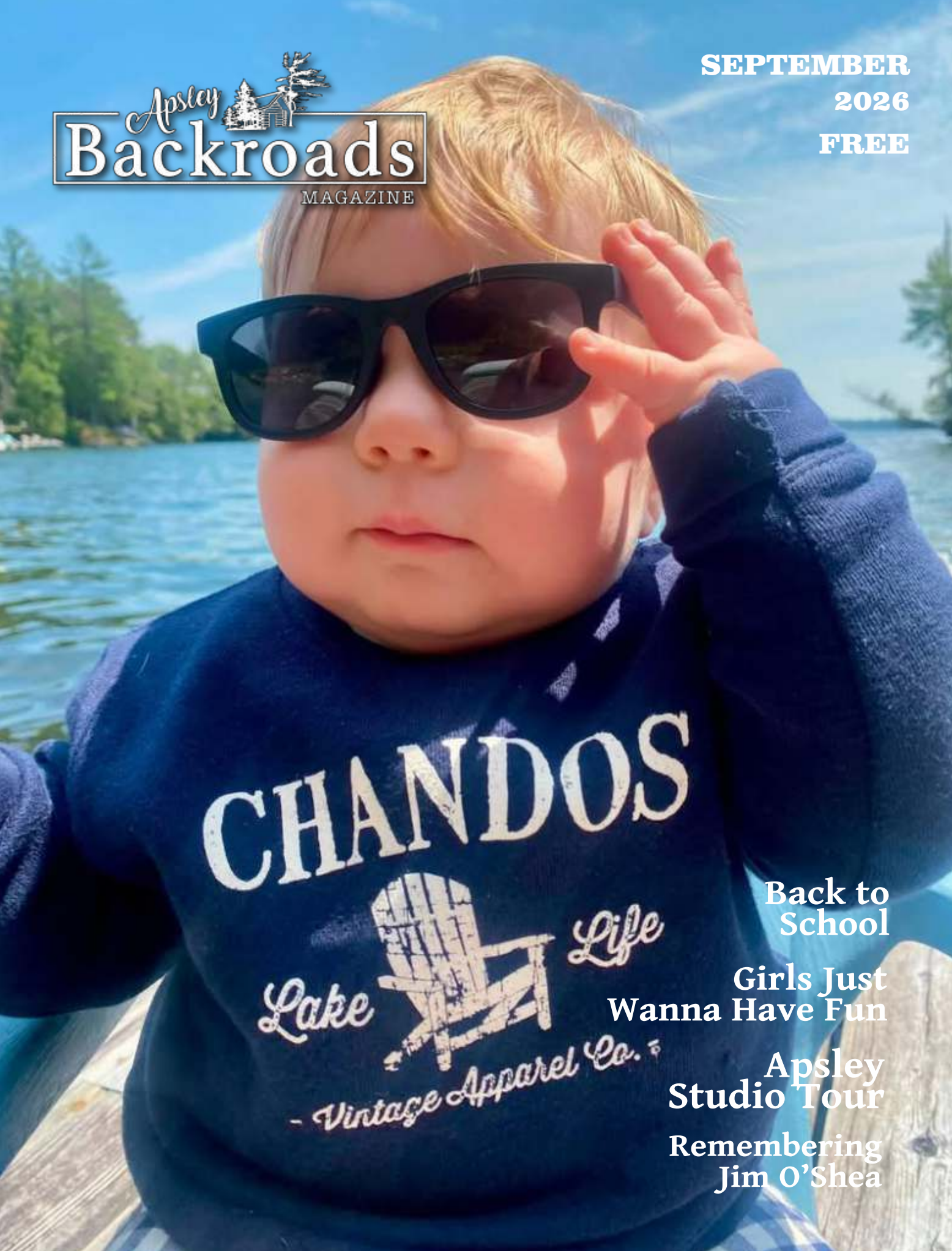




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From The Editor's Desk

SEPTEMBER 2026

How is it September already!

Apsley is still buzzin with activity while we enjoy a wee break in the heat and make hay while the sun shines.

September and October are my favourite times of year..and this year, for the FIRST TIME I do not have a single child heading back to school! Its such a WEIRD FEELING. For those that are still in the throes of lunches, back packs and after school chaos...I have some great back to school recipes for you.

I also wanted to share a couple ideas for the A-Type planners...that are already thinking about Christmas! Gifts that you start now to be ready for gifting in December.

Are you all geared up for the Studio Tour!? Always a fantastic way to enjoy our beautiful community. I bought a Lisa Mace piece of Art the very first year I moved to Apsley in 2018 and its one of my favourites treasures. My son Jackson had met Lisa's son at school and said he wanted to check out her artwork. Well...at the time Lisa was showcasing her art at her home studio. So we came in, introduced



ourselves and Jackson went off to hang with Seth for a bit while I looked at the paintings. Jackson met me in the hallway and I said...I've chosen the one I want...you go on in and pick a couple and we can see if we land on the same page...I KID YOU NOT...He came out and said he only picked one...and it was the SAME one I chose (See Pic) It was meant to be. Check out Lisa and all the artists at the Apsley Autumn Studio Tour September 19th and 20th. And yes word is out...I am looking to find a new owner for the Magazine - share with who you may know, I would really love to see the magazine continue for years to come. email me for more details.

Helena

Adorable lil' Everett Jeff. Picture taken by Nana, Leigh Tucker who lives on Chandos Lake with "grandpa" Randy Tucker. Parents of Everett (Justin and Lindsay Jeff) and other proud grandparents, Diane and Scott Jeff were enjoying some sun down on the dock, when they snapped this cute pic.



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LIONS COMMUNITY REPORT

by Brenda Lenson
Apsley and District Lions Club



What a crazy month August turned out to be. On Sunday, August 2, we were supposed to set up our food booth at the Jack Lake Regatta but because of bad weather they had to postpone their event to Monday, August 3. We would like to thank the Jack Lake Association

once again for inviting us to do the regatta and many thanks to all the people who came and purchased our food.

Saturday, August 8 was the Touch-A-Truck event put on by the Library. This year it was held in Lions Park, and we were selling food at the food booth. It started out great; there seemed to be lots of people in attendance with trucks, construction equipment, a school bus, and the OPP cruiser. Wouldn't you know it? About an hour and a half later it started to rain, with lightning and thunder and the event had to be called off.

The last event that we are doing is at the end of the month, so fingers crossed it will be sunny. We are once again barbecuing at the Compass Day Care.

It is always a pleasure for our Club to work with other organizations, helping them make their event successful.

The Brew Crew is still busy collecting bottles and cans from dumps. The loads have certainly gotten bigger, perhaps because they are no longer accepting these items in the recycling bins. Thanks to everyone who leaves their cans and bottles at the dumps for us.



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September will be a quieter time for the Lions, but that does not mean we will not be planning events that will be happening in the fall and winter months.



Sharing where some of the funds we raised this year have gone. We now have a soccer field in lions park. Mid August, the seed was laid and we got to see the brand new sprinkler system in action. Can't wait for the kids to be able to enjoy a dedicated soccer field next spring after the grass has grown!!!



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- CD players
- Metal detectors
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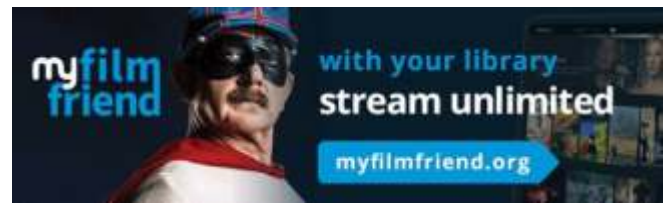


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VIEW FROM THE CABIN

by Rick de Haan

Animals I Have Known (Part One)

This series of two articles is about animals ... pets mostly. If you can call a field mouse a pet, or a bedraggled golf course duckling a pet. But, you'll have to wait for next month's issue to read about those. This article deals with my childhood pets ... and my father, who really did try his best.

My father always thought that every kid ought to have a pet. Dad never had a pet. He grew up in the Netherlands during the war when some people ate pets—other peoples pets—just to survive in a time when food was scarce.

One summer weekend my parents and I were visiting my great uncle's farm near Lindsay. During our visit, one of his sows had piglets. He brought them out in a bucket (of all things) to show us. Now, piglets when they're newborn are pink and cute. I held one. I smiled at my great uncle. Maybe he was joking, but my mother was convinced the somewhat crazy old man, who had probably sniffed way too much pig manure in his day, was dead serious. With a broad smile he said, "Take him home! Go on ... take him! He's yours if you want him." I said, "Gee, thanks!" My mother said "No way!!!", probably realizing that when the pig grew up... well ... she had a point. We settled for two barn cats instead—a black one and a grey one.

For the first two miles back to Hamilton, the half-grown kittens seemed fine. Sometime during the next mile, however, the black cat developed a twitch, and appeared to get more and more restless. The twitching then progressed to a mild form of panic. And suddenly the cat

began catapulting from one side of the car to the other. At one point it ricocheted off the side of Dad's head, then landed in the back window where it began clawing at the glass trying to get out. The grey cat ignored all the goings-on of its sibling, and promptly fell asleep in my mother's lap.

Dad, I should explain at this point in the story, was a somewhat impatient man who reacted impulsively and acted decisively, especially under certain conditions. This was one of those conditions. Muttering and rubbing the side of his head, it was clear he'd had enough. In a cloud of gravel dust, Dad spun the car around and sped back to the farm where he deftly caught the confused cat by the scruff of the neck and dumped him unceremoniously in the pig barn. The trip home was unusually quiet.

In the months that followed, the little grey kitten made a fine pet. She loved to cuddle and purr in our laps and was well behaved. Unfortunately a year later she was hit by a car in front of our house.

To replace the cat, Dad thought a dog would be a good choice. So he acquired an Airedale terrier puppy from a client of his who bred Airedales on the side. Unfortunately the poor terrier didn't last long. It went largely untrained because my parents had never had dogs before, and had no clue about these things. The dog had a bad habit of pooping in my backyard sandbox and burying it like a cat. It barked at its own shadow and anything else that moved. According to Dad, the dog was possessed, and was nothing more than a nuisance. So, a few months after we got it, he drove it back to the breeder.

It was a long while before we had any sort of animal in the house. Being an only child, however, my mother figured I needed some sort of companion. A hamster seemed a safe choice to Dad. So he came home from work one day carrying a little cardboard box with holes in it, along with a cage, and a wheel, and a bale of woodchips, and a water bottle with a curved metal spout.

I was over the moon with my little hamster. But, I quickly found out that there's very little you can do with a hamster, except to watch it do what caged hamsters do. So, I took it out and played with it on the living room floor. Hamsters can be surprisingly quick when they want to be. Suddenly realizing his chance at freedom, Hammy scampered under the couch where he seemed to disappear into thin air. Finally, after an hour of searching, Dad noticed the drapes twitching. Hammy was half way to the ceiling before he was apprehended. Unfortunately, Hammy only lasted a year before he got sick and died in my arms. No more hamsters after that.

In the years that followed, several other pets came and went. Amongst them were some very small animals that weren't pets at all, but ended up in our house uninvited ... sort of.

There was the time that I found an interesting looking "cocoon" in a field and glued it on a board with some other unique nature related artifacts. I proudly propped my display board up on my dresser. One evening a few weeks later when I went up to my bedroom to put my pajamas on, I noticed the dresser and the carpet in front of it were covered with hundreds of strange little insects. After I yelled (I was creeped out by bugs), Dad, who was quietly reading the paper, leapt up

the stairs, paper in hand.

"What's going on? And what the blazes are all those ... things?"

Upon closer inspection we realized they were baby praying mantises, apparently from that cocoon I'd found. After feverishly swatting most of them with his newspaper, my mother suggested the vacuum cleaner. After sucking them up, Dad did his best to replace the vacuum bag out on the lawn. But for a few weeks the vacuum cleaner held a few hidden surprises for my mother every time she used it. No more strange looking cocoons in the house after that!

This time it was my mother who suggested another pet—a small dog. My father pretended not to hear as he hid behind his paper. But my mother, being persistent, usually ended up getting her way. A few weeks later we were picking out a puppy from a litter of West-Highland White terriers.

Trixie was eight weeks old when we brought her home. We didn't think too much of it when she piddled on the linoleum in the kitchen two minutes after bringing her in the house. After all, she was just a puppy. Dad, however, looked suspiciously at the little white dog as he cleaned up the puddle.

As Trixie got a bit older, we took her outside often so she could pee, praising her when she did. But Trixie had other ideas. She didn't like to pee in the grass but preferred indoor surfaces instead. Dad began to wonder why he'd ever agreed to all of this. We tried everything to train her. Dad even took her to a professional training facility for a whole week. But Trixie couldn't be persuaded. She knew what she was doing. She simply preferred to do her business inside, often in a spot where we couldn't see it.

I can still picture my Dad coming in from the rain after a late evening walk with the dog.

"I finally got her to go ... well, I think she went. Hard to tell in the rain!" he said with a half-smile.

Trixie, still on her leash, promptly squatted in the front hall right next to Dad's feet. Dad, sensing something was amiss, looked down.

"Oh, you STUPID thing!!!" He then yanked the dog in the air, and swung her right back outside. He came back in a few minutes later, rain water dripping off his nose, and through gritted teeth said, "THAT'S IT! I'VE HAD IT WITH THAT ROTTEN ANIMAL!!!"

The next day, Dad drove Trixie back to the breeder. Dad put his foot down when anybody suggested getting another dog. And we never did.

Next month, in part 2 of "Animals I Have Known", I'll talk about all the "pets" we had after I got married to Kim—my lovely, long-suffering wife who wondered at times what she had gotten herself into.



Helena McMann

Things to Start Now to be Ready for Christmas Gift Giving

Homemade Vanilla Extract

Ingredients

Glass bottle with seal
Vodka (at least 80 proof)
vanilla beans
Funnel

Instructions

Thoroughly wash bottles.

Gently score each bean lengthwise. Be careful not to cut in half. Add 3 beans per bottle.

Pour vodka over beans, leaving at least an inch of air at the top.

Once a week: Tip bottle back and forth a few times to aerate beans.

Extract is aged after 3 months, but 6 months is better! 2-3 vanilla beans per quart of vodka will do well to make a deep vanilla extract.



Drunken Cherries

Soak sweet cherries in vodka and sugar for at least two weeks (or longer — like WAY longer) for totally buzzed fruit and cherry-infused vodka that's perfect for craft cocktails.

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT:

glass jars w/ tight fitting lids
small funnel

INGREDIENTS:

cherries

sugar

vodka

DIRECTIONS:

Rinse cherries and pick out any bruised, soft or damaged fruit.

Use a pair of kitchen shears to trim the stems to about ½" long.

Pack the cherries into a jar, filling it tightly and to the top.

Use a funnel to fill the jar about ⅓ of the way with sugar.

Fill the jar to the top with vodka and seal the lid on tightly.

Shake and roll the jar in your hands until the sugar has dissolved.

Place the jar in a cool dark spot for at least two weeks. Shake or roll the jar every so often.



Mary Berry's classic Christmas cake

By Mary Berry, From The Great British Bake Off



Ingredients

For the cake

175g/6oz raisins
350g/12oz natural glacé cherries, halved, rinsed, and thoroughly dried
500g/1lb 2oz currants, 350g/12oz sultanas, 150ml/¼pt brandy or sherry, extra for feeding, 2 oranges, zest only
250g/9oz butter, softened

250g/9oz light or dark muscovado sugar
4 large free-range eggs, at room temperature
1 tbsp black treacle
75g/3oz blanched almonds, chopped
275g/10oz plain flour, 1½ tsp mixed spice

For the covering

about 3 tbsp apricot jam, warmed
icing sugar, 675g/1lb 8oz marzipan

For the royal icing

3 free-range eggs, whites only
675g/1½lb icing sugar, sifted
3 tsp lemon juice, 1½ tsp glycerine

Method

For the cake, place dried fruit, including cherries, into a large mixing bowl, pour over the brandy, stir in the orange zest. Cover w/ cling film, leave to soak 3 days, stirring daily. Grease and line a 23cm/9in deep, round tin with a double layer of greased baking paper. Preheat the oven to 140C/120C Fan/Gas 1.

Measure the butter, sugar, eggs, treacle and almonds into a very large bowl and beat well (preferably with an electric freestanding mixer). Add the flour and ground spice and mix thoroughly until blended. Stir in the soaked fruit. Spoon into the prepared cake tin and level the surface.

Bake in the centre of the preheated oven for about 4–4½ hours, or until the cake feels firm to touch and a rich golden brown. Check after two hrs, and if the cake is a perfect colour, cover with foil. A skewer inserted into cake should come clean. Leave cake to cool in tin.

When cool, pierce the cake at intervals with a fine skewer and feed with a little extra brandy. Wrap the completely cold cake in a double layer of greaseproof paper and again in foil and store in a cool place for up to three months, feeding at intervals with more brandy. (Don't remove the lining paper when storing, helps to keep the cake moist.)

The week before you want to serve, begin covering the cake. For the covering, stand the cake upside down, flat side uppermost, on a cake board which is 5cm/2in larger than the size of the cake.

Brush the sides and the top of the cake with the warm apricot jam.

Liberally dust a work surface with icing sugar and then roll out the marzipan to about 5cm/2in larger than the surface of the cake. Keep moving the marzipan as you roll, checking that it is not sticking to the work surface. Dust the work surface with more icing sugar as necessary.

Carefully lift the marzipan over the cake using a rolling pin. Gently level and smooth the top of the paste with the rolling pin, then ease the marzipan down the sides of the cake, smoothing it at the same time. If you are careful, you should be able to cover the cake with no excess marzipan to trim but, if necessary, neatly trim excess marzipan from the base of the cake with a small sharp knife. Cover the cake loosely with baking parchment and leave for a few days to dry out before adding the royal icing.

For the royal icing, whisk the egg whites in a large bowl until they become frothy. Mix in the sifted icing sugar a tablespoonful at a time. You can do this with a hand-held electric whisk, but keep the speed low.

Stir in the lemon juice and glycerine and beat the icing until it is very stiff and white and stands up in peaks.

Cover the surface of the icing tightly with cling film and keep in a cool place until needed.

To ice the cake, place all the icing onto the top of the cake. Spread evenly over the top and sides of the cake with a palette knife. For a snow-peak effect, use a smaller palette knife to rough up the icing.

Leave the cake loosely covered overnight for the icing to harden a little, then wrap or store in an airtight container in a cool place until needed.



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BACK TO SCHOOL

One Pot Dinners for Those Busy Nights

Sausage and Gnocchi

Ingredients

2 Tbsp. salted butter
3 cloves garlic, chopped and divided
1/2 cup panko breadcrumbs
1 1/4 tsp. kosher salt, divided
3/4 tsp. ground black pepper, divided, plus more to taste
3/4 cup grated parmesan cheese, divided, plus more to serve
1/4 cup chopped parsley, divided
1 lb. Italian sausage, casings removed
1 medium yellow onion, chopped
1 Tbsp. tomato paste
1 tsp. dried oregano
1/2 cup dry white wine
2 (12-oz.) pkgs refrigerated gnocchi
1 (14.5-oz.) can diced tomatoes
1 cup chicken broth
4 oz. cream cheese, cubed
1 (5-oz.) bag baby spinach

Directions

In a large, 12-inch skillet, melt the butter over medium heat. Add 1 finely chopped garlic clove and cook until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Stir in the panko breadcrumbs, 1/2 teaspoon of salt, and 1/4 teaspoon of pepper and toast, stirring frequently, until the panko is golden brown and crispy, 7 to 9 minutes. Remove the mixture to a medium bowl and cool for 5 minutes. Stir in 1/4 cup of parmesan and 1 tablespoon of parsley. In the same skillet, cook the sausage and onion over medium heat until lightly browned and the sausage is crumbly, 7 to 9 minutes. Stir in the tomato paste, the remaining 2 cloves of garlic, oregano, remaining 3/4 teaspoon of salt, and the remaining 1/2 teaspoon of pepper. Cook until fragrant, 1 minute.



Add the wine and cook, stirring constantly, until slightly reduced, 1 minute. Stir in the gnocchi, tomatoes, chicken broth, and cream cheese. Bring to a simmer, reduce the heat, and cover the pan. Cook for 5 minutes undisturbed. Uncover the pan and stir in the spinach. Cook until the sauce is thickened and the spinach is wilted. Stir in the remaining 1/2 cup of parmesan cheese and 3 tbsp of parsley. Taste for salt and pepper. Serve the gnocchi sprinkled with breadcrumbs and more parmesan.

Easy Homemade Ranch Dip



Ingredients

1/2 Cup Mayonnaise
1/4 Cup Sour Cream, or Greek yogurt
2 teaspoons Dried Chives
1/2 teaspoon Dried Dill
1/2 teaspoon Dried Parsley
1/2 teaspoon Garlic Powder
1/2 teaspoon Onion Powder
1/4 teaspoon Salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper
3/4 Cup Buttermilk, or regular whole milk

Sheet Pan Sesame Chicken & Veggies

Ingredients

2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken thighs or breasts *pound thicker breast pieces into even thickness.
2 cups broccoli florets
1 bell pepper seeded and cut into chunks (any color)
1/2 pound sugar snap peas
1/2 red onion cut into chunks
Sesame seeds and sliced green onions for garnish
Sauce:
1/4 cup oil
1/4 cup soy sauce
3 tablespoons sesame seeds
1 clove garlic minced
2 teaspoon brown sugar or honey
1 teaspoon chili powder
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
1 teaspoon sesame oil

Instructions

Combine sauce ingredients in a small bowl. Set aside.

Pat chicken dry and place in a large zip top bag. Pour marinade over chicken in the bag and seal. Massage the marinade into the chicken to coat. Place in the refrigerator and marinate for 30-60 minutes (or overnight).

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.

Arrange veggies on a large rimmed baking sheet and drizzle with a couple tablespoons of olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Toss gently to coat. Remove chicken from the marinade and arrange on the sheet pan with the veggies. Discard any remaining marinade. Roast in the oven for 20-25 minutes or until veggies are tender and chicken is cooked through. Broil for the last 5 minutes or so to brown if desired.

Instructions

In a medium sized bowl whisk together the mayonnaise, sour cream, and all of the seasonings.

Whisk in the buttermilk or milk until smooth. Serve this dressing immediately, or for best flavor chill for 2 hours before serving.





Submitted by Carolyn Amyotte



"It is with a terrible heavy sadness that Council, Staff, and the Township of North Kawartha acknowledge the passing of our colleague and friend, Councillor Jim O'Shea, on August 6, 2026.

Jim was a longtime resident of Chandos Ward, a cottager since 1973 and then calling North Kawartha his home year-round for the past 2 decades. Over those many years, he became deeply woven into the life of this community—not only as an elected representative, but as a neighbour, volunteer, environmental advocate, photographer, bridge player, golfer, and friend.

Jim served the people of North Kawartha with dedication and care as the Chandos Ward Councillor and a member of the Library Board since 2014. Long before he sat at the Council table, however, he was already giving his time

and energy to the community. He served for 14 years as President of the Chandos Lake Property Owners' Association, and he was Co-chair of the North Kawartha Lakes Association for several of those years. His contributions to the Chandos Lake community were remarkable. As President of the Chandos Lake Property Owners' Association, he helped recruit younger volunteers, encouraged ecological awareness, brought new energy to the regatta, and helped shape the annual CLPOA yearbook. Jim was also involved with the creation of the CLPOA Sailing Club approximately fifty years ago, a legacy that continues today. Jim received the Solicitor General's Ontario Crime Prevention Award for his work with local cottage watch programs and he received a Peterborough County Environmental Award for his work as president of the CLPOA during his first term on Council. In 2024 Jim received the Chandos Lake Outstanding Contributor Award in recognition of his many years of service and support.

It's no secret that Jim was passionate about the environment. He contributed to regional Lakeland Conferences, sharing information on lake capacity studies, shoreline restoration, and environmental education. Jim helped to strengthen local engagement and protect the lakes and landscapes that mean so much to all of us.

However, Jim's contributions extended far beyond municipal government. He was active with the ABC Seniors, the Glen Alda Seniors and the community bridge club. As Treasurer of the Glen Alda Seniors, he brought order, care, and good accounting practices to the group. Jim was also a strong advocate for scent-free practices throughout the Township, a cause that reflected both his care for his wife and his broader instinct to make public spaces safer and more welcoming for others.

Jim was perhaps best known by many as North Kawartha's unofficial "official" photographer. With skill and generosity, he captured the heart and spirit of our community at local events. Through his photos, he preserved the moments, faces, and gatherings that tell the story of who we are.

On behalf of Council and our entire community, we extend our sincere condolences to Marion, his daughter Rachel, his family, and to all who knew and loved him. We are grateful for his years of service, and for the many ways he helped shape the community we are privileged to serve. Jim's absence will be felt around the Council table and throughout North Kawartha. Yet his legacy will live on in the lakes and lands he worked to protect, the organizations he strengthened, the photographs he left behind, and the countless relationships he built over 50+ years in this community. May we honour Jim's memory by continuing to serve with the same care, thoughtfulness, and dedication that he brought to this work.

Jim's family has asked that donations in Jim's memory can be made to the ALS Society of Canada. A date for a Celebration of Life has not been chosen at this time. When those details become available, we will share them.

Thank you, Jim. We will miss you."





To laugh often and much;
 To win the respect of intelligent people
 and the affection of children;
 To earn the appreciation of honest critics
 and endure the betrayal of false friends;
 To appreciate beauty,
 to find the best in others;
 To leave the world a bit better,
 whether by a healthy child,
 a garden patch,
 or a redeemed social condition;
 To know even one life has
 breathed easier
 because you have lived.
 This is to have succeeded.
 — Author Unknown

Go into this week
 with the attitude that
 your peace,
 your health of mind,
 and your heart
 mean more than
 getting everything else done.
 That your smile matters,
 That feeling rested matters.
 That holding the hand
 of your loved ones matter.
 So pause lots,
 function at a pace
 that doesn't pull you apart.
 Honour the things that
 make you feel good
 inside,
 the things that make you
 feel alive.
 Give time to those things
 this week.
 Make time the gift it is,
 by giving it to what
 really matters to you.
 — S.C. Lourie of
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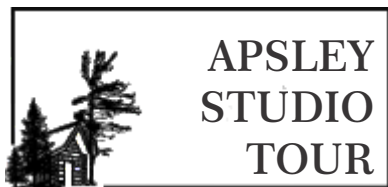
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APSLEY STUDIO TOUR

Contributed by
Rachel Conlin, Studio O

The Soft Side of the Apsley Studio



Judy



Jillian



Rachel



Dolores

The Apsley Studio Tour prides itself with the range of mediums offered by its artists, one of these mediums being fibre arts.

The 2026 tour hosts four fibre artists; Dolores Hopps, Judy Ranieri, Jillian Messervy and Rachel Conlin, each offer different uses of fibres, different perspectives and different studio locations, but a common thread weaves between all four artists.

Their work is 'hands on' irresistibly touchable, with many pieces being wearable or functional. The artists also tend to be versatile, having experimented with many aspects of fibre art. All love the use of colour and all are inspired by the surrounding beauty of nature in this area.

Judy Ranieri, Studio E

Judy's art is focused around felting fibres. She uses two methods; needle felting and nuno felting. The needle felting process for Judy begins with a blank canvas and a vision inspired by nature. Judy uses special needles to 'punch' different colours of hand blended corriedale wool through prefelted canvas. The result is Judy's artistic impression, nature inspired vision, creating 2-dimensional landscapes. Judy uses the nuno felting process to create shawls and other pieces of wearable art. Nuno felting begins with a blank canvas of 100% pure silk. The silk is either hand dyed or left in its natural white state.

Again, it all starts with a vision inspired by nature. Judy uses 100% merino wool, silk fibres and stitching to create wearable art that is light, soft and luxurious. Many of Judy's wearable pieces have travelled the world.

Jillian Messervy, Studio F

Jillian is primarily a weaver. Jillian makes all her cloth on floor looms, one thread at a time, using natural fibres - predominantly cotton, wool, and linen. Most of Jillian's work is inspired by what she sees while walking in the woods. Jillian uses different traditional weave structures for texture and lots of colour to recreate

beautiful things she's seen, whether it's the shadows of trees and sunshine on snow, or the blur of red from a fox on the run. In addition to Jillian's usual variety of tea towels, placemats, scarves and blankets, this year she's been working with very fine threads, making superfine, high thread count table napkins. Jillian's looking forward to making some large bath towels and quilted double cloth shawls in time for the tour in September.

Rachel Conlin, Studio O

Rachel is a hand dyer of yarns & fibres, hand spinner & needle felter of wool creations. Rachel dyes a variety of luxury fibres and yarn, achieving unique colours for yarn crafts and obtaining the perfect blend of colours for her wool 'painting'. Using a combination of an industrial felting mill for her base, then needle felting by hand, Rachel creates one-of-a-kind tapestries, clothing and functional items. Rachel also enjoys hand spinning, making exclusive art yarn. For the 2026 tour, Rachel has been felting miniatures, where she creates tiny dwellings, landscapes & animals, "not only children enjoy whimsy".

Dolores Hopps, Studio H

Although Dolores is a quilter, and considered a textile artist, she uses fibres in much of her work. Dolores uses quality fabrics from England and Japan to create stunning quilts in glorious colours, stripes and flowers. Many of Dolores's pieces have wool felting incorporated into the quilting, as well as beads, silk, and other interesting embellishments. Dolores makes quilts that are functional, as well as breathtaking wall-hangings.

Judy Ranieri, Studio E and Rachel Conlin, Studio O will be performing demonstrations during the Tour weekend, both artists offering fascinating ways of working with fibre. Judy will be demonstrating the process of both needle and nuno felting.

Rachel's demonstration will include use of her felting mill and spinning wheel.



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Anne Young - pottery

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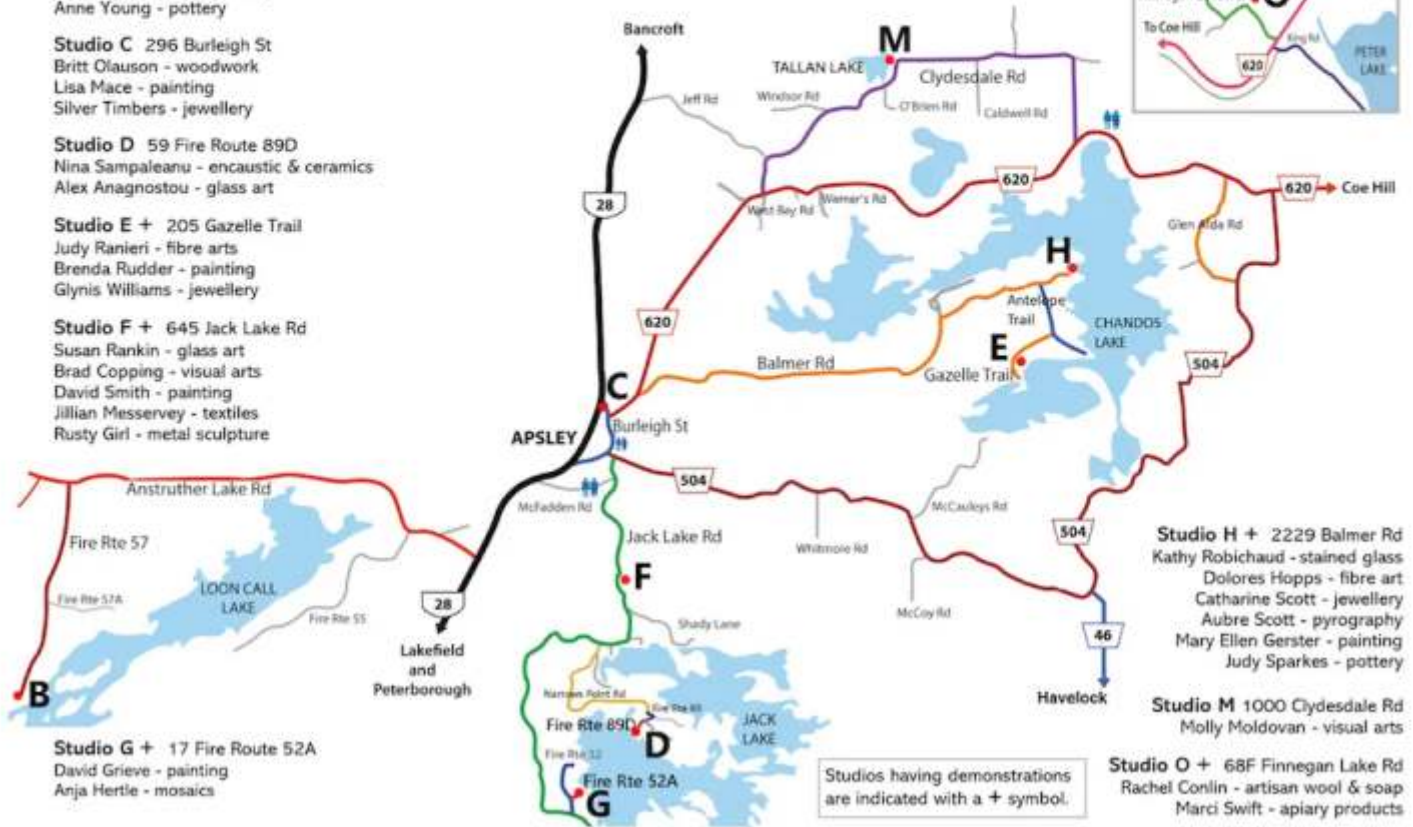
Studio D 59 Fire Route 89D
Nina Sampaleanu - encaustic & ceramics
Alex Anagnostou - glass art

Studio E + 205 Gazelle Trail
Judy Ranieri - fibre arts
Brenda Rudder - painting
Glynis Williams - jewellery

Studio F + 645 Jack Lake Rd
Susan Rankin - glass art
Brad Copping - visual arts
David Smith - painting
Jillian Messervey - textiles
Rusty Girl - metal sculpture

Studio G + 17 Fire Route 52A
David Grieve - painting
Anja Hertle - mosaics

- Chandos Beach (Hwy 620)
- Downtown Apsley behind the ATM bldg.
- N. Kawartha Community Centre (McFadden/Jack Lake Rd)
- Coe Hill (Hwy 620 in public park)



The tour is free!
A self-guided map is also available
through the website at
<https://apsleystudiotour.com>

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Left to Right: Rachel Conlin, Jillian Messervey, Judy Ranieri, Dolores Hopps





Submitted by Kim Lenover

Wilson Park Pickleball Club Continues to Grow While Giving Back

The Wilson Park Pickleball Club in Woodview has become a thriving community since its formation in 2022. What began with just a handful of enthusiastic players has grown into a vibrant club of 74 members. Players of all skill levels gather each week for exercise, friendly competition, and plenty of fun, with many lasting friendships formed along the way. The club's regular play takes place on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at the Wilson Park courts, located at 66 Northey's Bay Road.

On July 23, the club proudly hosted its 3rd Annual Charity Pickleball Tournament, bringing members together for a morning of spirited competition and community camaraderie. Thirty-three players competed in the Novice, Intermediate, and Advanced divisions before everyone gathered to enjoy a delicious potluck



luncheon.

Congratulations to this year's tournament champions: Katie W. (Novice), Krystin K. (Intermediate), and Tracey H. (Advanced) - and to our runners-up, Brian N. and Jim D., for some great matches!

Thanks to the incredible generosity of club members, the tournament raised \$850 for Apsley Community Care. The donation will help support the organization's important programs and services, which enable seniors and adults living with disabilities throughout the Apsley area to remain healthy, safe, and independent in their own homes.

The club extends its sincere thanks to everyone who donated, played, volunteered, and helped make the event such a memorable success. Special appreciation also goes to the Township of North Kawartha for its ongoing support and for generously donating 2027 pickleball memberships for the winners in each of the three tournament divisions.

The Wilson Park Pickleball Club welcomes new members of all experience levels. Anyone interested in joining or learning more about the club is encouraged to contact Kim Lenover at wilsonparkpickleball@gmail.com

Whether you're looking to stay active, improve your game, or simply enjoy great company, you'll find a warm welcome at the Wilson Park Pickleball Club!





We are still enjoying the warmth of the August days! We are also trying to stretch out those summer days before returning to the full regular schedule of activities.

The August excursions included a delicious family-style lunch at the Cody Inn in Buckhorn. The venue offered indoor seating or an outdoor patio which had folks connecting and sharing their summer experiences.



The Golf Day in late August was another wonderful, friendly event at the scenic Marvel Rapids Golf Course. The afternoon included prizes for 'closest to the hole', returning the yellow ball after it's been in play by each team member and the longest drive. Thanks, Gayle and volunteers, for planning an enjoyable activity!

We are looking forward to an afternoon at the Bancroft Village Playhouse to watch 'Fiddler on the Roof' on Wednesday, September 3.

The first regular lunch will be after the Labour Day long weekend on Tuesday, September 8. Seniors and guests are welcomed back to join in Tuesday morning Corn Hole and coffee time together before lunch at noon. Euchre and Canasta games begin at 1:00 p.m.

A reminder that the Seniors are preparing for their annual Bazaar on Saturday, November 7 at NKCC, starting at 10:00 a.m. Contact the email below if you are interested in raffle tickets or connect with a Seniors member. The prizes are generously donated by several local artists. These include : a twin hand-stitched quilt (Merle Post), a hand-felted shawl (Judy Ranieri) and an acrylic painting, "Red Fox Dawn" (Brenda Rudder). Thank you!

If you are interested in finding out more about Anstruther-Burleigh-Chandos Seniors, join us on Tuesdays at NKCC or send a message to abcseniorscommunications@gmail.com.

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Contributed by Lori Brock



As summer winds down, we want to thank everyone who supported us at our various summer activities. Most recently, we hosted the 100-year celebration of the Royal Canadian Legion. A special thank you to Mayor Carolyn Amyotte and MP Jamie Schmale for attending our event and sharing such kind words about the Legion and our community. Another thank you to Ellen Kocik, our Zone F5 Commander, for celebrating this milestone with us.

In September, you can join us for the annual John Ditchburn Memorial Dart Tournament on September 19. We open at 10 a.m., with game play starting at 11 a.m. A light lunch will be available. Come out for your chance to win cash prizes!

We are hosting our Honours and Sports Awards on September 26 at 1 p.m. The Branch 381 general meetings resume after a summer hiatus on September 29 at 7 p.m. and are open to members in good standing. This is your Legion, and we encourage you to attend the general meetings to have your say!





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Annual Summer Fish Fry & Pig Roast: A Resounding Success

Submitted by Gary Pirko

Dear Community Members, Supporters, and Friends,
We are thrilled to share the fantastic results from this year's North Hastings Community Fish Hatchery Summer Fish Fry & Pig Roast!

Thanks to your incredible enthusiasm and support, the turnout was wonderful—we welcomed 280 guests for an unforgettable evening of great food, community, and fun.

Highlights & Impact

Funds Raised: We are proud to announce that the event raised \$32,425 in net proceeds, which will go directly toward the hatchery's operational expenses.

Record Growth: Thanks to your generosity, this year's proceeds surpassed last year's total, helping ensure our hatchery operations remain strong.

Volunteer Power: A huge thanks to Peter Varley, who led our phenomenal volunteer team. An incredible group of over 150 volunteers contributed their time and hard work to make this event run smoothly from start to finish!

We extend our deepest gratitude to all of our participants, generous donors, and guests for making this such an incredibly rewarding evening. This event truly showcases the strength and spirit of our community.

Save the Date !

Mark your calendars for our 21st Annual Fish Fry & Pig Roast July 10 2026

We also look forward to sharing more updates on our ongoing hatchery initiatives and upcoming events. Thank you again for your unwavering support!

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THOUGHTS From GAYLE

Gayle Davis, Freelance

See you in September!

Well, September is upon us. Warm days. Cool nights. And a slower pace for some.

I don't know about you, but summer is a whirlwind time for us: visitors, trips, cottage care, lawn care, building projects, bbq's, camp, picnics. The list goes on. Somewhere in all of that there is supposed to be a time to kick back and relax, but that hasn't happened for us this year. So, yes, I am glad September is here.

The kids are heading back to school. Exciting for some, but some are not so thrilled about it. A break from our regular routines is refreshing but sometimes we languish when there is too much of it. Humans thrive within structure. I particularly noticed this when our great grandson visited. The first week there was a lot of unstructured 'free time' that became boring after the first blush wore off, which led to some behavioural issues. The second week he attended day camp. Now while that didn't solve all of the challenges, he was 'good tired' when he came home and much more receptive to cooperating. He also had lots to talk about and was able to store up good memories and experiences within himself which he could replay later on and also share with his Mum once they were reunited.

So, we now look ahead with anticipation to this first late summer/early autumn month. What's happening out there?

Well, there are several options to suit your own personal interests. Crisp, cool days make any activity of choice more comfortable. Hiking the trails or going for a walk as the leaves begin to change bring a bug-free, relaxing experience as well as providing needed exercise. Remember, winter will be upon us before we know it, restricting our outdoor activities somewhat. Plants proffer their bounty as harvest time arrives. How about some apple picking in local or distant orchards?

Cider and baked goods round out the delights of this activity. Fresh air. Fresh fruit. Yummy treats.

Healthy exercise. Or you could visit a pumpkin patch. Could it get any better? Ontario Fall fairs are gearing up. You can travel near and far to have a wonderful day perusing homemade goods and crafts, meeting farm animals, watching craft demonstrations, or attending demolition derbies for a fun date night. In some cases, there are pony rides and amusement rides for the kids, both old and young.

With summer's bounty readily available, you could can, preserve, or bake using all the fresh and flavourful fruits and vegetables which are plentiful. Apples. Berries. Peaches. Just imagine how wonderful opening a jar of strawberry preserves in January will feel. And taste! That alone would be worth the effort! Dry and preserve the late summer herbs from your garden for some spectacular ingredients for your future comfort meals.

If you are of 'a certain age', find events geared towards seniors' activities. A fun day trip with friends gets you out of the house and gives you an opportunity to travel and explore in comfort. An Aging Well Senior Expo is being held close by on September 12, 2026. Located in Tudor-Cashel Township, at the Gilmour Community Centre, the event is free to all participants. There will be fitness demos and guest speakers geared to topics of interest to seniors and caregivers, as well as adults of all ages. Fun and informative. Lunch is free and you get to take home a complimentary swag bag filled with helpful information! Have lunch. Make a friend. Be informed.

How about going on a Studio Tour? There are many excellent artists and artisans in the area displaying their work.

The self-guided Apsley Autumn Studio Tour runs September 19-20 from 10 to 5. 27 artists and artisans will showcase painting, pottery, sculpture, glass art and woodwork in nine studios throughout the Kawartha area. Or visit a different area for a bit of variety. You name it, you can find it!

As you can see, there are many great, upcoming activities to chase away the 'summer has ended' blues. The arrival of fall can be an exciting time with lots of fun and interesting things to do. The old song, 'See you in September,' heralds happy and interesting days, with the return of familiar activities and faces, as well as the arrival of new adventures and experiences to liven up this season.

Enjoy!





Sunday August 16th was a great day to be a CLPOA Volunteer! It was a fabulous day for our Volunteer Appreciation party. The weather was perfect, the food was delicious, the drinks were plentiful and the conversations were spirited. The CLPOA has an amazing group of volunteers and we always welcome more. If you are interested in joining us or simply learning more about volunteer opportunities, please reach out to info@clpoa.ca. We'd love to have you join us!



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by Helena McMann

Girls Just Wanna Have Fun

Back in April of this year, myself and a few of my girlfriends went on a much needed weekend away. We are all turning 50 this year and wanted to do something special...we have been friends since highschool and our lives have taken us in different directions, some of us have slipped apart and then found our way back to each other again – but one thing for certain...the bond we have is a blessing.

I could go on for pages about each of these amazing women but I thought I'd keep it light and share a few giggles from our days away... There's something therapeutic about a girls weekend...and I use the term "girls" loosely as we appeared to have swapped out some recreational drugs for pill boxes filled with estrogen and natural supplements, we had a few less drinks and few more aches and pains as we got back from our hikes each day...

The weekend began with all of us rolling in from different areas about an hour or two away. One of the women has a beautiful cabin and that was our home for the next two days...maplevalleycabin (on Instagram...check it out). As we unpacked and claimed our rooms like giddy girls at summer camp...one thing we realized...we may have overestimated the amount of food we were going to consume...holy crap ladies...we could have fed an army.

With the weather absolutely perfect, and kilometres of trails to enjoy, we all got our steps in and thank you iphone health app for



reminding me Sunday morning that I had walked more in two days than I did ALL last year...kind of a raw vulnerable reminder of the year I was beating cancer.

Saturday night, after an all afternoon charcuterie extravaganza and a little "risque" vegetable soup (we may be turning 50, but a little penis noodle still makes us giggle) we sat around the dinner table enjoying the BEST spotify playlist of all our 80's and 90's favourites. As we chatted about everything under the sun, a little ladybug made its

way across my friends leg...being the helpful friend I am...I scooped the wee thing in my palm, cupped my hands together and said, follow me over to the door and open it so I can let it outside...now I'm not sure what switched in my brain from the time I stood up from the table to the door - but all logic and reasoning left the building...

As we approached the lady bugs escape route, a mere 20 feet away ...I felt my raggedy ole pajama pants start to...well...slip a little. I thought I could walk a little wider, make it to the door, let the ladybug go and have my hands free to adjust the "situation". PJ's had other plans. Down they went..and chaos ensued. Poor Lisa was caught between making the split decision to either grab my pants or open the door and bless her...but the fact that I chose that day, to NOT wear any underwear...I would have just run away...she tried for the pants, I yelled grab the door, laughter started and I think we were frozen in time...that was until my 50 year old pelvic floor that had birthed 4 children decided to relax and I proceeded to pee myself...all I could do to get two words out..."the door!" Lisa doubled over laughing, somehow opening the door, only barely dodging the "dribble", I went onto the deck to release the cause of all this chaos...the little ladybug, that AT ANY point in time I could have let go of...

From out on the deck...I could hear all of them laughing as they realized what had happened, then all of a sudden heard chairs moving and women running. Well I wasn't the only one with a weak bladder...4 women, two bathrooms...do the math.

Fast Forward about an hour later...we had all settled into the living room, washed up and wearing fresh pajamas, bellies gratefully tender from having one of the best laughs in a long time, when one of the ladies went to grab something from her car, yelled back in to the cabin "hey, is there an outside light on this deck?!..."

I hollered back...well there wasnt when I went flying off the edge of the deck, trying to save the damn ladybug and finish peeing...

"ready, set go...let the second race to bathrooms begin..."

A few months later, the ladies were chatting in our group text about some life challenge one of us was having and they replied with “Well...if your pants stay up, you're already winning”

The biggest reflection of that weekend is that here we all were, kind, beautiful women, all with different paths in life. Some happily married, some separated, some happily single, all different occupations, different financial situations, and some of us had even begun to lose our parents or our jobs, one of us kicked cancers ass, some of us had kids, some did not. Together, in a safe space, eating, walking, sleeping, drinking and most of all laughing. Life throws curveballs at you but for those two days, the struggles didn't matter, neither did the scale or the calories. What a gift it was to have a group of women that are there to lift you up when you're down and celebrate your successes right alongside of you.

That weekend was exactly what the doctor ordered..no drug or specialist can compare to the therapy of a “girls weekend” We already picked the date for next years shenanigans and I've already bought a new pair of pajamas.



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Little Legs, Big Mission One of Ontario's Greatest Wildlife Events has Begun

Across the province, thousands of little turtles, each no bigger than a loonie, will appear from beneath the ground with one goal in mind.

Find water.

If you've never seen it happen, you're in for a treat. From mid-August through mid-October, with September typically being the busiest time, turtle hatchlings will emerge from nests hidden near lakes, ponds, rivers, and wetlands. Others will appear on gravel shoulders, in gardens, on trails, in parks, on cottage roads, driveways, and some unexpected places where Mom decided to lay her eggs.

For such a small animal, hatchlings possess an astonishing amount of determination. They don't hesitate. They don't stop to ask for directions. They simply start walking.

Built on Confidence, Not Experience

The remarkable thing is that these hatchlings have never done this before. They have never seen water, navigated uneven terrain, felt rain, or encountered a predator. Yet they leave the nest already knowing they have somewhere important to be. Scientists call it instinct. Most of us simply call it amazing.

The First Day Is the Hardest

Unfortunately, determination alone doesn't guarantee success. Fewer than one percent of turtle hatchlings survive long enough to become adults.

Imagine beginning life while almost everything around you thinks you're a snack. Birds, raccoons, foxes, mink, skunks, snakes, fish, and even large frogs may all see a hatchling as an easy meal. Then there are roads, lawnmowers, ATVs, pets, and the many other hazards people have added to the landscape.

It is a difficult beginning. Yet every adult turtle you see today survived this very same journey.

A Little Help Goes a Long Way

If you happen to find a hatchling making its way toward water, you have an opportunity to help give it the best possible start.

Carry the hatchling on foot to the nearest suitable body of slow-moving water and look for a shallow area with plenty of aquatic vegetation and natural cover. The goal is to give the hatchling immediate access to places where it can rest, hide from predators, and remain connected to the habitat it will rely on as it grows.

Whenever possible, gently place the hatchling at the water's edge and allow it to make its own way into the water. If there is no suitable shoreline access, carefully place the hatchling in shallow water beside protective vegetation where it can immediately disappear from view. Stay long enough to make sure it finds cover. The perfect release is one where you walk away and can no longer see the hatchling.

Avoid open shorelines, beaches, boat launches, docks, retaining walls, or other exposed areas. These locations offer little protection and can quickly turn a hatchling into an easy meal for fish, herons, gulls, adult snapping turtles, mink, or other predators.

Sometimes the best release location is a little farther from where you are standing. Don't hesitate to put on rubber boots, use hip waders, or use a canoe or kayak to reach a shallow marshy area where the hatchling will have immediate access to protective cover and connected wetland habitat. Getting your feet a little wet is a small price to pay for giving a young turtle the best possible start.

If you find several hatchlings, release them a short distance apart so they are less likely to attract attention. It takes only a few extra minutes, but for the hatchlings it could make all the difference.

Cute Does Not Mean Collectible

Please leave hatchlings in the wild.

Yes, they're adorable. Yes, children will want to hold them. Yes, everyone will want photographs. But Ontario's native turtles belong outdoors, and removing them from the wild is illegal.

A hatchling doesn't need a home. It already has one. The wild.

If you find a hatchling that appears injured or unwell, call the Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre (OTCC), Ontario's Turtle

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Hospital, at 705-741-5000 while you are with the turtle. The OTCC provides free medical care and, if needed, can arrange transportation through its remarkable Turtle Taxi network.

One of Nature's Greatest Journeys

Over the next several weeks, Ontario's smallest travelers will be on the move. Keep an eye on trails, road shoulders, cottage properties, parks, and shorelines. You might witness the beginning of a journey that could eventually span thirty, fifty, or even more years, depending on the species.

If you find one hatchling, take a careful look around before leaving. The nest is probably nearby, and where there is one, there may be several more. They don't always emerge together. Some leave the nest within hours, while others may take several days.

Here's a fascinating twist. Not every hatchling emerges in late summer or autumn. Painted turtles, Blanding's turtles, map turtles, and even snapping turtles sometimes spend the entire winter safely tucked inside the nest, emerging the following spring when conditions are right.

Nature, it seems, is in no hurry.

So if you happen to meet one of these determined little adventurers, take a moment. Smile. Help it reach the water if it needs your assistance. Then quietly cheer it on as it disappears beneath the vegetation.

It's one of the smallest acts of conservation you'll ever perform, yet one of the greatest gifts you can give a wild turtle.

Enjoy the experience.

If you have any questions, phone or text Think Turtle Conservation Initiative at 647-606-9537.

For more information about Ontario's turtles and the many ways you can help them, visit thinkturtle.ca or follow Think Turtle Conservation Initiative on Facebook.



CHECKLIST

- ☐ Purchase or clean backpack
- ☐ Purchase or clean lunchbox
- ☐ Schedule and get a hair cut
- ☐ Sign up for after school activities
- ☐ Arrange for before / after school care
- ☐ Add the school year calendar to your planner
- ☐ Write important dates in your calendar
- ☐ Buy school supplies based on class list
- ☐ Fill out the back to school paperwork
- ☐ Label things belonging to kids
- ☐ Check out the pick up spot at school
- ☐ Teach kids your contact number
- ☐ Designate an area to store backpacks
- ☐ Designate a place to store paperwork
- ☐ Organize and de-clutter closets
- ☐ Shop for healthy snacks for lunch
- ☐ Donate items that no longer fit
- ☐ Talk about distancing at school
- ☐ Create a homework area
- ☐ Plan meals for the first week of school
- ☐ Practice early morning routine
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____





Down the Road and Over the Fence

My name is Molly Power, I am 16 years old and have always had a love and passion for baking. Throughout my life, I have been interested in using my baking skills for raising money to put towards a good cause. So given that, I thought it would be good to put the two together and host a bake sale at my workplace, Woody's! I was very fortunate to have this opportunity provided by my 2 employers, Jaime and Grant! I also could not have done this without the help and support of the Woody's staff, as they helped contribute baked goods for the bake sale. I chose to donate all proceeds to Apsley Community Care, because I knew that any amount raised would benefit our community as a whole, especially those in need. Every amount donated will help assist the volunteers who support seniors and adults in need to provide meals, driving to appointments, drop off groceries, run a local thrift store and so much more. I am so grateful to help our community and hope to continue to use my baking for goodness in the future:)

“Baking For Goodness in the Future”



Molly Power, Woody's Restaurant Staff and Local Treat Lovers Came Together in a Delicious Way for Community Care

We are incredibly thankful for Woody's Food Truck & Market and their staff, especially Molly who took the lead on planning and organizing a bake sale for our Apsley Office!
Katie - Community Care



An amazing \$800 was raised with the bake sale and then Woody's owners, Jaime and Grant matched the amount for a total of \$1,600 donated to Community Care.



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