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Santa Claus Is Coming To Puslinch!

By Brenda Law

*You better watch out
You better not cry
Better not pout
I'm telling you why
Santa Claus is coming to Puslinch!*



The Optimist Club of Puslinch again looks forward to bringing the annual Santa Claus Parade to the kids of Puslinch. It's all about the kids!

This year's theme is "Toys in the Attic". So why not put on your best toy story costume and come out to the parade to watch, participate or volunteer.

Santa will be coming to Aberfoyle on Sunday, November 24th at 2:00 pm. The parade will start at the Township Firehall at 7404 Wellington Road 34 and then head east to Brock Road and south to the Optimist Recreation Centre.

Young and old can watch anywhere along the parade route.

Following the parade Santa will park his sleigh at the recreation centre to visit with the children.

Each child will receive a goody bag from the jolly old guy and have their picture taken with Santa.

The Optimists will provide hot chocolate and hotdogs. You may bring your Santa letter to put in the mailbox. All letters with a return address will receive a written reply back from Santa.



Parade colouring pages are available at the library and school offices.

There is no cost but we do encourage your children to bring a donation to the Food Bank. Remember our furry friends as they need food bank items too.

Donations will be collected along the parade route and at the Optimist Recreation Centre.

We need lots of entries and volunteers to make this parade special. Maybe your family, club, organization or business would decorate and enter a float?

We invite and welcome our musical bands, equine friends, dance and theatre groups, churches, schools, sports teams and businesses to participate.

Would you like to be a clown, mascot or elf or help with crowd control and food donations?

If you know how to tie animal balloons, do face painting or special tricks, all are welcome.

Parade participants are asked to arrive by 1:00 pm at the Township Firehall on parade day. All happy groups are welcome!

For more information, to register your float or to volunteer, please call Ken or June Williams at 519-763-0309.

See you at the parade!

photos from Brenda Law

Editorial

Much of this issue focuses on what people within our community are doing to make life better for others.

It is heartwarming to read the story of Mike Wolf who is donating his kidney to a colleague. We wish him a speedy recovery.

At Sunrise, they are fundraising to expand their services and have also launched their Therapy Forest, planting trees in memory of others.

It is also an issue where you are encouraged to get involved by responding to the proposed Aggregate Resource Act. Mayor Seeley outlines Council's concerns and asks that you share your feedback to the Province by the November 4 deadline.

And Sandra Pady is seeking support in tackling the problem of the phragmites that are threatening our wetlands.

It was gratifying to receive the letter from Paul Tribe, Principal at Aberfoyle Public School in which he shares that as a result of our October article, the school has garnered new supporters and new musical instruments.

All of which goes to show the power and strength of this community to work together.

As we enter November, let's not forget those who served us in the past.

Anne Day

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We ask that articles be submitted by email and adhere to the Writers Guidelines which can be downloaded from www.puslinchpioneer.ca

Unless otherwise stated, the deadline for submission is the 2nd Friday of the month. Next deadline is **Friday, November 8th.**

Because of the increased interest we cannot guarantee inclusion, especially those received after deadline.

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Serious concern over Aggregate Resource Act

Recently the Province of Ontario has proposed changes to the Aggregate Resource Act, which are posted on the Environmental Bill of Rights website (EBR) for public comment including your local municipality.

Council is very concerned with the proposed changes to the Aggregate Resource Act (ARA).

Under the guise of cutting red tape, Council would lose the ability to instigate a vertical zoning by-law in relation to aggregate extraction. It is in our best interest that the local community has the decision capabilities to protect our environment, water and community.

Responsible aggregate extraction should include a prohibition on below the water table extraction.

It is vital that we all comment on the Environmental Registry that local control over extraction of aggregate begins with the local stakeholders, you and I.

While we have the ARA, Provincial Policy Statement and site plans, we have little to no control over them. Site plans are merely statements of intent on how to manage a site by the aggregate industry. We have no way to enforce them.

The industry has a track record in our Township of not following site plans, with no repercussion.

Local municipalities are rarely consulted on amendments to site plans, and so they are approved without input. Recommendations to move any component of the aggregate operation to the site plan essentially gives that industry a blank cheque, because **we cannot enforce site plans.**

Another significant proposal speaks to strengthening source protection of water through a more robust application process that would allow municipalities to officially object to licensed operators that want to expand extraction to below the water table. Their concerns would be heard by the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.

However, once a site has been rezoned and licensed, the process of applying for below the water table extraction is a mere formality with little or no recourse for the municipality.

While source protection policies could be applied to a license application, that is not the case with a site plan amendment, and Puslinch may not even be notified of these changes.

The most significant impact of water table extraction is the loss of land. Aggregate companies are being subsidized by Puslinch taxpayers.

If an aggregate company rehabilitates a pit/quarry, we are left with an open body of water that pays very little in tax.

Your Council and staff along with local levels of government are reviewing the proposed changes. We are very concerned with the vagueness, along with the difficulty in correlating the proposed changes directly to the Aggregate Resource Act.

This is a complex issue, but it is one that we need to grapple with because what I do know is these proposed changes put our community at risk.

As a community we all need to comment on the Environmental Registry and express that **below the water table extraction** needs to be prohibited in the vast majority of circumstances and put our water and agriculture as a priority in this Province. In summary:

1. Any changes to the Aggregate Resource Act that add items to the site plan is not a favourable proposition to the Municipality as we cannot enforce the site plans nor has the Ministry of Natural Resources typically enforced them in the past.
2. Specifically mentioning that vertical zoning by-laws will not be permitted is extremely worrisome. As a community we deserve the right to decide if it's safe to extract below the water table.
3. All amendments to aggregate site plans regardless if they are minor or major must be sent to the municipality for review.
4. A system of self-reporting of any kind in regards to the aggregate industry is not supported. In the past, site plans have not been followed, with little recourse with a regulatory body (MNR) overseeing those agreements.
5. Aggregate haul routes need to be defined as the municipalities cannot maintain all route options to standards sufficient to support heavy truck traffic.
6. Ministry of Natural Resources held a summit on these proposed regulation changes but excluded Municipi-

palities. The information in these proposed changes represents a flawed study.

7. Aggregate levies need to be increased to support Municipalities infrastructure funding deficits.
8. The proposed changes on the Environmental Registry are difficult to track with the Aggregate Resource Act. We would request more clarity on the specific components in the act and what changes are being made.

I encourage you to comment to the Province on the proposed amendments. The listed items above do not represent an all-inclusive set of concerns, however with the short amount of time available in which to respond, they represent our serious concerns.

Here is a link to the proposed changes <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-0556>

Submission must be made by **November 4th 2019** on the Environmental Registry of Ontario or contact Andrew MacDonald (705) 755 1222 or aggregates@ontario.ca.

James Seeley
Mayor of Puslinch
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Council Meetings (519) 763-1226

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Third Wednesday at 7:00 pm.

Library Hours (519) 763-8026

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Wednesday 10 am – 8 pm.
Thursday 10 am – 8 pm.
Friday 10 am – 6 pm.
Saturday 10 am – 5 pm.

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Monday – Friday 9 am - 10 pm
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Sunday 9 am - 10 pm
Contact: 519-763-1226 or
rentals@puslinch.ca

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Letter to the Editor

Thank you

I wanted to thank Barbara Bulmer for her wonderful article about our music program led by our fine teacher, Melissa Gray.

As a result of the piece, we have had a few great developments.

A local musician has offered our school a full drum kit!

In addition, a member of a community orchestra, The Windjammers contacted us. The group wishes to provide a benefit concert to raise money for our music program. The tentative date for this event is November 30th at 6:00 PM. Details are being worked out.

I very much appreciate the article and thank you on behalf of our staff and students for making a difference in the educational opportunities that will flow from the impact of it.

Paul Tribe, Principal
Aberfoyle Public School

Council Clips

Killean School Bell.

Council has authorized the Puslinch Historical Society to place the Killean School Bell on Township lands at the Millennial Gardens. The Recreation Committee will be consulted to ascertain the best suited location. Resolution 2019-311.

Paris Galt Moraine Conservation Act.

Council has endorsed the passage of Bill 71, the Paris Galt Moraine Conservation Act, 2019, in principle.

Canadian Radio-communications Information and Notification Service.

Council has authorized that the Township of Puslinch become a member of the Canadian Radio-communications Information and Notification Service (CRINS-SINRC) for processing Radio-communications facilities applications within the Township.

November 2019

CRINS-SINRC and its staff will act as the authorized representative of the Township for the purpose of receiving and acting upon all Radio-communications applications, reporting to and working with the Development and Legislative Coordinator.

Water and Wastewater Addendum for Commercial and Industrial Users.

The Addendum has been received by Council. CIMA (the Consultants) reported that of the 128 surveys sent out, there were 25 responses. Seventeen were in favour of proceeding.

Environmental Assessment Study.

Council has directed staff to report back if third party funding becomes available for an Environmental Assessment and the capital costs associated with construction. Resolution 2019-335.

Improving the Blue Box Program.

Council has been notified by the Province of Ontario that based on recommendations from a report on Recycling and Plastic waste, the Blue Box Program will transition to producer responsibility in phases over a three-year period.

Aberfoyle Veterinary Services

Doctor Colin Peace retires

Following his 83rd birthday and a certain amount of medical adventure, Dr. Peace has decided to retire and step down from Veterinary Practice. As such, he closed his Clinic on September 28, 2019. His Field Licence, however, will extend to December 31, 2019.

Dr. Peace graduated from Cambridge University England in 1962, worked in Yorkshire, took a six-month tour of American Equine facilities and returned to join the thoroughbred race-horse practice of Rosedale and Hunt in Newmarket, England.

In 1976, after the gold medal Olym-

pic performance of the UK Modern Pentathlon team, he and his wife and family undertook an eight-month lecture and demonstration tour throughout South America. They subsequently returned to the UK.

Two years later Dr. Peace was lured to the Ontario Veterinary College in Guelph to teach surgery. In 1985 Dr. Peace established Aberfoyle Veterinary Services where he has treated horses, farm, zoo and small animals since.

Dr. Peace and his wife, Anne, thank all of their clients of the last 34 years for their friendship and trust with their various animals. It has been a great honour.

Puslinch Oldtimers Champions Again!

By Fred Law, Super Fan



Photo from Fred Law

This year was a very good year for the team with only three losses. Led by the pitching of Ron Blesses and great defense allowed the bats to chalk up the runs.

Playoffs were in Innerkip and without a playoff loss they once again met up with their nemesis – Copetown in the final game.

Playing with three injured players and full of confidence, they pulled off an exciting win.

I told "Mookie" play like champions and you will be champions!

Congratulations!

In memoriams

Gregory Ronald Elliott



The family of Gregory Ronald Elliott is saddened to share the news of his passing on Tuesday September 24, 2019. Greg was 37 years old.

He is mourned by his parents Dr. Bruce and Brenda Elliott and his siblings Dr. Jenny Elliott (Scott Bardwell), James (Christy Johnson) and Daniel (Holly). His nephew Gavin and nieces, Sadie, Fiona and Eliza will miss their uncle Greg who often had candies just for them.

Greg had been quietly suffering with bipolar disorder for the last few years. Sadly, he kept much of his fight with this illness to himself, so his passing will be a shock to many. The disorder is insidious, and Greg grew weary of struggling for a more peaceful and less tormented life.

Greg was an accomplished electrician and took great pride in his work. He excelled at board games and loved playing video games and the guitar.

His quick wit and tremendous vocabulary allowed Greg to be a very funny guy. Time spent with family and at the cottage, fishing, hiking and canoeing was treasured.

Our sweet dog Chase was a gentle companion and a great comfort to him.

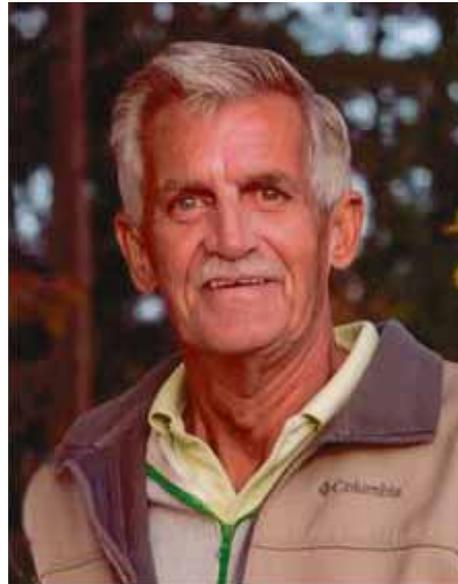
Our world is a lesser place without him. Greg was a kind and thoughtful soul whom we loved and dearly miss.

A Memorial Gathering took place on Sunday, October 20 at 2 p.m. Victoria Park East Golf Club, 1096 Victoria Rd. S., Puslinch.

In lieu of flowers please consider donations to the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA).

<https://cmhasandbox.microsoftcrmportal.com/en/new-donation/>

Donald Lewis (Don) Hayden



Donald Lewis (Don) Hayden of Puslinch, passed away peacefully with his family by his side, at the Guelph General Hospital on Sunday, September 29, 2019, at the age of 68 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Beloved husband of more than 45 years to Lorraine (nee Thring). Loved father of Ronda and Kevin (Lori). Loving grandfather of Jack, Will, Joey, Charlie and Ellie. Predeceased by his big brother Bryan (Linda), 2014. Dear brother-in-law of Barb (Morris), Brenda (the late John) and Chris (Kathy). Will be fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews, friends, relatives and neighbours.

Don was a longtime resident of Puslinch Township, and the owner and operator of Hayden's Garage.

Friends were received at the WALLCUSTANCE FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL, 206 Norfolk St., Guelph. Funeral service was held in the funeral home chapel on Friday, October 4, 2019 at 1 pm. Reception followed in the Wallcustance Family Reception Centre.

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the trails by the Cutten
Club, the Arboretum or
GORBA.

New therapy forest opens



L-R: Jessica Goyda (Puslinch Township Councilor), Ted Arnott (Wellington-Halton Hills MPP), Mike Schreiner (Guelph MPP), James Seeley (Puslinch Township Mayor), Kathryn McGarry (Cambridge Mayor).

On Sunday September 22nd local dignitaries, supporters and guests gathered at the Sunrise Therapeutic Riding & Learning Centre farm, for the opening and dedication of a new Therapy Forest.

Wellington -Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott, Guelph MPP Mike Schreiner, Puslinch Mayor James Seeley, Cambridge Mayor Kathryn McGarry, Puslinch Councillor and member of the Wellington County Accessibility Advisory Committee Matthew Bulmer, and Puslinch Councillor Jessica Goyda were all in attendance, to bring official greetings and support for Sunrise's latest venture.

Through a Forests Ontario grant Sunrise has planted over 19 acres of native seedling trees. Through The Green Legacy program, seven native saplings have been planted, and they also provided a commemorative sugar maple tree that was planted as part of the opening ceremony.

Ted Arscoff of ROTO-MILL has generously donated and planted many large trees, with more to come, to begin a mature forest entrance, which will attract all Sunrise visitors as they turn into the parking lot.

This is important because in addition to creating a Therapy Forest and supporting the environment, donors can commemorate a bench, a tree or saplings in memory or in honour of a family member, friend or pet.

As a registered Canadian charity, serving children and adults with disabilities from local communities, Sunrise receives no ongoing government funding, and this new venture will assist in part, in the sustainability of the Sunrise therapeutic and empowering programs, both now and into the future.

Guests at the opening celebrated the major Founding Partners which include Capital Paving, Cox Construction, ROTO-MILL, Scutt Signs and many more companies and individuals, who through donations and gifts in kind have become partners in this new Sunrise venture.

Junior garden club

By Maryann Hohenadel

The Puslinch Junior Garden Club 2019 ended September 25th with its potluck dinner and awards banquet.

We had 22 eager gardeners this year, growing their own gardens. This year was very different with such a wet spring, every garden was planted late.

The showing at the Aberfoyle Fall Fair was amazing as always. All members should be proud.



Our Junior members included; Bryson Arens, Ashleigh Weber, Brianna Arens, Ian Hood, Connor Cassolato, Nixon Sarmazian, and Patrick Seeley.

Our Intermediate members included; Will Shepherd, Cailyn Weber, Claire Hood, Ivy Sarmazian, Grace Cassolato, and Kortney Macpherson.

Our Senior members include; Georgia Pankratz, Ruby Sarmazian, Briar Shepherd, Matthew Hood, Noah Cassolato, Grace Prosser, John Mitchell, Cameron Johnston-Hallahan, and Lorelei Case.

For the first time ever, the largest age group were the oldest, a possible sign of future adult gardeners.

After attending three meetings, having their gardens judged twice and showing their produce at the Fall Fair the final tallies are in!

Third Place went to Ashleigh Weber, Claire Hood, and a tie for John Mitchell and Matthew Hood.

Second Place went to Nixon Sarmazian, Cailyn Weber, and Grace Prosser.

First Place went to Patrick Seeley, Ivy Sarmazian and Ruby Sarmazian.

A thank you to all our sponsors and the many extra hands that helped along the way when needed.

Registration for 2020 will be the week of April 6th to the 10th at Maryann's home. New members are always welcome.

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Sunrise says thank you

The annual Sunrise Therapeutic Riding & Learning Centre, Hoofbeat Challenge Fundraiser took place in September, sponsored by Coffey Creek Farm and supported by the Puslinch Optimist Club with their food truck and Aberfoyle Tim Horton's.

Despite the challenging weather, dog walkers, hikers and horse riders enjoyed the well groomed trails on five farms. Appreciation to the Sunrise neighbours who opened up their land for this event.

The Sunrise Life Skills participants baked cookies, in addition to parents and volunteers bringing a huge variety of baked goods to raise funds for the many Sunrise programs.

More than \$14,000 was raised which will support the continuing work of Sunrise with children and adults with disabilities in our local communities.

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RIDE WELL launched



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RIDE WELL is a five-year pilot project funded by the province that uses demand-based ridesharing to offer door-to-door transportation throughout Wellington County and two transfer points in the City of Guelph.

The service's ridesharing model groups passengers travelling to similar pick-up and/or drop-off locations in a shared vehicle.

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At the time of booking, passengers are given an approximate pick-up window, details about their driver and vehicle, and an estimate of how long their journey is expected to take.

To deliver the service the County has partnered with RideCo to employ a team of dedicated drivers and develop a mobile app and website that allows customers to book, pay, and track their ride in real-time.

As of October 1, the service is available from Monday to Friday between

the hours of 6:00am to 7:00pm.

Passengers are able to book RIDE WELL trips in three ways:

1. RIDE WELL app - Available for download on all iOS and Android devices through the Apple Store or the Google Play Store. Allows passengers to book, pay, and track their rides.
2. Website - Registration, booking, tracking, and payment can also be completed by visiting www.ridewell.ca.
3. By Phone - Passengers can also book rides by calling 1.833.900.RIDE (7433) from Monday to Friday between the hours of 8:30am - 4:00pm.

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Be a man of more words

One in four Canadian men (28 percent) fear their job could be at risk if they discussed their mental health at work, according to new research by Movember.

Figures released by Movember ahead of World Suicide Prevention Day (September 10th) have revealed how despite growing awareness of the male mental health crisis, a third of men said they would be reluctant to open up about their problems in case it had a negative impact on their career.

The study, conducted by Ipsos MORI, surveyed 1,000 Canadian men aged between 18 and 75. It found that 42 percent of men would be worried about colleagues making negative comments behind their backs if they discussed mental health issues at work.

A further 33 percent of men think they could be held back from promotion at work if they mentioned a problem that they were finding it difficult to cope with.

The majority of Canadian men are aware of the availability of mental

health days in their workplace, with just over half (54 percent) of employed men said they would be able to take time off work, if they were struggling with their mental health or other personal issues.

However, this research shows that stigma surrounding mental health is still preventing men from talking about their problems and seeking help when they need it.

"Although we've made great progress in starting to talk openly about how we are feeling, there are many men worried that a personal mental health challenge might be revealed, especially in the workplace," says Brendan Maher, Movember's Global Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Director who is based out of Australia.

"We need to find effective ways of tackling that stigma so that men aren't discouraged from getting the help they need. In the workplace, this can start with leaders encouraging conversations about the tough stuff and reminding staff that they won't be marked down and will be supported if they are struggling."

Movember is committed to tackling the crisis in men's mental health through its investment in mental health programs and encouraging men to talk openly about their problems.

Three out of four suicides are men and it remains the biggest cause of death for men under the age of 44. Risk factors that increase a man's vulnerability to poor mental health and suicide include relationship breakdown, acute stress, persistent low mood and social isolation.

To coincide with World Suicide Prevention Day, Movember's Man of More Words campaign is focused on encouraging men to be open when they are going through a tough time.

Through a series of videos and social media posts, the charity is sharing the stories of men who have benefited from speaking up.

Movember's research also shows that over three quarters of Canadian men (80 percent) polled believe that talking openly is an effective way of tackling problems.

Brendan Maher adds: "We're asking everyone be a 'Man of More Words'. We know it can be sometimes difficult to have those conversations but it's crucial that people reach out to someone when they are facing a tough time.

It could also mean reaching out to a friend who you think might be having a tough time - and taking the time to stop and really listen to him."



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An Online Presence

By Betty Andersen

The work of both the *Puslinch Historical Society (PHS)* and the *Puslinch Heritage Committee (PHC)* is at your fingertips when you open a search engine.

The *PHS* website puslinchhistorical.ca includes a photo banner, notice on the home page of upcoming events and news, and the research done by its committee members since the inception of the Society in 1984.

Some of the links under the Research tab are the biographical sketches that were part of the *PHS* Spirit Walks, a section "Puslinch in Uniform", a list of families that have been researched, the story of the early German settlers, and a pictorial history called "The Communities of Puslinch".

The latter is such a large file that it had to be posted in three sections. Under *Links* there are many useful sites

including the website of Marjorie and John Clark, clarksoftomfad.ca

PHS is represented on *PHC*. Currently that rep is Barb Jefferson. When Lynn Crow retired from this position, there was a discussion about how the knowledge she had acquired over her three decades recording heritage properties as Secretary, then Chair of *PHC* could be passed on to the public.

Should she write a book, or create a presentation that could be posted on the Township's website? Council and the *PHC* members chose the latter.

Here is the path to an in-depth pictorial study of the heritage architecture of our township: Type puslinch.ca in your browser. Open *Explore Us*. Then open *Heritage* and finally open *Architectural Heritage of Puslinch*.

You will also find historical maps, a guide to the Township's natural heritage features that have been plaqued and a list of plaqued buildings.

Wondering about the plaquing program in Puslinch? Open a different tab on the Township's website. Go to: *Our Government, Committees and*

Boards, Heritage Committee and the button *Puslinch Heritage Plaquing Implications*.

Happy surfing!

Impact of climate change

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health and the Region of Waterloo Public Health and Emergency Services are collaborating to assess the health vulnerabilities of our communities as a result of climate change.

The two health units will focus on addressing rising temperatures, extreme weather, vector-borne diseases (e.g., Lyme disease and West Nile virus), food and water-borne illness, and air pollution.

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Phragmites beware!

By Sandra Pady

When you leave the Puslinch Township Waste Transfer Station on Concession 4 and turn right, on your left you will see, waving in the breeze, a solid wall of four-meter tall, marsh grasses with dark brown plumes.

And you will probably admire them to a degree, appreciating how they suggest yet another variety of fall foliage. I anticipate your reaction because that is what I used to do.

Earlier this year, however, I was made aware of the name, nature and extent of these marsh denizens and now, instead of being something to admire, they have become a source of great concern to me.

These plants are common reeds, *Phragmites australis*, and in fact they are invading and devastating our wetlands in many parts of Puslinch Township. They are non-native and were first introduced in Canada as ornamental plants.



This very tall grass spreads via rhizomes across the ground and underground, and can rapidly colonize wetlands and damp habitats.

It grows from two to six meters tall, and forms a colony of plants that is impenetrable to people and wildlife alike. In the process it sucks up all of the water in the marsh around it.

Phragmites are moving westward through our marshes and low water areas. Point Pelee National Park has been devastated by the plant, as has Long Point.

Phragmites were first recorded in the Long Point wetlands 20 years ago. By 2014, it was estimated the plant has

grown to cover 40 percent of those same wetlands, and it continues to expand at an exponential rate each year.

This year, aerial and ground herbicide treatments have been carried out in order to promote eradication.

We do not know the extent of phragmites in Puslinch, but we have watched it spread this year. I have seen it in wetlands on Town Line and as far west as the Guelph Line.

When we called the Township and then the County offices about this phragmites, we were told that no plan or policy had been put in place.

We are working to eradicate Phragmites from the marshes on The Donkey Sanctuary of Canada property but without a concerted effort Township-wide, we will continue to be affected by the travelling Phragmites seeds germinating all over.

In the process we will lose wetlands and in turn place enormous stress on birds and wildlife. We would like to hear from other Township residents about this urgent matter: pady.david@gmail.com



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ASK THE EXPERT

By Elizabeth Steggles

Over the winter, I tend to forget what I have planted and where. Do you have any suggestions?

I too tend to forget what plants I have and where they are so, as spring comes along and perennials poke up through the ground and shrubs come into leaf, it's like starting all over again.

I have used two methods to help me remember. One uses a system of index cards and the other an online spreadsheet. Both record the same information but I personally find the cards quicker and easier to use.

I use one index card for each plant and enter the following information:

- **Scientific name.** These names may seem daunting but is important because it is the only accurate way of identifying a plant and looking up its attributes and requirements.

If you forget what a plant looks like or its specific needs, you may use the scientific name to search online.

I find the Missouri Botanical and Home Owner a very reliable resource but remember it shows US rather than Canadian climate zones. They are different.



- **Common name.** There may be more than one so I tend to record the one that is most meaningful to me.
- **Photograph.** If the plant comes with a picture label, I cut it out and stick it on the back of the index card. If not, I look online for a photo.

The following descriptors help jog my memory:

- **Bloom time.** e.g. month(s).
- **Plant descriptor.** e.g. bloom shape and colour, leaf structure, height, spread.
- **Date planted.**
- **Where acquired.** e.g. a specific garden centre, plant sale or friend.

I keep my cards in a box that is divided into sections according to different

areas of the garden e.g. under kitchen window, shade garden, beside pond.

This way, I can look through a section until I find what I'm looking for or, when I inevitably move a plant, easily move the card to another section.

Depending on how thorough you want to be, you may also choose to record additional information. It doesn't really help with tracking but it allows a quick reference.

- **Care instructions.** A quick look through the cards each month tells me when I should do something.
- **Light conditions:** It is worth remembering that light changes over time. You may need to move plants or prune shrubs to ensure optimal growing conditions.
- **Zone.** This identifies if a plant may be reliably grown in our Canadian Zone 5 location.
- **Soil type.** If plants require a specific soil type, you need to know what you have. A local soil testing lab will provide you with accurate information.

In addition to type of soil, you may also choose to determine your soil's texture. Numerous websites describe how to do this but one example may be found at Today's Home Owner2.

I have provided a photo of my index card system. As you see, it is not fancy and has been well thumbed but it seems to work for me. I hope it helps you.

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The green light



By Sean Reilly

Chances are if you live in a rural area or a small town, at one time or another you have seen a vehicle with a flashing green light. You may have asked yourself, "What does this light mean?", "What should I do?" or "What am I required to do by law?"

Ontario has 426 part-time or volunteer fire departments made up of almost 20,000 firefighters. On December 9, 1994, legislation was introduced in Ontario to designate green flashing lights as volunteer firefighters responding to an emergency call.

The law allowed for a flashing green light to be used in a firefighter's personal vehicles when responding to an emergency in their area.

911 dispatchers notify volunteer firefighters of an emergency through a pager system. When the pager sounds, firefighters know they are to respond to their respective fire hall.

Volunteer firefighters are typically not at the hall when a call comes in and therefore must first travel to the hall before gearing up and responding in emergency vehicles.

Green lights in their personal vehicles can speed up response times by warning other drivers that a firefighter is responding to a call and to yield if possible.



Under the Highway Traffic Act, you are required to yield and pull over for emergency vehicles with flashing red and blue lights. Vehicles with green lights do not fall under this act and in fact do not carry any special privileges

when responding to an emergency.

This means that pulling over is purely a voluntary courtesy you can show firefighters when they're answering a call. Vehicles with green lights must still follow all traffic laws including driving the speed limit and stopping at all red lights.

If you see a vehicle with a green flashing light approach you from the front or behind do not panic. You are urged to slowly pull over to the right when it is safe to do so and allow the vehicle to pass.

Once again, yielding is purely voluntary, however I think we can agree that the more easily and more quickly a firefighter can respond to an emergency the better the chances of saving a person's life, property, or the environment.

Seconds can and do make a real difference in an emergency. The next time you see a flashing green light, the Puslinch Fire Department asks that you to kindly pull over to the right as way of helping us better serve our community.

Your willingness to yield could help us get to one of your loved ones in need just a little bit quicker.

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Cook's Corner

By Barbara Paterson

At this time of year, hot soups seem to be just the thing we crave, as we spend more time inside when the weather is dreary. Hope you enjoy this soup featuring vegetables readily available in the grocery stores or farmers' markets.



Autumn Roasted Butternut and Sweet Potato Soup

- 1 lb. sweet potato, peeled and cut into chunks
- 1 lb. peeled and seeded butternut squash, cut into chunks
- 2 tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tbsp. brown sugar
- 1 tsp. salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
- 1 small onion, coarsely chopped
- 1 rib celery, coarsely chopped
- 1 carrot, coarsely chopped
- 1/3 cup each apple and orange juice
- 4 cups chicken or vegetable stock or water
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 1/2 orange, cut in half
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- Additional stock or water if necessary

1. Combine sweet potato and squash with oil, brown sugar, salt and pepper. Spread on a parchment paper

-lined baking sheet. Roast 30 to 40 minutes until tender in a 350°F oven.

2. Heat remaining 1 tbsp. oil in a large saucepan. Cook onions, celery and carrots until tender, on medium heat, 5 to 8 minutes. Do not brown.
3. Add apple juice, orange juice, stock or water, 1 tsp. salt and 1/4 tsp. pepper. Bring to a boil. Add cinnamon stick and orange pieces, cover and simmer gently 20 minutes. Add roasted vegetables. Cook 10 minutes longer.
4. Discard cinnamon stick and orange pieces. Puree soup with immersion blender, blender or food processor. Thin soup with additional liquid if necessary. Season to taste.

Makes 8 servings.

"Mouth-watering fibre" describes this muffin.

Cocoa Banana Bran Muffins

- 1-1/4 cups All-Bran Original cereal
- 3/4 cup milk
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup lightly packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup cocoa powder
- 1 tbsp. baking powder



- 1/4 tsp. each baking soda and salt
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup canola oil
- 3 large, ripe bananas (reserve 12 thin slices, mash remainder)
- 1/3 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

1. Combine cereal and milk in a medium bowl and let soften for 2 minutes.
2. In a large bowl, combine thoroughly flour, sugar, cocoa, baking powder, baking soda and salt.
3. Beat egg, oil and mashed bananas into cereal mixture.
4. Stir into dry ingredients until just combined.
5. Fold in chocolate chips, then spoon evenly into a lightly oiled 12-cup muffin pan. Top with reserved banana slices.
6. Bake in a preheated 400°F oven for 20 minutes.



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November Events

PD Day Program: Postcards for Peace (Grades JK-6)

Visit our postcard station at the library to express messages of thanks to those who served Canada in times of war, military conflict and peace. Please register.

Friday, November 1, 10:30 - 11:30 am

Friday Book Club (Adults)

Discussing *They Left Us Everything* by Plum Johnson. Please register.

Friday, November 1, 1:00 - 2:00 pm



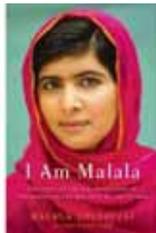
Postcards for Peace (All Ages)

Visit our postcard station at the library during Veterans' week to express messages of thanks to those who served Canada in times of war, military conflict and peace. Drop in. November 5 - 9, during branch hours.

Stories and Strollers Book Club (Adults)

Adult book club for parents/caregivers with young children, meeting the first Tuesday of each month. Discussing *I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai. Please register.

Tuesday, November 5, 2:00 - 3:00 pm



Scrabble Club (Adults)

Join us for an afternoon of casual word building entertainment! No experience necessary. Please register.

Wednesdays, November 6 and 20, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Story Time (5 years and under)

Our Story Times are designed to help your child get ready for reading. Share stories, songs, rhymes, and activities aimed at developing your child's early literacy skills. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to participate.

Thursdays, November 7 - 28, 11:00 - 11:45 am

Wild Wellington Weather (Adults)

Join us for this special presentation by Kyle Smith from the Wellington County Museum and Archives as he shares stories of wild weather in Wellington County. Please register.

Thursday, November 7, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Art for Beginners (Adults)

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Wednesday, November 13, 2-3:30 pm

Ukulele Boot Camp (All Ages)

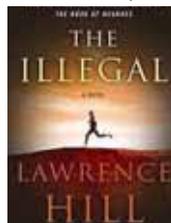
Learn the basics of playing a ukulele and a song or two. Bring your own or play one of ours- we'll learn together. Uke can do it! Please register.

Saturday, November 16, 11 am-12 pm

Tuesday Book Club (Adults)

Discussing *The Illegal* by Lawrence Hill. Please register.

Tuesday, November 19, 1:30 - 2:30 pm



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Saturday, November 23, 11am-12 pm

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Tuesday, November 26, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Thursday Book Club (Adults)

Discussing *If You Find Me* by Emily Murdoch. Please register.

Thursday, November 28, 6:30 - 7:30 pm



PD Day Program: LEGO Challenge (Grades JK-6)

Join us for some exciting LEGO challenges! You bring your creativity and we will provide the building blocks. Please register.

Friday, November 29, 11am - 12pm

Check out this list of new books at the library.

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Day, Sylvia	<i>Butterfly in Frost</i>
Disher, Garry	<i>Under the Cold Bright Lights</i>
Dukess, Karen	<i>The Last Book Party</i>
El-Mohtar, Amal	<i>This is How You Lose the Time War</i>
Norton, Graham	<i>A Keeper</i>
Porter, Regina	<i>The Travelers</i>
Roy, Lori	<i>Gone Too Long</i>
Snelling, L	<i>A Song of Joy</i>
Vijay, Madhvir	<i>The Far Field</i>

Non-Fiction

Amano, Hugh	<i>Let's Make Ramen! A Comic Book Cookbook</i>
Berg, Mary	<i>Kitchen Party: Effortless Recipes for Every Occasion</i>
Berry, Mary	<i>Lies My Doctor Told Me: Medical Myths That Can Harm Your Health</i>
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Paul, Alan	<i>Texas Flood: The Inside Story of Stevie Ray Vaughan</i>
Rifkin, Jeremy	<i>The Green New Deal: Why the Fossil Fuel Civilization Will Collapse by 2028, and the Bold Economic Plan to Save Life on Earth</i>
Wherry, Aaron	<i>Promise and Peril: Justin Trudeau in Power</i>

For complete program information, visit www.wellington.ca/Library.

Local hero donates kidney

By Kim Hussey

Rob Connor will be counting his blessings at his Thanksgiving table with his family and loved ones this month.

Rob, an experienced firefighter for over 20 years, husband and father of three children had never heard much of Puslinch until his fellow firefighter Mike Wolf entered his life.

The Toronto firefighter has IGA nephropathy which is a kidney disease that results in an inflammation that can impact the kidney's ability to filter the waste from your blood.

The essence of this disease has resulted in Rob's kidney's gradually shutting down. A kidney transplant was needed to save his life.

Mike Wolf, a resident on Puslinch Lake, is a firefighter at the same station as Rob. Although they have only met a few times, their relationship is about to become forever interconnected. Literally.

Mike is donating his kidney to his comrade after learning he was a suitable

match within his circle of support.

Mike heard the story of Rob needing a kidney, and although they didn't know each other well, Mike felt compelled to reach out to him and inquire what was involved in order to get tested about being a potential match.

And he was a match.

Mike offered his kidney to save Rob's life.

When I asked Mike about it, he replied humbly "well, of course, I was going to, I have to". Mike believes that it is pretty obvious that Rob needs the kidney more than he does, and hopes that someone would do the same for him if the roles were reversed.

This is the ultimate hero factor in this story. Mike initiated this.

Although some wonder why Mike is doing this, his supportive wife Meredith knows that Mike has a heart of gold for others, and it was never something she would have tried to talk him out of or even negotiate. "I am super proud of him" she adds. "We all are".

Mike is busy fulfilling his fatherly and work duties in high gear knowing his operation on October 30th is quickly approaching at St. Joseph's Hospital in Hamilton.



Mike and colleague.
photo from Kim Hussey

Barring no complications, he will be back home after a few days. Mike's kidney donation will leave him bedridden and off work for several months, with potentially considerable pain.

He feels super thankful for other firefighters who have volunteered to work the shifts he will miss so he is not impacted financially.

As a community, we are beyond proud of Mike as one of our Puslinch residents. We wish a speedy recovery for both firefighters and are thankful for the heroic goodness and giving shown amongst us this Thanksgiving.



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Aberfoyle Fall Fair

By Joanne Holt

It all starts Friday with exhibits arriving then the roar of the antique tractors. This is the beginning of the Agricultural Showcase known as the Aberfoyle Fall Fair.

Another year passes with the 179th Aberfoyle Fall Fair behind us. It was a great time with more support than ever in the community.

The weather was in our favour, the crowds were entertained with a variety of activities offered. We continue to add new ideas, some worked, some need reevaluating.

The exhibit hall was a showcase for the many talented individuals. There were terrific displays and competitions for both young and old.

Aberfoyle School was well represented with skills oozing from the students. Well done students and thank you staff for helping gather the goods.

The Junior Garden Club is proof of terrific market gardeners coming up the chain. Check out some graduates at the Aberfoyle Farmers Market.



We were fortunate to have a wonderful show at the Bill Crow Memorial 4H Sheep Show. A very skilled bunch of youth under excellent leadership. The Crow family have been supporters for many years, as have many families in this area.

Maybe you got to experience the wonderful horse and pony club shows, well done to our young competitors. The new horse jumps sure look good, thanks to support from Grand River Agricultural Society.



We had a few good giveaways, and we raffled off three quilts made locally. The winners were

- 1st -Nora Kaulback
- 2nd -Bob Wilt
- 3rd-Lori Mark

We were proud to present four large stuffed animals to treasure hunt winners as well. Lots of fun for everyone.

If you missed us, mark your calendars, September 11th and 12th 2020. This marks another milestone, as we celebrate 180 years in agricultural education.

However, for this we really need some help. If you can help with any little part of the process, we need you now. Advertising, fundraising, running events or ideas, come to our meetings (there are not many.) But we do need help now. Make this your year to join.

Please be part of community history as we promote our future in agriculture and we celebrate the past. It is a chance for a wonderful celebration we can all be proud of.

Just note our new mailing address is: 344 Maltby Road East, Guelph Ontario. N1L 1G4

Our Website is www.aberfoyleagriculturalsociety.com

LOST AND FOUND

An orange Lugz bag, with some contents. Found Saturday at the fair.

Missing – a grey girl's jacket lost at the fair. Please return if found. Call 519 823 2687 for information.

Photos from Joanne Holt

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HERITAGE MATTERS

Log Houses in Puslinch: An Exposé!

By Mary Tivy

A few months back I put out a call to readers of the Puslinch Pioneer to let me know if they owned, or knew of any log houses in Puslinch. Several readers followed up and I went to see the log houses on their property. Here's what I found.



Dan Forestell and his log house 2019: Photo: Mary Tivy

Dan Forestell contacted me about the 20 x 30 foot log house he owns on Rear Concession 3, Lot 20. The house was built in the 1840s and housed Margaret McLennan and her children.

This family was part of a group of refugees to Puslinch from Uist in the Scottish Hebrides, tenants forced off their land during the Highland clearances at that time.

Dan removed the crumbling plaster on the exterior and stabilized the house, receiving a plaque for good stewardship from the Puslinch Heritage Committee in 2000.

Today the house serves as the central location for Forestell's Christmas Tree Farm and can be visited during Christmas season. Dan extends a welcome to everyone "whether or not they buy a tree."

I also had a call from Kristine O'Brien, Director of the Crieff Hills Retreat and Conference Centre on the First Concession.

I popped over to see a spectacular hewed and dovetailed log house. It was built for Scottish Highlander "Big" John Thomson, and appropriately, everything about the house is big.



"Big" John Thomson house.
Photo: Crieff Hills

The logs are almost two feet wide. A fireplace of massive stones with a five-foot high firebox and a mantle that meets the ceiling still occupies almost an entire end wall.

The carpenter was Peter Lamont, who lived near Puslinch Lake, and the stonemason was Angus McDonald from Crieff.

This house is known as the "House of the Prophet" and has been also plaqued by the Puslinch Heritage Committee. The Crieff Hills Retreat Centre is a beautiful site and welcomes day visitors, so you can see the exterior of this building, the 1860s McDiarmid stone house and the 1874 Crieff schoolhouse on the site when you visit.

Crieff Hills offers nature events in spring and fall; for these and other programs see <https://crieffhills.com/>

Finally, I had a call from Sherie Amendola who lives on Concession 1, Lot 23, down the road from Crieff Hills.

Her log house was built in 1845 for Duncan McDonald and his wife and 12 children, again, Highland Scots who came to this part of Puslinch and farmed alongside others from their homeland.



The log house on the Amendola property was built in 1845 for Highland Scot immigrants Duncan McDonald, his wife and 12 children. Photo: Mary Tivy

Like the Thomson house, this McDonald house was also covered over with wood siding at some point, and the remnants of this siding and the handmade nails that attached it can still be seen.

The Amendola's are offering this house up for adoption. You can contact Sherie at 519-716-2551.

What do these log houses share in common? They date from the early days of settlement in our Township. Owners and their neighbours built these houses usually in one day after the logs were felled on the property.

The logs were hand-cut and trimmed, with experienced men shaping the corners. Corner joints in Puslinch were V-notched, square-lapped or dovetailed. Chinking was done with moss, clay, and eventually, lime plaster.

This house-raising was usually celebrated with food and whisky. All these houses are one and one-half storey high with sleeping rooms or lofts on the second floor, reached by a corner staircase. And each house features a centre door and symmetrical windows on either side.

These openings were cut in using an auger and a saw after the house was finished. Every house initially had a fireplace for heat and cooking, although only the Thomson house and the Richardson house (October, 2019 issue) still have them intact.

Most of these houses were eventually covered over to give them an updated look and to keep out the elements. Because of this tendency, I am sure many more log houses are out there waiting to be discovered. Let me know!

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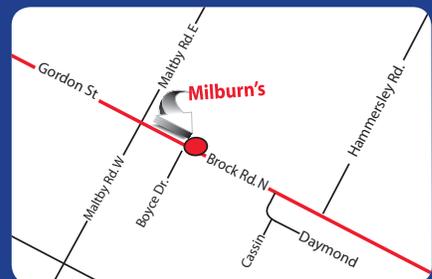
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- Monday November 11th- Remembrance Day Service at Puslinch Community Centre @ 10:00 am
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ANNUAL SCOTTISH SUPPER

Kirkwall Presbyterian Church, Wednesday **November 20th**, from 5 pm. to 7 pm. Serving ham, scalloped potatoes, baked beans, haggis, salads and homemade pies. Buffet style, reservations not required. Adults \$20, Children ages 5 to 12 \$8, under 5 free. 1545 Kirkwall Rd. Everyone welcome.

ART CLASS

Art Class with Ruth Kranendonk, Saturday, **November 30th** from 10 am to 1 pm. at Ebenezer United Church, 12274 Guelph Line just north of Brookville. Bring a bag lunch. 2 Dollar Store canvasses, paints and brushes. \$25 p.p. Per class. Call 905-854-2423 for information.

BADENOCH MUSIC NIGHTS

Friday night music starts back up first Friday of each month, **November 1st and December 6th**, 7pm at the Badenoch Community Centre, 4217 Watson Rd S. Puslinch.

BIBLE STUDY

In depth Bible Study led by Rev. Bob LaChance, 519-721-3422 or phone Lynn Lodge, 519-822-4809. Wednesday's **November 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th** from 9:30 to 11:30am. All are welcome. Arkell United Church, 600 Arkell Road, Arkell. 519-821-7623.

CELEBRATE THE SEASON WITH A CHRISTMAS LUNCH

At Crieff Hills Retreat Centre, Monday to Friday at 12:30 from **December 2nd to 13th**. We welcome individuals, families, church groups and staff parties for a sumptuous buffet in our 1874 schoolhouse. \$20 per person (HST included). RSVP at programs@crieffhills.com or 519-824-7898 to reserve your table. Stay afterward for a guided walking tour and learn more about our historic property located at 7098 Concession 1.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT & COMMUNITY CAROL SING

Sunday, **December 8th** – NEW TIME – 2 p.m. Freelon United Church, 155 Freelon Rd., Freelon. Includes musical presentations from the Choir & Friends and lots of carol singing for everyone! All welcome to join us for this evening of seasonal music with refreshments & fellowship to follow.

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CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK

At Knox Church Crieff, 7156 Concession 1, Puslinch on Saturday, **December 7th** 9am - 11 am. Christmas cookies, baked goods, candy and crafts.

COMMUNITY LADIES BRUNCH

Saturday, **November 23rd** from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm at Ebenezer United Church, 12274 Guelph Line just north of Brookville. Bring Mom, Grandma or Granddaughter. Gift exchange of something you no longer want or use. Free Will offering.

COMMUNITY MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, **November 2nd** from 8 to 9 am at Ebenezer United Church, 12274 Guelph Line just north of Brookville. Come and meet other men in our community. Info: MaryLou at 519-853-4399. Check our webpage at ebenezeruc.ca or Facebook. Free will offering to support our Youth Drop-In.

COMMUNITY REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Monday, **November 11th** 10:30am at the Puslinch Community Centre. EVERYONE is most welcome!! The churches of Arkell, Duff's and Morriston will hold a Remembrance Day Joint Service. This Special Service is sponsored by the Optimist Club of Puslinch. Thank you!!

COMMUNITY SENIORS' SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCH

Tuesday, **November 26th** at noon sharp at Ebenezer United Church, 12274 Guelph Line just north of Brookville. Come for a bowl or 2 of tasty home made soup, sandwiches, cards and games. **December 10th** Christmas Party. Free will offering. For more information please leave message 905-854-2423.

COUNTRY CRAFT SALE

(NOTE: We have moved to Badenoch Community Centre)

Catherine McMillan and Friends invite you to a Craft Sale in the Country, Badenoch Community Centre, 4217 Watson Road S, Puslinch on Saturday, **November 16th** 10am to 4pm. Decor plates, sewing (Christmas runners, aprons, embroidery towels, etc.) stained glass, children's books, honey, knitting, baking and more. Come and enjoy complimentary coffee and bring your friends. For more information please call (519) 763-9836.

CRIEFF TRIVIA NIGHT AND HAM SUPPER

Friday, **November 15th** 6pm at Knox Crieff, 7156 Conc. 1. Come out to have some fun, enjoy some great food and maybe win a prize. \$20 adults, 6-12 \$10, 5 and under are free. For tickets contact Walter at 519-212-7806 or Linda 905-691-2701.

DUFF'S ANNUAL HAM SUPPER

Saturday **November 9th** at Puslinch Community Centre. 2 sittings available 5 pm or 7pm. Doors open at 4:30 pm & 6:30 pm for seating & entertainment by the Country Squires. Adults \$20, Ages 6 - 12 \$10, Kids 5 & under Free. For tickets call: Brenda Law at 519-767-2462, or Duff's 519-763-1163.

DUFF'S LUNCH & LEARN

Wednesday, **November 13th** at 11:00am "The shoe box project" Followed by soup lunch. No cost, donations accepted. Contact Karen if you have questions 519-820-8114 or karenharding349@outlook.com.

DUFF'S MOVIES IN NOVEMBER!!

Wednesday, **November 20th** at 1:30pm. "Breakthrough", based on a true story of a boy who falls through ice while skating and survives.

FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT

Friday, **November 15th** - Sunday **November 17th** at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre. "What on earth am I here for?" Led by Rev. Michelle Sim.

To learn more go to michellesim.com/womens-retreat

FITNESS CLASS

Puslinch Fitness, join us on Monday nights at Duff's church at 7:30pm. for an hour of fun and sweat. A certified instructor will lead the class in a variety of programs cardio, pilates, yoga, high intensity training, stability ball and cardio drumming. First class is free, \$5/class. Please bring your own equipment if possible but extras are available. Contact Karen at karenharding349@outlook.com or Sarah at smainguy@nsenvironmental.com.

FREE EXERCISE CLASSES FOR 55+

The Victoria Order of Nurses offers a free exercise class for individuals 55+ who want to maintain their health and independence. The class focuses on aerobic endurance, balance, flexibility and strength. This class is every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 am located at Duffs Presbyterian Church.

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Saturday, **November 9th** 10:30 am. to 1:00 pm. Baking, Produce, Plants, Handcrafts, Deli Treats, Evergreen Arrangements & Christmas Delights at Puslinch Community Centre, hosted by Mount Carmel-Zion United Church. Everyone welcome. Bring a friend.

MANNA DAY SPEAKER AT CRIEFF HILLS

Speaker, Michelle O'Rourke, at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre on Thursday, **October 31st** 10:30 am to 3:00 pm. Michelle O'Rourke is the author of *Befriending Death: Henri Nouwen and a Spirituality of Dying* (Orbis Books, 2009). This day-long event costs only \$25 per person and include a hearty hot lunch in Mclean Hall. Pre-registration is required. Please call 1-800-884-1525 or email programs@crieffhills.com at least one week before the event. Crieff Hills is located at 7098 Concession 1, Puslinch.

MUSICAL CONCERT BY THE KLASSENS

Kirkwall Presbyterian Church is hosting a musical concert by The Klassens, playing the Paraguayan Folk Harp, and the keyboard. This is a lively and entertaining concert that you won't want to miss. Sunday **November 24th** at 2 p.m. 1545 Kirkwall Rd. Everyone welcome, free will offering, refreshments.

MUSICAL HOOTENANNY

Friday, **November 22nd** at 7 - 9pm. Arkell United Church, 600 Arkell Road, Arkell. Sign up for your time in the spotlight or just sit and enjoy.

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ROAST BEEF SUPPER

Saturday, **November 2nd** from 4.30 - 7.30 p.m. at Ebenezer United Church, 12274 Guelph Line just north of Brookville. Tickets \$20, Students \$15, Kids 6 and under \$5. For tickets call 905-854-2423. One third of profits will be donated to a community charity.

SENIORS' LUNCH

Tuesday, **November 19th** at 12 noon at Arkell United Church, 600 Arkell Road, Arkell. An afternoon of food, music, cards and fellowship. Contact the church at 519 821-7623.

SENIORS' CHRISTMAS DINNER

Wednesday, **December 4th**, noon (gathering 11:30 a.m.) Mike Marinovic entertaining at Puslinch Community Centre. - Tickets \$15 are going fast, call Mary Beth at 519-822-6211 or email Janet at janetc@sentex.net. Everyone Welcome. Sponsored by Mount Carmel-Zion United Church.

SILENT RETREAT

At Crieff Hills Retreat Centre, **December 1st - 3rd**. Begin the season of Advent with quiet time away. Experience deep rest: sleep, read, pray, walk, and eat nourishing food. Bring books, handcrafts or art projects if you like. Hosted by Kristine O'Brien. An opening session will teach you the basics so that even beginners are comfortable. Cost: \$260 single room (includes HST) Register at www.crieffhills.com or call 519-824-7898 for more information.

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At St. George's Church, 99 Woolwich St., Guelph Saturday, **November 16th**. Bazaar open 10 am. to 2 pm., Free admission to bazaar. Tea room from 11 am. to 1:30 pm. Luncheon tickets \$8; children under five, free. Crafts/Christmas items, baking and preserves, Penny Table, attic treasures, raffles. For more information: St. George's Church office - 519-822-1366.

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26 Schofield Street, Cambridge (Hespeler) the Legion Ladies Auxiliary are hosting Friday Night Dinners **November 1st, November 8th and November 15th.** All dinners are \$15.00 and include potatoes, vegetables and salad, tea & coffee and desserts.

THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION Br. 272

26 Schofield Street, Cambridge (Hespeler) the Legion Ladies Auxiliary are hosting annual Remembrance Day Banquet Saturday, **November 9th** Cocktails 5pm, Dinner 6pm with Rolled Ribs & Roast Beef. Tickets \$15.00 are available at the bar.

THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION Br. 272

26 Schofield Street, Cambridge (Hespeler) the Legion Ladies Auxiliary are hosting Victoria Tea Sunday, **November 24th** from 2 - 4 pm. Tickets \$15.00 available from the Ladies Auxiliary or at the bar.

THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION Br. 234

57 Watson Parkway S. Guelph are hosting Saturday Afternoon Entertainment in the lounge.

Saturday, **November 2nd** Swan Creek will be playing from 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm. Donation at door would be appreciated.

Saturday, **November 9th** Rob Martine will be playing from 2pm - 5pm. Donation at door would be appreciated.

Saturday, **November 16** Best and Friends will be playing from 2pm - 5pm. Donation at door would be appreciated.

Saturday, **November 23rd** Jam Session 2pm to 5pm. Donation at door would be appreciated.

YOUTH DROP-IN NIGHT

Friday, **November 1st, 15th and 29th** 7-9 p.m at Ebenezer United Church, 12274 Guelph Line (Just north of Brookville) All youth Grade 7 and up
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are welcome for an evening of food, fun and games and just to hang-out.

YOUTH NIGHT AT DUFF'S

Saturday, **November 23rd** with a unique meal, games, wear your woollies for the fire after dark!! Come at 4:00pm with an edible donation to the Food Bank.

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.

BOOKING AGENT FOR DUFF'S CHURCH

Contact Jules Ganning at 226-821-2002 or email duffschurchrental@gmail.com.

BOOKING AGENT FOR EBENEZER UNITED CHURCH

Contact David Wheeler (416) 569-4834 or david@wheelerburns.ca.

BOOKING AGENT FOR FREELTON UNITED CHURCH

Contact Ray McConachie at 905-659-3033 or email rayjo1819@hotmail.ca

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 (church) or to contact by text, email or calling 519-820-8114 or 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 LIAISON 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.

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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
Meets 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:
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Fred Law (519) 767-2462
Dianne Hersey (519) 824-6304
Carolyn Vandenheuvel (226) 962-1173

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 information.

Contact Celia Clark for membership inquiries: (519-766-1097)

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