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Donkeys in Puslinch!

By Lesley Bayne

The idea of a donkey sanctuary began many years before the opening of the Donkey Sanctuary of Canada (DSC) in 1992.

As a girl, when the DSC's Founder, Sandra Pady encountered working animals in fields, in debilitating cold or sweltering heat, lacking food, water, and shelter, she became passionate about the animals' welfare.

Told by many in her community that animals did not have souls and therefore did not suffer, Sandra was unable to reconcile those convictions with her own.

At a young age, Sandra vowed to be an advocate for animals. Years later, as an adult, Sandra would realize her dream to help animals by becoming the Founder of the Donkey Sanctuary of Canada.

At the DSC, we envision a world in which the dignity and worth of all creatures are recognized and respected. This is the vision we live by, and on which we base our work with the donkeys.

The DSC strives to have the highest standard of care for our animals, to teach others about donkeys' unique needs and characteristics, and how to best care for them.

This effort was recognized by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS) when we became the first-ever Canadian equine sanctuary to be accredited in Canada.

To be granted accreditation by GFAS, sanctuaries must meet rigorous standards with regards to housing, nutrition requirements, veterinary care, well-being of animals, fostering and rescue policies.

The mission of the DSC is two-part:

1. To provide lifelong sanctuary for donkeys, mules and hinnies and to rehabilitate them
2. To provide education about donkeys to the local and national community as well as the equine and agriculture industries

Educational programming is a fundamental part of ensuring the welfare of donkeys in Canada and around the world.

There is a significant amount of misinformation and lack of information about donkeys, both in the general public and in the equine industry.

Donkey Myths

Myth #1: Donkeys are good guard animals.

Donkeys are not inherently guard animals but will fight a predator if they feel threatened.

Some of the donkeys rescued by the DSC were purchased by their original owners with the intent to be a guard animal.

When they did not perform their guarding duties as expected, they were neglected and/or abandoned.

Myth #2: Donkeys are good for calming a herd of horses or calves.

This practice is not in the donkey's best interest. If a donkey is fed



the same rich diet as livestock, it can become obese, which can cause hoof problems and lameness in the donkey.

Donkeys and horses can get along well if the situation is just right, but often a horse will push around a donkey because it has a herd mentality that a donkey does not.

Myth #3: Donkeys are stubborn and stupid.

Donkeys are not flight animals like horses, which is why some believe that donkeys are stubborn. A donkey takes time to assess a situation to decide if it is dangerous self-preservation enough to run, or if they should stay and fight. This cautiousness has led to a very developed sense of self-preservation.

Myth #4: Donkeys are horses with long ears.

Donkeys and horses have very different anatomical characteristics.

For example, the donkey's long ears give them the ability to hear the call of another donkey up to 60 miles away. Their large ears also help to keep them cool by using them as a fan.

Myth #5: Donkeys are incredibly strong.

Donkeys are more likely to stay and fight a predator. Fight animals cannot show vulnerability to their opponents and so donkeys do not show their pain until they are very sick or critically injured.

If you notice that a donkey is in pain or sick, it has likely been this way for some time and might not recover.

The DSC is usually open from May to October and again in December each Sunday but through the pandemic, the gates to the Sanctuary have been closed.

The donkeys are very social animals and many of them miss their visitor friends. We hope to be open in some capacity this summer, but until then, our website at www.thedonkeysanctuary.ca has photos of all of our donkeys, mules and hinnies, along with their stories.

Anyone can sponsor a donkey and get regular updates and photos about them through our website. You can also follow the DSC on social media through Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to get news, educational updates and many more photos and videos of our donkeys.

Editorial

After months of worrying about our safety with the pandemic, it would seem that theme has carried over to this month's issue of the *Pioneer*.

While hopefully we are putting the pandemic behind us, as we enter the summer months, there are other safety issues to concern us – like water safety.

Puslinch is also part of Safe Communities and you will read more about this focus on ensuring Puslinch remains a safe community in which to live and work.

With large crowd gatherings still not allowed, the Elora Festival is taking its program online and you can purchase your tickets now for concerts taking place in August.

Hopefully by the fall we will be able to gather and meet up in person at the Aberfoyle Farmers' Market.

This issue is the last one for this summer, and we will be back in September bringing you news of Puslinch.

One news flash before we hit the presses was that our very own Barbara Bulmer has been recognized as Senior of the Year. Congratulations Barbara and so well deserved.

So in keeping with the theme throughout the paper this month – have a safe summer.

Anne Day

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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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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, August 13, 2021.**

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

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Council Clips

New Parking and Dog Signage:

The Township is installing new no stopping and no parking signage in the Aberfoyle School area.

Further new signage at the Community Centre grounds to remind dog owners of areas that do not permit dogs and that dog owners must pick up after their dogs.

Wellington County Community Safety and Well Being Plan:

The plan is now available in digital format for access by residents. Developed in partnership with Wellington OPP and County of Wellington.

Benefits from Federal Gas Tax Fund:

The Township is reconstructing part of Concession Road 4 between County Road 32 and Sideroad 10.

Budgeted for \$450,000 with \$220,000 coming from gas tax fund.

Soccer Pitch Update:

Work on the soccer pitch at the rear of the Community Centre grounds has commenced. Project is on schedule to meet requirements for provincial funding.

2022 Grant Application Program:

The Township accepts grant applications to provide support for not for profit organizations and unincorporated community groups that maintain and improve the quality of life for our residents.

Applications must be submitted by 2 pm August 31, 2021. Grants will be awarded at November 17, 2021 Council meeting.

Arkell Siding Update:

Guelph GJR indicated following steps being taken: Installation of motion sensors, working with PDI to resolve humming noise, hiring a consultant to monitor noise/vibration levels, adjusted hours of operation, remove old rail ties when possible.

2021 Final Tax Levy and Rates:

Council approves the final tax rates and due dates August 31, 2021 and October 29, 2021. The tax rates will generate a total levy (Township + County + Education) of \$26,351,183.

By-law Enforcement Occurrence 1st Quarter:

The number of new complaints received is 14 and 102 were closed. Currently there are 34 open files.

Sideroad 10 N Parking Update: Staff request Council consider the proposed parking strategy, including the proposed parking restrictions and construction of a parking area at the South Eastern limit of Sideroad 10 N, for accessing the Speed River Trail.

Sign By-law Variance Request Capital Paving:

Requesting relief from Sign By-Law to permit a reduced setback from the road allowance of 20 metres, required 27 m, for installation of a new sign.

Sign By-law Variance Request Aberfoyle Powersports:

Requesting relief from Sign By-Law to permit six illuminated signs on the same street frontage on the same lot, to be installed on front of building.

County Official Plan Review:

A request be made to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to consider the establishment of a Regionally Significant Economic Development Area in Puslinch along the Highways 401 and 6 corridors prior to finalization of a boundary for Greenbelt Plan expansion.

Low Water Levels Mill Creek:

Mill Creek Stewards is requesting Council to have Harden Environmental expand their observation/documentation to the Mill Creek low levels and request local aggregate operations take mitigating measures, including ceasing operation, during this unusual period of risk to the community's water ecosystems and wetlands.

Our Region declared a variant "hotspot."

The Province has declared the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Region as an area of concern when it comes to the Delta COVID-19 variant.

As a result of the June 10 hotspot declaration, 8,000 extra doses of Moderna vaccine were to be delivered to the region to help with first and second doses.

"I am urging every resident of the region – do not wait. Book your first or second dose as soon as you can."

The Delta variant is expected to become the dominant strain in Ontario this summer.

"The Delta variant is different from other variants and harder to pin down," shares Dr. Matthew Tenebaum.

As of June 15 there have been eight

confirmed cases of the variant, which originated in India.

Individuals having trouble booking online can call 1-844-780-0202 for support.

Visit www.wdgpulchhealth.ca to register or preregister for a first dose appointment.

For more information on COVID-19 and tips on taking care of your mental health during physical distancing and social isolation, please contact Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health at 1-800-265-7293 or visit www.wdgpulchhealth.ca

Please continue to practice physical distancing of two meters, consider leaving if it is crowded, continue wearing a mask.



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Council Meetings (519) 763-1226
Wednesday September 22 at 10am, followed by a Public Information Meeting on September 22 at 7pm.

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
All Municipal indoor facilities including the Optimist Recreation Centre Gymnasium remain closed due to the current Provincial directives. The Township has reopened their outdoor facilities for private rentals (Baseball Diamonds, Optimist Recreation Centre Rink, Soccer Fields and Picnic Pavilion), as per the current Provincial directives. For further facility updates and media releases, please visit the Township's COVID-19 page on their website <https://puslinch.ca/government/covid-19-information-and-updates/>

Historical Society Archives
Saturdays 12 noon - 3 pm or for appointment email ardyne.farm@sympatico.ca or 519-822-8559. WDG COVID restrictions apply.

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- Leaf and yard waste will be collected curbside in **urban** areas only.
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Completed Grant Applications for Township of Puslinch not-for-profit organizations or unincorporated community groups will be received until 2:00 pm on Tuesday August 31, 2021 electronically on the Township website or via email to Mary Hasan, Director of Finance/Treasurer, at mhasan@puslinch.ca

All qualified applicants will be considered during the 2022 Budget process. Applicants are advised that there is a limited amount of grant funding available.

For further information or to obtain a copy of the Grant Application Policy and Grant Application Form, please visit the Township's website at www.puslinch.ca or contact the Township at 519-763-1226 ext. 106.

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In Memoriams

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Of Puslinch, passed away peacefully at Morriston Park Nursing Home on June 10, in her 96th year.

Beloved wife of Edward Scott (Scotty) MacDonald (d. 2012). Loving mother of Hugh (Janice) MacDonald. Cherished grandmother of Amy Sanders (Nick), Scott MacDonald (Elizabeth), and Brandon MacDonald (Rebecca). Proud great grandmother of Hailey and Kate Sanders, Thomas and Jack MacDonald. Predeceased by infant son John, sister Jean Barker, and brothers LCpl. Wm. Alexander McLean (WWII), and Russell McLean.

Heartfelt thanks are extended to the staff at Morriston Park for all of their care and kindness.

Arrangements entrusted to the WALL-CUSTANCE FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 519-822-0051 / www.wallcustance.com. A private graveside burial will take place.

Memorial contributions to the Puslinch Loan Cupboard Home Health Care Equipment Service or Morriston Park Nursing Home would be appreciated.

A tree will be planted in memory of J. Elizabeth (Betty) MacDonald in the Wall-Custance Memorial Forest.

John Allan Clark



It is with profound sadness that we share the passing of John Allan Clark ("Johnny") on Friday, May 28, 2021.

Johnny was born in 1951 in Guelph to parents Malcolm and Donald Clark of Puslinch. A tall and strong fifth generation farmer, he proudly farmed alongside his brother Jimmie for 52 years.

Family, friends, and community members always appreciated his generosity and kindness in sharing his bounty - especially the annual squash harvest.

Johnny enjoyed playing baseball, cheering on the Maple Leafs, and debating politics. He was an avid supporter of harness racing in Ontario and previously owned a number of standardbred horses. Johnny will be remembered as a passionate conversationalist who enjoyed talking to everyone he crossed paths with.

Johnny will be deeply missed by his brother James Clark ("Jimmie"), sister Helen Dunbar, and brother-in-law Fred. Uncle Johnny will always have a special place in the hearts of his niece Leah and nephew Keith.

A private service was held with the immediate family.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Guelph General Hospital Foundation in the name of John Allan Clark (519-837-6422 or www.gghfoundation.ca).

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Senior of the year – Barbara Bulmer

By Anne Day



Growing up in nearby Galt, Ontario, Barb's compassion and caring began as a Registered Nurse, graduating in 1957 from Grand River Hospital. She was soon off to California to practice

at the UCLA Medical Centre and then on to San Francisco working for Flying Tiger Airlines.

In 1970, Barbara and her family moved to Puslinch, where her son Matthew is now a Township Councilor. Her daughter Alexandra is an accomplished playwright.

She is also the proud grandmother of Iain, a fourth year, University of Guelph Engineering student and mother-in-law to Siobhan.

Barbara felt the best way to support her community, was to run for Puslinch Township Council. She was the first female ever to be elected.

Barb feels her years on Council were the most important to her and her ability to be influential for the betterment of her local community. She is also an active and long-time Rotarian.

Barb has slowed down a bit in recent years, but is far from ready to hang up her hat. In her words, "the chair is still rockin'."

For example, she is as an active, long-

time volunteer at the Ellis Chapel, an historic site and place of worship in the Township, and currently serves as Secretary on the Board.

And for the past ten years, she has also served on the *Puslinch Pioneer* Board, giving her ideas and input on the direction of the publication which is volunteer-run.

She's been our "roving reporter," writing articles of interest to local residents and she always has the pulse on what's happening and important in Puslinch.

As a woman in her eighties, she doesn't act or think like someone of her age. She is always futuristic, taking a broad perspective and pushes you to dig deeper and be creative.

This issue of the *Pioneer* is her last one as interim chair, a role she has played for the past year. It therefore seems fitting that she should receive this honour.

Our congratulations to Barbara on receiving this well-deserved award.

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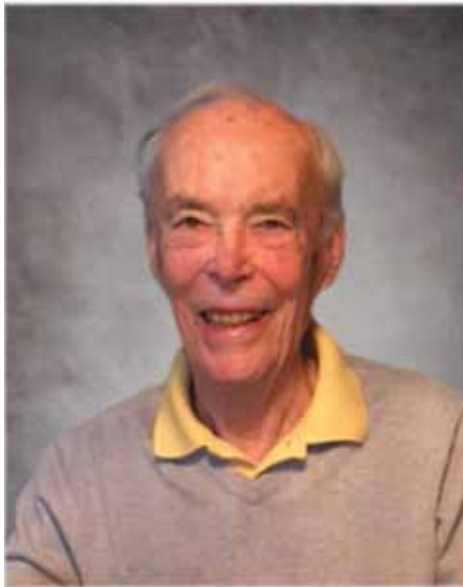
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In Memoriam

Derek Maitland Jamieson



A proud Canadian and a proud Scot, died in the early morning hours of June 1st, 2021.

Born in Scotland on November 27, 1930, to Hazel Findlay and John Jamieson, Derek was warmly embraced by his big sister, Hazel and so began their strong lifelong sibling bond. Although lower school proved neither interesting nor challenging for Derek, he came into his own once he got to the University of St. Andrews, where he read mathematics. With degree in hand, Derek emigrated to Canada in 1953 to start his new life.

Experience from working for CIL, and the Canadian Defence Research Board

provided a launching pad to MIT, where graduate work was followed by employment. Derek enjoyed the challenge of working on highly classified and complex projects there.

However, after five years and in order to continue this work, Derek had a choice; he had to become an American citizen or leave his post. Derek chose to return to Canada, joining the Bank of Canada, then in 1968 he took a position at the newly formed University of Guelph. This is where Derek truly, albeit quietly, made his mark.

As Director of Institutional Analysis and Planning, Derek worked behind the scenes playing a central role in strategic University planning, advising and supporting several Presidents and senior administrators. Derek's keen intellect, wise advice and sheer common sense were hugely respected at Guelph where he made an invaluable contribution.

Similarly, this brilliant but humble man was highly regarded by his counterparts across the country. His legacy in the institutional analysis world and particularly the Ontario University System, will last long. For the sheer joy of it, Derek taught an undergraduate course in Operations Research each semester. Nothing gave him more pleasure than working with bright young minds and mentoring promising students, a number of whom became friends for life.

For almost fifty years, Derek planted his roots firmly in Puslinch Township, where he was an avid gardener whose dahlias and begonias were the pride of his garden. A student and connoisseur of fine wines, Derek formed a wine tasting group of friends in the

80s which gathered monthly for more than 40 years. An appreciation of good food took Derek to fine restaurants around the world as well as to his own kitchen where he prepared wonderful meals, hosting friends and building new friendships. He set a wonderful example of how to take care of others, with generosity and kindness.

Derek's life was not without storms and those who knew of some of his heartbreaks still marvel at his strength to make the best of things and carry on. Derek's dogs were his loyal and constant companions. An active member of his small rural church, Derek contributed to his faith family, taking leadership roles, participating in services and even baking Christmas cookies for the annual sale.

Derek was a joyful soul. He kept that joy and a sense of curiosity even after an accident in 2018. There was a twinkle in his eye or a little smile when he knew he said something clever. Derek was a good man, a gentleman, an intellect, devoted brother, loving friend, humble colleague, good neighbour, wine connoisseur, mathematician, dog lover, accomplished cook, gardener and faithful servant.

A private funeral service was held on June 5, 2021. A public memorial is not planned. Should you wish to remember Derek with a donation, to a cause, close to your heart, please do. And raise a glass to a departed friend. Arrangements entrusted to the WALLCUSTANCE FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 519-822-0051 / www.wallcustance.com.

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NATURALLY SPEAKING

The Marionberry

By Marion Robertson

I was totally intrigued when I read descriptive names such as, ' the king of the blackberries ' and ' cabernet of blackberries '.

The more I researched this fruit, the more I knew I wanted to grow it. It is not a newly-released hybrid but was created back in 1945. It is a cultivar developed by the USDA breeding program and Oregon State University.

The Marionberry is a cultivar of two distinctive blackberry lines created to increase berry yields more than any other blackberries and to have a more balanced taste.

The origins of the name Marionberry is derived from where the berry was



first released in Marion county in Oregon.

The fruit when fully ripe is a lovely dark purple and is marketed as seedless. Not totally true, but the seeds are so tiny you do not even notice them.

The berries contain high levels of antioxidants such as Vitamin C. In July to August there are lots of berries. But not to worry since the Marionberry is the premier berry cultivated for and used in yogurts, jams and juices. It freezes very well.

Though advertised as self-pollinating,

the bees and pollinators love to visit this plant during flowering. For best berry yields be sure to plant in full sun in good soil that is well drained.

No standing water. Plant canes 4 – 5 feet apart. Be sure to trellis or support the canes that can grow up to 16 – 20 feet. Marionberry is a vigorous grower and fruits on the 2nd year.

Though very hardy and disease resistant it can be susceptible to leaf blight and anthracnose. Simply keep your Marionberry away from other raspberries, strawberries, tomatoes or peppers since these plants may transmit the disease.

Care of these plants is minimal. Do not prune canes the first year. After the second year start pruning to encourage new wood. Pruning isn't so bad since the canes are almost thornless.

Marion Robertson is co owner of Bee Sweet Nature Co. A nursery specializing in native and Carolinian trees, shrubs and wildflowers.

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Why is close important? If every gravel truck had to travel even one extra km to its jobsite it would release an additional 7,000 tonnes of greenhouse gases into the environment each year. That's not good for anyone.

The aggregate industry continuously rehabilitates sites that have been extracted. In 2020, more than 173 ha, or the equivalent of 326 football fields, were returned to agriculture, aquatic or natural areas in the MNRF Guelph District area alone.

There's a lot to know about gravel.

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Cook's Corner

By Barbara Paterson

Hopefully, we will have a lovely summer when we can get outdoors and enjoy barbecuing. These two recipes work well. For both, the grilling time is approximate and you will have to be the judge of when the meat is cooked.

Pork Kebabs



1½ lbs. boneless pork top loin, cut into 1" cubes
 ½ orange or green pepper, cut into chunks
 ½ red pepper, cut into chunks
 About ½ fresh pineapple, cut into chunks

Marinade
 ½ cup BBQ sauce

¼ cup Italian salad dressing
 1 tsp. lemon juice
 3 tbsp. honey
 ½ tsp. hot pepper sauce

1. In a bowl, combine marinade ingredients. Mix well. Add pork cubes and marinate at room temperature 1 hour or up to 24 hours in the fridge. Reserve marinade and boil for a few minutes to kill bacteria.
2. Alternately skewer pork with peppers and pineapple chunks.
3. Grill over medium low heat 4-6 minutes per side, turning once. During last 3 minutes of grilling, brush reserved, boiled marinade over kebabs.

Honey-Garlic Chicken Thighs

They taste like honey-garlic chicken wings only healthier because you have removed the skin.

12 bone-in chicken thighs, skin removed
 ½ cup liquid honey
 ¼ cup hoisin sauce, optional
 3 tbsp. lemon juice
 3 tbsp. soy sauce
 1 tbsp. minced garlic



2 tsp. grated gingerroot
 ½ tsp. each ground curry and ground coriander
 1/8 tsp. cayenne pepper

1. Arrange chicken thighs in a shallow glass dish. Whisk together all remaining ingredients in a small bowl and pour over chicken. Turn to coat with marinade. Cover with plastic wrap and marinate in the fridge for at least 4 hours or overnight.
2. If desired, you can reserve marinade and boil it for a few minutes.
3. Preheat grill to medium. Place thighs on grill rack and grill for about 10 minutes per side. Watch carefully so that they don't burn. You can brush chicken with boiled marinade when chicken is almost done.



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Enhancing empathy, resisting shame

By Kim Hussey

"Empathy is the most powerful antidote to shame" - Brené Brown.

Shaming is a word we have heard of ten throughout the pandemic.

Undoubtedly, it is easy to choose empathy vs. shame, and yet do we really know the difference between the two and how they show up in our daily lives?

Brené Brown asserts that empathy and shame are on opposite sides of a continuum. So if shame shows up with these undesirable results, what does empathy result in?

Using Brené's four qualities of empathy, this attribute can be a game-changer.

Perspective-taking

The ability to take someone else's perspective and recognize their view as truth is not always easy.

The way we respond to new government regulations and restrictions can impact a trickle effect that is either negative or positive.

Avoiding judgments

Judgments cloud clarity. Judging is a breeding ground for toxicity that can result in gossip, dismissiveness or shift into a negative mindset. And sadly, once that starts, it isn't easy to recover.

Recognizing emotion in another person

Similarly, recognizing how our actions are impacting another person is the roots of empathy. When you intentionally consider the emotion and experience of someone else, it shows understanding that is otherwise challenging to find.

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your desire to understand is the bridge to connection. Talk to each other. Authentically engage with your neighbours, family and friends to build open lines of transparent, non-judgmental communication.

When we can question how our actions affect others, it can lead us to deep and genuine empathy.

And we can all use that right about now.



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We can only imagine

By Marjorie Clark

"Hurrying out and ascending the grassy ramparts, I was perfectly amazed to behold the air filled, the sun obscured by millions of pigeons, not roving about but darting onwards in a straight line with arrowy flight in a vast mass a mile or more in breadth and stretching before and behind as far as the eye could reach.

Swiftly and steadily the column passed over with a rushing sound and for hours continued in undiminished myriads, advancing over the American forests in the eastern horizon as the myriads that had passed were lost in the western sky.

It was late in the afternoon before any decrease in the mass was perceptible but they became gradually less dense as the day drew to a close.

At sunset the detached flocks bringing up the rear began to settle in the forest in the Lake Road and in such numbers to break down branches from the trees."

This is the account of the spectacular spring migration of the Passenger Pigeon by Ross W. King, who was quartered at

Fort Mississauga near Niagara in May 1860.

Flying in long, stratified lines, about a foot apart from one another, wing beats synchronized with the leaders, the majority arrived in Ontario in April.

Resembling but larger than the Mourning Dove, they were graceful and very fast in flight. Slim and about 16 inches long, with thick, sleek plumage, brightly iridescent neck feathers and long, pointed tails, they were beautiful.

There were flocks of enormous numbers occurring everywhere east of the Rockies. Gregarious, communal and noisy, with loud notes, they were unique among pigeons in that they roosted and nested in huge, closely congested colonies.

There was a rookery in Badenoch.

They ate beechnuts, chestnuts, acorns, maple and elm seeds, tree buds, foxtail, mulberries, blueberries and elderberries, grubs, worms, caterpillars and grasshoppers.

Like all pigeons, they drank without raising their heads. They fed in a wide front, those in the rear constantly rising and settling ahead of the front ranks.

Building a shallow platform of twigs, near

the trunk of the tree, the female laid one pure white egg, which hatched in two to three weeks.

Both parents fed and tended the nestling for two weeks and would feed the young of other pigeons, which had lost their parents.

In the first years of settlement, from June to September, Passenger Pigeon and fish were staples of the diet of new arrivals. With the clearing of the forests, the Pigeons' habitat and food sources were reduced.

They were forced to find other sustenance and turned to settlers' wheat, buckwheat and peas. There were no game laws; despite no longer being required to survive, they were slaughtered in migration, at their rookeries, even at their nest sites, by day and at night by lantern.

They were shot in large numbers at "sporting" events. With the encroachment of civilization, they were forced further and further west. So persecuted were they, that they were often forced to desert their nests.

They were last reported locally in Rockwood in the spring of 1884. The Passenger Pigeon was hunted to extinction and we can now only imagine how wonderful these creatures were.

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The Community Safety and Well-being Plan for Wellington County is now complete.

The Plan, which took three years to complete, was developed through the Safe Communities Wellington County Leadership Table in partnership with Wellington County OPP and the County of Wellington. We'd like to thank the community members and organizations who participated.

The Plan addresses the unique nature of Wellington County and relies on the teamwork of many sectors, including: municipalities, police, paramedics, education, Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health, healthcare, social services, and community based human services agencies.

"People needing assistance need to receive the right response, at the right time, by the right service provider," said Inspector Detachment Commander, Paul Richardson, Wellington County OPP.

The concept of community safety and well-being planning has been championed by the Ontario working group on Collaborative, Risk-Driven Community Safety, the Ontario Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services and The Ontario Ministry of the Solicitor General.

The preliminary issues for attention in the plan will include:

- reducing motor vehicle collisions throughout Wellington County,
- reducing instances of falls in the older population,
- providing easier access to mental health supports and decreasing the escalating numbers of intentional self-harm.

In addition to these three, the plan will include,

- decreasing the number of accidental poisonings,
- coordinating efforts with all municipalities to improve the safety of vulnerable road users,
- increasing safety protocols within organized sport organizations, and, finally,
- coordinating efforts to reduce agriculture related injuries.

Wellington County is continuing on a collaborative path to strengthen our bonds with each other and increase the safety and well-being of the residents who live across our extraordinary County.

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The magic of walking

By Anne Day

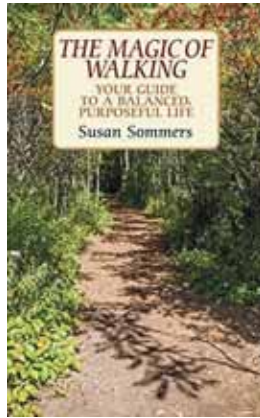
Is walking El Camino on your bucket list? It was for Susan Sommers, and during COVID she discovered that you can actually do the walk online.

Now whether this is in person or virtual, this is no walk for slouches. In total it's 778 kilometers and Sommers planned to walk 15,000 steps a day. She started in June, 2020 and finished in October, 2020. Impressive.

And even more impressive is the fact that she completed this at age 75. Makes you feel like a couch potato doesn't it? Sommers actually started walking and taking part in races and marathons at 59 and has been leading groups since.

Based in Toronto she used her walking time to explore different parts of the city, taking photos as she went along. "I knew I was a walker, she shares, "but I learnt that I am a photographer too." She started to be more attentive to her surroundings and noticed more as she walked, getting more and more in tune with nature.

She also became more motivated as she read Sonia Choquette's book



Walking Home: A Pilgrimage from Humbled to Healed. "I'd come home after my walk, and delve into the book to capture what it would be like to do the walk in person." As she e-travelled El Camino, she received post-cards from the

organizers to show her what she would have seen, depending on where she was on her journey.

The project also propelled her to write another book about walking. She already has two under her belt, and the focus of this book – *The Magic of Walking: Your Guide to a Balanced, Purposeful Life* is to provide useful information for walkers and inspire you to lace up your shoes and get going.

The book is jam-packed with tips, like did you know there are ten different types of walking? Sommers even includes how to go walking when you have a walker. Growing up with an older brother who had polio as a child, she's aware of the challenges facing people using a walker.

She also provides lists and links to

other walking groups, locations and the "equipment" you need as you set off.

Her advice for someone starting out is to find a walking group or at minimum a walking buddy as that way you get to socialize, motivate each other to walk further, and it becomes way more fun.

Much is written about how hard COVID has been on us, physically and mentally, but Sommers shows that you can turn things around and have something good come out of a tough situation.

"With the continued stress of the pandemic, walking is an ideal way for women to care for their health." Said Sommers. "I wrote this book to provide a variety of strategies and tools for all types of walking at every age and stage of life, for physical fitness, mental clarity and spiritual strength."

If any of you want to walk El Camino virtually, go to <https://theconqueror.events> And you will find other walks of interest too – the Grand Canyon or the Cabot Trail.

Sommers' book is available at power-sourceforwomen.com and the e-book version is available through Amazon.com



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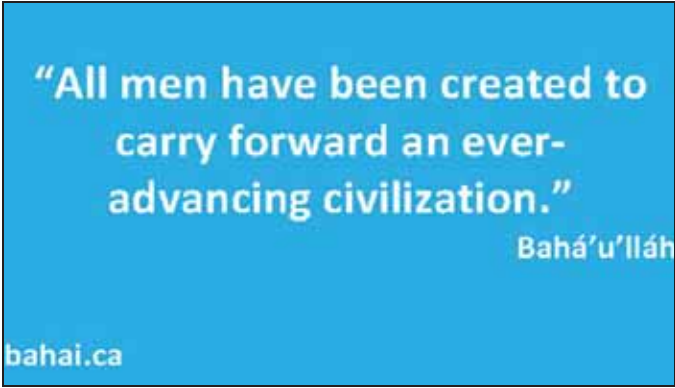
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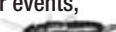


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Daffodils, Super Stars of the Spring Garden

By Lianne Crane

When it comes to spring bulbs, we are blessed with the variety of cultivars we have access to. There is truly something for everyone. My favourite is the daffodil.

There are so many types of daffodils that they are classified into 12 groups, mostly reflecting the number or size of the flower per stem, colors, or the shape of the petals and perianth.

They are among the easiest bulbs to grow. The smaller species naturalize well, and the larger ones multiply slowly year after year, turning into a basketball size clumps that need to be dug up and replanted every few years.

You know when you start to get more leaves than flowers, that it is time to lift the clump and replant.

They come in a wonderful array of colours and styles that pair up nicely with any other spring perennials or shrubs.

They do not get pests or diseases and last a very long time in a vase. Some daffodil varieties are very fragrant.

The Tazetta, Cyclamineus, Triandrus, some doubles, trumpets and large cups varieties, Jonquil and Poeticus varieties especially. Read carefully to ensure you select these varieties.

It is important to remember that the alkaloids in daffodil mucilage are toxic to flowers including tulips and roses. Studies have shown however that the opposite effect was seen with irises, their bloom time was prolonged. I am very fortunate to live for the last

five years on three acres of rolling hills, lush forest and flood plain framed by 16 Mill Creek. There are Daffodils planted everywhere!

The previous owner was a lovely British lady named Freda, who was known as the Daffodil Queen. She planted 500 daffodils each year for 22 years. I asked Freda one day what did she have in her head as far as designing with her bulbs go, what was her vision?

She laughed and told me that she just planted them anywhere they would fit. With over a dozen large gardens to choose from and an expansive rockery, she had lots of room.

Prior to moving here, I had planted a few here and there but I was not prepared for this magnitude.

The display is stunning for about two solid months and then you are dealing with the bulb foliage for three months. That is the part that drives me crazy.

Freda taught me to remove the flower stalk and then tuck it under a neighbouring perennial. This works well for the most part, but the clumps were just getting too big.

The biggest challenge was the rockery. The plants there were not big enough to hide bulb foliage behind. The beautiful rocks and plants were covered by all this foliage, so I decided to remove about 6,000 bulbs from the rockery.

What I was not prepared for was the size of the clumps I was digging up basketball sizes. Now I was stuck with what to do with them so I started transplanting them in the hardwood forest by the path we use and dotted throughout so we could see them from the house windows.

That worked well for the first few, but the clumps were getting bigger and bigger. None had been touched in over 20 years.

On the forest edge, facing the green space is about 600 feet wide. Our son Alex helped by digging me 240 large and wide holes. Twenty to 30 bulbs were planted in each one. The display this spring was amazing.



This was a huge undertaking that took me months to complete. The bulbs were not always planted right away and one very large wheelbarrow full was left under a shrub and forgotten about for a couple of months, then rediscovered and planted.

I was expecting only a fraction to bloom this spring, but to my amazement, they all bloomed.

What a display going across the back. It was fabulous.

Not only are daffodils stunning but they are tough little guys! They can take neglect and then forgive you in the spring and flower.

I hope I have tempted you to buy daffodils for your garden or get more, and when you do, please do so by July or you may be disappointed.

Below is a great reference for daffodils that may like as much as I do.

<https://www.gardenia.net/compare-plants/narcissus-daffodils>

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Water safety

By Peter VanOordt

Now that summer is in full swing, many of us will be seeking out our own idea of that perfect summer spot.

For some, it's a favourite beach, or perhaps a cottage by the lake, or maybe a riverside campsite. For others, it's getting out on the lake in a powerboat, personal watercraft, canoe, or kayak that makes for the perfect summer day.

No matter your pleasure, there's a good chance that many of us will be spending at least some time on or near the water as countless other Canadians do each summer.

While many of us will enjoy our summer without incident, regrettably, some of us will face tragedy.

Each year, hundreds of Canadians drown according to a Canadian Red Cross report and the majority of those drownings were associated with recreational activities such as swimming, wading, and boating.

According to the same report, approximately 85 percent of those who drowned while boating were not wearing a properly fitted lifejacket or personal floatation device (PFD).



The report also cited one's inadequate swimming ability as a significant risk factor for drowning.

One of the best ways to reduce your risk of drowning is to wear a lifejacket or PFD whenever you are on or around water.

A Transport Canada approved lifejacket will provide the most protection as they are designed to keep one's head above the water even if one is unconscious.

While a PFD offers less floatation than a lifejacket, they are generally more comfortable to wear and are often specifically designed for a specific watersport or activity and are available in a wide range of colours and designs.

Ultimately, the PFD that you are actually wearing is likely going to offer you more protection than the lifejacket you have stowed somewhere on the boat.

Whether you choose a lifejacket or a PFD, make sure that you wear it!

No matter how you choose to enjoy our brief Canadian summer, make sure that you keep your safety in mind and manage the risks associated with enjoying the water this season.



Committee members wanted

By Sara Bailey

The **Puslinch Safe Communities Committee** is a community group formed in 2020 under the wing and guidance of the Safe Communities Wellington County committee. The committee's goal is "to promote safety and well-being to the residents in the Township of Puslinch".

The committee is comprised of individuals from the community- Puslinch Fire Department, Roads, Parks & Recreation, Council representation, and the local OPP detachment as well as connecting to EMS, social services, WDGPH and local programs.

Our local program recognizes that in Wellington County the three main injury issues are those related to falls, motor vehicle collisions and intentional self-harm.

Our short term goals are to promote programs and resources that exist locally and to help encourage safety prevention to prevent accidents and injuries to the residents of Puslinch.

We are looking for new members to join us! We hold approximately six meetings a year.

If you are interested in becoming involved with the committee please contact Councillor Sara Bailey at sbailey@puslinch.ca or contact our email safe-puslinch@gmail.com

Stay tuned for an upcoming survey on the new Township engagement platform; **Engage Puslinch** at <https://engagepuslinch.ca/>



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HERITAGE MATTERS

Standing Stones, Heritage Landscapes

By Mary Tivy

Outlander is a popular series of books, recently made into a television show. The plot centres on a woman who enters a circle of standing stones in the Scottish Highlands in 1946, touches a stone and is transported back to 1743, on the eve of the Jacobite Rebellion. She meets a handsome Highlander and the rest is (fictional) history.

Visit the standing stones in our historic cemeteries and you will be transported back to the beginning of the settlement period in our Township. The earliest of these stones date before our own Rebellion of 1837-1838.

Among immigrants from different places, you will meet Highlanders too, such as the Frasers, Fergusons, Clarks, and Camerons.

Settler's social networks continued into death. Most of the people buried in each of our nine historic cemeteries lived within a five kilometre radius of the cemetery and/or were members at an adjoining church.

Many of the houses the pioneers built display heritage plaques today. But gravestones are their personal plaques, placed by their loved ones in their own time.

The stones reveal their lives lived and lost, the places of their birth, their families and communities, and their languages and beliefs.

The stones are thresholds of information about the Scottish, English, Irish and European settlers who lie below.



Photo Credit: WCMA A2007.177, DVD7, Killean Cemetery 8.9. Photographer: Stephen Bowley.

"Erected by SIMON FRASER, A Native of the Parish of Inv's Scotland and his Legal Spouse MARY FRASER to the memory of Their Beloved Children Who Departed This life at the Several Periods Hereafter Mentioned: ISABELL, Born 25 Nov 1835; Died 20 Dec. 1841. Aged 6 years, 25 days. DUNCAN, Born 1 Feb 1838; Died 1 Mar. 1845. Aged 7 Years, 1 mo. ALEXANDER, Born 15 Mar. 1843 Died 1 Mar. 1845. Aged 1 Year 11 mo. 16 days.

What can we learn from this Fraser gravestone? The text, thistles and Gaelic epitaph tell us it belongs to a Highland Scottish family who immigrated from Inverness.

"Legal spouse" implies the couple declared themselves married without clergy present, considered legal in Scotland. They lost two children on the same day, March 1, 1845 as well as a daughter in December 1841. To my knowledge no one has been able to translate the Gaelic epitaph because the marble has worn.

Cemeteries are heritage landscapes.

Our settler cemeteries are historically significant places. The gravestones in our pioneer cemeteries form the largest group of settlement-era artifacts in Puslinch.

Built on lots set aside as burying grounds, the cemeteries themselves are the oldest intact "designed" landscapes in our Township.

Unlike ancient burying places in Britain and Ireland, our pioneer cemeteries are not stone circles. They are all rectangular plots of land. They have a specific layout.

Burials are laid with the head to the west and feet to the east with the headstones facing east. This arrangement follows the Christian belief that Christ and Jerusalem will rise again from the East.

Only the stones in the larger Crown and Farnham cemeteries face south. Possibly some of the deceased were buried on their left sides in their plots to face the east, as in south-facing cemeteries elsewhere.

All of our settler cemeteries are vulnerable. Gravestones are eroding and some have vanished. Vandalism at closed cemeteries has taken a toll and is a continued threat.

Should you decide to visit these cemeteries, please honour the dead by showing

care for the stones and the landscape. Tread softly on consecrated ground.

Don't bring your pets and don't take anything but photos. And remember that the Killean Cemetery is closed to all but families of the deceased.

Elora Festival goes online



Over the years, the Elora Festival has encompassed all forms of classical music, international music, jazz and folk.

Last year the Festival had to be cancelled because of the pandemic, but this year it is forging on, bringing music into our homes online.

Tickets are now on sale, and to make the music experience affordable to all, there is a range of ticket prices which you can select.

The Festival starts on August 5 and runs through to August 21 and offers a wide range of music to suit all tastes.

Featured artists include Jason Max Ferdinand Singers, Rolston String Quartet, the Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir, Festival of the Sound Ensemble, the Elora Singers and Colm Feore.

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BAHA'I FAITH

www.bahaisofpuslinch.ca.

- You are invited to join us in our study of – *Reflections on the Life of the Spirit* – a course on the spiritual nature of the human being. During the pandemic, this study will be conducted via the Zoom video conference platform. Call 519-767-3135 or email lsapuslinch@gmail.com for particulars of date, time and Zoom link.

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Music Director: John Zadro

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www.pccweb.ca/knox-crieff/

Minister Rev. Michelle Yoon

- Sunday Worship at 10 am.

While the pandemic remains our weekly services are posted on Facebook look for Knox Presbyterian Church, Crieff.

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Minister: Rev. Margaret Ruggles

(519) 822-8610

www.morristonunitedchurch.com

Email: morristonunitedchurch@gmail.com

We are continuing to remain closed but are holding online services every Sunday at 10:30 am on our Facebook page. "Mount Carmel-Zion United Church". Be sure to "follow us". Stay tuned for news on re-opening!

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Community Announcements

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DUFF'S CHURCH

Contact the church office at 519-763-1163 or email office@duffschurch.ca.

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

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OPTIMIST CLUB OF PUSLINCH

Is one of the most active clubs in the Township. Our focus is youth. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Visit www.optimistclubofpuslinch.com and fill out an application or call Ken at 519-763-0309 or contact any club 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.

PUSLINCH FIDDLE GROUP

Meets the 3rd Sunday of each month 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. Call Paul McDonald (519)763-9764.

PARENT-CHILD PLACE

Is a free drop-in program for parents and caregivers with children birth to 6 years, running September -June. It runs on Tuesdays at the Puslinch Community Centre from 9:30-11:30.

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Fred Law (519) 767-2462
Dianne Hersey (519) 824-6304
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