

# Puslinch Pioneer

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## Historically speaking

By Cheryl McLean

The Puslinch Historical Society was formed in 1984 to bring together those people interested in the heritage of Puslinch Township. The Society is non-profit and operated by volunteers.

If you enjoy history, we invite you to join our organization. We are especially looking for new members for our executive who can assist in various activities such as:

- writing an article,
- planning a historic or spirit walk,
- arranging a visit to a local site,
- organizing an information night, or
- greeting visitors searching for their roots at our archives located in the Puslinch Library in Aberfoyle.

Note that due to COVID 19 public events are on hold but investigation and planning are in progress.

At the library we provide assistance researching a variety of topics. We have information on local families, villages and settlements, local veterans, lot histories, cemeteries, township papers and so much more.

You are invited to find out more about the resources available for you.

For example, 5 Victoria Street is one of three original log homes in Morriston.



Built by the Schlegels in 1853-54, the same year that the family came to Morriston from Germany. It is a fine example of a pioneer's first real home. In the 1850s there were up to three families living in this small cabin.

Rev. Beese was a minister and had served at Morriston Evangelical Church 1894-1908 and had returned to retire here in the 50's. Rev. and Mrs. Beese and their son Carl and his wife Margaret (Hingleman) lived together at 5 Victoria Street.

Carl had some physical disabilities and built this car to scoot around the village. He was a well-known photographer.



This is a photo of Carl and Marg Beese in his custom car on Victoria Street looking west towards Highway 6.

In the photo you can see the old town hall which has since been demolished and the site turned into a park. The next house to the north has since had the siding removed and returned to log. The house two up from that was destroyed by fire in the 60's.

Currently visits to the archives are by appointment only. Check out our website [www.puslinchhistorical.ca](http://www.puslinchhistorical.ca) to arrange a visit. The site also provides many links to other informative sites.

The Society has a great number of publications available at the archives or by mail. These books are a wealth of information but since most are now out of print there are limited quantities available.

Whether you have been in Puslinch for a lifetime or are new to the area, we would love to have you on our team. Membership in the society is \$15 for individuals and \$20 for families.

If you would like to get involved, please contact me at 519 822-8781.

# Editorial

It is hard to believe that 2021 is coming to a close, although I suspect many will be glad to see the year behind us.

We are wishing for a healthy, pandemic-free year in 2022.

In this issue of the *Pioneer*, we are very much looking back at our historical roots, with information on the Historical Society, the profile of a prominent Puslinch resident from times gone by, and Mary Tivy's interesting article about the dish with one spoon.

Looking more to the immediate future, we have provided a list of potential sources for holiday gifts that have a long-lasting impact on others.

It's a time to give back and we encourage you to consider your choices as you purchase or donate to causes close to your heart.

As we read about how families in Fort McMurray rallied round to support each other, you realize there is a strong correlation to what is happening in BC with the floods. The tenacity of the human spirit!

Sadly we have lost four local residents and our thoughts are with their families at this difficult time.

As we gather together for the holidays, it is also a time to remember; to be grateful and to treasure loved ones.

May you have a healthy and safe holiday season, with best wishes from all of us at the *Pioneer*.

Anne

PS And just a gentle reminder, we too welcome donations!

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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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**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](http://www.puslinchpioneer.ca)

Unless otherwise stated, the deadline for submission is the 2nd Friday of the month. Next deadline is **Friday, January 14th, 2022.**

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

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# Council Clips

## 2022 Proposed Budget:

Township launches a Community Engagement Survey to gain citizen feedback for the 2022 proposed budget. The survey will be active on [engagepuslinch.ca](http://engagepuslinch.ca) from Oct 26 to Jan 26/22.

## PCC Park Renovation & Upgrade:

Requesting proposal submissions for design, tender preparation and construction administration of numerous enhancements at the PCC Park in Aberfoyle.

Council requests Recreation Committee to champion the community fundraising efforts for these improvements along with Old Morriston park improvements.

## Speeding on Hume Road:

Delegation appears before Council requesting to reduce the speed limit from 60 km/hr to 50 on Hume Road with reasonable traffic calming measures.

## Morrison Medical Centre:

MTO requested to reconsider traffic lights at Telfer Glen Street & Hwy 6.

## County Roads Master Action Plan:

Staff requested to include funds to hire consultant to review County Road proposal through Aberfoyle as part of 2022 budget.

## External Audit Services:

A by-law to appoint RLB as its auditor until December 31, 2023 with the option to renew for a period of two years.

## Neubauer & Mast Pits:

St. Mary's Cement seeks to increase the tonnage condition to 1,250,000 tonnes.

Council does not support this proposal unless St. Mary's complies with current operational plan, including the requirement that material will be moved under the municipal road via conveyor.

## City of Guelph Water Supply Master Plan Update:

Council requests a longer review window to review the update given the technical nature of the topic and the potential impact to the Township.

## By-law to Prohibit and Regulate Publicized Displays:

Council proposes a by-law to prohibit and regulate publicized displays that occur on private property and the nuisance impacts arising therefrom.

## Hwy 6 Mid-Block Project Interchange Project – Concession 7 Agreement:

Staff directed to commence discussions with the County to initiate the process and formalize conveying ownership of Concession 7 between Wellington Road 34 and Maltby Road to Wellington County once MTO completes its construction work on Concession 7.

## Beverage Alcohol Sales:

Council considers request from Ultramar Gas located at 311 Brock Rd S for the sale of beverage alcohol on eligible holidays.

## Caulfield-Carter Farm 880 Victoria Rd S:

Heritage Committee has provided an update regarding this property in the Township owned by the City of Guelph as being vacant for a number of years and in need of stabilization to help prevent further deterioration.

## First Nations Acknowledgement Statement – Heritage Register:

The Township worked with a consultant to draft the First Nations Acknowledgement Statement to accompany the Heritage Register.

## Future of Fire Service:

Council to defer further consideration of a second fire station until there is improved, consistent and dependable business day coverage at the main station and there is a demonstrated need for a second station, and Council approve a three year extension of the current fire protection agreement with the City of Cambridge.

# 2021 Luella Logan Scholarship recipient announced

Warden Linton recently announced the recipient of the 2021 Luella Logan Scholarship.

The Luella Logan Scholarship will grant \$1,500 annually to a young woman pursuing post-secondary studies in political science, public administration, or a related undergraduate or graduate degree at a Canadian college or university.

Selection of the scholarship recipient was based on academic excellence and demonstration of leadership and interest in local government.

Wellington County Council is pleased to present, on behalf of the Logan Family,

the second annual Luella Logan Scholarship Award to:

Deanna Wiley, Guelph/Eramosa Township

"On behalf of County Council I would like to congratulate Ms. Wiley on receiving the 2021 Luella Logan Scholarship," said Warden Kelly Linton. "Ms. Wiley already has an impressive political résumé and we all look forward to her future political contributions."

Ms. Wiley is currently studying towards a History Major with a Minor in Politics at Brescia University College at Western University.



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### Council Meetings (519) 763-1226

Planning Development Advisory Committee, December 7th at 7pm  
Council Meeting, December 15th at 10am  
Public Information Meeting, December 15th at 7pm (to be confirmed)  
Heritage Committee, January 10 at 1pm  
Planning and Development Advisory Committee, January 11th at 7pm  
Council Meeting, January 19th at 10am  
Budget Public Information Meeting, January 19th at 7pm  
Please check the Council Calendar at <https://puslinch.ca/calendar/> 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](http://www.wellington.ca/Library).

### Optimist Recreation Centre Hours

The Optimist Recreation Centre Gymnasium has gradually re-opened, and the Township is preparing the Rink for public and private events this winter, as per current Provincial directives. For more information about Township facilities, please visit the townships Community Facilities page on their website at <https://puslinch.ca/culture-recreation/community-facilities/> or email [services@puslinch.ca](mailto:services@puslinch.ca)

### Historical Society Archives

Saturdays 12 noon - 3 pm or for appointment email [ardyne.farm@sympatico.ca](mailto:ardyne.farm@sympatico.ca) or 519-822-8559.  
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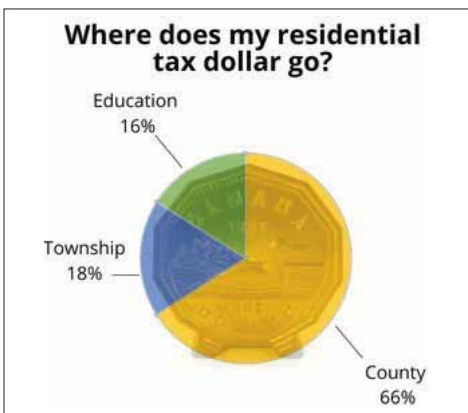
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## Budget feedback sought

The Township is excited to launch a community engagement survey on [www.EngagePuslinch.ca](http://www.EngagePuslinch.ca) to gain citizen feedback on the Township's 2022 Proposed Budget.

The budget is a strategic document that prioritizes the Township's services and programs. Your feedback is important in setting priorities and guiding the vision and growth of the Township.



Have you ever wondered how your residential tax dollar is spent? Check out the image below to see how your residential tax dollar is split between the County of Wellington, the Township and School Boards (based on the approved 2021 budget).

It is important to understand how your tax dollars are split when prioritizing Township services and programs.

The Township values citizen feedback and wants to encourage the public to share their thoughts on important annual projects such as reviewing Township Budgets.

"I encourage Puslinch residents to join the local conversation regarding the Township's 2022 proposed budget. The comments and suggestions the Township receives through Engage Puslinch are important for Council to consider when setting the annual budget for the upcoming year." Mayor James Seeley.

The survey will be active on the Township's community engagement platform, [www.EngagePuslinch.ca](http://www.EngagePuslinch.ca) from October 26th to January 26, 2022.

A Public Information Meeting will also take place on January 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. to receive public comments regarding the Township's proposed 2022 Budget.

## Wellington Walks

Is the title of a new guide produced by the County of Wellington.

It covers trails that can be found in

- Centre Wellington
- Town of Erin
- Township of Guelph/Eramosa
- Township of Mapleton
- Town of Minto
- Township of Puslinch
- Township of Wellington North

Each trail is illustrated with a map, directions and degree of difficulty and the surface of the walk.

In addition, local resources such as hospitals, OPP detachments and conservation areas are listed.

The guide is free, with copies available at the Aberfoyle Library.

# HO HO'S Christmas Trees

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# Optimist Club of Puslinch – Awards Scholarships for 2021

By Don McKay

The Optimist Club of Puslinch has once again awarded 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 was the 20th year that the Club has offered the scholarship program. Since its inception in 2001 the club has awarded over \$60,000 in scholarships. Three scholarships of \$1000 each were available for the 2021-2022 school year.

The scholarships were split into three streams;

- an academic scholarship;
- a community college scholarship; and
- a vocational-technical scholarship.

At the closing date for submissions the Club had received seven applications

for either the academic or community college scholarships.

Unfortunately, there were no applications for the vocational-technical scholarship.

The successful applicants are; academic scholarships, Ms. Claire Atkins and Mr. Wade Schnurr and community college scholarship, Ms. Brenna Elliot.

The Optimist Club wishes to thank all those who submitted applications and wish them well in their careers.

## End of state of emergency

In consultation with the Medical Officer of Health for Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health, the County of Wellington aims to end its State of Emergency on December 31, 2021 at 11:59 pm if COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations continue to decline and if the paediatric COVID-19 vaccination (ages 5-11 years old) process is under way.

The County declared a State of Emergency on March 23, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I have spoken with City of Guelph Mayor Cam Guthrie and Dufferin County Warden Darren White, and we are all on the same page," said Warden Kelly Linton. "While there is no longer a need for a local State of Emergency to be in place, the pandemic is not over. I continue to urge all residents to get vaccinated and continue to follow guidance from Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health."

"After nearly 20 months of a global pandemic, it is time to chart a path back to something more normal for all of us. I applaud our municipal partners for all they have done to protect residents from COVID-19 and look forward to charting a careful end to restrictions that reflects the reality and needs of our communities," said Dr. Nicola Mercer Medical Officer of Health and CEO for Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health.

"Ending the pandemic is a job for all of us. Please continue to follow public health guidance so that as we approach the time to ease restrictions, we are as safe and as ready as we can be."

To date, nearly 80 percent of eligible Wellington County residents are fully vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine.



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## In Memoriam

### Patricia (Pat) Jean McLean



Of Guelph (formerly of Puslinch), passed away peacefully with family by her side at St. Joseph's Health Centre on Monday, November 8, 2021 at the age of 89.

Beloved wife of the late Arnold (Arnie) McLean (2012). Loved mother of Susan Rogers (Jim), Bryan McLean (Lorna), Carol Tolles (Ben) and Arnie McLean. Loving grandmother of Greg Rogers (Debra), Melissa Benner (Leo),

Chase Byron (Jennifer) and Alana Byron (Kyle). Great grandmother of Hannah, Ella and Brody Benner, Riker Byron and Jade Hamacher. Dear sister of Mary Warll. Predeceased by siblings Bob Pinkney, Johanne Graham, and Barb Finlay.

Pat was known for her devotion to her family and would constantly be overheard proudly sharing stories and memories of family times with those she loved.

She had a passion for snowmobiling and could be found heading to the trails as soon as the snow allowed up until she was 80 years old, with her last ride on the trails at the age of 87. If she was not heading out on the sled she would look for any excuse to be on Georgian Bay boating with those she loved. She would jump at the chance to play a good game of euchre or dominos and loved listening to old-time country music. Pat will be dearly missed by her family and will continue to serve as a constant symbol of strength, compassion and unconditional love.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of Pat's life will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to the WALL-CUSTANCE FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 519-822-0051 / [www.wallcustance.com](http://www.wallcustance.com).

Memorial contributions to the cancer society or charity of choice (senior's care preferred) would be appreciated.

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## Township of Puslinch Holiday Closure

While the Township of Puslinch offices remain closed due to COVID-19 our regular holiday closure will also occur from 12pm on December 24, 2021 until 9am on January 4, 2022.

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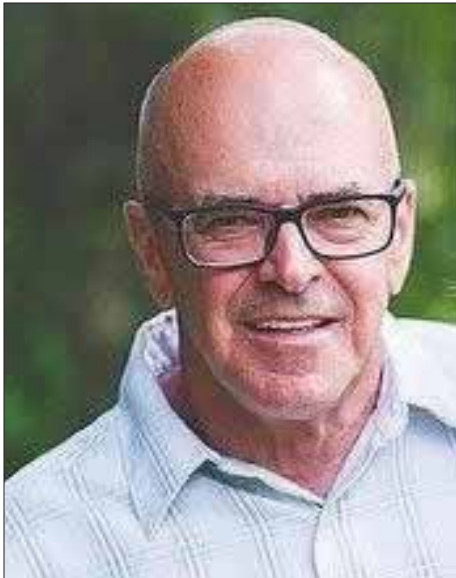
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## In Memoriams

### James (Jim) Allan Bates



October 18, 1948 - October 19, 2021

Jim passed away at home after battling throat cancer.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Christine (Krysia) nee Hejduk, his daughter Phoebe Berry, her husband Bryan and their son Beckett. He is also survived by his brothers John, Jeffrey and Joel, and Joel's wife Martha. He was predeceased by his parents John and Eleanor Bates, and his sisters Jerilyn and Jane.

Jim loved tackling major projects on his property, including a dance floor for Phoebe's wedding and a path through the woods which was enjoyed by many, especially during COVID.

Projects were often completed with the help of family, friends and neighbours.

He was a kind, thoughtful, loving man with many friends. He was a good man. He will be greatly missed. Arrangements are being made for a reception in Jim's honour, to be held shortly.

Donations to Diabetes Canada gratefully accepted. Arrangements entrusted to Gilbert MacIntyre and Son-Hart Chapel, 1099 Gordon St, Guelph. 519-821-5077  
[www.gilbertmacintyreandson.com](http://www.gilbertmacintyreandson.com)

### Owen C. Shewfelt

Passed away peacefully and lovingly, surrounded by his family on Friday, October 22, 2021, in his 83rd year.

Beloved Husband of the late Lois (nee McMonies) Shewfelt (May 31, 2018). Loved Father of John (Paula Eisnor), Donna and Warren (Julie). Proud Grandfather of Dallas, Landry, Kara and Dale.

Owen is finally back home with his beloved wife Lois of 58 years married but having been together much longer throughout their childhood and school in Waterdown. He can now rest comfortably, knowing that they are back together.

A successful Chartered Accountant that evolved to his amazing career as the head CFO of Westinghouse Canada for over 25 Years and then later at Asten Johnson in Ottawa. We were so proud of him working his way up from the factory to these influential positions. He was also on the Board for Hamilton Hydro and St. Catharines

Hydro. He wanted to provide for and take care of us.... all of our lives, even now when we are in our 50's! Dad... we are OK. Thank you for being an amazing husband, father, father in-law, brother, grandfather, and friend to everyone who knew you.

His life revolved around his family. The greatest joy being Lois and then his three children. But then his grandchildren came along... and he was in love once again. He and Lois could not get enough of their grandchildren. They loved spending time with them and the entire family.

Avid fisherman, jogger, world traveler and crossword expert. He always used to joke that the Saint John's Ambulance was following him, waiting for him to fall over, so they could pick him up, as he was always the last one jogging in the races!

Owen volunteered his time with the Optimist Club, Duff's Church and so many more Associations and people than we can mention.... especially with helping with their finances! He told you what it was for sure!

Dad, Grandpa, we love you and miss you with all of our hearts.

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## WHAT *LOCAL* REHABILITATION LOOKS LIKE



A fishpond in a former gravel pit helps create a thriving aquatic ecosystem at the McMillan Pond aquaculture facility in Puslinch.

[GravelFacts.ca](http://GravelFacts.ca)

# The gift that keeps on giving..

By Anne Day



The countdown is on. There's only so many days until the holidays.

So I wanted to share some ways that you can find great gifts AND support a charity or good cause.

Over 100 social enterprises are listed on **GoodCarts** – ([goodcarts.co](http://goodcarts.co)). Grab a coffee and be ready to explore as there are treasures to be found with every click.

Another great site to check out is **[buygood.feelgood.com](http://buygood.feelgood.com)** which is a marketplace for ethical and sustainable products.

For the foodie in your household, consider purchasing an apron from **[cook-swhofeed.com](http://cook-swhofeed.com)**. Made in India by a women's collective, with every apron sold, 100 people are fed here in Canada, US or India. A child's apron is now available too.

Or perhaps you want to support women refugees in Jordan with the purchase of their pure olive oil soap or other care products through **[Sitti-soap.com](http://Sitti-soap.com)**. This enterprise was started by two women in Toronto.

Closer to home, you could also purchase your tea and coffee equipment from **[Grosche.ca](http://Grosche.ca)** in Guelph, where every product they sell funds their safe water project, with 50 days of water provided to someone in need.

And talking of coffee, you can also support your local shelter by buying coffee through Planet Bean who donates 15 percent to shelters for women. **[Sistersstorycoffee.com](http://Sistersstorycoffee.com)**

Another option is to host a Kits for a Cause party, where you and your guests (at home or at work) pull together kits to give to those in need. Could be homeless, women in shelters, you can decide.

You just set your budget, contact folks at **[kitsforacause.com](http://kitsforacause.com)** and they do the rest, getting the supplies to you.

This activity is a great way to teach children about the importance of giving back, and works in schools too.

Or maybe you prefer to give where you live and write a cheque to a local charity or non-profit organization.

This sector has had a hard time over the pandemic as they have not been able to hold their usual fundraisers, and would appreciate your financial support.

I encourage you to get into the spirit of the season. If the pandemic has taught us anything, it is to be grateful.

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### CLOSURES

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All County of Wellington Waste Facilities open on Fridays will be closing at 2:00 pm on **Friday, December 24** and **Friday, December 31.**

### CURBSIDE COLLECTION

There are **no changes** to the curbside collection schedule over the holidays.

### Natural Tree Collection

Natural trees will be collected in urban areas only during the week of **January 10**. Please have trees out by **7:00 am on Monday**. However, please note it may not be collected until later that week. We thank you for your patience.

Natural trees will be accepted free of charge at all County waste facilities **December 29 to January 29** during regular operating hours. Food Bank donations are gratefully accepted.

A number of service clubs and organizations will also be providing curbside collection of natural Christmas trees. These collections occur in various locations across the County. Please visit [www.wellington.ca/sws](http://www.wellington.ca/sws) for information on these programmes.

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## In Memoriam

### Alan Robert (Al) Riddell



On Tuesday, October 19, 2021, in his 73rd year, Al decided it was time to join his wife, Liz (February 2021) for supper.

Al was born to Robert Kennedy (RK) (1925-2017) and Lois Riddell (nee McPhee, 1930-2016) in Galt, Ontario. The family resided in Puslinch Township and grew to include Wendy (1973), Chris (Tammy), Jamie (Cathy), and Lisa. Al would tell stories of time spent with his grandparents on the farm, helping in the garden. Al had an affinity with animals; faithful dogs, robust livestock, equestrian training and competitions. He loved to tinker with almost anything that had a motor and spent time doing stock car derbies.

Al went to school in Badenoch (now Badenoch Community Centre) and was involved with sports within the community. He later went to high school at GCVI in Guelph. Al could be seen zipping around Puslinch and Guelph in his red 1968 Mercury Cyclone where he caught the eye of Liz Viol, and as they say, the rest was history. Al and Liz married at Duff's Presbyterian Church (1973). They lived for a while with RK, then branched off to a farm in Puslinch Township. Daughters Allison and Maggie (Brent Kurtz) were born and son Michael. The family moved to Drayton to continue their farming journey. Sons Gary and Bryan were born, and daughter Ashley.

Al's love of baseball and hockey followed him everywhere he went. He coached in the minor hockey system for many years, lost teeth in the beer league and continued to play baseball for many years. The love of sport has been passed to his children with fond memories of playing ball in the backyard. Al spent many years with Kinsmen and enjoyed the community connectedness.

The family moved to Palmerston, a few places in between, Morriston, Puslinch, then Al and Liz retired to the garden suite in Ariss. Al loved to work with his hands and his repertoire of skills were vast. Some of his work included furniture building, car and tractor restoration, welding and metal work. Anything with a motor could be brought to Al to have new life breathed into it. Al could always be found in his shed with good music and cold beer. The shed was a gathering place and gatherings ranged from the yearly pig roast in Drayton to significant birthday celebrations in Ariss.

Alan's 13 grandchildren, Ethan (Allison), Robert, Richard, Derek, Blair, Daniel (2010) (Maggie), Cameron, Meg (Michael), Layton (Gary), Alexis, Jaxson and Bryanna (Bryan) and Rose (Ashley) were an important part of his life. At family gatherings he would always count the grandchildren and proclaim that he had the best family in the world.

At the heart of it all, Al had very simple needs and was a very gentle soul. He was not one for fuss or bother. He always had projects on the go and was a busy man. In social settings he made sure that people felt welcome and was inclusive of everyone. He was never lost for words and enjoyed telling a story or two. He worked hard every single day of his life and did not like to sit still for too long. We will remember him for his potatoes and corn, his secret love of hanging flower baskets, visiting time in the shed and a variety of projects that we will finish for him. We will miss his laugh, his steadfastness and most of all, his love.

The family would like to express sincere thanks to the Centre Wellington Emergency Services and Groves Memorial Hospital.

The family held a graveside service at Crown Cemetery, 302-312 Brock Rd S, Guelph, on November 6, 2021 at 11:00. A celebration of life open house was on November 6 from 1-5:00 pm at Badenoch Community Centre, 4217 Watson Rd S, Puslinch. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Knox-Elora Presbyterian Church.

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Pre-registration is required to receive a kit and virtual meeting link. If you would like to join us from another branch, please let the hosting branch know upon registration. Wednesdays, Dec 1, 8 at 11:00 am

**Holiday Edition:** Wednesday, December 15 at 11:00 am

### First Friday Book Club (Adults)

Discussing *The Night Olivia Fell* by Christina McDonald. Please contact branch staff for meeting details.

Friday, December 3



### Third Tuesday Book Club (Adults)

Discussing *Daring to drive: A Saudi woman's awakening* by Manal Sharif. Please contact branch staff for meeting details.

Thursday, December 21



### Quilt Block of the Month (Adults)

Get started on a new project by picking up a quilt block take-and-make kit. Each month features a different pattern. Fabric and instructions included. Basic sewing skills required.

Pick up in-branch, December 14

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Albom, Mitch

Evanovich, Janet

Gangi, Stephanie  
Hannon, Irene  
Hayes-McCoy, Felicity

Macomber, Debbie

Manning, Kirsty

Next of Kin  
The Stranger in the Life boat

Game On:  
Tempting  
Twenty-eight  
Carry the Dog  
Labyrinth of Lies  
The Month of Borrowed Dreams  
Christmas in Alaska  
The French Gift

Onuzo, Chibundu  
Reay, Katherine

Sankofa  
The London House

#### Non-Fiction

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Wildcat: The Untold Story of Pearl Hart, the Wild West's Most Notorious Woman Bandit

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## Book Review

ADAM'S ALE  
A HISTORY OF WATER IN PUSLINCH



BY MARJORIE CLARK

By Norman Moore

Marjorie Clark's new short book, *Adam's Ale: a history of water in Puslinch*, quietly and powerfully tells of the Township of Puslinch's use of its water for the past 130 years.

Her fact-filled account moves from the historical waterways and their geography to how they have been adapted by the inhabitants through the years -

with little hints included here and there which suggest that all may not be well with the water supply in Puslinch.

Human activity has forever changed water reservoirs sometimes a little, sometimes a great deal.

Approximately three-quarters of the way through this book, Marjorie presents disturbing facts about local water and its close inter-dependent relationships with gravel pits (natural filtration), chemical dumping (resultant runoff) and water harvesting (extraction).

Some of this information is quite disconcerting for the water health of the region.

In the present world of climate enlightenment, one has to ask if Puslinch water is a misused commodity and if it may be becoming an endangered one.

The concerns presented mean that the Township, its citizens, industry and all other levels of related government need to take serious measures to keep local water clean, to have it continuously available to the community and to keep it protected for the future.

To purchase a copy, contact Marjorie Clark at [Marjorie@clarksoftomfad.ca](mailto:Marjorie@clarksoftomfad.ca)

## Snapshot on homeless

The Guelph-Wellington Everyone Counts 2021 Point-in-Time Count was launched in October.

Volunteers and agencies will be canvassing the streets and service agencies asking families and individuals experiencing homelessness about their history of homelessness and housing, and questions related to their overall health and wellbeing.

This important information will provide a snapshot of homelessness in our community and will be used to target resources and track movement toward ending homelessness.

The 2021 PiT Count, led locally by the Guelph & Wellington Task Force for Poverty Elimination and County of Wellington Housing Services, is part of a coordinated count taking place across Ontario and Canada.

Results from the PiT Count was released at a virtual event on November 16 from 9-10.30 am.

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# Tree planting for 20th anniversary

By Dianne Paron

The Rotary Club of Guelph South arranged a tree planting to commemorate the club's 20th anniversary of service in support of local and international community projects. Sunrise Therapeutic Riding & Learning Centre in Puslinch was honoured to be chosen as the venue.

An "Avenue of Trees" with a total of 20 trees were planted; ten on each side, leading to the Jean Little Reading Circle, in memory of beloved Guelph children's author Jean Little.

This Therapy and Memorial Forest at the Sunrise farm is already a combination of mature trees, saplings and 20 acres of seedling trees — the latter planted through the support of a Provincial government grant towards this environmental project.

The Forest was founded in 2019 and already many family members and friends have been remembered and honoured by the planting and naming



of a tree or sapling or naming of benches in this emerging Forest.

The trees planted by Rotary Club of Guelph South represent the Climate Change blending of the Great Lakes/St. Lawrence and the Carolinian Forest ecosystems and we are grateful for the guidance and assistance provided by Trees for Guelph.

The ceremonial tree – the last planted – was a White Pine, the official Provincial tree for Ontario. The October 14 planting ceremony at Sunrise represented one of the few chances for face-to-face fellowship that the club members have had since the spring of 2020.

The club was honoured to have Rotary District 7080 Governor Rudy Habesch and Assistant District Governor Tracey Curtis attend this very significant ceremony. Rotarians both now and in the future will be able to watch these trees on their journey to maturity.



These trees will be enjoyed by the hundreds of children and adults with special needs who visit the farm each year to attend the many programs offered and by the children who attend the inclusive summer day camps.

For further information please contact Rotary Club of Guelph South President Linda Craig [info@guelphsouthrotary.ca](mailto:info@guelphsouthrotary.ca)



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# Talk about resiliency

By Anne Day

Nearly five years in the making, *Back Home Again* is an animated movie that captures what happened in Fort McMurray back in May, 2016 when the forest fires swept through the community, forcing the largest wildfire evacuation in Alberta's history, with upwards of 88,000 people forced from their homes.

Charmaine Hammond, who was a former resident of Fort McMurray was invited back to help in the aftermath and to instigate conversations about recovery and resiliency.

It was while she was there that she got involved in the Back Home Again project.

Writer, director and creator, Michael Mankowski commented "I really wanted to make this film because I grew up in Fort McMurray and was there when this tragedy hit."

"I wanted to show the world how a community could come together and

rebuild. I hope this film sparks conversations everywhere about how we are all one global community, and we all need each other."

Wanting to reach children who had been traumatized by the fires, the story is told through the eyes of the woodland creatures that inhabit the land of Fort McMurray, *Back Home Again*.

It has an all-star voice cast who donated their time to the production, including Jeremy Renner, Martin Short, Kim Basinger, Eugene Levy, Catherine O'Hara, Michael J Fox, Howie Mandel, the late Ed Asner, Gordon Pinsent, Tom Green, Tantoo Cardinal and more.

The stories are based on true experiences told by people fleeing Fort McMurray.

The film provides messages of hope, strength, resiliency, collaboration and unity in the face of adversity observes Jenn McManus of the Canadian Red Cross.

Another important partner in this project as been the Canadian Mental Health Association, who are creating material to educate people around mental health and resilience after a



disaster or a traumatic event.

The movie is seen as a catalyst for conversation, one that can be held at home, in the classroom and the workplace, with discussion guides being developed.

After the pandemic, we all need and can benefit from something like this.

The website for the movie is [www.backhomeagainmovie.com](http://www.backhomeagainmovie.com) and the film it debuted this fall.

This clip gives you a glimpse of what the movie is about.

<https://youtu.be/hw7YwU0pjY0>

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# Heritage Matters

## The Dish with One Spoon

By Mary Tivy

I used to work as a curatorial assistant at the Royal Ontario Museum, where I cared for collections of First Nations artifacts. Among these objects was a wampum belt, an item of immense importance.

This "Dish With One Spoon" wampum belt recorded and signified the "Great Peace Treaty" of 1701 between the Haudenosaunee (the Iroquois Confederacy of Seneca, Mohawk, Onondaga, Oneida and Cayuga) and the Anishinaabe First Nations (including the Mississauga).

These Nations had been at war over control of the hunting grounds in the territory above the Great Lakes, (referred to as "The Beaver Wars") in order to supply furs to French and English traders.

The lands encompassed Southern Ontario, including what is now Puslinch Township. For hundreds of years prior, Puslinch had been settled by the Attawandaron (also known as the Neutral), a farming First Nation that was wiped out in 1650 due to smallpox, famine and fur trade wars with the Seneca.

The Dish With One Spoon treaty was an agreement to peacefully share and steward these land resources.

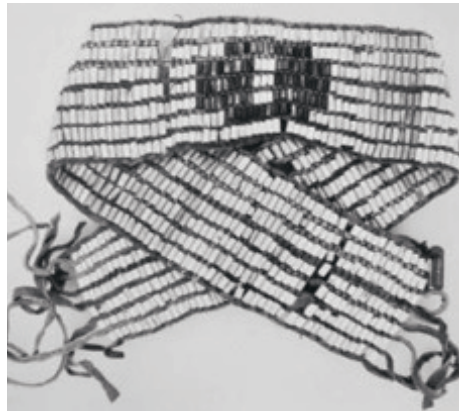
The Dish represents the land and natural resources of what is now Southern Ontario.

The "Spoon" symbolizes the portion each Nation would take in order to conserve the land for future generations, and in so doing, make sure the Dish would never empty.

Since there is one spoon and no knife, the belt also represents peace among these Nations.

After the "Great Peace Treaty" the Mississauga lived and stewarded these lands in southern Ontario until December 2021/January 2022

the "Between the Lakes Purchase" (Treaty 3) was signed with the British Crown in 1792.



The Haudenosaunee used this concept to form their Confederacy in the 1400s, before European contact.

"We promise to have only one dish among us; in it will be beaver tail and no knife will be there... We will have one dish, which means that we will all have equal shares of the game roaming about in the hunting grounds and fields, and then everything will become peaceful among all of the people" (Lytwyn: 211.)

### The Doctrine of Discovery

The "Doctrine of Discovery" was the prevailing law that gave British and European Monarchs the right to claim title to lands that were not under Christian rule.

Such lands could then be granted to businesses, churches and individuals. First Nations did not share this concept of private property ownership.

They identified land as a living entity that could not be privately owned. When the "Between the Lakes Purchase" treaty was signed the Mississauga believed that they would continue to have rights to hunt and fish on these lands.

But Europeans did not share this concept, and the British Crown, assuming ownership, surveyed and sold off the lands.

The Mississauga gradually retreated to settlements along the Credit River at present day Port Credit where they had maintained fishing rights.

In 1847, under similar development pressures, the Mississauga of the Credit moved to the Six Nations Reserve near Hagersville, accepting the land offered there by the Haudenosaunee in keeping with the Treaty of the Dish With One Spoon.

The Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission has called upon all levels of government to reject ideas that justified European sovereignty over Indigenous lands and peoples, such as the Doctrine of Discovery.

The Commission has also charged each level of government to acknowledge traditional Indigenous lands within their jurisdictions.

The Dish With One Spoon Covenant speaks to our collective responsibility to steward and sustain the land and environment in which we live and work, so that all peoples, present and future, may benefit from the sustenance it provides.

For an in depth history of The Dish With One Spoon agreement and its theme through similar covenants see: Victor P. Lytwyn, 1992, A Dish with One Spoon: The Shared Hunting Grounds Agreement in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Valley Region.

<https://ojs.library.carleton.ca/index.php/ALGQP/article/view/507/409>

*This article is a personal submission by Mary Tivy.*

## Solstice Labyrinth Lantern Walk

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## Cook's Corner

By Barbara Patterson

### Seafood dish with vegetables and feta cheese

*This dish is easy and makes a tasty meal. I served it over pasta but it would also be nice with rice or a crusty baguette. Instead of 1 lb. of shrimp, I used ½ lb. of shrimp and ½ lb. of scallops.*



2 tsp. olive oil  
1 cup chopped red onions  
1 medium zucchini, chopped  
2 tsp. minced garlic  
½ tsp. dried oregano  
½ cup dry white wine  
796 ml. can of diced tomatoes  
1 tbsp. balsamic vinegar  
¼ tsp. each salt and black pepper  
¼ cup chopped fresh basil leaves  
1 lb. large uncooked shrimp, peeled, deveined and tails removed  
½ cup crumbled feta cheese  
1 tbsp. fresh parsley

1. Heat olive oil over medium-high heat in a 10" skillet. Add onions, zucchini and garlic. Cook and stir until vegetables are softened, about 5 minutes. Add oregano and cook 30 more seconds. Add wine, tomatoes, vinegar, salt and pepper.
2. Mix well. Reduce heat to medium and simmer, uncovered, for about 8 minutes, until most of the wine has evaporated.
3. Stir in basil and shrimp. Cook and stir until shrimp turns pink and no gray remains, about 4 minutes. Don't overcook shrimp or they will be rubbery.
4. Remove from heat and sprinkle with feta cheese and parsley. Serve hot.

### Lime cream cheese tart



*The combination of limes and creamy cheese filling makes this tart luscious and, as a bonus, it's easy to make.*

#### Crust

1½ cups chocolate or vanilla wafer crumbs (I used chocolate crumbs; don't use graham crumbs)  
2 tbsp. white sugar  
1 tbsp. water  
2 tbsp. vegetable oil

#### Filling

¾ cup white sugar  
1 tbsp. all-purpose flour  
⅓ cup fresh lime juice  
1 tbsp. finely grated lime rind  
¾ cup low-fat or regular sour cream  
2 oz. cream cheese, softened  
2 eggs  
Green food colouring (optional)

#### Topping

1 cup low-fat or regular sour cream  
3 tbsp. white sugar

1. In a bowl, stir together the wafer crumbs, sugar, water and oil until combined.
2. Pat the mixture over the bottom and up the side of a 9" greased pie plate.
3. In a food processor or blender, puree sugar, flour, lime juice and rind, sour cream, cream cheese, eggs and green food colouring until smooth. Pour it into the crust.
4. Place the pie plate in the centre of the oven and bake at 375° for 25 to 30 minutes or until the centre is just set.
5. For the topping, stir together the sour cream and sugar. Pour the mixture carefully over the hot filling, smoothing it evenly with a knife.
6. Return the pie to the oven and bake for 10 minutes.
7. Let the pie cool on a wire rack. Chill before serving.

## Don't fall for the latest online shopping scams



Due to lockdowns and public health restrictions, Canadians are relying on online shopping more than ever. However, this puts us at greater risk of being targeted by fraudsters.

Even if you've shopped online for years, it's important to stay up to date on the latest tricks as scammers' techniques evolve.

In recent years, they've gone from asking for wire transfers, banking details, and ferreting out your credit card number to going after gift cards, crypto currency and access to your online bank accounts.

Here are some key tips to avoid falling prey to scammers when shopping online:

- Do your research and comparison shop so you have a sense of realistic pricing
- Read the terms and conditions, as well as refund and return policies
- Use your Internet browser's ad blocker to hide sponsored ads and pop-ups
- Request a full refund if your order is unavailable or can't be fulfilled at the advertised price
- Keep any records of email confirmations and customer service conversations
- Review your credit card and bank statements carefully for recurring or unknown charges
- Remember that if the price is too good to be true, it probably is
- Take online reviews with a grain of salt, and consult multiple sources for feedback

If you think you've been a victim of fraud, contacted by a scammer or misled by an online ad or marketing tactic, report it to the Competition Bureau at [competitionbureau.gc.ca](http://competitionbureau.gc.ca).

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# Ask the expert

By Inger Knudsen

## *What can I do in the winter to enjoy my gardening hobby?*

In winter the gardens are quiet. Spring, summer and fall activities are over. Maybe you are relieved that there is nothing to do in the garden or maybe you miss it all.

You might be a seasonal gardener who springs into action when the snow melts but you might be someone who wants to continue thinking about and planning the outdoor landscape.

Maybe you want to grow your own seedlings and plants during the winter months.

With a windowsill, preferably facing south, you can grow a small selection of annuals. With an array of artificial lights, you can grow a selection that hopefully matches your desires.

These lights can be fancy three tiered arrangements with led lights or you might find a used arrangement online.



This picture shows a Rubber Maid Container almost 4' long, around \$45 from Canadian Tire and a 4' Led light for \$125 from Lee Valley Tools.

I cut a hole in the side of the container to accommodate the Led light. I could use the set-up right way. It is easy to transport and keeps all soil and water in the container. It is also warm and protected on all sides. I have used this for five years and it has produced a lot of plants.

If you are keen to grow your own plants, it is important to order seeds as early as possible. There was a

backlog of seed orders in almost all seed houses last winter.

Seed houses will have interesting seeds for you to try. Here are some examples:

**Hawthorn Farm** is a local organic seed house selling open pollinated seeds; you can save seeds harvested from open pollinated plants and they will come true to the original plants.

**Botany.ca** is a Waterloo seed house with many varieties and a website that will teach you not only botany, but also everything about germination.

The famous herb house, **Richters**, has seeds at very good prices. They also have a greenhouse in Goodwood that is a treat to visit in the darkest months.

**OSC** in Waterloo has a good selection of vegetable and flower seeds at very good prices.

**Wildflower Farm** in Schonberg sells wildflower seeds. These seeds often need to be stratified. This is not hard to do and the results are very satisfying. You just need to do a bit of planning. Wildflower Farm has good information on how to stratify your wildflower seeds.

Many seed houses in the USA will ship to Canada. For example, **Baker Creek Seeds** has a beautiful catalogue with organic varieties.

**Jelitto** has many specialty perennials that you can get nowhere else. And in March we can look forward to local Seedy Saturdays where the public can exchange seeds and get much good advice.

Besides starting your own plants, planning a new bed can be exciting. Continuing Education often offers plant design courses.

English landscape designer John Brookes has written several books on design that can help you.

Guelph Wellington Master Gardeners offers a one-day Horticultural event in February, called *A Day in the Garden*, with speakers and demonstrations. We hope to offer this again in 2022.

The Guelph Arboretum is a treasure of learning, and lastly, the many Horticultural groups in our region make sure that you can stay active in the Horticultural world all winter.

Merry Christmas

# County wins award

The Canadian Public Works Association (CPWA) is pleased to announce the County of Wellington, ON, as a winner of the CPWA 2021 National Public Works Week (NPWW) Awards Contest.

Wellington's 2021 NPWW celebration competed for the award with other Canadian municipalities with populations over 100,000. Wellington also received two NPWW awards in 2019.

Like in other communities, NPWW celebrations in Wellington looked a lot different this year.

County staff were challenged to reimagine their community outreach and public education and awareness efforts. Many events and activities that would have typically occurred in person, were held virtually.

County staff livestreamed the unveiling of a commemorative plaque and unique gateway sculpture feature at the newly constructed Badley Bridge – the first time the county had ever attempted a livestream event.

Staff also developed several videos highlighting the NPWW theme, "Stronger Together," as well as a short video montage of various public works activities.

In addition, staff offered virtual classroom presentations to local schools about reducing food waste, the county's new organics diversion program, and how children can help manage organic waste at home and at school.

Staff included information about public works and NPWW and found this virtual tool so successful, county staff plan to continue using this format in the future.




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# Remarkable Puslinch People

## Malcolm McCormick Scholar and Educator

By Marjorie Clark

Malcolm McCormick died on Friday, June 10, 1932, at the home of his sister, Mary McNaughton in Guelph, at the age of 77 years.

Prominent in educational circles in Guelph, he was widely known as a man of exceptional attainments.

Malcolm McCormick was a native of Puslinch Township, born on August 29, 1854, the eighth child of ten, to William McCormick and Betty McMullan.

His parents emigrated from Argyllshire, Scotland in 1841 and were among the original settlers of the district. He spent his boyhood in Puslinch, where his desire for knowledge manifested itself early.

He was one of the most eager readers of the Crieff School Library, borrowing 18 books in a six month period at the age of 13.



Malcolm attended Crieff Public School and received his secondary education at the Galt Collegiate, under the guidance of Dr. Tassie, one of the most noted teachers of that time. Later, he graduated with his B. A. from Queen's University, Kingston.

He took up the teaching profession and held positions in Belleville, Kingston and Poughkeepsie, NY, among others.

In 1884, he opened the Guelph Business College and conducted that institution for thirty years.

The 2nd Annual Circular and Catalogue of the school, now held in the archives of the Guelph Civic Museum, gives the Guelph Business College motto as "Les Affaires Font Les Hommes" or "Business Makes the Man".



He was the founder of the Canadian Club, which was formed in Guelph in 1888. The purpose of the club was stated as: to study the history, literature, art, music and natural resources of Canada; the recognition of Canadian worth and talent; and the fostering of patriotic Canadian sentiment.

Malcolm McCormick was also a poet

and his ode to Puslinch Lake provoked a poem in response from Donald McCaig, another Puslinch native, educator and poet.

On August 9, 1893, Malcolm married Helen Anderson.

Of a sensitive nature and perhaps overworked, in 1914, he suffered a nervous breakdown. He sold his interests in the Guelph Business College with the intention to retire.

He lived in Puslinch Township for several years, after which, in 1921, he operated another business college at 17 River Road in Welland, Ontario. Then, in an effort to improve his health, he moved to the west.

While in Edmonton, where he resided for about five years, he conducted private lessons in languages, of which he spoke seven.

One of these was undoubtedly the Highland Scottish Gaelic of his forefathers, which he would have learned from his parents, who likely spoke it in their home, and the others probably the classical Latin and Greek, French, Italian and Spanish. After this, he lived for a short time in Vancouver.

In his later years, he took up residence with his sister, Barbara Campbell, at Dorchester Station, near London, Ontario. Then, for a few months before his death, with another sister, Mary McNaughton in Guelph.

His funeral was held at Mary McNaughton's home, 168 Waterloo Ave. in Guelph on Sunday, June 12th, with burial in Killean Cemetery. There was a large attendance of the citizenry of Puslinch, as well as friends and relatives from Guelph, Galt, Orangeville, Toronto, Hillsburgh and Clyde. It was the passing of an accomplished man.

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