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Experience family fun at the 184th Aberfoyle Fall Fair

By Vinnie Klimkosz

The 184th Annual Aberfoyle Fall Fair returns to the Puslinch Community Centre on Friday, September 11 and Saturday, September 12, celebrating this year's theme, "It's Harvest Time!"



For 184 years, the Aberfoyle Agricultural Society has proudly celebrated agriculture, education, family fun, and community spirit, and this year's fair promises to be one of our biggest yet.

The festivities begin Friday evening as the fairgrounds come alive with excitement for the entire family. Children can enjoy the Grand River Inflatables Play Zone, featuring giant inflatables, a rock-climbing wall, and axe throwing, while everyone can indulge in great food served by the Puslinch Optimist Club, local food vendors, and food trucks.

Friday night's entertainment includes the spectacular Marvels & Misfits show with fire artistry, daring stunts, comedy, and interactive entertainment.

Families can also enjoy an all-ages Glow Stick Dance Party, while Lost Dogs performs a mix of rock and country music. The evening wouldn't be complete without the Antique Tractor Pull, which draws competitors and spectators from across Ontario.

On Saturday, families can visit the Triple C Petting Zoo, enjoy children's games and activities, face painting, balloon artistry, inflatables, and live sheep shearing demonstrations throughout the day.

Be sure to stop by the Puslinch Junior Garden Club vegetable displays, showcasing the hard work and creativity of local youth. In the Exhibit Hall, hundreds of entries from talented community members will be on display.



Throughout the day, enjoy live entertainment from Cynthia & Brien and the Nick Vokey Band, browse more than 25 local marketplace vendors, cheer on participants in the Zucchini Car Races, visit the pet show and educational exhibits, and watch demonstrations by Nathan Skoufis and Guelph Family Martial Arts.

Saturday afternoon concludes with the exciting Garden Tractor Pull, providing plenty of horsepower and family entertainment.

Visitors are encouraged to purchase admission online before September 10 to take advantage of Early Bird pricing. Admission is also available at the gate, with convenient debit and tap payment options.

On behalf of the Aberfoyle Agricultural Society, we extend our sincere thanks to our sponsors, exhibitors, entertainers, volunteers, community organizations, and supporters.

This fair has thrived for 184 years because of the incredible people who generously give their time, talents, and support. To each and every one of you - thank you, thank you, thank you.

We invite everyone to join us this September to celebrate agriculture, community, and family traditions.

Come spend the day with us, make lasting memories, and experience everything the Aberfoyle Fall Fair has to offer.

We'll see you September 11 & 12... because it's Harvest Time!

Editorial

Welcome back, we hope you have had a wonderful summer.

With the Aberfoyle Fall Fair just around the corner, we are focusing on harvest time, and experiencing the bounties of living in our community. There are also special harvest dinners at Crieff Hills, and Chef Matthew Foote shares his recipes in Cook's Corner. And Tanya Cullen shares tips on how to add more vegetables into your diet.

Still on the outdoors, the Community Garden is looking for volunteers to help maintain the gardens and in Ask the Expert, you get advice on how to better plan your garden.

With back to school, it is also the start of fundraisers for local charities – with Hike for Horses on September 27 – for Sunrise Therapeutic Riding & Learning Centre. Then the Rotary Club of Guelph South is hosting its annual Lunch at the Arboretum on October 4, with funds raised going to five different charities. Artists are encouraged to donate their art to support Royal City Mission.

On the dark side of life, we share the abandonment of puppies locally as well as the scam that unfortunately involved the *Pioneer*. Also with the recent flag raising in Guelph, we highlight the ongoing issue of human trafficking in Guelph-Wellington.

On a more positive note, the GRCA has announced grants that are available for landowners.

See you at the Fall Fair.

Anne Day

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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 political and social activity within the community, and to encourage participation in community events.

Publishing Policy

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Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor should include your name and phone number and be submitted by five p.m. on or before the deadline to editorpuslinchpioneer@gmail.com

Deadline

Unless otherwise stated the deadline for submissions is on or before the 1st Wednesday of the month.

Next deadline is **5 p.m. Wednesday, September 2nd, 2026.**

Please note this change.

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Council Clips

2027 Grant Application Program:

To provide support for not-for-profit organizations and unincorporated community groups. Deadline September 30.

Puslinch Community Showcase:

To support the economic development initiatives in Puslinch. Saturday, October 3 from 10 am to 3 pm at PCC.

Wellington County Recycling Program:

Residents begin to receive 360 litre wheeled, lidded recycling carts to accommodate a broad range of accepted materials on a bi-weekly basis.

Recreation and Parks Master Plan:

A new 10-year planning tool being developed to guide the future of parks, recreation facilities, programs and services across the Township.

6676-6678 Wellington Rd 34:

Badger Daylighting receives approval to operate a hydrovac truck liquid soil operation as part of aggregate pit rehabilitation project over the next three years.

Watson and Arkell Roads Intersection:

Township requesting County undertake a review of the intersection to assess the suitability of traffic signals or other intersection control measures.

50th Anniversaries:

Optimist Club of Puslinch and *Puslinch Pioneer* each celebrate 50 years of continued service and support to the Puslinch community.

Excessive Speeds Victoria Rd S:

Delegation received for concern over excessive speeds and what can be done to improve speed enforcement.

Pt Lots 7 to 9, Concession 10:

Proposal to amend zoning by-law to allow for a single detached dwelling, additional residential unit, a home business and a park.

339 Downey Rd:

Proposal to rezone lands to permit a minimum lot frontage of 14 m and to permit two existing dwelling units on the subject property.

New Conservation Authorities:

Grand River CA now part of Eastern Lake Erie Regional CA effective February 1, 2027.

4539 Victoria Rd S:

Proposal to amend zoning by-law to permit the proposed outdoor storage of recreational vehicles.

Highways 6 & 401 Improvements:

Phase 3 includes environmental assessment, design and construction of interchange to replace existing underpass beginning next year.

Speed Limits:

Concession 1 from Townline Rd to Sideroad 25 60 km/hr, Concession 1 from Sideroad 25 to Concession 7 (intersection) 50 km/hr.

Nigro Pit:

Cox Construction applies to develop a residential development on former gravel pit, Pt Lots 11&12, Concession 4, to include 39 single detached estate residential lots.

Call for Artists – Aberfoyle & Morriston Mural Project:

Township inviting qualified Canadian artists and artist teams to submit a quotation for the design and installation of two community murals.

Niska Lands:

Eight-hectare parcel of Niska land declared surplus by GRCA will soon be for sale located on the southeast corner of Niska Rd and Pioneer Trail.



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Council and Committee Meetings (519) 763-1226

Committee of Adjustment and Planning and Development Advisory Committee Meeting: September 8th at 7pm
Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting: September 14th at 1pm
Youth Advisory Committee Meeting: September 14th at 6pm
Recreation and Community Wellness Advisory Committee Meeting: September 15th at 7pm
Council Meeting: September 16th at 10am
Proposed User Fees and Charges By-law Public Information Meeting & Recreation and Parks Master Plan Open House: September 16th 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.

Recreation and Parks Master Plan – Public Information Meeting – September 16th at 7pm

The Township is inviting residents to attend a Public Information Meeting for the Recreation and Parks Master Plan on Tuesday, September 16. Township consultants will be presenting Draft Report #2, highlighting the proposed recommendations for the future of parks, recreation programs, trails, and facilities, and will be seeking public feedback. This is an opportunity to learn more about the plan, ask questions, and share your thoughts before the Master Plan is finalized. We encourage everyone to attend and help shape the future of recreation and parks in our community.

Optimist Recreation Centre Rink

Looking for a covered outdoor facility to host lacrosse, floor hockey, roller skating, dry land training, etc? Then consider the arena floor at the Optimist Recreation Centre!

Drop-In Gym Times

The Township offers a variety of complimentary Drop-In programs in the gymnasium and the rink. Check out our facility calendar for our drop-in programming at the rink. <https://puslinch.ca/culture-recreation/community-facilities/>.

Seniors Drop-In Programming

The Township is offering drop-in seniors programming in the Alf Hales Room weekly every Thursday from 1pm-3:30pm. Join us for our current activity — Euchre! To view the program schedule, please visit our Recreation and Leisure Calendar at <https://puslinch.ca/culture-recreation/recreation-and-leisure-calendar/>.

Rental Request

With cooler weather just around the corner, now is the perfect time to plan your indoor recreation activities! Whether you're looking for a space to continue your programs through the fall and winter or need a venue for a children's birthday party, consider renting the **Optimist Recreation Centre Gymnasium**. Submit your rental request today at <https://puslinch.ca/forms/rental-request-form/>.

Historical Society Archives

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

Waste Facility (519) 837-2601

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Anne Day - Senior of the Year

By Susan Fielding



The volunteers at the *Puslinch Pioneer* were thrilled when their beloved Editor, Anne Day, was recognized as Senior of the Year for the Township of Puslinch.

As editor of the *Puslinch Pioneer* since 2011, Anne has been at the helm of keeping this local volunteer newspaper relevant and successful.

It keeps the community informed and promotes the uniqueness and special character Puslinch has to offer.

Anne has been and continues to be a part of so many volunteer efforts including a board member of the Aberfoyle Farmers Market, the creator and Manager of the Little Free Library in Crieff and has served on The Cup of Kindness for the Salvation Army.

She is a leader with Rotary and through that involvement tackles many difficult issues including poverty, homelessness and human trafficking.

Anne is a respected member within the Puslinch Community, the City of Guelph and Wellington County.

She is a strong leader but is very approachable. Anne has been a long-time supporter and advocate to empower women, particularly female entrepreneurs. She is a voice for the vulnerable among us.

Anne was awarded the Senior of the

Year honour at the June 17 Council Meeting. Anne quipped that she was very proud to be recognized but wasn't so fussy on the 'Senior' part of the award.

What are you grateful for?



You know that Thanksgiving Tradition when someone says, "Let's go around the table and say what we're grateful for," that's what I'd like to do for our October issue of the *Pioneer*.

Send in your thoughts on gratitude and we will share the best in next month's paper.

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from the Bahá'í writings
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Puslinch Pioneer Volunteer Award Presented at Aberfoyle Public School



This year, we are proud to present this award to two outstanding

students. Through their involvement in programs such as Special Olympics, Kindergarten Helping, Pizza Day support, the EA Recess Club, and many other volunteer opportunities, they have generously given their time and energy to support both students and staff.

Beyond their many volunteer roles, these students are known for their willingness to step forward whenever help is needed. They lead by example through their kindness, positive attitudes, and genuine care for others.

Their contributions have made a lasting impact on our school, and they embody the spirit of volunteerism that this award celebrates.

We can't wait to see how they continue to grow their giving spirits in high school and the community at large.

Congratulations to our recipients of the *Puslinch Pioneer Award for Volunteerism*: Henry Ervin and Megan Whelan.

Celebration of life—Norma and John Gilmour



The family of Norma and John Gilmour invite you to share in a celebration of their lives following a private family internment at the Crown Cemetery.

Please join us at Nanson Hall, Duff's Church for a drop in visit between 1 and 3:30 pm on Saturday, September 12, 2026 as we honour their memory, share stories, and celebrate their lives.

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Puppies abandoned

By Anne Day



I was innocently driving down our farm driveway, not knowing what was ahead of me. You can imagine my surprise, when I spotted four puppies huddled together on the driveway.

The car didn't scare them or make them move, so I had to drive up on the grass to pass them.

That was the beginning of two long days as we tried to capture and rescue them. I posted on Facebook, What's Happening in Puslinch, and received numerous offers to help.

Two neighbours, Lisa and Bruce Joy, kindly arrived and helped us on day one, and between them and the Humane Society, we managed to capture three of them.

But one was elusive and would take off down the road, causing us to worry about its safety.

The next day it showed up on our patio, where we left water and some food. Skittish and scared it would take off and it proved impossible to keep track of the dog as it scurried off into the bushes or fields.

Then along came Ground Search and Rescue KW to the rescue. A team of four kept an eye out for the dog. Cameras were set up to try and follow the dog and a cage with food was left on our patio.

It was 11.30pm – yes pm – before Jim from Ground Search was able to catch the dog and deliver to the Humane Society so all four puppies were reunited.

Apparently, there had been a run of dogs, suspected from puppy mills, dumped in our neighbourhood and nearby communities – Freelon, Woodstock and more.

It is so sad that this happens. The dogs were in a dreadful condition, riddled with fleas, mange, and more.

How do we catch the perpetrators? It was suggested that we have cameras in place at the end of our driveways to capture on camera who is doing this.

My thanks to all who helped and if you want to help more- visit the website for Ground Search and Rescue KW and donate some the items they need. gsrofk.wix.com/gsrkw.

They even have an Amazon wish list, or volunteer to get involved.

If it sounds too good to be true...

Likely it isn't And, that's what we discovered the hard way when we ran an ad in the *Pioneer* for free puppies.

We learnt a valuable lesson about not taking people at face value.

We apologize to readers for misleading them.

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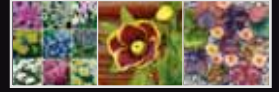
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Puslinch Community Garden

By Cheryl Van Ooteghem

In the year 2000, the Puslinch Community Garden was created to celebrate both the millennium and Puslinch's 150th birthday.

The garden rests on the grounds of the Lewis General Store which was torn down in the late 1990s.

Instead of clearing the past away, countless volunteers built a garden inside a corner of the store's original stone foundation walls.

When researching the origin of the garden, it didn't take long to recognize that it was a labour of love, brought to reality by an incredibly hardworking committee and volunteers.

Local residents and businesses pitched in with everything imaginable, including trees, perennials, shrubs, construction materials, heavy

equipment, tools and hours and hours of hard work. It was a magnificent community effort.

The garden officially opened on July 1st, 2000.

Over the years, the garden hosted Christmas carol singing, weddings, and graduation photo shoots and craft markets.

Tucked inside the garden, there's a sundial, benches, a flagpole, an arbour, and even a hidden time capsule!

As the dedication plaque proudly states: "This garden is a testimony to the spirit of volunteerism and commemorates the 150th year of Puslinch Township."

The garden is a project maintained by the community in conjunction with the Township staff.

Over the years however, the garden has grown. Weeds have moved in, and overgrowth has taken over the space.

This past spring and summer, a small and determined new group of volunteers began a massive cleanup.



Just like the original project in 2000, this is a big job that requires a village. We are trying to put regular gardening plans in place.

Whether you are a master gardener or can't decide if it's a weed or a flower, we need your help. There is a spot for everyone.

Please consider sharing your time - just once to help clear a space; an hour a week to help keep up with the weeds, or your tools and skills. Please come out and be a part of the next step in the Puslinch community garden.

If you are 'ready to dig in' and volunteer or receive regular updates on garden progress, please text, call or email Cheryl at 226-820-3453 cva-noote@gmail.com or June at jwil-liams@wilfiveholdings.ca.



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A Place to Remember

By Marjorie Clark



Photo from Guelph Today

The Aberfoyle Family restaurant was unique in Puslinch. Seating 35 patrons, it opened in the fall of 2014.

Patrons were greeted by a smiling Vicky-Lee, who seemed always to be brewing a fresh pot of coffee.

The operators and cooks, Jim and Sue Stokes, provided delicious food in very generous portions at reasonable prices.

Everyone was enveloped in the warm atmosphere: retired gentlemen reading newspapers, families with children, a few days old and upwards, lady friends catching up with the activities of one another's families, and workmen in clomping boots on their lunch break.

The country people felt at home.

It was a country sort of place.

Hank Davis once aptly described it as "the late, lamented Aberfoyle Family restaurant".

It closed in January 2023.

Lamented, it certainly is.



Attention all Electors in the Township of Puslinch!

Vote by Mail will be the voting method used for the 2026 Municipal Election. Vote by Mail is an alternative approach to voting. Instead of voting in person at a poll location, a voter kit is mailed to each eligible elector on the voters' list. Voters complete the voter kit at home and can return the completed kits either through the mail with the prepaid envelope or they can be hand-delivered to designated Ballot Return Stations or the secure drop box at the Municipal Office (7404 Wellington Rd 34, Puslinch).

2026 Municipal Election Important Dates are as follows:

Saturday September 12: Aberfoyle Fall Fair

Are You on the Voters List & Education about Vote by Mail.

September 24 to 29: Voter Kits mailed to eligible electors

September 28 to October 23: Ballot Return Station at the Municipal Office Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

September 28 to October 25: Ballots can be returned to Secure Drop Box located at Municipal Office .

Monday October 12: Last recommended day to return your completed ballot by mail. After this date, please use a Ballot Return Station or deliver your ballot to the Municipal Office by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Saturday October 17: Ballot Return Station
UFCW Locals 175 & 633 (6628 Ellis Rd), 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

October 26 – ELECTION DAY: Ballot Return Station Municipal Office 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

For more information on the 2026 Municipal Election, visit
[Puslinch.ca/2026election](https://puslinch.ca/2026election).

If you are a new resident to the Township of Puslinch or want to confirm that your electoral information is correct, please email elections@puslinch.ca.



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- Guelph Food Bank
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Food and music will be Hawaiian-themed, so feel free to dress up (or down) in keeping with the theme.

Of course, you can also enjoy wandering around the Arboretum.

We invite attendees to bid on exclusive silent and live auction items, and directly fund vital initiatives for five truly inspiring charitable projects.

It is Sunday, October 4, 2026: registration begins at Noon, lunch will be served at 1:00pm.

Space is limited: buy your ticket(s) before they are all gone.

Tickets are \$75 per person or \$650 for a table of ten.

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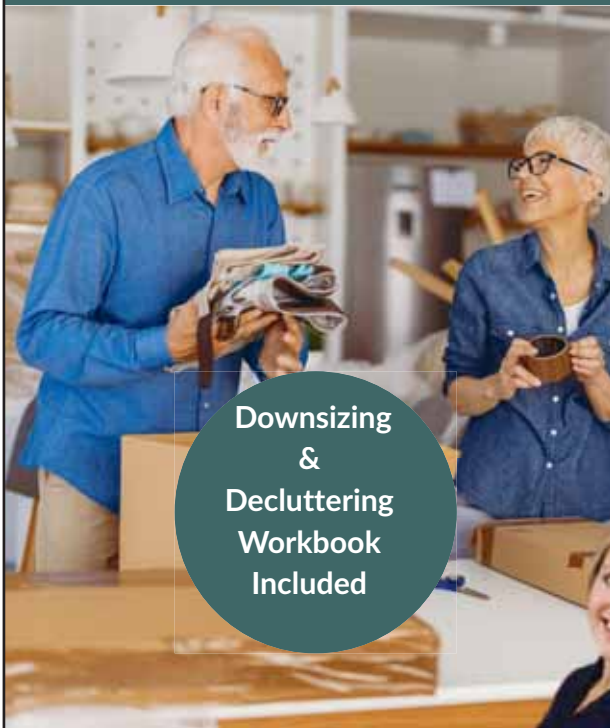


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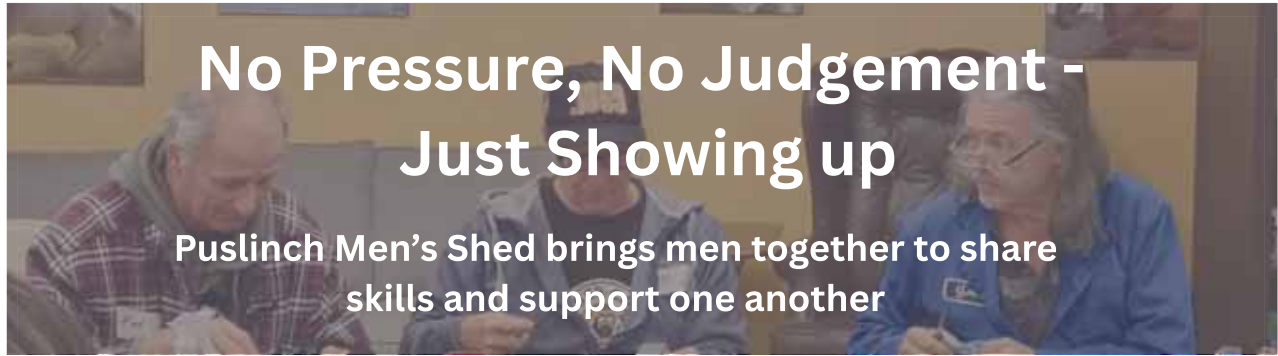
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There's not much formal structure to it. Some come to build or fix things, some for our community events and workshops, while others come for the conversation. Either way, it's a place where showing up is enough.

Why it Matters

Many people experience quietly—feeling disconnected or on their own. And as we get older, it gets harder to make friends and stay active.

The Shed offers a simple way to counter that. Time spent working side by side or chatting over coffee can go a long way. It's not formal support, just a place where people notice each other and keep in touch.



About the Puslinch Men's Shed

Our Shed is part of a global movement that began in Australia to reduce isolation and build community connections. The number of Men's Sheds globally is approaching 3,000, operating in 12 countries, with over 170 in Canada and more than 30 in Ontario.

Whether it's working in the wood or auto shop, planting a garden, or informally sharing a meal, you are welcome. No experience is needed, and there's no expectation to take part in any particular activity.

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Family activity

By Julia Preston



September marks a change in the year. Summer holidays end and children return to school.

Officially, fall begins on September 22. Find little ways this month to celebrate the shift of schedules and seasons.

Visit a playground to enjoy warm summer weather as long as it lasts. Head out to the woods and see who can spot leaves changing colour.

Admire the sunrise or sunset—or both—on the autumnal equinox.

Tuning into nature can bring calm into our busy lives. It can also help us to reflect on the year so far.

What's the most memorable thing you've done? What's something you've learned? What are you proud of?

Then, look ahead.

What would you like to accomplish in the rest of the year?

What are some things you can do this month to start you on that path?

Like the new year, September opens us up to possibilities.



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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 Wednesday September 30, 2026 electronically on the Township website at Puslinch.ca/GrantApplication or via email to the Finance Department finance@puslinch.ca

All qualified applicants will be considered during the 2027 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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- Twigs must be in tied bundles.
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Scrabble Club (Adult)

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Wednesdays, September 2, 16, and 30 at 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Dungeons and Dragons (Teens)

Join fellow fantasy fans to build characters and explore new worlds. Please register.
Thursdays, September 3 and 17 at 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Book Club - First Friday (Adults)

Meet with members of your community and join our discussion of books and ideas. Please register.
Friday, September 4 at 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Scavenger Hunt - Shiver Me Timbers (All Ages)

Avast ye matey, did you know International Talk Like a Pirate Day is September 19? Celebrate the occasion by completing this pirate-themed scavenger hunt at the Puslinch Branch! September 8-19, during branch hours

After School Adventures (Kids/Tweens)

Whether it's crafting new things, playing games, or doing experiments, join us for some after school fun! Please register.
Wednesday, September 9 and 23 at 3 - 3:45 pm

Family Story Time (Families)

Our Story Times are designed to help your child get ready for reading. Share stories, songs, rhymes, and activities aimed at developing your child's early literacy skills. Drop in.
Thursdays, September 10, 17, and 24 at 11:00 - 11:45 am

Book Club - Third Tuesday (Adults)
Meet with members of your community and join our discussion of books and ideas. Please register.
Tuesday, September 15 at 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Hooks and Needles (Adults)

Bring your own project and join others for knitting, cross-stitching, and other fibre arts. Drop in.
Wednesday, September 16 at 5:30 - 7:00 pm

In Stitches - Corner Bookmark (Tweens/Teens)

Join us and create a fabric corner bookmark! All materials provided. Please register.
Saturday, September 26 at 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Craft and Create - Cyanotype Art (Adults)

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Tuesday, September 29 at 1:00 - 3:00 pm

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Fiction

Bardugo, Leigh	<i>Dead Beat</i>
Foley, Lucy	<i>Murder at the Grand Alpine Hotel</i>
Green, John	<i>Hollywood, Ending</i>

Grisham, John	<i>The French Illusion</i>
Hilderbrand, Elin	<i>The Thoroughbreds</i>
Mandel, Emily	<i>Exit Party</i>
Moriarty, Liane	<i>Big Little Truths</i>
Osman, Richard	<i>We Chase Shadows</i>
Picoult, Jodi	<i>Hollow Bones</i>
Robb, J.D.	<i>Fury in Death</i>

Non-Fiction

Berg, Mary
Mary's Comfort Classics: Food to Fill Your Plate

Bodrug, Carleigh
PlantYou Quickies: 140 Nourishing Plant-Based Recipes for Busy People

Gladwell, Malcolm
The American Way of Killing: The Invention of an Epidemic

Klein, Naomi
End Times Fascism: And the Fight for the Living World

Lordi, Emily
Holding Lightning: The Life, Loves, and Art of Whitney Houston

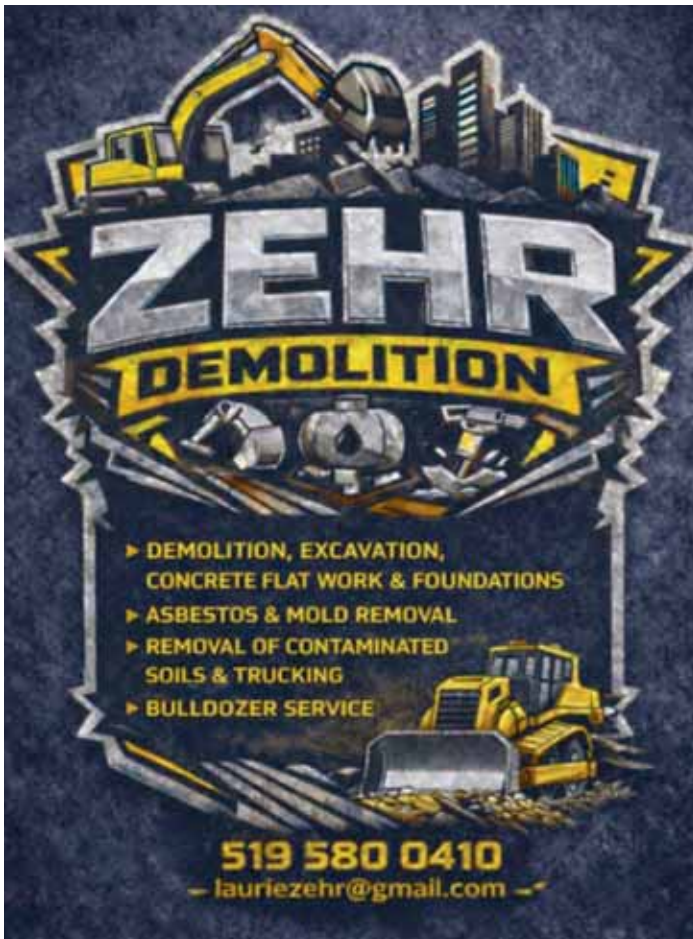
Macintyre, Ben
Redwood: The Untold Story of the Cold War's Most Extraordinary Spy

Maclean, Doug
Game Day: The Uncensored Life of an NHL GM

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September is the perfect time to add more vegetables to your plate

By Tanya Cullen

September often feels like a fresh start. Summer holidays come to an end, schedules become more predictable and many of us find ourselves cooking at home more often.

One piece of advice I often give is to eat more vegetables.

For many people, it's not always easy. Not everyone loves vegetables, and when life gets busy, they can be easily forgotten.

Vegetables are packed with fibre to support a healthy gut and are full of vitamins, minerals, antioxidants that help keep our bodies healthy.

Choosing vegetables of different colours helps you get a wider variety of nutrients.

The good news is you don't need to eat plain salads every day.

Sometimes, it's just about finding ways to prepare them so you enjoy eating them.

Here are a few ideas to try this fall:

Serve with your favourite dip

Raw vegetables don't have to be boring. Try hummus, tzatziki, Greek yogurt dip, guacamole, or even a little ranch dressing.

Add a little flavour

Cucumber slices with vinegar, salt, and pepper are one of my favourites.



Roasted vegetables come alive with garlic, herbs, lemon juice, balsamic vinegar, or a sprinkle of Parmesan cheese.

Try roasting them

Roasting brings out the natural sweetness in vegetables like broccoli, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, carrots, squash, and sweet potatoes.

Make soup

Soup is a great way to use vegetables that you have on hand.

Try a chunky vegetable soup or blend vegetables into a creamy soup. Make extra and freeze portions for busy evenings.

Add vegetables to meals you're already making.

Add spinach to pasta, grate zucchini into chili, add mushrooms to taco meat, or blend extra vegetables into a homemade tomato sauce.

Buy what's in season.

September is one of the best times to enjoy local vegetables like tomatoes, peppers, carrots, broccoli, squash, green beans, and cabbage.

Seasonal produce is often fresher, more flavourful and supports local farmers.

Make them easy to reach.

Wash and chop vegetables after grocery shopping and store them where you can easily see them.

If they're ready to eat, you're more likely to enjoy them.

You don't have to change everything overnight. This September, try one or two new ways to add more vegetables to your meals.

Small, consistent changes are often the ones that make a big difference.

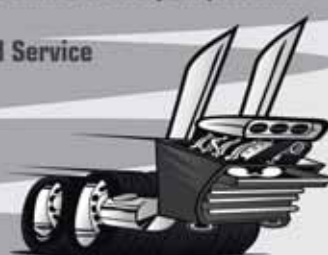
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It's okay to have changes

By: Lily Matheson-Peck



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There's something comforting about having a plan. Whether it's a weekend with friends, a dream vacation, a career path, or simply how we expect our day to unfold, plans give us a sense of certainty.

They help us picture the future and give us something to look forward to.

That's why it can be so difficult when those plans suddenly change.

Most people don't enjoy uncertainty.

When something doesn't happen the way we expected, our first reaction is often disappointment.

We wonder what went wrong or why things couldn't have stayed the way we imagined. It's easy to become so focused on the original plan that we overlook the possibilities created by the new one.

I've realized that change isn't something we can avoid—it's something we have to learn to live with.

Plans are meant to guide us, not guarantee our future. Life has a way of introducing unexpected opportunities, challenges, and people that no schedule or checklist could have predicted.

That doesn't mean change is easy. Even when a new path turns out to be better than the one we originally planned, it can still be hard to let go of what we expected.

There's a natural tendency to compare reality with the picture we created in our minds. Sometimes that comparison keeps us from appreciating where we are.

The truth is, a changed plan isn't necessarily a ruined one. Some of life's best moments happen because something didn't go according to schedule.

A cancelled event leads to an unexpected adventure. A missed opportunity opens the door to a different one. A change that feels disappointing today, may make perfect sense months or even years later.

Learning to accept change doesn't mean never feeling frustrated or disappointed. It simply means trusting that a different outcome isn't automatically a worse one.

Not every detour is a setback, and nor every unexpected turn leads us away from where we're meant to be.

The lesson I've learned is that it's okay when plans change. We can't control every circumstance, but we can choose how we respond to them.

Sometimes the best thing we can do is stop trying to force life to follow our timeline and allow ourselves to discover where the new path might lead.

After all, a different plan can still become a good story.



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Saturday September 5

Time: 4:30-8:00 pm

Cost: \$90 includes your bee tour, 4-course plated dinner and a glass of local wine or beer per person.

Food Restrictions: We gladly accommodate medical and religious food restrictions.

Please arrange these at least 14 days in advance through your ticket purchase or by calling (519) 824-7898.

Tickets available soon.

What to wear: Dress is casual. Close-toed footwear is wise for the bee tour portion of the event.

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Date: Sunday October 4

Time: 4:30-8:00 pm

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Plant spacing - crowding versus collaboration

By Heather Rajotte-Dresser



The debate over plant spacing in a garden is often a hot topic of discussion.

From a landscape design perspective, gardens with large spacing and symmetrical/ deliberate placement can be seen as desirable, offering tidy and pleasing arrangements of plants that are easy to see and identify.

The downside of this style of planting is that the space between makes it easy for any number of weed seeds to take root and spread, creating more work for the gardener.

Bare soil also has a higher rate of water evaporation, creating an increased need for watering during hot and dry spells.

Mulch can help, of course, and serves to retain moisture in the soil and can even improve soil health, if you use a type that contributes organic matter.

Like all mulch, however, its lifespan is finite and it needs topping up and refreshing to both work and function at its best.

The flipside of this coin is to place plants closer together, more like what you would find in natural and wild areas.

This provides an opportunity to experiment and play with combinations of colour, texture and height, while reducing space and opportunity for those annoying weed species to grow.

Gardeners will have to water less too, as the soil is shaded by the plants and evaporation will be reduced.

But, the 'wild look' is not everyone's cup of tea, and poor plant choices can often result in areas that look overgrown and untended.

Crack open almost any gardening book, and the author will caution against crowded plants, citing lack of air movement and touching leaves and branches as a prime vector for spreading disease.

So, what is a gardener to do? The answer is, as always, somewhere in the middle.

When it comes to personal style and taste, that is always up to the individual.

But when it comes to being ecologically responsible and reducing workload, there are techniques every gardener can try, starting with thinking about what information on a plant tag is necessary, and what is merely useful.

Plant height and spread is necessary information to ensure that a garden has the space to host it.

Sun exposure and spacing are both useful pieces of information, but not necessary. Many full sun plants will grow quite nicely in part shade, for example, and plants can often thrive a little bit closer together than recommended.

This provides soil coverage to suppress weeds, and plants will often self-mulch themselves which has numerous benefits to the soil.

Preventing disease spread in dense plantings lies in careful selection.

Grouping Phlox and Monarda varieties together may look wonderful but could end in unsightly foliage as both groups can be susceptible to powdery mildew and black spot.

Swapping one of those out with a lower growing, disease-resistant perennial such as Geranium reduces the amount of contact between leaves and allows for better air flow, while still allowing plants to be closely grouped, creating a canvas of colour and texture.

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Flag raising on July 30

July 30 is the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons and to honour that day, there was a community gathering at Guelph City Hall, to speak out about this issue.

Mayor Cam Guthrie welcomed the audience and MP Dominique O'Rourke shared recent government actions to counter violence against women.



Police Chief Colby addressed the current statistics that show Guelph recorded the highest police-reported human trafficking rate among Canada's metropolitan areas.

The city's rate reached 13.7 incidents per 100,000 people. It was the only city in the country with a rate above 10.

The number, however, is a reflection of the intensified police efforts and their investment in addressing this issue.

Last to speak was Vicki Olantundun, who having worked with survivors of human trafficking, shared how tough

it is for them to get past this trauma.

She emphasized that it was important that if we see something wrong, to speak out.

This event was hosted by Rotary's Eradicating Human Trafficking Committee, which for the past five years has hosted educational sessions, organized lawn sign campaigns and published a quarterly newsletter – *Against Traffick*.

Cook's corner

By Matthew Foote

This is the time of year to allow the amazing product that becomes available to us in southern Ontario to take centre stage.

During the colder months of the year, we often have to employ lengthy culinary techniques to get the most out of what we've harvested.

Product at its peak and picked shortly before consuming is often best served simply.

Combining vegetables that ripen at the same time almost always yields great results.

Tomato Honey Vinaigrette

3 tablespoons honey
1 tablespoon grainy dijon mustard
5 large fresh basil leaves
1/3 cup good quality white wine vinegar
1 cup neutral oil (vegetable/corn)
1 cup over ripe/bruised tomato roughly chopped
Salt/pepper



Cook the honey in a small saute pan over medium heat until it begins to caramelize.

Cool slightly then add to a blender with mustard and vinegar. Season with salt and pepper.

Add tomato and basil and start to puree on low speed.

Slowly drizzle oil and increase speed until everything is combined and emulsified.

For a salad, it is easy to adjust with increased yield of late summer.



Tomato/English cucumber 1:1 ratio

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Picked mint and basil leaves

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By Jennifer Hoytema & Janet Lindsay



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Friday, September 4th 7pm will be the kick off to the Fall Season of Badenoch Community Center Music Nights. at 4217 Watson Rd. S, Puslinch. Followed by October 2nd and November 6th. First Friday of the month going forward. Everyone welcome!

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