to Sara and Robin Puskas, Ken and Michelle Scott, Kellie Parks, Melanie Spencer, Melanie and Michel Theriault, Kerry and Aaron Jacobs, the Carter family and many more for their countless hours to help all run smoothly.

ALL of the generosity of the lake community who donated potluck meal additions that made for a delicious buffet and the fabulous items for the raffles and silent auction!

If you would like to see some photos from the hoe down, please visit plha.ca or follow us on Facebook This amazing lake event was enjoyed by all. More than $6,500 raised and still counting!

Thank you! I love the generosity and commitment of my lake community! If you would like to donate for the lake alive efforts or for more information on how you can become involved please contact Kim Hussey, kimhussey5@gmail.com.
Editorial

Well Fall seems to be settling in, with trees changing colour. I have to say that I’ve always liked this time of year. It is what is around the corner that I don’t like.

This month we welcome Sam Stevenson as he writes about the history of the Hanlon which used to be part of the Puslinch community. We also learn more about the Winer farm, and its German descendants.

As a community, we clearly like to have fun and it is good to learn more about the Hoe Down on Puslinch Lake.

With the children back at school, we’ve included a couple of cyber safety articles – one about how as parents you can educate your child on their use of all things digital, and for those of you with devices that measure your fitness levels, just a few precautions to take to protect yourself from cyber theft.

We also welcome poet Beverly Shepard who will be sharing her poems with us on a regular basis. Author Naomi Klein spoke recently in Guelph about speaking up and finding ways to work together to make change.

Without doubt, Helen Einwechter and Art and Ella Boreham will have witnessed a lifetime of changes, as shared in the article on Ellis Chapel, where all three were volunteers and celebrated recently for their contributions.

With all that is happening elsewhere in the world, we are very fortunate to live where we do. Our thoughts are with those who are dealing with the aftermath of the hurricanes, earthquakes and forest fires.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Anne Day

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Council Clips

By Frankie Shaw

Law Enforcement
Susie Spry has been appointed Municipal Law Enforcement Officer for Puslinch.

Fleet Management
Most of the municipal fleet life cycling is based on years. A combination of hours, kilometres and years would be a more effective way of determining whether vehicles should be replaced.

At the Council meeting held in February 2013 it was decided that the vehicle’s life cycle should be:

- Trucks should be replaced at eight years of age
- Pick-ups at five years
- Backhoes and One and a Half Ton trucks at 10 years
- Graders at 20-25 years.

An analysis suggested that the vehicle replacement schedule should be based on the following information:

- Current mileage/hours on the equipment
- Current Township useful life (2017 budget) and proposed useful life (2018 budget)
- BDO’s recommended lifecycle ranges in accordance with other peer groups.
- MFPs recommended lifecycles
- Wellington County and its lower tier life cycles
- An average useful life incorporating all of the above.

Effective January 1 2018, all Township pick-up trucks will maintain a daily travel log detailing mileage tracking of both personal and business mileage, with a copy to be submitted to the finance department at the end of every month.

Effective no later than May 2019, all vehicles shall have a red exterior with the Township logo decaled on the front panel of the driver and passenger side.

In 2019, Staff will report back on the option of leasing pick-up trucks and also on a vehicle use policy.

Improving service
In December 2016 Council approved a staff report, which resulted in the creation of a customer service division whose responsibility is to facilitate the booking process at the Community Centre and the Optimist Recreation Centre.

The division has been staffed and operating since March 2017. Staff is now better aware of the opportunities for more efficiency.

Bartending
There have been challenges associated with providing effective service. The LCBO will provide up-to-date training on rules and regulations to the Township staff.

Staff also suggest comparing the current practice of the Township providing bartenders to that of renters providing their own bartenders.

Scheduling challenges
There are scheduling challenges at the Community Centre, particularly in ensuring a staff presence in the evenings and at weekends.

Some coverage could be provided by using staff at the Optimist Recreation Centre during its hours of operation.

Recent changes have highlighted the need for cross training of staff, particularly for vacation times.

Staff will investigate the feasibility and costs associated with the implementation of a key fob system for the green shed to improve security there.

Michael Chong appointed to Official Opposition’s Shadow Cabinet

Michael Chong, Member of Parliament for Wellington-Halton Hills, was named as the Official Opposition’s Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, Communities and Urban Affairs. The announcement was made today by Leader of the Official Opposition, Andrew Scheer.

“I’m excited to take on this new role, and I’m proud to be working alongside an experienced team that will continue to hold the government to account on behalf of all Canadians,” said Chong. “I look forward to building a stronger Conservative Party, as well as building a stronger Canada for everyone.”

Chong was first elected to the House of Commons in 2004 as the Member of Parliament for Wellington-Halton Hills.

He has served as Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Minister for Sport, as well as President of the Queen’s Privy Council for Canada. He grew up in Fergus, where he lives with his wife Carrie and their three young sons.

Farmers’ Market closes for another year

This month the Aberfoyle Farmers’ Market closes its doors for another season.

Many of us will miss the market dearly – not just for the fresh produce, but for the friendships and fellowship, as people use the market as a meeting place. A place to catch up and reconnect with others.

We wish our farmer friends all the best in the coming year, and look forward to seeing them again in May 2018.

The market closes on October 28th.
Milestones at Ellis Chapel
By Barbara Bulmer

‘Tisn’t life that matters!
‘Tis the courage you bring to it.
Sir Hugh Walpole, Fortitude.

At the July Sunday service two Ellis board members, George and Dorothy Campbell, were celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary. We were also paying tribute to our longest-serving board member and volunteer, Helen Einwechter, who was celebrating her 100th birthday.

Helen has witnessed a great deal of the world’s vicissitudes over her century. She is a woman of great courage and intelligence. She is physically independent, uses a computer, has a great memory and a positive outlook on life.

She maintains her own retirement apartment, and she says, “I’m in a nice place, and I’m thankful that I’ve had no major problems or tragedies in my life”.

Helen stepped down from the board a few years ago with the distinction of Honourary Trustee, in recognition of her many years of dedication. We consider her a valued member with much to contribute, and a wonderful source of institutional and community history.

At the front of the church, a folding screen with the words “In Memoriam” was set up. It contained Helen’s childhood picture, taken 100 years ago. They had a talent for putting popular songs of the day to interesting words. Here is the text:

In Memoriam
Eileen Isabella Williams
1926 – 2017

Born in Hamilton, December 24, 1926 to Reg and Isabella Dunk, Married a soldier from P.E.I. David Williams March 3, 1944 in Carlisle. Moved to P.E.I. till end of war living with in law’s, Reagh and Mabel Williams.

After war came back to Ontario eventually in Morriston, raising seven children there, joining Ladies group at the Church and Women’s Institute. Eileen and David liked to bowl, dance and play cards.

Eventually moved back to P.E.I when her mother and father in law became elderly, but finally came back to Ontario.

She liked to travel, going to Vegas, Disneyland, Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii, Germany, Holland and England.

Mother finally went to Hospice Wellington where the care for her was above and beyond anything you would expect.

We owe a big thank you to Guelph General Hospital and Hospice Wellington. Mom died July 21, 2017. There was a service for Mom in Waterdown. She was then driven to Tyne Valley P.E.I. and laid to rest beside her husband, David Williams at St. John’s Anglican Church Cemetery. This was her wish and she is now home.

Your Family,
7 Children, 14 Grandchildren, 22 Great Grandchildren & 2 Great. Great Grandchildren.

Helen was born in 1917, the daughter of Robert and Nellie Reeve. Their farm was across the road from Ellis Chapel where she attended Sunday School; the girls on one side and the boys on the other.

Mr. Eagle taught the adult bible class, and Gardner Einwechter was engaged to assist with the younger members. Helen and Gardner were married in 1940.

Helen’s father Robert had been a trustee of the chapel until it closed in the late 1950’s. Helen recounts with nostalgia her childhood days on the farm and recalls how much more fortunate they were than folks in town during the 1920’s and 30’s.

They had their own meat, vegetables and wood for the furnace. They sold cream, milk, meat and sausage. When Helen married and moved to town she and Gardner put $5.00 in the grocery purse each week.

They built a home on the front corner of Dorothy’s parent’s farm where they raised three children, and now enjoy the company of seven grandchildren and three great grandsons.

George and Dorothy have been blessed with good health, are physically independent and mentally fit. A few years ago they decided to become volunteers at Ellis Chapel.

They have benefitted from their willing hands when there was work to be done, their wisdom when decisions were to be made, and their dedication to helping preserve this piece of Puslinch history.

When asked to comment on the secret to their very long and successful marriage George chuckled and said, “we were always working too hard to get into trouble”. Courage? Lots of it!

Happy Anniversary, George and Dorothy!
Happy Birthday, Helen! Best wishes and clear sailing!

There is a bit of excitement planned for next season. The opening service on June 10, 2018 will be conducted by Bryan Rankine and the Elora Singers. It promises to be an outstanding event, one you won’t want to miss.

October 2017
No is not enough
By Anne Day

Author and activist Naomi Klein was in Australia at a meeting with “around fifteen heads of various Australian environmental, labour and social justice organizations” when news of Trump’s election to President broke.

Up until that point, she shares, she had people together in one room who would not normally be face to face with one another, and they were talking.

They were looking at ways together that they could work in tandem, instead of in silos, to change root causes of concern.

The meeting was going well. It was exciting to see the interaction. People were listening. It was broad strokes and they were building a framework for change. And then the news came.

The announcement immediately burst that collaborative bubble. No one could focus. The meeting rapidly ended before it could even go down hill.

That, she pointed out to a room-packed audience at Guelph University, is what we can’t afford to have happen. Sure we can all say no. We can commiserate on the outcome of the election, but as the title of her latest book says No is NOT enough, we have to take action.

Trump’s move to the White House, in many ways, should not come as a surprise, she observed. He is representative of a North American culture that is all about self, money and power.

Forget community, the earth and nature, that’s not trendy. But it needs to be if we are to stop the different disasters that are happening around the world, such as the forest fires in BC which she’d witnessed first-hand this summer.

She believes Trump is the wake up call. And we need to pay attention. We cannot afford to stay with the status quo, we need to move forward.

To that end, a non-partisan social and political initiative has been launched – The Leap Manifesto. They have developed a fifteen point manifesto aimed to “create a Canada based on caring for the earth and one another.”

Several communities across Canada have embraced this initiative and have started local community efforts. Peterborough, for example, has rallied around to form a local group to tailor the 15 principles to a local context.

With a smile, she challenged the audience to do something in Guelph, after all, she said if Peterborough is doing something, you should too. It will be interesting to see if anyone takes the lead.

In closing she remarked that we need to get out of spectator mode and be prepared to have the uncomfortable conversations and find ways to collaborate on issues that matter to us all.

For more information on The Leap Manifesto, go to www.leapmanifesto.org

After Harvest
By Beverly Shepard

Where I live
The fields lift and subside
Like the surface of an ocean
Caught and stopped in the midst of motion.

Over the swells the stubble lies
Cut down and strewn like rubble, once alive
Ready to be ploughed into the soil
Or rising with assumed integrity
Waiting (unknowing)
To become carpet and beds
In stalls that provide shelter from the winter.

No longer green
Not quite golden
The harvested fields assure me
That nothing is ever ended
All life connects to life
And death is a way of being.
Mill Creek stewards and their crew leader spent their summer improving sections of Mill Creek, which flows into the Grand River in Cambridge.

This was the 15th year that high school students have been hired and trained in river restoration. The program is overseen by the GRCA and funding is provided thanks to donations collected by Friends of Mill Creek.

The crew restored sections of the creek and a tributary. They also made improvements to the stream study areas used by students at Shade’s Mills Nature Centre.

Source: GRCA News
Ask the expert
By Diane Marchese

I'm looking for some fall colour and I've heard mums are perennial. Is this true?

In need of that last blast of colour? Consider the hardy garden mum or Chrysanthemum also referred to as Dendranthema morifolium. They are members of the Asteraceae family and will grow in a nice clump.

As the days begin to shorten and our evenings come earlier the perennial mums begin their work.

Although in this part of the world the mum is considered a tender perennial, if you plant it 2" deeper than in the pot into your garden, its chances are much better for surviving our winter and not being heaved out of the ground by frost.

They start to bloom usually five to seven weeks after the short days begin and give us a splash of colours like bronze, purple, orange, red and yellow.

Choose an area full of sun and away from the street then plant them deep, water well, dig in some compost and with any plant firm it in with your hands or feet, then keep it moist till you see it's established.

For your mums to have a better chance to take root plant them in the spring. This is the same plant sold in the spring and fall but if given enough time to strengthen itself you could have this lovely plant for years showing up just when you think it's over.

For more information, workshops and speakers check out the annual Hamilton Fall Garden and Mum show on between October 20 – 29, 2017 at Gage Park Greenhouse

www.HamiltonBloom.ca

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The Winer Homestead

By Barbara Jefferson

Next time you drive through Morriston, look for a small log cabin nestled close to the road just south of the village.

Almost 200 years old, it sits at the entrance to the homestead of the Winer family who settled there in 1828.

The cabin is an architectural heirloom, along with a nineteenth century house, barn and outbuildings, conserved by family descendants who still own and farm this property. Together, they form an agricultural heritage landscape.

German settlers began arriving in the Morriston area in 1828. A group of families left the Alsace-Lorraine area in 1817 arriving in New York State prior to making the trek to Canada.

Paulus Weiner with his wife, children and teenager, Georges Weiss, travelled across frozen Lake Ontario to Kingston and then made their way to Puslinch. He took up 100 acres of land, Lot 33, Concession 7.

At that time, Brock Road had just been blazed. It was merely a path leading to Dundas where supplies could be purchased and wheat could be ground to flour as this was the nearest mill.

The first priority for these homesteaders was shelter. They camped for two weeks before building a shanty of sod and twigs. They survived on roots, herbs and game. A written account by one of the sons talks about the many deer running ‘through the bush like big flocks of sheep’. Venison would have been a staple.

Abundant forests of pine and cedar provided the materials to build their second home: a log house. The land was cleared using the oxen brought with them.

This house was hastily built using basic tools by unskilled family members. It consisted of round, bark-covered logs, a curving wooden staircase, 18 inch floor boards and full stone cellar.

The cabin was later covered in siding. The parents, raising ten children, lived here until the 1870’s when the third home was built.

Yellow brick from the Morriston brickyard was used as the construction material. It is built in the vernacular “Ontario Farmhouse” style that became popular after the plans were published in the Canadian Farmer magazine in 1864: four rooms up, four rooms down, central staircase, main entrance with transom and side lights.

The roofline is broken with a gable featuring an upper hall window in an arch or gothic style. A kitchen wing extension was added with a floor above and a second gable matching the front. A porch with gingerbread trim completed the construction.

Socially, these German families were required to take an oath of allegiance to their new British colony to acquire land.

They soon anglicized their names as well. Paulus Weiner became Paul Winer while Georges Weiss changed to George Wise.

Descendants of these two pioneer homesteading families still reside in Puslinch Township. And, many of the original artifacts are held by family members. Ox yoke and cart, democrat buggy, rudimentary tools and farming equipment used by Paul Winer’s family have been preserved. This working farm has been in the Winer family for six generations.

So, too, have the last two family houses survived. The log cabin may well be the first home built in Puslinch Township still standing. The siding has been removed revealing the logs.

And, a new roof has been put on to preserve the structure. Modest changes have been made to the brick house: the open porch has been closed in and the front entrance is modified. But, the original features are still visible.

The Winer Homestead including log house and yellow brick farmhouse were plaqued in 2000 by the LACAC Committee, now the Puslinch Heritage Committee.

Sourced from the Puslinch Historical Society archives, Our Village of Morriston by Marjorie Clark, Guelph Mercury newspaper, Architectural Heritage of Puslinch by Marilyn Crow

Barb Jefferson sits on the Puslinch Heritage Committee representing the Puslinch Historical Society and is the sixth generation Winer descendant to own this farm

Photos by Barb Jefferson

In Memoriam

Joan Marie Lazin (nee Scott)

Passed away peacefully, while surrounded by her family and their love, on Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at Hospice Wellington, Guelph in her 72nd year.

Beloved wife to Peter for 53 years. Loving mother to Dan, Joanne McQuinn (John) and David (Nicole). Adored grandmother of Adam, Amanda, Terri-Lynn and Hailee. Forever missed by her brother Stan (Mary) and sisters-in-law Helen, Alicia and Millie. Predeceased by brother Robert and sister Eileen. She will be sadly missed by her aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and her many friends.

Joan had a love for flowers and always had fresh flowers on the table. She has asked that in lieu of flowers, however, donations be made to Hospice Wellington in Guelph.
Elora Culinary Tasting Tour

Photo from Taste Real website

Come for a stroll through the streets of historic Elora and enjoy the culinary delights found there.

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Two residents test positive for West Nile virus

By Brian McKechnie

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health has confirmed two local human cases of West Nile virus. While these are the first human cases in the region this year, three mosquito pools in Guelph have also tested positive for West Nile and a bird was confirmed to have the virus in July.

“There is reason to be concerned that West Nile virus could be more prevalent in the coming weeks,” said Shawn Zentner, Health Protection Manager at WDG Public Health. “It’s important for people to be extra cautious and protect themselves against mosquito bites when outdoors this late in the season.”

West Nile virus is most commonly spread to humans by mosquito bites. When infected, some people will experience flu-like symptoms. In extremely rare cases there is the potential of inflammation of the brain and spinal column which may result in permanent disability or death. Adults over the age of 50 are most at risk of serious health effects.

To protect yourself from West Nile virus it is recommended to wear light-coloured pants and a long-sleeved shirt when outside.

Health Canada recommends adults and children over six months of age use a mosquito repellent with DEET or icaridin. People should also avoid being outside at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes tend to feed.

Because mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water, Public Health asks property owners to remove standing water anywhere it tends to collect. These locations include flower pots, bird baths, wheelbarrows, eavestroughs, rain barrels and tires.

GOOD FORESTRY PRACTICES

The County of Wellington is committed to managing, caring and maintaining the land in 11 different forests and woodlots.

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To learn more about the County’s Good Forestry Practices, please visit www.wellington.ca/goodforestry

ALTERNATE FORMATS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.
Hanlon Creek Park: former Puslinch land preserved

By Sam Stevenson

Hanlon Creek Park, formerly Puslinch land, came close to being devastated in the 1970s.

One option at the time was to convert it to a series of concrete stormwater ditches with sewage and water pipes lying along its creek bed; the other was to preserve its natural environment and lay the sewage and water pipes away from the creek. Going with the second option was an excellent decision.

Just a short walk from my house, I spent hundreds of childhood hours enjoying the park’s woodlots, wetlands, fields, and trails. There I built forts, tobogganed, and cycled along its paths.

A nearby creek hosted fish, crayfish, water striders, frogs, damselflies, painted turtles, and garter snakes.

Along with animals were mature cedars and white pines for climbing and edible plants such as raspberries, strawberries, apples, and pears.

The fresh air had pleasing scents throughout the year: flowers, grass, cedar, browning goldenrod, and fallen leaves. I did catch wind of unseen decaying animals, however.

Here is some park history:

Felix Hanlon was an early inhabitant of the Hanlon Creek area, having moved from Ireland to Puslinch Township in 1827. Hanlon Creek, named after the family, passes through the Hanlon property on Niska Road.

To account for a growing population, Guelph annexed the Hanlon Creek lands and surrounding area on January 1, 1966. This annexation of 11,035 acres led to 1,102 Puslinch citizens becoming Guelphites overnight.

Two years after the annexation, the Grand River Conservation Authority proposed that all land within the Creek’s 50-year flood line be designated conservation land. It acknowledged that 5000 feet of concrete-lined channels and three dams could be built to control flooding, but this would remove about half of the natural landscape.

A University of Guelph Ecological Study in 1972 aimed to find ways to preserve “the existing levels of aquatic and terrestrial life” in the Hanlon Creek area.

It noted, to my surprise, that “little of the environment of Hanlon Creek is either of unique or outstanding quality”, though it did claim “its value lies in its location in combination with the not yet urbanized [surroundings].”

A Master Plan six years later mentions showy orchids and long beech ferns as rare and botanically interesting plants in the area. I don’t think I’ve seen the orchid yet.

During or after the Ecological Study, Jack Milliken, University of Guelph professor leading the Ecological Study and chair of the City of Guelph Planning Board, helped convince Bill Taylor, City of Guelph engineer, to route major water and sewage pipes beside the Hanlon Creek and not in its bed.

Guelph also had stormwater management ponds constructed around the creek. Innovative at the time, the ponds store and slowly release water run-off, which prevents flooding, contamination, and subsequent habitat loss.

Today, I often hike the Hanlon Creek trails with my family. I am pleased to see my childhood creek flowing with water and hosting fish and other wildlife. May Hanlon Creek Park forever be a place for adventure and enjoying nature.

Sam lives in Guelph and enjoys writing about nature, history, and family life.

What the Reformation can teach us about change

By MaryLu Pentelow

When we think about the Reformation on this 500th Anniversary, our focus is often on key figures - Luther, Calvin, and others - or key theological ideas such as the primacy of scripture.

But, how did the reformers promote their ideas and transform the church: what were their strategies to institute change?

Manna Day will focus on the themes of change and how the reformers successfully transformed the religious lives of their followers, through a clear vision, preaching, education, and other strategies.

Guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Stuart Macdonald was ordained in the Presbyterian Church in Canada in 1985 and served for ten and a half years in congregational ministry until joining the faculty of Knox College in 1996.

He is currently Professor of Church and Society at Knox, and teaches in the areas of congregational leadership and church history. His special areas of research include the reformation era, particularly the Scottish reformation, and change in the Canadian church since World War II.

Manna Day is being held on October 12, 10:30-3:00 at Crieff Hills Retreat and Conference Centre. Cost for the day is $22 and pre-registration is required.

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Puslinch Fire Chief Luis Gomes said, “This is strictly voluntary for home owners and we welcome any residents of Puslinch to contact us anytime for assistance, when it comes to any emergency situations and fire safety visits.”

Michael Roess, Chief Fire Prevention Officer said “Fire services in the province of Ontario are mandated to conduct a program like this, to assure that citizens are safe from fire.”

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She now owns four successful salons in Guelph, is a colour specialist, and teaches as well.

Past, present, and future clients are welcome in her South end salon.
There is a house within the Badenoch area, built over a rock formation, that was and is a perfect spot for an Eastern Garter Snake hibernaculum.

A hibernaculum is a refuge, natural or man-made, where snakes will travel to from over many kilometres and congregate to overwinter.

Many of them can be found around the hibernaculum in fall, on the last sunny, warm days prior to entering the structure for their winter sleep or in spring, when they will emerge to bask in the sun, breed and feed.

The word “hibernaculum” is Latin and means “a tent used for winter quarters”. These sites can be naturally occurring, such as an animal burrow, an old tree root or a fissure in the bedrock or they can be man-made, such as an old well, rock and log piles, building foundations and retaining walls. The snakes will return to the same hibernaculum every winter.

Hibernaculums are very important, as snakes, like so much of our wildlife, are under pressure from intensive agriculture and removal of fence backs, development, where everything is bulldozed, increasing urbanization as cities stretch further and further and deforestation. It all contributes to habitat loss and loss of hibernaculum sites.

Snakes are vulnerable to excessive temperatures, both very hot and very cold. They do not possess metabolic rates high enough to generate their own body heat. Their body temperature depends on the temperature of their surroundings. Snakes prefer a daytime temperature of 80 to 84 degrees Fahrenheit.

In late October, snakes gather in great numbers, coming from quite a distance, at their winter quarters.

Different species will share the same premises. When the air temperature falls low, snakes lower their metabolic rate and fall into the deep sleep of hibernation, relying on their body fat and the production of the chemical glycogen, a sort of antifreeze, in their livers and muscles to survive.

The requirements of a hibernaculum are specific. It must be below the usual frost line, that is three feet below the earth’s surface. It needs to be near to the water table, so that they do not dehydrate.

Snakes are shy by nature and will move away from danger, trying to avoid people. They will fight for their lives, if attacked. All of the snakes resident in Puslinch are harmless. They eat frogs and mice and are eaten by birds and animals.
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5 key tips for digital parenting

Being a parent is a tough job, one that only gets more complicated when your kids start to go online and use smart devices.

And with children as young as toddlers hopping onto their mom or dad’s tablets, the earlier you start the conversation about using the internet responsibly, the better.

Use these tips to prepare for when your child is a toddler or a teenager and every age in between.

1. Don’t worry about the latest apps.
   Even if you’re not up-to-date on the latest platforms, you play an important role in your kids’ digital lives.

Your kids will probably school you on new technology, but from you they need guidance, support and an understanding of online safety, which applies to everything from trying out a new filter to posting on social media.

2. Be part of your kids’ media lives.
   What your kids are watching, playing, reading and listening to is a big part of their real world.

Younger kids are usually glad when their parents show an interest in things they like, so get them to show you how their new favourite game works or why they’re so excited about joining a new social network.

You can also use media to talk about sensitive issues like bullying or racism.

3. Ask questions.
   Do you remember responding well to lectures and rules from your parents when you were a kid? Probably not. Instead, ask lots of age-appropriate, open-ended questions to let them guide the conversation.

4. Communicate values.
   Teach your kids that playground rules and online rules are often the same — respect for people’s feelings, privacy and property will go a long way.

Respect is a great starting point for talking about heavier topics like cyberbullying, sexting and illegal downloading.

5. Become their trusted go-to.
   Many kids don’t go to their parents when things go wrong because they’re scared of getting in trouble.

When your kids start going online, make sure they know clear procedures on what to do if things go wrong, like if they can’t figure out a game or they accidentally access something unpleasant.

If they get into the habit of coming to you about the little things, they’ll be a lot more likely to talk to you about bigger problems.

Find more information online at www.GetCyberSafe.ca.
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Friday, October 6, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

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Join us for an afternoon of casual word building entertainment! No experience necessary. Please register.
Wednesdays, October 11 and 25, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Third Tuesday Book Club (Adult)
Discussing “Burial Rites” by Hannah Kent. Please register.
Tuesday, October 17, 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Make-and-Take: Hallowe’en Mask-off (All ages)
Check out a book and decorate a Hallowe’en mask for your name to be entered into a draw!

Tuesday, October 24 to Saturday, October 28, during branch hours

Carnegie Café: Hats, Handbags, and Handkerchiefs (Adult)
Special program presented by the Wellington County Museum and Archives. Please register.

Tuesday, October 24, 2:00 pm

LEGO Challenge (Grades K - 6)
Join us for a Hallowe’en LEGO challenge! Bring your imagination for an hour of building fun! Please register.
Friday, October 27, 10:30 - 11:30 am

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Check out this list of new books at the library.

New Fiction
Barrett, Lorna A just clause

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Abrantes, Melanie Curve: a simple guide to whittling
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Gray, Douglad A. The Canadian guide to will and estate planning
Ignotofsky, Rachel Women in sports: 50 fearless athletes who played to win
McDonald, Anne Miss Confederation: the diary of Mercy Anne Coles
Schwartz, Suze Yalof Unplug: a simple guide to meditation for busy skeptics and modern soul seekers
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Cook’s Corner

By Barbara Paterson

My brother likes to make this dish when company comes, which is very much appreciated by his wife. It is easy to do and needs an hour or less to cook.

Curry-Cajun Spiced Chicken

1/3 cup honey
3 tbsp. water
3 tbsp. prepared yellow mustard
2 tbsp. butter or margarine, melted
2 to 3 tsp. Cajun seasonings
2 to 3 tsp. curry powder
1 tsp. lemon juice
1 clove garlic, minced
6 skinless, boneless chicken breasts

Hot cooked rice

1. In a small bowl, combine honey, water, mustard, melted butter, Cajun seasonings, and garlic. Mix well.
2. Arrange chicken breasts in a rectangular baking dish and pour honey mixture over them.
3. Bake, uncovered, in a 350ºF oven about 45 minutes to an hour, or until chicken is tender and no longer pink.
4. Serve chicken with sauce over hot cooked rice.

2 tsp. finely grated orange rind
2 eggs

Marble
1 tbsp. semi-sweet chocolate chips
1 1/2 tsp. water

1. Crust: Lightly grease a 9” pie plate with margarine or butter. In a bowl, stir together the wafer crumbs, sugar, water and oil until combined. Pat the mixture onto the bottom and up the sides of pie plate.
2. Filling: Whisk together sugar, flour, evaporated milk, sour cream, orange juice concentrate, orange rind and eggs until the mixture is smooth. Pour it into the crust.
3. Marble: In a small microwaveable bowl, combine the chocolate chips and water. On high, microwave for approximately 30 seconds or until the chocolate begins to melt.
4. Stir the mixture until it is smooth. Spoon it on top of the filling; using a butter knife, marble the chocolate through the batter.
5. Place the pie plate in the centre of the oven and bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until the centre is set. Let the pie cool on a wire rack.

Hallowe’en is just around the corner so what better time to serve an orange & black pie! Besides, it’s delicious.

Orange Chocolate Marble Pie

Crust
1 3/4 cups chocolate wafer crumbs *
2 tbsp. granulated sugar
2 1/2 tbsp water
1 tbsp. vegetable oil

Filling
3/4 cup granulated sugar
2 tbsp. all-purpose flour
1/2 cup evaporated milk
1/2 cup low-fat sour cream or 6% plain yoghurt, drained
1/4 cup frozen orange juice concentrate **

* Chocolate wafer crumbs are available from the Bulk Barn as well as grocery stores.
** Do not dilute the concentrated orange juice.

Photos by Barbara Paterson

North and South India – October 18

Learn to cook some favourite dishes from both North and South India.

Vegetable korma (creamy sauce made with yogurt, nuts and some exotic spices).
Aloo gobi (curry made with cauliflower and potato)
Peas pulao (basmati rice with peas and exotic spices)
Chicken vindaloo (spicy and tangy chicken curry)

Workshop details: Beginner style, hands-on learning, recipe handouts and a meal to share.

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Is your fitness tracker putting your privacy at risk?

The growing popularity of fitness trackers, wearables and internet-enabled devices means you can automatically share your running stats from that 5K sprint on social media and adjust your thermostat from anywhere using your smartphone.

But these convenient new technologies can provide an easily accessible way for attackers to intercept your personal data.

You can still enjoy the benefits of smart devices, smart homes and smart cars, and even connected healthcare devices; just be sure to do so in safe and secure ways.

Since many of these devices connect to the Internet through your home network, here are some simple steps that you can take to help keep it and your other devices secure:

Create a strong password. Always follow guidelines for establishing strong passwords, like using a combination of at least eight characters. Your router’s administrator password should be different from the one you use to access your network.

Information on how to change your router’s administrator password can usually be obtained from the manufacturer of your router or your Internet service provider.

Choose a secure name. Consider changing your Wi-Fi network’s default name. Don’t use anything that could be associated with your name, address or phone number.

Change the default setting. Make sure that you change the default name and password on your new smart device to a unique name and strong password. Default names and passwords could be easily hacked.

Stay up-to-date. Ensure that every device on your network, including your router, is kept up-to-date to keep your entire network protected.

Install updates to your operating system, apps and antivirus and firewall software as soon as they become available and select auto-updates if available.

Safeguard your information. Be careful what kind of information your smart devices are storing and sending, and how secure it is.

Personal details like what time you and your family usually leave the house in the morning, health history and financial information could be valuable to cyber criminals and should be kept safe.

Ultimately, information being transmitted over Wi-Fi is vulnerable to being stolen.

Find more information online at www.GetCyberSafe.ca.

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• Sunday, October 8th Thanksgiving Service with Communion

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At Kirkwall Presbyterian Church, 1545 Kirkwall Rd. Saturday October 21st.
Come on your farm tractor or your antique or pedal tractor, or anything in between, or just come to enjoy. Hot breakfast served 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Adults $10. Bake Table too. Everyone Welcome.

AFTERNOON OUT
Wednesday, October 11th and 25th at 2:00 p.m., Arkell United Church, 600 Arkell Road. Cards, Sweets & More. Contact Ross at 519-822-6063.
ART CLASSES
**October 28th** from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Ebenezer United Church 12274 Guelph Line. Teacher: Jean Tovell Bring a bag lunch, 2 Dollar Store Canvasses, (1 med. and 1 Small), subject, and brushes (Michael's). $25.00 p.p. per session Call 519-763-7707

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Saturday, **November 11th** at the Puslinch Community Centre - 2 sittings available 5 pm or 7 pm. Doors open at 4:30 pm & 6:30 pm for seating & entertainment. Adults $18 Couples $35 Ages 6 - 14 $10 Under 6 Free. For tickets call: Brenda Law at 519-767-2462, or Duff’s 519-763-1163.

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Saturday, **October 21st** at 10 am to 1 pm Duff’s Bazaar 2017! Enjoy browsing or purchasing items from the “Bake, Candy, Country Store, Deli, Kids’ Treats, Party Fare, Stitchery & More” plus “Grandma’s closet”. Then enjoy a coffee break, or a wonderful lunch with family & friends in the Cozy Bistro!

FALL SUPPER
Friday, **October 27th**. 5 to 7 pm. Salads, cold cuts and home made desserts. Adults $15, Children 5 to 12 years $7, under 5 years, free. Followed by Hootenanny 7 to 9 pm. Sign up for your time in the spotlight or just sit and enjoy. Arkell United church, 600 Arkell Road, Arkell.

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General Meeting and Mini Show Tuesday, **October 24th** at 7:30 pm Dublin Street United Church, 68 Suffolk Street W. Guest speaker: Rob Howard - Nine Things I learned from Other People’s Gardens. New members welcome. www.guelphhort.org

HARVEST BAZAAR & LUNCH
Saturday, **October 28th** at 10 am - 2 pm Freeleton United Church, 155 Freeleton Rd., Freeleton. Bake, Craft, Book & Deli Tables and a delicious lunch.

HARVEST & HOLLY BAZAAR & LUNCH
At Puslinch Community Centre on **Saturday November 18th** at 10:30 am - 1:00 pm, hosted by Mount Carmel-Zion United Church.

INDOOR YARD AND TABLE SALE
Saturday, **October 21st** at 10am to 2pm. With New to you Treasures, local crafts, baking and Home Businesses. To rent, $15 a table plus donation of 10% of sales. Arkell United Church, 600 Arkell Road, Arkell.

PEACE OF MINDS WALK
Tuesday, **October 10th** (World Mental Health Day). Royal City Church, 50 Quebec Street, Guelph. Registration 3pm/Short Program 3:30pm Followed by Downtown Area Walk peaceofmindswalk.ca to register, sponsor or to print off a registration form –forms also available at the walk or contact Cheryl 226 780 7839 The Peace of Minds Walk is a signature fundraising event that brings people together to raise awareness for mental illness and to support vital programs and services provided by the Schizophrenia Society of Ontario Participants without sponsors are also welcome

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Meeting Tuesday, **November 21st** at 7pm in Puslinch Library. Displaying Heritage Handwork 150 years of Puslinch artistry.

PUSLINCH OPTIMIST SANTA CLAUS PARADE WANTED: FLOATS, VOLUNTEERS, FOOD BANK DONATIONS
Sunday, **November 26th** at 2 pm, Parade Route: Firehall 7404 Wellington Road 34, east to Wellington Road 46, south to Maple Leaf Lane and into the back of the Community Centre Grounds. We finish at arena to meet Santa. You are invited to participate, come out to watch. Theme: “Happy Birthday Canada 150”. Participants to congregate at Firehall at 1 pm on Parade Day. For more information, please call Harry Jansen 416-605-6062 or Ken Williams 519-763-0309. www.optimistclubofpuslinch.com

RECONCILIATION IN THE WATERSHED WORKSHOP
Hosted by Crieff Hills Retreat and Conference Centre and KAIROS. Saturday **October 28th** from 9am - 4pm at Crieff Hills, 7098 Concession 1, Puslinch. Cost $20 (students $10) lunch included. This workshop explores ecological justice and Indigenous rights to build understanding of our place in the watershed and identify ecological justice issues affecting where you live. www.crieffhills.com,

RETIREMENT WITH MEANING RETREAT:
“Living with the Spirit of Adventure.” **October 29th - 31st** at Crieff Hills Retreat and Conference Centre. Speaker is Rev. Dr. Andrew Irvine. If you are
recently retired or soon to retire, this is a unique opportunity to discover what makes life meaningful for you. Cost is $250 per person for a single room or $450 per couple. Phone 519-824-7898 www.crieffhills.com

ROTONY GUELPH SOUTH POLIO DAY
Tuesday, October 24th is World Polio Day. Rotary International is committed to the eradication of this disease. Rotary Guelph South in conjunction with ‘Levels Hair Connect’ will provide haircuts all day in lieu of a donation to Rotary Polio Day. They are at 31 Wyndham Road in Guelph. For information please contact Russ Powell at russpowell25@gmail.com.

SENIORS’ EUCHRE CLUB
Starting October 10th at 1:30pm you are invited to an afternoon of friendly euchre games at the Puslinch Community Centre on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month.

SENIORS’ EXERCISE CLASSES 55+
Exercise & Falls Prevention by Bayshore Therapy & Rehab every Monday and Thursday 9:30am-1:30am. FREE at Ebenezer United Church, 12274 Guelph Line, North of Campbellville. 519-763-7707.

SENIORS’ LUNCH
Tuesday, October 17th at 11:30am to 2pm. At Arkell United Church, 600 Arkell Road, Arkell. An afternoon of food, music, cards and fellowship. Contact the church at 519 821-7623.

SENIORS’ POTLUCK LUNCHEON
Wednesday, October 4th - Noon (gathering 11:30 a.m.) - at the Puslinch Community Centre with The Light Shine Singers celebrating Canada’s 150th. Sponsored by Mount Carmel-Zion United Church. Reservations appreciated call Mary Beth at 519-822-6211 or email janetc@sentex.net. Everyone welcome. Bring a friend.

SENIORS’ SOUP & DESSERT LUNCHEON
Wednesday, October 11th 11am Laura Greenway Balsnarewill be speaking about “Long Term Care & Wait Time - at home”-12 pm Seniors’Soup & Dessert Luncheon”

SENIORS’ SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCH
Tuesday, October 24th (4th Tuesday) at 12 noon Sharp: at Ebenezer United Church, 12274 Guelph Line just North of Brookville followed by cards and games. Call Willy for information 519-763-7707 or 905-854-2423. Check our webpage at ebenezeruc.ca or Facebook

SENIORS’ TALK & LUNCH
Tuesday, October 17th Speaker 10:00 a.m. - Lunch 11:30 a.m. at Freelton United Church, 155 Freelton Rd., Freelton Open to anyone who fits a seniors profile and also caregivers of seniors. NO cost. Participants are asked to register by noon the day before event. Call 905-659-3033 to register or for further details

TEDDY BEAR TEA
Saturday, October 28th at Duff’s. for everyone! Enjoy refreshments & baking while feasting your eyes on the coolest Teddy Bears & carry bags imaginable!! Hear stories about missions through Debbie Couttes who works with PAN MISSION Medical team in Guelph! Hear how important and rewarding the cuddly teddies can be. Activities- guess the no. of Teddies at the tea, or buy tickets for a 50/50 Draw. Pick up material or yarn & a Teddy bear pattern, if you wish. Enjoy lovely refreshments & celebrate!! . For information call Alison 519-654-2029 Wendy at Duff’s 519-763-1163 or Pat 905-659-3935.

THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION Br. 234
57 Watson Parkway S, Guelph. Ladies Auxiliary are hosting a Craft & Bake Sale on November 25th, time of the sale is 10:00am to 2:00pm. There will be a Bake Table, Lunch Counter, Touch & Take Table and our famous meat pies will be available for sale. We have many assorted vendors. Free parking, free admission. Come early to start that Christmas shopping.

WATERDOWN LEGION FIDDLERS JAM SESSION
Every Thursday 1 pm. to 4 pm. FREE Admission 50/50 draw. For information call Howard at 905-639-0602.

NEW; YOUTH DROP-IN
Friday, October 6th and October 20th from 7 - 9pm at Ebenezer United Church 12274 Guelph Line. Come for an evening of fun, food, meet new friends and just hang out. Grade 7 and up. 519-763-7707

Community Announcements

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF GUELPH
Learn to be a kid again! Volunteer mentors needed for local children. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guelph has five programs with varying levels of time commitment. Have a one-to-one friendship or assist with a group of children on the waiting list.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guelph at (519) 824-5154, email info@bbbsg.ca or visit us online at www.bbbsg.ca.

BOOKING AGENT FOR ARKELL UNITED CHURCH
Contact Melanie Hardie at 519-823-3390 or email melabj@rogers.com.

BOOKING AGENT FOR THE BADENOCH COMMUNITY CENTRE
Contact Florence Peer at 519-763-9782 or 519-822-5232.

BOOKING AGENT FOR DUFF’S CHURCH
Contact Wendy McDonald at (519) 763-1163 or email wendymcd7@gmail.com.

BOOKING AGENT FOR EBENEZER UNITED CHURCH
Contact Ellen Gilbert at 519-856-2273.

BOOKING AGENT FOR THE OPTIMIST RECREATION CENTRE AND PUSLINCH COMMUNITY CENTRE
Call (519) 763-1226 or email rentals@puslinch.ca

CROWN CEMETERY PUSLINCH
Crown Cemetery Puslinch is located north of Morriston at Brock Road and Highway 401. It is a non-profit cemetery operated by a volunteer board of managers and a secretary/treasurer. We welcome all denominations for burials. For more information please visit our website at www.crowncemetery.ca or contact Darlene Harrietha at (519) 822-0874 or email darleneharrietha@gmail.com.

DUFF’S PARISH NURSE
Reaching out to all of the community of Puslinch through shared faith and caring to promote healing of body, mind and spirit. Don’t understand what your doctor tells you? Have questions about medications or preparing for surgery or tests? Or maybe you just need someone to talk to about a stressful situation.

If you have questions please call Karen Harding Reg. Nurse at (519) 763-1163 or (519) 829-3042 or email Harding Reg. Nurse at (519) 763-1163 or (519) 829-3042 or email karenharding349@outlook.com. All calls are confidential.

THE FRIENDS OF MILL CREEK
Meet at the Puslinch Community Centre at 3:30 pm. on the third Wednesday of every month (except August). We encourage anyone who can spare a few hours, and shares our passion for protecting this precious resource for future generations.
and in helping to develop the next generation of conservationists to attend and join us. For more information please visit the Friends of Mill Creek website http://www.friendsofmillcreek.org/

THE MILL CREEK SUBWATERSHED
COMMUNITY LIASON TEAM
holds its monthly meetings the second last Thursday of each month at 1:00 PM at the Community Centre in Aberfoyle. The public is invited.

OPTIMIST CLUB OF PUSLINCH
is one of the most active clubs in the township. Our focus is youth. We meet on the 2nd (general meeting) and 4th (dinner meeting) Tuesday of each month. If you wish to become a member, please call our secretary, Carl Gorman (519) 827-9306 or Don McKay (519) 822-2984 or any Optimist member.

OPP.
If you have a concern about a police matter, please phone 1-888-310-1122 and request to meet an OPP officer at the Puslinch Township office.

PARENT-CHILD PLACE
is a free drop-in program for parents and caregivers with children birth to 6 years. The program runs Tuesday mornings at the Puslinch Community Centre from 9:30-11:30 and includes free play, snack, art activities and circle time.

If school buses are cancelled due to inclement weather the community centre is also closed and the program doesn’t run. The program runs September to June and does not run in July and August.

PUSLINCH FIDDLE GROUP
Meet the 3rd Sunday of each month (except July, August and December) at Duff’s Church, Nanson Hall, from 1 - 4 pm. Come out and bring your fiddle, guitar, etc. and join in some good old fiddle music. For more information, please call Paul McDonald (519) 763-9764. Please remember the theme is “OLD TIME COUNTRY FIDDLE.”

PUSLINCH LOAN CUPBOARD
HOME HEALTH CARE EQUIPMENT SERVICE
is located in Duff’s Presbyterian Church. For assistance call:
- Gary Will (519) 763-3958
- Fred Law (519) 767-2462
- Dianne Hersey (519) 824-6304
- Carolyn Vandenheuvel (226) 962-1173

PUSLINCH TOWNSHIP COP COMMITTEE (Community Oriented Policing).
This is a group that acts as a liaison between the public and first responders (Police, Fire and EMS). We listen to safety concerns and suggestions from the Township residents and support Neighbourhood Watch Groups.

We are a member of Safe Communities Wellington. Meets the last Tuesday of each month at Puslinch Community Centre. For more info call: Glenna Smith (519) 824-0217 or Karen Harding (519) 829-3042.

ROADWATCH
Do something about dangerous, aggressive driving in Puslinch Township. You can now report this to www.roadwatch.ca or pick up an incident form at the Township Office or Library.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GUELPH SOUTH
meets every Thursday for breakfast at the Springfield Golf and Country Club, 2054 Gordon Street, Guelph at 7:30 am. Check out www.rotary7080.org/guelphsouth for more infor. Contact Margaret Nixon for membership inquiries: (519) 824-0852 (evenings)

METAL RECYCLING BIN – SUNRISE FARM
Drop off ‘unwanted’ metals, e.g. stainless steel, aluminum, copper, tin cans, wire, metal rods, fencing etc. in the ‘Gerdau Ameristeel’ recycling bin situated in our parking lot (next to the Abitibi paper bins). We appreciate your support. For more info, contact Lynne O’Brien Sunrise (519) 837-0558 x31.

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