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Thank you to our volunteers

By Anne Day

For 45 years, volunteers in Puslinch have proudly donated their time and expertise to publishing the *Puslinch Pioneer*, which has become the well-respected source of information to residents of Puslinch.

When the paper first started back in 1975, there were no fancy software programs, and the paper was typed, cut and pasted onto sheets of paper and then sent to the printers.

A team of volunteers would collate the paper and then fold it so it could be sent out through the post office to over 3,500 households in the Puslinch community.

Back then if you attended collating day, you'd find a bustle of activity. It was quite the production. Everyone had their role and their pages. The tables were raised, so they could sit and fold the paper once it was collated.

Today, that paper is now 28- 32 pages, printed in colour, glossy paper, stapled and published 10 months of the year. Often an advertising flyer would be inserted for a local business.

Since COVID however, we have had the paper collated and folded at the printers, as we didn't want to put our collating volunteers at risk.

But we still rely heavily on volunteers – to submit articles, edit and do the layout, distribute the paper and recruit advertisers.

Without the advertisers, there would be no paper. Residents tell us that they read the paper from cover to cover, and keep them so if they need a service, they can find the local supplier easily.

We also draw on the expertise of local residents who write regular columns for us - our thanks to Marjorie Clark, Kim Hussey, Barbara Paterson, Marion Robertson, Mary Tivy and members of Master Gardeners in Guelph as well as the monthly submissions from the Library, Fire Department and Council Clips.

Our focus is on local news – both Puslinch and surrounding areas. We love to highlight the accomplishments of one of our residents and promote local events and fundraisers as much as we can.



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And we have a community section at the back that lists church services and community announcements.

The board of the *Pioneer* meets monthly to oversee the running of the organization – and our thanks to Barbara Bulmer, Barbara Chillingsworth, Dianne Churcher, Karen Harding, Stella O'Krafka, and Genny Ribalko for their tireless efforts in making sure the paper comes out each month.

Our thanks also to Megan Barnes for setting up and maintaining our website – www.puslinchpioneer.ca and to Ampersand for printing the paper and going the extra mile during the pandemic to make sure the paper gets out.

And we are always looking for volunteers – to submit articles, be a roving reporter, to help with digital marketing and advertising sales.

To find out more, please email *editor@puslinchpioneer.ca* or phone 519 767 9383.

Thank you to all our volunteers, past and present, we couldn't have done it without you.

This article first appeared in the Guelph Tribune as part of Volunteer Week Celebrations in April.

Editorial

The outdoors is calling.

In this issue of the *Pioneer*, we seem to be focusing on what you can do outdoors – like camping, protecting wildlife as you go out and about and the opportunity to purchase a rain barrel and support local charities at the same time.

While we are in the midst of another lockdown, we thought we would highlight different local restaurants where you can order and purchase take-away meals.

Once more we focus on the challenges brought on by gypsy moths and what you can do to get rid of them and in Naturally Speaking, Marion Robertson shares the secret powers of the Haskaps.

And we bring you the latest on where you can pre-register of your vaccination.

We actually sent out this information early in April as part of our Pulse notifications. If you want to get early news, sign up and we will add you to our list for notices. Just go to www.puslinchpioneer.ca

April 20 is National Volunteer Day and the *Pioneer* participated in a special supplement that appeared in the Guelph Tribune and on the PIN Network website.

We share the article with you as we want to acknowledge all the volunteer who make the *Puslinch Pioneer* happen.



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Our Mission

The *Puslinch Pioneer* is a monthly publication produced by local volunteers to provide an authentic source of local information about the social and political activity within the community, and to encourage participation in community events.

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The *Puslinch Pioneer* does not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed in articles or Letters to the Editor. We reserve the right to refuse items submitted and to edit all material. All advertising is accepted in good faith.

SUBMITTING ARTICLES Items of interest to Puslinch residents are welcome. Letters to the Editor must include a telephone number.

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**, **May 14, 2021.**

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

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Council Clips

Highways 6 & 401 Improvements:

Staff has recommended to Council that the MTO deliver a presentation to Puslinch Council before the next Public Information Centre to follow up on the outstanding concerns.

Concerns in Arkell:

Staff is instructed to review the concerns in Arkell; Guelph Junction Railway, speed limits and Guelph Police firing range; and to liaise with the appropriate staff at the City of Guelph, and any other authorities that are appropriate, to identify potential solutions.

Hamilton Conservation Authority:

In its report it is noted that current water levels in major watercourses are well below the long-term averages which is unusual for this time of year.

Lake Ontario water levels are 9 cm below average and 74 cm below the highest level ever recorded for this time of year. High visitation to conservation areas continues.

Growing the Greenbelt Study Area:

Mike Marcolongo made a presentation to Council outlining his support of the proposed expansion of the Greenbelt to include the Paris Galt Moraine. He feels this would prevent further expansion by neighbouring urban municipalities and will retain Puslinch's rurality, sense of place and identity.

Growing the Greenbelt Study Area:

County Planning has been, and continues to be, consistent in its position that there is no rationale for expanding the Greenbelt. There are adequate Provincial legislation, regulations, plans and policies; and local plans, policies and measures in place.

Proposed Puslinch Heritage Registry:

The Heritage Committee is requesting Council's directive to initiate consultation with property owners as "listed" on the register. The purpose of including a property is to provide interim protection from demolition to give the municipality time to assess whether to begin the designation process after a demolition application has been received.

Natural Gas Service Extensions:

The Province was requested to allow

the use of a financial tool called a Public Health has announced pre-Temporary Capital Surcharge (TCS) to help fund the extension of natural gas services to rural communities.

Recently the Province and the Ontario Energy Board approved the use of TCS's for natural gas as well as the rate.

Two projects within the Puslinch Lake area are waiting for a decision.

Transportation Master Plan Project:

This project has been approved for completion in 2021 at a total budget of \$100,000 which includes a traffic count study and determination of the applicable Road Condition Index for Township Roads.

the Federation of Canadian Municipalities wdapublichealth.ca/register. in the amount of \$50,000, unfortunately confirmation has not yet been received.

Parking By-law:

The Township continues to receive complaints regarding the illegal parking of vehicles near Aberfovle Public School on Old Brock Road.

Staff is proposing an amendment by the addition of a no parking area on the South Side of Old Brock Road during the school morning drop off and afternoon pick up times of the year.

Cox Construction Synder Woodlot:

Approximately five hectares known as the Synder woodlot was placed in a holding provision in order to delay extraction for a period of approx. 15 years until such time that a replacement Woodlot is established.

The specific requirements of the holding removal have now satisfactorily been met and now recommend the holding provision be removed.

You can pre-register for the vaccine

As the region pushes toward the goal of vaccinating at least 75 percent of residents by June 2021, partners are working to reduce barriers to vaccination and provide the resources and supports residents need to get vaccinated.

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registration for Phase 3 vaccinations. That means all residents (age 16+) of the region are eligible to pre-register for their vaccination.

As residents eligible under Phase 3 preregister, it is important to remember that local vaccinations still follow the Province's vaccination framework.

That means many residents who are Phase 3 eligible will likely not be vaccinated until June. However, preregistering is still the best way for residents to ensure they receive a vaccine as soon as it is their turn.

For more information on pre-registering The Township applied for funding from for the COVID-19 vaccine, please visit



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Council Meetings (519) 763-1226

May 5 and May 26, 2021, 10 a.m. council meeting, and public information meeting May 26 at 7 p.m.

Please check the Council Calendar at www.puslinch.ca as meetings may be subject to change.

Library Hours (519) 763-8026

For current hours and services, please call Puslinch Branch at 519.763.8026 or visit us online at www.wellington. ca/Library.

Optimist Recreation Centre Hours

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

Historical Society Archives

Saturdays 12 noon - 3 pm or for appointment email ardyne.farm @sympatico.ca or 519-822-8559

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Camping this summer?



Due to COVID, GRCA conservation areas will be operating at 50 percent capacity and only 50 percent of campsites will be available for reservation this season.

Given the pandemic, there was a deluge of people trying to book their spots when registration opened on April 6.

When it comes to booking a campsite, you can reserve a spot for up to a month forward and have a maximum of six people onsite.

While the demand for the long weekends was high, there are still spots available.

Camping is offered from May 1 to October 15.

The parks are scattered across the Grand River watershed - an area larger than Prince Edward Island - and offer a huge variety of camping experiences.

Whatever you are looking for, you will find it in Grand River Parks: an af-

ternoon at the beach, a hike through green forests, canoeing on a pond or dropping a line to catch a trophy-sized fish

The parks are just a short drive away from home, whether you live in Toronto, Hamilton, Kitchener, Guelph, Brantford or London or surrounding areas.

Reservations can be made in advance through our **online reservation system** only, beginning **April 6, 2021 at 9 a.m.**

The online reservation system is accessible 24 hours a day from April 6 until mid-October, when the camping season ends.

Reservations by phone can be made by calling the parks directly beginning May 1, 2021.

Optimist Club Scholarships

By Don Mackay

The Optimist Club of Puslinch is once again offering scholarships to assist youth and families of the Township of Puslinch with educational expenses and to promote the Club as an organization committed to the advancement of education.

This year three scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded to qualified applicants commencing in September 2021 for the 2021-2022 school year.

This is the 20th year that the Club has offered the scholarship program. The three scholarships will be split into three streams.

One scholarship will be awarded to

- those students who are pursuing a university degree,
- one scholarship will be awarded to those students who are pursuing a community college degree, and
- one scholarship will be awarded to those students who are pursuing a vocational-technical apprenticeship/diploma.

To be eligible to apply for any of the scholarships the applicant must be;

- a resident of the Township of Puslinch;
- 21 years of age or younger in the year the award is given;
- entering their first year of post secondary education; and enrolled in either a university or a community college or a vocationaltechnical school or undertaking an apprenticeship.

The due date for this year's submission is **June 25, 2021**.

For further information and application forms please go to our website; www. optimistclubofpuslinch.com and go to programs/scholarship; contact your high school guidance department; or Don McKay (519) 822-2984, donmckay@golden.net



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New signs

By Peter vanOordt

Puslinch Township will be replacing and upgrading the majority of its green and white municipal address signs.

During an emergency, these signs are instrumental in helping first responders quickly and efficiently locate the emergency scene.

The new signs will include the official municipal street name along with the number and will be installed in the rural areas of the Township.

Including the street name is expected to help members of the public provide more accurate location information when reporting an emergency to 9-1-1.

The current style of signs (without the street name) will remain in the more built-up areas of the Township. The Township expects to begin this work in May and have it completed over the summer.

If fire, police, or EMS need to respond

to an emergency at your house or on your property, it's important that we're able to find you quickly and efficiently.

One of the ways you can help is by ensuring that your municipal address sign is clearly visible from the road. If you're able, and it's safe to do so, you may also want to have someone meet us at the road to help direct us to where we're needed.

This is especially helpful for larger properties where the emergency is somewhere other than the main residence.

Irrespective of whether you're in a rural area and are getting a new sign, or in a village and are keeping your current sign, now is a good time to inspect your municipal sign and signpost, making sure that it is clearly visible from the road from both directions.

Please prune or remove any overgrowth that may be obstructing your sign or could obstruct it in certain weather. If your signpost is not in good repair, please contact the Township at (519) 763-1226 or services@puslinch. ca to arrange for it to be repaired or replaced.

FarmLINK

Do you have farm land to rent? Are you interested in farming?

FarmLINK.net is an initiative of Farm-Start. It is a farm-matching site that creates opportunities for new farmers in Wellington County and beyond.

The site links to farms for sale or rent in the area and resources or mentorship for starting a farm, and its free! With 800+ users across Canada, they are increasing the number and diversity of opportunities on the site every

How does it work?

- Free user profiles, add photos and descriptions.
- Use MyMatch to see top-rated potential matches.
- Search resources and regional support.
- Private and secure messaging on the site.

Why Wellington?

Wellington County has the highest number of diversified farms in the Province. It is an agricultural hub of activity with access to business resources, networks and innovation.

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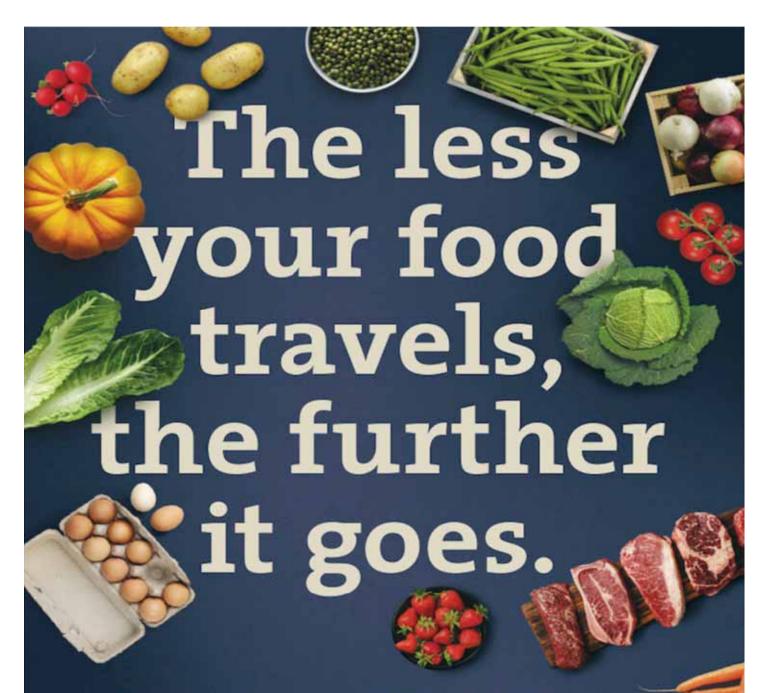
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A get-away with a take away?

By Anne Day

Tired of cooking? I suspect many of us are as we face another lockdown.

Many of our local restaurants are offering take-away and as a way to support them, we encourage you to place your order and take a break from the kitchen.

Aberfoyle Mill – 80 Brock Road S, Aberfoyle – 1-888-858 4684 Place orders for pick up on Friday, Saturday and Sunday 4-7.30 pm. www.aberfoylemill.com

Borealis Grille & Bar, 1388 Gordon Street, Guelph, 519 265 9007 With daily features, take away available Monday-Sunday, 3-8pm *www.borealisgrille.ca*

Cascata Bistro, 281 Carlisle Road, Carlisle, 289 895 7986 Pick up Wednesday-Friday 3-8pm



Friday –Sunday 12-8pm www.cascatabistro.ca

Change of Pace, 42 Queen Street, Morriston 519 767 9987 Pick up Monday-Friday 8am -6pm www.achangeofpacerestaurant.com

Crieff Hills Retreat Centre, 7098 Concession 1, Puslinch 519 824 7890 Order soups, honey and eggs. Special occasion meals. Pick up daily until 3.30pm

www.crieffhills.com

Envers Grocery Store, 42 Queen Street, Morriston 226 780 5683 Tuesday to Saturday – 3:00 to 8:00, Sunday 11:00 to 6:00 https//facebook.com/enverscountrystore Great Wall Restaurant, 46 Queen Street, Morriston 519 763 0002 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 11-9pm, Friday 11-10, Saturday 12-10 and Sunday 12-9 https://sites.google.come/view/

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Old Marina, 1947 McClintock Drive, Cambridge 519 658 0367 Can order produce baskets and online food delivery through Door Dash. www.oldmarina.com

The Village, 30 Brock Road S 519 265 5455 special features offered each day. Pick up is 8-6pm. www.facebook.com/thevillagefamilyrestaurant

Union Market Square, 599 Arkell Road, Arkell 519 767 0024 Tuesday- Friday 10-6pm – full menu Saturday 10-3, limited menu www.unionmarketsquare.com

Let's support our local restaurants. Bon appétit.





NEW DATE: Sunday, June 13, 2021

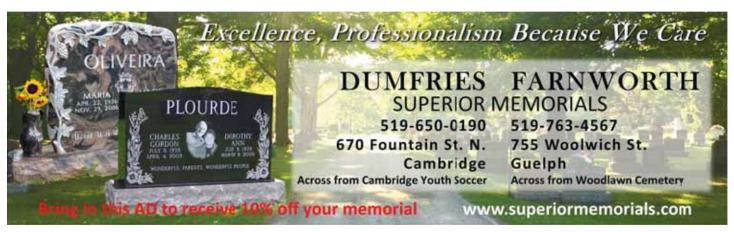
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Protecting wildlife

By Mandy Karch

As summer approaches, wildlife will move from over-wintering habitats to spring-summer habitats. Please watch for wildlife, and help them cross safely.

Respect for nature and wildlife is beneficial, and mitigating the threats of roads to biodiversity contributes to a healthy, resilient environment that supports a thriving community.

In 2019, OREG launched a Citizen Science project in Wellington County. Citizen Science is volunteer-based ecological monitoring that plays a key role in successful conservation programs.

The dedicated team of Citizen Scientists and NRSI staff documented nearly 1000 observations between May and October. Over 100 of the dead animals found on the road were turtles.

Turtles are species at risk, and roads and traffic pose a significant threat. When year after year adult turtles are killed by cars as they attempt to move through the landscape to feed, nest, or over-winter, it is inevitable that the population will be decimated.



June is a particularly vulnerable time for turtles as females move across the landscape to nest. Turtles are important for overall ecosystem health as they recycle nutrients and help keep waterbodies clean by feeding on decaying matter.

Facilitating native plant seed dispersal and forming part of the food web are other important services these reptiles fulfill in the environment.

The public is a key partner in determining how roads affect biodiversity. Motorist behaviour, such as driving speed and attentiveness, tremendously influences whether or not a wildlife/vehicle collision will occur.

Understanding why it is important to prevent these collisions for smaller wildlife such as turtles that do not necessarily pose a human hazard, such as a collision with a deer, empowers motorists to choose driving behaviours that help avoid strikes with slow moving animals.

You can help

- Watch for wildlife
- Obey speed limits and remain attentive - especially on road seaments bisectina wetland/ woodlot habitat
- Move turtles in the direction they are moving, when safe for you and other motorists
- Help injured turtles Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre, 705 -741 5000 or https://ontarioturtle.
- Report wildlife/road sightings https://inaturalist.ca/ projects/ wildlife-on-roadsin-ontario
- Stay informed about road projects and support the implementation of wildlife mitigation measures.



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- Set out materials in brown paper yard waste bags and/or reusable cans clearly marked "Yard Waste."
- Small sticks can be bundled.
- Loose materials, or any in plastic bags, WILL NOT be collected.

The next leaf and yard waste collection date for Puslinch is:

WEEK B

Tuesday, May 25



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In Memoriam

Robert Thompson Sherwood



If you were lucky enough to know Robert, you knew him as "Bob". Bob passed away Saturday afternoon, April 17, 2021 at Cambridge Memorial Hospital. He waited until he had his visit with his three K's, Kristi-Anne, Kathrine, and Kate.

Beloved partner of forty years, Kate Dudnick. Cherished Dad of Kristi-Anne (Rick) Sherwood, Kathrine (Trevor) MacCormack and beloved Grandpa of Mitchell and Evan. He will be missed by so many.

Bob was one time President and loyal charter member of the Royal City Lions Club (Guelph). He also volunteered tirelessly for the Farnham Cemetery and the Arkell United Church. He was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion, branch 234. Also enjoyed kinship and membership at the Red Chevron Club No. 4.

Bob loved to spend his winters soaking up the sun in Naples, Florida. His

hobbies were his work and his work were his hobbies. He could teach MacGyver a lesson, he could build, repair, or fix anything.

What we'll miss most is his sense of humour, his love of family and rock solid advice, "remember, keep it between the hydro poles."

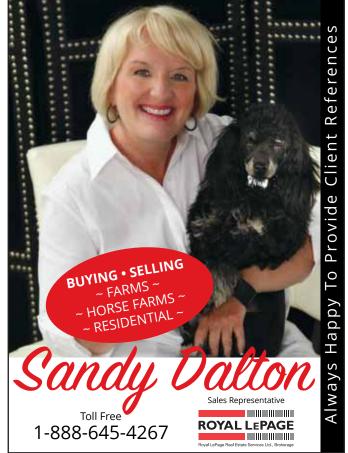
Future plans for a Celebration of Life will be shared with all his loved ones and his 'Arkell gang' when we can gather safely.

Arrangements entrusted to the WALL-CUSTANCE FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 519-822-0051 / www.wallcustance.com.

Memorial contributions to the Alzheimer's Society of Waterloo Wellington would be appreciated.

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The Zonta Club of Guelph is excited to announce this very special Mother's Day Weekend Virtual Event: LUNAF-EST®2021 FILMS BY AND ABOUT WOMEN.

LUNAFEST® is an event that connects women, their stories, and their causes through film.

This season's program of seven selected short films (86 minutes total) will

compel discussion, make you laugh, tug at your heartstrings, and motivate you to make a difference in your community.

Incredibly diverse in style and content, LUNAFEST® is united by a common thread of exceptional storytelling – by and about women.

We can't gather this Mother's Day in person, so we invite you to join us virtually for some fun and entertainment. Invite the women in your life (and don't forget to include their significant others), grab your favourite beverage and snacks, then follow us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/ZontaGuelph for event updates plus FaceBook

Live movie reviews and commentaries happening on Sunday, May 9.

Your ticket will give you access to start streaming the event between 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 8 to 9 a.m. on Monday, May 10, 2021.

Once you start watching, you have 24 hours to view the films. You may skip ahead, go back or watch as many times as you like during that period, all from the comfort of your couch!

Films are appropriate for audiences age 16 and over

The ticket price for the event is \$15 Regular ticket and \$10 Income Accessible (e.g. student / fixed income) and can be purchased online at https://www.lunafest.org/screenings/virtual-screening-zonta-club-of-guelph-canada-050821

Proceeds from this Event will go to the Zonta Club of Guelph to help fund various local projects geared explicitly towards women and girls' empowerment.

A portion of the proceeds will go to Chicken and Egg Pictures, a foundation supporting women nonfiction filmmakers whose artful and innovative storytelling catalyzes social change.

LUNA® with the **Zonta Club of Guelph** are committed to inspiring women and advocating for change because equality can't wait for someday. Someday Is Now®.

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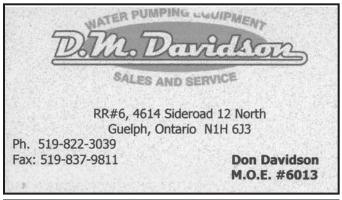














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The Pasmore Sawmill Fire

By Marjorie Clark

The Edward Pasmore family emigrated from Wyrardisbury Parish, Buckinghamshire, England in 1842.

During 1857-1861 and possibly longer, they operated a large, steam-powered lumber mill on the 1st Concession in Puslinch, which burned down in early November 1857, a loss of \$40,000.

The following is a letter to the editor of the Guelph newspaper, describing the events of that day. For reasons unknown, the name of the letter writer is fictitious, as no-one by the name of Ivan resided in Puslinch at the time.

To the Editor of the *Guelph Advertiser* 9th Nov. 1857

Sir:

You are again called upon to publish one of those great conflagrations that

ruin the section of country where they occur.

At 10 o'clock on Friday night last, a fire broke out in the steam sawmill owned by Messrs. Pasmore and Co., First Concession, Puslinch, when their mill, lumber and logs were consumed to the amount of \$40,000.

The news soon spread throughout the surrounding country and it was not long before a large concourse of people were assembled for the purpose of staying the progress of the devouring element but their efforts proved unavailing - the mill was largely consumed. They then turned their energies to the lumber, which was catching in different places.

In the meantime, a messenger was sent to the village of Elgin and Morriston for the Victory Fire Company. I may mention that owing to the excitement, this was neglected until three hours after the fire broke out.

Had the Company been summoned on the first alarm, there is every probability that the lumber would all have been saved. Immediately on receiving notice, the Fire Company, under the orders of Captain Clark, started off for the scene of destruction, but as the distance to be travelled is three miles, the immense yard of lumber was enveloped in flames, which a scarcity of water battled to subdue.

Fresh energies were then directed to the saving of McPherson's barn, in which they happily succeeded. Messrs. Pasmore and Co. have the sympathy of the public in their hour of adversity; I believe the place was not insured.

I have great pleasure in again recording the praiseworthy conduct of Messrs. McLean and Clark of the Puslinch Mills, in placing their means at the disposal of the Fire Company. Those gentlemen have endeared themselves to the public by their many acts of generosity, which will not soon be forgotten.

Ivan, Puslinch





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NATURALLY SPEAKING

Haskaps

By Marion Robertson

At Bee Sweet Nature Co we are first and foremost a native plant nursery. But that doesn't mean that we can't have a bit of wiggle room and grow our plant stock base.

We have now added sustainable food plants to our inventory. Why? We never thought about food security until COVID 19 came along.

Our food supply was based on global trading and most of us had drifted away from our agricultural roots. Maybe we need to reevaluate our lifestyles and start growing food, again.

Haskaps are not a new addition to Canada. Lonicera caerulea was first cultivated in Canada in the 1950's. But to be quite honest, they were not that great.

What I am focusing on are the new cultivars created by the University of Saskatchewan from these original Haskaps. These cultivars are truly amazing with cold hardiness to – 45C and flowers have been known to survive and set fruit after – 11C temperatures.

To back track, what are Haskaps? They are an edible blue honeysuckle



or honeyberry. The name is derived from Japanese meaning, "berry of long life and good vision".

An unusual taste, tart and sweet at the same time. Like blueberry and raspberry combined. These fruit are super loaded in antioxidants, one of the highest of all fruits.

And wildlife loves the berries, too. So beware – pay attention when Haskap are fruiting since birds will strip a bush incredibly quickly.

They are a compact bush attaining heights of four-five feet and widths of four feet. Be sure to plant them three feet apart.

By May, Haskaps will bloom and have fruit available by late June. In fact, it is one of the first fruit crops beating strawberries by a few weeks. But the bonus is that these bushes will continue to bear fruit into the Fall.

When harvesting remember that the fruit will turn purple close to maturation. However, wait till they physically drop off the bush for maximum flavour.

Their biological traits are interesting and you need to pay attention to this. You just can't plant any bushes and expect fruit. Won't happen.

There are no male or female bushes but all Haskaps are self incompatible. That means they can't be pollinated with their own pollen. They need a 'pollinizer 'which means they need a different variety of Haskaps to pollinate each other. The University of Saskatchewan has a great listing of pollinizers and compatibilities.

Bees and insects must carry the pollen from one flowering Haskap to the next in order for pollination and fruit set to occur. Make the area attractive to pollinators.

Since flowering occurs in May we find that leaving dandelions in the area attract the insects and then they are drawn to the Haskaps. Remember not to spray since you are drawing pollinators to your bushes for pollination services.

From what I have researched, Haskaps are not prone to pests and diseases. Upkeep is minimal pruning and no fertilizer is necessary. Almost sounds too good to be true!

To view more sustainable food articles visit the knowledge base of our website at

https://beesweetnature.ca/knowledge-base/?v=3e8d115eb4b3

Marion Robertson is co owner of Bee Sweet Nature Co specializing in native and Carolinian plant stock and natural Ontario honey and honey products.



HERITAGE MATTERS

The Monument Makers

By Mary Tivy

The earliest gravestones in our Puslinch cemeteries were made out of local sandstone or limestone. By the 1850s fashion in grave markers had shifted to white marble.

Marble is a soft luminous stone that is easily carved and embellished. Artisans called "marble workers" made gravestones in workshops known as "marble works".

Every town in our area had at least one or more marble works; by the 1870s Hamilton had six, Guelph had three, and Galt had two.



Local marble workshops purchased large blocks of marble cut from quarries in Vermont or Eastern Ontario. Italian or British marble might be acquired through a dealer.

Marble works provided pattern books

for customers to browse through to choose images, lettering styles and epitaphs. Sample stones were set up for viewing at the storefront of the workshop.

An 1874 order book from the Wideman marble works in Stouffville Ontario records the purchase of a stone by James Bowman for his departed wife.

"\$20.00 In Memory of E_M_D_. Wife of James Bowman Who Died May 11th 1874 AE 33 yrs. Design 1 [from] Morton's Book. With Clasped Hands Instead of Star. "Going Home ' over the Clasped Hands, the thumb to be on the third finger. Set up in the spring of 1875. Verse written on [attached] paper."

This pattern was then transferred onto a stone and carved into it with mallets, chisels, picks, rasps and drills, and polished when completed. "Set up" in the order referred to placement on the cemetery plot. Mr. Bowman paid \$20.00 for his wife's stone, about two weeks wages.

The widespread use of pattern books explains why similar motifs, such as clasped hands, floral wreaths, and weeping willows, as well as identical epitaphs, appear on stones made by separate marble works throughout our Township, and even throughout the Province.

Some marble workers signed their stones in the lower left or right corner. Of the hundreds of gravestones in Puslinch, pioneer cemeteries only 72 have carver's signatures still visible

on them. These autographed stones came from 16 different marble works located in Georgetown, Hamilton, Waterloo, Guelph and Galt.

By the late 1880s, gravestone styles had begun to shift away from the single marble slab headstone toward pillars and obelisks marking whole family internments.

Despite its expense, coloured granite became the stone of choice for grave markers by the 1890s. Granite was also exported from quarries in Vermont, and these quarries became wholesalers of partially or fully cut headstones, which were personalized by the local dealer.

With the growing use of granite for gravestones 'marble works' became 'monument works.' In 1902 Sear's Roebuck produced an illustrated "Catalogue of Memorial Art in Granite and Marble" for purchase by the consumer.

The 149-page mail order catalogue offered an array of designs, verses and lettering with competitive prices.

Sandstone, limestone and white marble gravestones still stand distinct in our cemetery landscapes, monuments to loved ones and families who cleared the land and founded our community over a century and a half ago.

These skillfully carved stones are both works of art and historical artifacts, but they are in serious jeopardy. I'll explain why in next month's column.

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Cook's Corner

By Barbara Paterson

When served together, these two recipes make a simple but satisfying lunch. The mushroom recipe comes from my mother-in-law. The salad is unusual, with an interesting combination of ingredients.



Mushrooms in Sour Cream

- 1 lb. mushrooms
- 3 tbsp. butter
- 2 tbsp. water
- 1 cup commercial sour cream
- 1 tsp. salt
- ¼ tsp. pepper

Pinch of tarragon

Pinch of nutmeg 4 slices buttered toast Crispy bacon (optional)

- 1. Fry bacon if using.
- Cut large mushrooms in halves or quarters; keep the small ones whole.
- Heat butter in heavy frying pan, add mushrooms and cook over moderate heat, stirring constantly for 2 minutes.
- 4. Add water and simmer 2 more minutes. Remove from heat.
- 5. Stir in sour cream and seasonings.
- 6. Heat on low until just heated through (do not boil).
- 7. Serve immediately on hot buttered toast, with bacon on the side
- 2. Add almonds and dates.
- 3. Sprinkle with grated Parmesan cheese.
- Serve with a simple oil and lemon juice dressing such as the one below.

Basic Vinaigrette

1 tsp. mild mustard 2 tbsp. lemon juice

1 tbsp. vinegar

5 tbsp. extra virgin olive oil Salt & pepper to taste

- 1. Mix the mustard with the lemon juice and vinegar.
- 2. Gradually add the olive oil, then season with salt & pepper.

Celery Salad with Dates

4 celery stalks ¼ cup sliced almonds, lightly toasted 8 dates, cut in pieces Parmesan cheese

1. Cut celery into half inch pieces.

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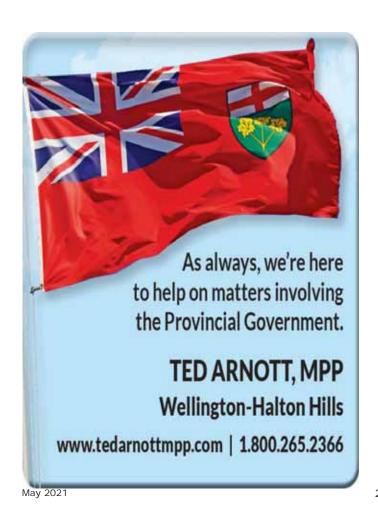
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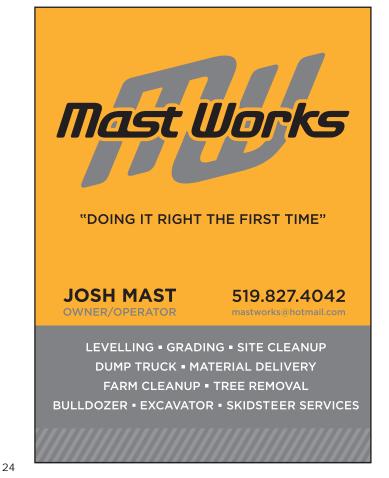
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Ask the expert

By Heather Rajotte

Q: I heard about an invasive species called gypsy moth in our area. What kind of damage does it do, and how can I help to control it in my neighbourhood?

Gypsy moth (*Lymantria dispar*), has been declared an invasive species by the Government of Canada, and is widespread throughout the eastern portion of our country.

They are one of the primary defoliating pests, and have over 500 potential host plants. This can make gypsy moth epidemics very difficult to predict and control.

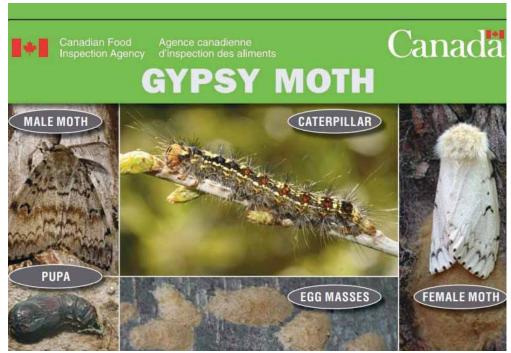
What makes gypsy moth so devastating is that they have multiple larval stages (called instars), all of which can do damage to host plants.

When the eggs hatch in May, residents of affected areas will quickly notice masses of small black/brown fuzzy caterpillars all over building roofs and decks.

As the caterpillars develop through their instars, they become larger as they continue to feed, with the final stage showing characteristic red and blue dots on their spines.

The caterpillars then pupate into adult moths – immobile white females, and brown males which are very active at ground level during daytime hours (typically July-August).

The females lay egg masses on tree trunks, lawn equipment and motor vehicles. These egg masses are very recognizable due to their orange/tan colour, erratic shape, and highly textured appearance.



Canadian Food Inspection Agency: https://inspection.canada.ca/DAM/DAM-plants-vege-taux/STAGING/text-texte/gypsy moth 1548355409137 enq.pdf

Although gypsy moth has many hosts, their favourites are oak trees (*Quercus spp.*). If you have oak trees in your neighbourhood, it's a safe bet that gypsy moth will be around.

They are also known to feed on some maples, birch, crabapple, poplar and willow, to name a few. With that many food sources, it's almost impossible to know if and/or when gypsy moth will come to your area.

The easiest way to start controlling gypsy moth in your area is to look for egg masses. You can do this two times a year: when they are freshly laid in July/August, or in the spring after they have overwintered.

Check tree trunks, lawn tractors, ATVs and garden shed walls. If you find an egg mass, scrape it cleanly off and deposit it in a bucket of hot water and bleach.

Ensure that you clean any scraping tools with the same solution between scrapes!

If you have a known tree in your yard that is plagued with gypsy moth every year, you can wrap the base of the trunk with a sticky trap just after caterpillars start to appear.

Caterpillars walk up and down the tree trunks every day to feed, and these traps are a great way to catch and dispose of them.

If you are considering planting a new tree, it may be a good idea to stay away from oaks for the near future.

Do some research on gypsy moth resistant varieties and choose from one of those instead.

Lastly, get your neighbours involved! The more people that are aware and actively working to reduce gypsy moth populations, the better overall control we will have over this invasive pest. Spread the word!

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