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Who was Charles Bowman Anyway?



Streetscape of downtown Bowmanville in the early 1900's. View of Northwest corner of King and Temperance Streets.

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by **Charles Taws**

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Bowmanville is named after a Scotsman named Charles Bowman. Unfortunately, not much is known about this important man. One curious fact is that he never lived in or anywhere near the town that bears his name. How did this happen? And just who was this man anyway?

The museum has recently been in contact with two researchers in Scotland and this has shed some new details on the life of our elusive founder. Still, most of the evidence comes from a group of legal papers that were acquired in 1972 by then Bowmanville Museum

chair, Andy Thompson. This in itself is an interesting story and I still shudder to think where these important papers might have ended up had Mr. Thompson not been in the right place and the right time. He and his wife were attending a wedding for a distant relative in Montreal when they were approached by another guest who explained he worked for a local law firm which possessed many old Bowman papers with some relating to Bowmanville. Evidently, they had, at one time, handled the legal affairs for Mr. Bowman's descendants but the papers were now very old and they no longer required them. Mr. Thompson jumped at the chance to acquire these for the museum. Among the many legal papers were

Charles Bowman's last will and testament. Bowmanville historian and museum founder Elsie Lunney spent hours pouring over these papers to glean the significant local details.

Let's first look at the facts we know about Charles Bowman. Charles Bowman was the son of William John Bowman who owned and operated a starch works in Laurencekirk Scotland. We know this because of the many complaints still existing in legal records of the smell from the starch works. This part of Scotland is known for its textile industry and William John Bowman did good business with the various firms. The family estate was called Greystones and the Bowman's could be considered to be of comfortable means. Of Charles' ear-

ly life little can be said except that he travelled in Europe, notable Malta and Italy, and he had a sister Ann, who never came to Canada but stayed in Scotland.

When Charles was born is not known, but at some point in his youth he came to Canada to seek his fortune. He settled in Montreal and in 1830 he married Elizabeth Savage. Their ceremony was in St. James Church in York (Toronto), but the couple lived in Montreal where Charles built a large Italian Villa style house. Elizabeth was the eldest daughter of George Savage who was a Collector of Customs at York. They had at least 8 children, but 3 died very young. The surviving children were two sons, Charles and John, and three daughters Elizabeth, Ann and Victoria Sophia.

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Will You Have Enough Money When You Exit Your Business



by Peter Hobb

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One very important aspect of planning for the exit from your business is to put a plan in place that will increase the odds that you, the business owner, and your spouse will have enough money to live comfortably in retirement. There are two key elements to this process. Firstly, you must decide what you want to do in retirement so an estimate can be made of the financial

resources that will be required in retirement. The second element is creating and or protecting the wealth you will need to meet your financial retirement goals.

The first element is sometimes difficult for the business owner. Some business owners have been so focused on their businesses that they have not had the time or the inclination to think what the future might be like when they don't have to come into work. In a lot of cases their businesses define who they are so they cannot imagine not having to come into work. The reality, unfortunately, is there will be a day when they will stop coming into work. Hopefully this day arrives on their terms and they have adequately planned for that day. When planning for life after retirement, be honest with yourself. What do you and your spouse really

want to do? Is it travelling the world, sailing the Caribbean, or going back to school. If you do not plan for what you really want to do in retirement, you may find, once you do decide what you do want to do, that you do not have the financial resources you need.

Your planned lifestyle in retirement is one aspect that will affect the financial resources you will need in retirement. Other issues to consider include the amount you want to leave to your children and your charitable giving plans. Although these items are not static you still need a starting point. Also there are a number of different strategies that can be implemented to achieve your financial goals. Having a financial plan will put you along way down the road towards ensuring your financial security in retirement and achieving your financial goals.

Surveys have told us that more than 80% of business owners believe that proceeds from the sale or transfer of their businesses is very or somewhat important in meeting their financial retirement needs. This is a very risky proposition. There are no guarantees that you will realize enough money from the sale or transfer of your business to meet your financial retirement needs or that you will even be able to find someone to take over your company when you are ready to exit. New products could be introduced that make your products obsolete, more competition could squeeze your profit margins or your customers' tastes change. We all know the risks in running your own business. To reduce those risks you need to plan.

There are many strategies that can be implemented to

meet your financial goals, one of which is realizing, from the sale of your business, the money you need. Another strategy includes transferring business wealth while you are operating the business. One common example of transferring business wealth in this manner is to take money from your company and put it into a Registered Retirement Savings Plan. Other strategies, which are more complex, include setting up an investment company and transferring cash not needed by your operating company to your investment company, setting up an individual pension plan, and refinancing the operating company and transferring the money to yourself. Your company's situation and your personal and business goals



will affect what strategies are the best. There isn't one recipe that will work in every situation. Know your options. Being ready for the eventual exit from your business isn't about deciding this week that you will sell next week.

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The Family Farm - Backbone of Our Economy



by Jim Abernethy, Editor
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I hope you have enjoyed reading about the early history of the many communities that have helped to shape Clarington into what it is today. We are blessed with living in a community rich in heritage with a strong economy, based on energy and agriculture.

Energy and agriculture were the two resources that influenced Charles Bowman

in 1824 when he invested in the lands which later became the community bearing his name.

Today our largest single employer is the OPG Darlington NGS which now produces almost 20 % of our Provincial electrical demands.

Since the days of Mr. Bowman, Agriculture has always been one of the leading industries in Clarington.

Agriculture will continue to play an important role in our foreseeable future considering the Provincial Greenbelt and Oak Ridges Morain Acts now regulate about 80 percent of the lands within Clarington.

Clarington farmlands are just too productive to be used for any other purpose other than what they have been doing for centuries..... feeding people.

The difference of course is that in 1824 a farmer, his wife and 12 children may have cultivated 1-20 acres, whereas today it is not uncommon for some of our farming community families to manage in excess of 1,000 acres.

Operating a profitable family farm is becoming more challenging each year. Unfortunately we may see the demise of the family farm model as we have known it for the last century or more.

Farming is becoming big business and like other businesses, new capital investments are required to continue to

improve and expand operations. New capital is not always readily available and may require farm owners to consider options such as: 1) Drawing down on existing savings. 2) Diversifying land use to increase revenues. 3) Mortgaging the farmland that may now be free and clear, or 4) Selling the farmland with a leaseback privilege allowing the family to continue to live on and operate the farming operation.

The sell/leaseback option may be ideal for the farming family which has recognized that, for a number of reasons, the days of operating the family farm are limited. The primary reason is because their children do not have an interest in carrying on the family business, and within the next 5-10 years they foresee a need to dispose of the farming operation.

Scotiabank's latest real-estate outlook in September 2011 said that Canada is showing resilience that few other countries have been able to maintain.

"In the majority of the major markets we track in North America, Europe and Australasia, inflation-adjusted home prices declined on a year-over-year basis in the second quarter of 2011," said Adrienne Warren, Scotiabank Economics senior economist and real estate specialist.

"While Canada's hot housing market also has begun to cool, it remains a notable outperformer."

The Scotiabank Report noted that of the nine major developed markets it tracks, only Canada, France and Switzerland showed housing price increases year over year.

The report went on to say that in Canada, existing home prices were up five per cent year-over-year from April to June, while prices appeared to level out in July and August.

The economy may be up and it may be down, but fortunately for the owners of farmland in Clarington, there is and always will be a demand for good productive farmland.

As Charles Bowman foresaw the economic potential of this area in 1824, investors who know the value of good agricultural lands have expressed to me their interest in buying Clarington agricultural lands - while being respectful of the families who have worked these lands for generations.

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The Family Farm, and How to Pass it to Your Children



by Vicki Brech
CFP, FMA, FCSI

For many farmers it is important to maintain the family farm by passing it on to the next generation.

Planning for this event is a critical part of every farmer's retirement plan. This involves a number of steps, which must follow a particular order under the guidance of experts who can help define this process so as to achieve goals on both a personal and a business level.

The Family Farm, unlike an outside business, is also often the family home, which presents additional challenges as the dynamics of family structures and relationships must be taken into consideration. Does the next generation want the responsibility of running the farm? How does one equalize between siblings so as to provide a fair and equitable distribution of assets?

A critical step begins with sitting down with all family members to determine which, if any, of your adult children are interested. Don't make the assumption that because "John or Jane" has always been the one to take care of things, that he or she actually wants the responsibility. Be clear. Set

out and define goals and objectives.

Next you can begin to gather and collate information, such as legal and tax documents. Current and historical financial information, and reasonable profitability expectations – past, current, and future prospects need also to be analyzed and compared with local available benchmarks for viability and feasibility.

Present scenarios – transfer of ownership, financing, business structures, legal questions and issues, and potential tax implications. Plan for variables, keeping flexibility in mind. Establish working relationships with the appropriate experts; bankers, lawyers, accountants, insurance agents; and a coordinator to keep everyone current and connected.

Articulate tentative decisions regarding the shape and direction of the plan and estimate general timelines.

Document a final summary, including an overview, schedule of events, financial and supporting documentation, and contingencies to allow for current or future changes.

A clear and detailed outline of the implementation of the plan, including a monitoring and progress schedule should be copied and distributed to all farm family members. This will help to maintain clarity over time.

Source: Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, "Taxation on the transfer of Farm Business Assets to Family Members" Order No. 09-015

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The Legend Of Charles Bowman

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All were under the age of 18 when Charles died in 1848. Even before his marriage



This picture shows Charles Bowman's house in Westmount, Montreal. He acquired the property in 1828 and shortly after 1830 constructed this magnificent Italian Villa style house for his wife, Elizabeth Savage, and their growing family. The estate was called Forden and it later became the home of Charles Bowman's only surviving child Elizabeth Raynes and her husband Captain Robert Raynes. When the last Grand-child died the estate was sold and torn down in 1949. Today you can see Forden Crescent which used to be the estate driveway. The carriage shed still exist. It was converted to a home and owned for many years by the Birks Family of the Birks Jewellery Store chain. When the house came on the market a few years ago its price tag was in the millions!

Charles was building his fortune. Upon his arrival he went into the employ of the Honorable James Leslie as a clerk and stayed with him

for a number of years. He attended the Scotch Presbyterian Church on St. Gabriel Street and took an active part in church administration. He became senior partner in his own firm, originally known as "Bowman and Smith", probably around 1820. With headquarters in Montreal they had business holdings throughout Upper and Lower Canada. Besides Montreal they had interests in Trois Riviere, Colborne, Port Hope, in the Goderich area and, of course, in Bowmanville. Bowmanville historian J.B. Fairbairn wrote in 1906, "Mr. Bowman spent a good deal of time in the old country purchasing supplies. He had extensive means and knew how to buy to advantage."

It was Charles' business interests that led to his con-

nection with Bowmanville. When he arrived in 1824 there was already a small village in the area called Darlington Mills. One can imagine Charles Bowman standing at the crest of the hill where the corner of Scugog and King Streets are now located. To the southeast he could look down into the valley and see the small village and to the west his property on which he saw so much potential. Darlington Mills had already started growing out of the valley to the west (Roenigk Drive area today). Up on the hill, which became known as Westmount, lies Chapel Street. A reminder that the first church in the village was built there. Charles could not purchase that land as it was not for sale so he purchased 300 acres from the Honourable Wil-



The term "Scotch" is generally frowned upon these days (especially by people from Scotland), but saw widespread usage in the old days. That is what the church called themselves so essentially it is correct. This church was long ago absorbed into a larger one.

liam Allan of York (Toronto). This is the land where most of the Town of Bowmanville now sits. Mr. Allan was likely an absentee landlord and Mr. Bowman also purchased the business of Mr. Lewis

Lewis who had taken over a general store and mill started by the Burk Family many years earlier. This old store still exists today, although the building has had many renovations and additions

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Accent lighting is direct light focused at select surfaces. It is used to draw attention to a particular item such as art, adding beauty to a space.

Ambient lighting is the overall illumination. It provides general lighting and



sets the mood.

Kinetic Lighting is light that moves, such as the glow given off by a lit fireplace. It adds effect and drama to a space.

It is important that every seating area in a space has a lighting source for tasks. Table lamps are not only functional, but beautiful as well. Lamp bases and lamp shades can be mixed and match to add to the overall design plan.

Quick Lighting Tips:

- If a room seems closed in or cramped, let in the sun shine! Choose treatments that simply frame

the window, rather than covering it up. Use sheer fabrics that allow light to enter. This will warm up the space and increase its “visual size.”

- To add interest and depth to a space, use up-lights in corners and behind plants for a stunning effect.
- Give yourself options with overhead lighting that can be used for tasks – as well as for creating a favorable ambiance – by using dimmer switches in each room instead of the typical light switch.

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Interlock Driveways



by Dirk Woudstra

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Installing an interlock driveway can be a significant investment for most homeowners but it can give your home years of curb appeal if installed properly. A lot of stone manufacturers offer lifetime warranties on their products but the details are in the fine print. The fine print will usually read if installed according to specifications.

A few things to remember when installing an interlock driveway:

The depth of your excavation can vary depending on the nature of your sub grade. For example, a clay sub grade soil could require up to a 20” sub base plus a 6” base as a silty-sand which would require less. Technical guides are usually available from your landscape professional or your stone supplier. We normally use A-Gravel for our base but remember to compact to 100% standard proctor density. We usually compact in 3-4” layers. Be careful to protect the sub grade from surface water while in the process of installing your new driveway.

Using laser levels to determine final grades will also

help you to find your 2% slope needed for surface water runoff.

Use concrete sand or equivalent for your bedding layers. Do not use limestone as your bedding layer. Use edge restrainers for all of your interlock projects including patios and walk ways.

Compact your interlock into the bedding sand and compact again when sweeping sand into the joints.

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There are a lot of factors to consider when installing an interlock driveway but when installed properly it will add to the value of your home and give you years of enjoyment.

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Lakeshore New Horizons Band in Durham Region

A New Musical Revolution

by David Climenhage

In the 1840's in France, Adolphus Sax developed a family of Brass instruments with newly developed valves that started a music revolution. Small Bands of these instruments could perform any musical form popular in the day. This development started a growth industry in Europe that quickly spread to North America: The Town Band.

In Durham Region by the end of the 1850's, every village had a town band or a factory band. Some of these were quite notable and long lived. The Orono Cornet Band pictured above was typical of the early bands and it carried on into the 1970s under different names. Most of the brass bands that formed in the 1840s and 50s added woodwind instruments by the 1890s. In the latter half of the 19th cen-

tury, these bands provided the main entertainment for public events, fairs, parades and dances and provided the music that reached everyone in Canada. The Orono Cornet Band was a regular at the Orono Fair.

Update to 2011: A new musical revolution is underway brought to you by the Seniors of North America: The "New Horizons Community Band".

This movement was started by Roy Ernst, a professor at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester New York. The program is aimed at fulfilling the passion for music of many retired men and women who did not have time to pursue this interest while they were working. The New Horizons movement has been so successful that it has spread all over North America and has over 170 member bands. The bands

are linked on line and many of the member musicians connect when they travel. It also offers music workshops so its members can learn from some of the finest band leaders in North America.

The Lakeshore New Horizons Band program will appeal to those who have played regularly at some time in their lives or to those with no musical training. Instruction is provided at the beginner level and this will allow anyone, with time to practice, to develop over a few years to play a brass, woodwind, or percussion instrument in a community band. The advanced community band is made up of individuals who have more playing experience, some of them from the New Horizons program and some who have played for many years.

If you are interested in this program and live in Durham



Region or Northumberland County, contact Lakeshore New Horizons Band President Elliot Tremereer at 905

623 2677 (tremereer@bell.net) or Lynda Shewchuk at 905 623 5977. Rehearsals are at the Maple Grove

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If you require more information, phone Len Clement at 905-436-2172, or email him at len.clement.sr@sympatico.ca




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Photo Essay by Kristin McCrea

Managing Your Electricity Costs under Time of Use Rates (TOU)



by Brian Mountford

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Homeowners have expressed concern and frustration over the implementation Smart Meters and Time of Use Rates. Here is a quick overview of the program and how it operates.

Over the last few years, the Provincial Government directed Ontario's electrical utilities to install 'Smart Meters' and begin to implement 'Time of Use' electricity rates. While numerous stories have appeared in various media about the inaccuracies of Smart Meters, investigations have proven beyond a doubt that Smart Meters are at least as accurate as the old meters. The problems that did arise were mainly due to errors in the billing systems triggered by changing the meters. Almost all of these problems

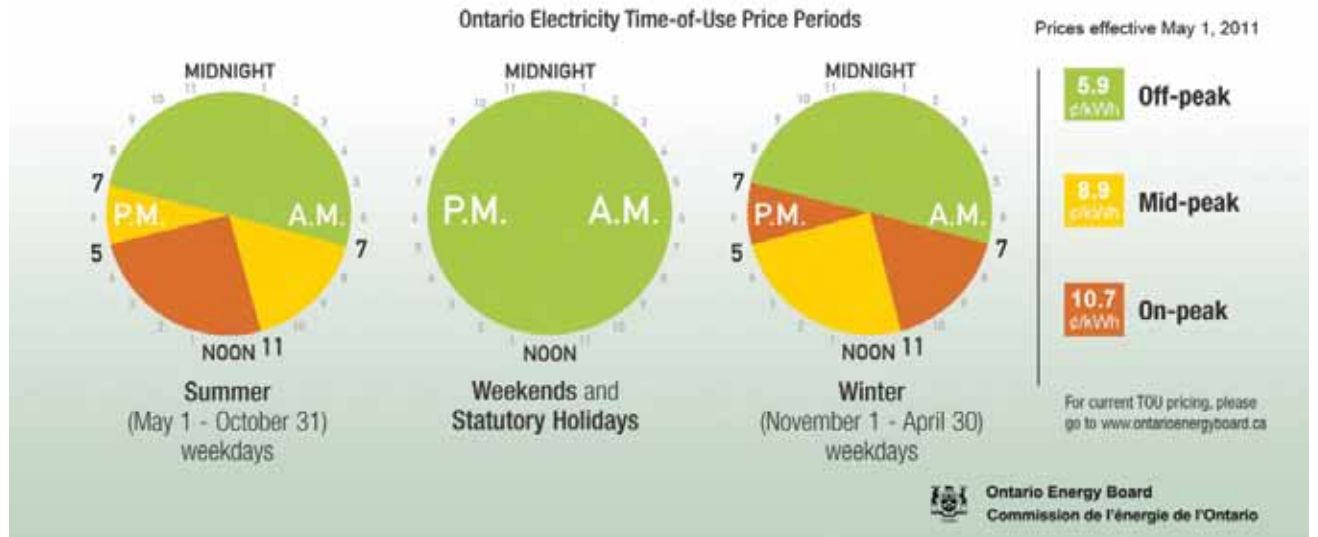
have been resolved and utility bills are now accurate.

Why Were Smart Meters Installed?

Prior to TOU rates, customers paid a fixed price for electricity based on the average cost of generation. However, the 'Real' cost of generating electricity varies considerably based on demand. In 'Off-Peak' times, most power comes from cheaper forms of generation - Hydroelectric & Nuclear. As demand increases, more expensive sources of generation are required - oil, gas, and ultimately imported power from other jurisdictions. By using TOU rates to better reflect the real 'market price' of generation, customers are expected to be influenced to use less during peak periods and more in off-peak periods

What is a Smart Meter?

A smart meter records how much energy is used in each of three TOU time frames (On-peak, Mid Peak, Off Peak - Note - the times for these rate periods change from summer to winter as demand patterns change). Once the meter captures the time based electricity usage, it then transmits it to a central computer at the util-



ity. This time bundled energy usage then allows the utility to bill customers the electricity rates for each rate period as specified by the Ontario Energy Board.

Will customers pay more?
Yes, but not because of smart meters or TOU billing.

- Electricity rates are going up to help pay for aging utility infrastructure
- If customers do not conserve and/or shift use to off-peak periods, their bills will go up even more.
- Research indicates that if rates were to be held

constant, the average customer's TOU bill would be about the same as it would have been prior to TOU.

What Can You Do to Manage Your Electricity Bill?

Conserve electricity - better insulation, turn down your thermostat in winter (and up

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4 bedroom Model Home, Bowmanville



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What Is The Best Way To Market A Home For Sale?

Marketing a home for sale is quite different from most other types of marketing and advertising. Unlike marketing many products, homes are each unique. Marketing decisions will be based on thorough examination of the home's features and comparison to the competition in the marketplace. Decisions must also be made concerning improvements that might enhance the home and sell it faster and for a higher price.

Selection of media, as well as timing and frequency of advertising, is a skill developed over time by real estate professionals. Local market experience, as well as knowledge of national trends is part of it.

Unlike products that are sold in multiple locations, stores or outlets, a home is fixed in location, and this is a critical factor in the marketing function. The saying that real estate is "location, location, and location" is quite true. This factor cannot be changed, nor im-

proved upon. Both positive and negative location factors must be dealt with in a home's marketing plan.

These factors will determine our selection of marketing media, materials and strategies. Let's look at the various ways in which homes are marketed, as well as the benefits and possible drawbacks of each.

Newspaper ads - Whether classified or display, color or black and white, newspaper advertising is one of the most expensive media in the home marketing plan. Real estate brokerages, due to their ongoing advertising, gain experience and specialized knowledge in the types, sizes and layout of ads that are effective in marketing homes. Using their volume purchase discounts, brokerages can provide more newspaper exposure than most individuals could afford.

Homes Magazines - Magazines that specialize in real estate are also expensive, but they can be quite effective. Timing is an issue here,

as there is a longer lead time from placement to publishing with these periodicals. The decision of whether to advertise a home in one of these magazines will be based on the experience of the local real estate professional. The lead time we mentioned, as well as other factors, will enter into the decision of whether to market a home in homes magazines.

The Open House - There is a great deal of debate in the industry over the value of the open house for marketing. This is a very local decision as well. Local real estate professionals will have experience with open houses, and can advise.

Specialty publications - What are these? Magazines about horses and riding for horse properties are an example. Golf course homes advertised in golfing publications are another. There are other examples, and again, the local real estate sales representative will have the information necessary for decisions about them.

As with other media mentioned here, the scattergun approach of placing ads everywhere is never the best decision. Careful placement in the most effective media is the key.

Web Sites - The Internet has changed the real estate marketing world significantly. With 80+% of home buyers saying they used the Web in their search for a home, it is quite an important piece of the puzzle. A local real estate broker or sales representative will be able to point out how your home will be displayed on the Internet. Email marketing to other real estate sales representatives and accumulated prospect lists is also an effective tool used by real estate professionals.

The Multiple Listing Service - Though we listed the others first, the most important tool in marketing homes since its inception has been the Multiple Listing Service, or MLS. The vast majority of all homes sold are located via an MLS listing, and sold via

the cooperative commission arrangements in that system.

The listing broker places the entire home's information into the system. Almost immediately, hundreds or thousands of real estate sales people are exposed to that home's information via the MLS reporting. The MLS is by far the most accurate source of property information, as the real estate boards that run them are tasked with enforcement of the ways in which data is entered.

How does the system work? The listing broker posts up the home's detailed information. Other real estate brokers and sales representatives who are members of that MLS will see this home in their listings and daily reports. Sales people also network on behalf of their clients. They know who seems to bring the most buyers for properties similar to their listing, and they contact those sales people via email or phone to make sure that they are aware of the new listing's features and benefits.

Most MLS's also do regu-

lar real estate sales representative previews, caravans or tours. On a scheduled basis, sales people are invited into the home to preview it on behalf of their buyer clients. Even if they have no immediate clients for that home, real estate sales representative is exposed and will have a better knowledge of the home's characteristics when a buyer comes along with similar criteria. Since the Multiple Listing Service concept began, there has never been another system for marketing homes that comes even close to being as effective. With the entire membership focused on connecting buyers and sellers, it just works.

This feature article is a sample of the many on-line reports that are available for you to read in the comfort of your home or office.

To learn more about the home buying and selling process - I invite you to read additional reports available on my website: www.jimabernethy.ca

The Legend Of Charles Bowman

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added to it over the decades, as Tim's Rent-All.

So, how did Darlington

Mills become Bowmanville? Some history books will tell you that after the 1837 Rebellion it was renamed because Mr. Bowman's store in Bow-

manville had sheltered and supplied forces loyal to the established Family Compact government. In fact it was called Bowmanville before that. It has been surmised by various historians that the name changed gradually from "Bowman's Village", to "Bowmansville", and finally "Bowmanville". The name "Bowmanville" seems to have been in general usage by the early 1830's (some historians put the name change at 1828) although it was not officially changed until 1853.

Charles' store in Bowmanville, called "Bowman and Company" became very successful and effectively served the surrounding area for many years. They carried a large variety of goods and extended liberal credit to pioneers who were struggling to make their new farms productive. In 1839 during a money shortage the firm issued its own script to facilitate trade. Such bills are now rare and valuable collector's items. Charles began having the streets laid out by a surveyor and one local legend says he gave a lot to the eldest girl in every local family. The truth of this statement has not been verified, but the logic is as these girls got married and had their family homes built on their lots the surrounding lots would increase in value. In 1825 he

donated land (the lot was just east of the Village Inn Restaurant) and had a meeting hall built for town meetings and for religious services (it was open to all denominations). He also donated land and money for the building of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and St. John's Anglican Church. He also encouraged many promising young men in Scotland to settle in Bowmanville and this may explain our high number of Scottish pioneers.

Charles Bowman lived at his estate in Montreal, but travelled extensively until his death. One book says he died in Italy and his last will and testament was written on the Isle of Jersey. Perhaps he had developed an illness on his frequent crossing of the Atlantic and was in search of a warmer climate to recuperate. We are not sure. His beautiful house in Montreal was standing until 1949. One of his Grand-daughters was the last to live in the house. It was known she possessed a painted portrait of Charles Bowman. Prof. John Squair tired unsuccessfully to have a copy made for his 1927 history book "The Townships of Darlington and Clarke." The portrait is lost today so we don't even know what our town founder looked like.

Charles Bowman's daughter Elizabeth, was the only



In 1824 Charles Bowman had a vision when he purchased one lonely General Store and the vacant lands where Historic Downtown Bowmanville now stand. His vision was to grow a prosperous community. The Bowman & Company General Store became very successful and effectively served the surrounding area for many years. The old store still exists today as Tim's Rent-All, although the building has had many renovations and additions to it over the decades. Above photo - downtown Bowmanville during Applefest.

child to survive him and inherited his wealth. She married Captain Robert Raynes and lived at the Bowman residence in Montreal. She had eight children, 5 girls and 3 boys, but none married. An indirect ancestor of Charles Bowman was Margaret Raynes who lived on Wellington Street in Bowmanville. Her father was Captain Francis Raynes (believed to be a brother of Robert). When she died in 1945 Bowmanville lost its last connection to its founder. It is clear from the above that Charles Bowman left no direct descendants so anyone with the name of Bowman claiming to be a direct descendent of Charles

Bowman is incorrect. This happens at the Museum every few years or so.

Mr. Bowman's connection with Bowmanville may seem tenuous. But, he certainly gave the small village of Darlington Mills a push at the right time which led to it becoming an important town whose influence quickly extended from Oshtawa to Port Hope and north to Blackstock. Bowmanville was one of the most important urban areas in the old United Counties of Northumberland and Durham and continues in the same role within the Municipality of Clarington.



John Simpson was a protégé of Charles Bowman. He began working in his Bowmanville store in 1825 at the age of 12. He opened the first bag of mail to arrive in town (1827), soon took over management of the store and eventually became a partner in the business. He was active in banking, politics and civic affairs. In 1857 he established the Ontario Bank in Bowmanville and in 1867 he became one of Canada's first Senators. His house can still be seen on the Southwest corner of Highway # 2 and Bennett Road."



by Cathy Abernethy

HOME PROMOTER
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HOME COOKING *with Cathy*

Hello everyone. The fall season has officially arrived. I thought I would share with you a soup which Jim and I enjoyed at a Niagara Vineyard many years ago. Roasting the squash first brings out the sweetness in the soup. It's also much easier than trying to peel the squash. I hope everyone is making time to enjoy all the wonderful fall fairs and festivals which we are so fortunate to have in Clarington.

Butternut Squash Soup with Maple Sage Cream

Serves 6-8

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| 1 lb. butternut squash | 4 cups light chicken stock (you can also use vegetable stock) |
| 2 Tbsp. vegetable oil | 1 Yukon Gold potato, peeled and diced |
| 1 large onion diced | 1 ½ tsp. chopped fresh thyme |
| 1 celery stalk, diced | Dash of ground nutmeg |
| 1 carrot, peeled and diced | ¼ cup whipping cream (optional) |
| 1 garlic clove, minced | Salt and pepper |

Maple Sage Cream:

- ½ cup whipping cream
- 1 Tbsp. pure maple syrup
- 1 tsp. finely chopped fresh sage

Whip cream to soft peaks and fold in maple syrup and sage. Spoon over bowls of soup immediately before serving.

I have also taken a few fresh sage leaves from the garden and sautéed them in butter for about 5 minutes. They make a wonderful garnish for this soup and seem to melt in your mouth.

Preparation

Preheat oven to 350 F. (175C).

Cut squash in half lengthwise and scoop out seeds. Place flesh-side down on a buttered baking sheet and roast for 30-40 minutes, until tender. Allow squash to cool and peel off skin.

In a medium saucepan, heat oil and sauté onion, celery and carrot until tender, about 5 minutes. Add garlic and sauté about 1 minute. Add chicken stock, squash, potato, thyme and nutmeg and simmer until potato is tender, about 20-30 minutes.

Puree using a hand blender or a food processor. Strain if needed. Return to heat and add cream. Season to taste and bring just to a simmer before serving.

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Pumpkin Picking in Clarington



by Tom Coleman

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You can't carve the perfect Jack-O'-Lantern until you find the perfect pumpkin. And what better way to enjoy a crisp fall day with your family than in the pumpkin patch?

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Knox Pumpkin Farm, located on Enfield Road in Hampton, boasts a large pumpkin patch and activi-

ties to delight young and old alike, including a corn maze, farm animals, a straw jump, a story reading room, wagon rides out to the pumpkin patch, a photo station, scarecrow making, face painting and pony rides.

Pingle's Farm Market located on Taunton Road in Hampton, also has a large pick-your own pumpkin patch and offers many fall family activities, including

play areas, straw and corn mazes, farm animals, face painting, balloon animals, and more.

You can also find local pumpkins at the Country Market Garden Centre on Taunton Road in Bowmanville, Price's Farm Market in Bowmanville, and the various other farmers' markets and on-farm stores in Clarington.

While you're there, why not enjoy the rest of the sea-

son's harvest? Farms and markets are offering delicious produce, including apples, broccoli, cabbage, brussels sprouts, carrots, cauliflower, and squash, all of which is at its tastiest at this time of year.

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Agriculture and Clarington



by Don Rickard

REPORTING FROM THE FARM

Agriculture has been, and should always remain a very important part of the municipality known as Clarington. Civilization developed on the foundation of its ability to feed itself, and food comes from nature directly through vegetation, or utilization of vegetation by livestock species in the production of meat as beef, pork, and fowl;

or in food forms such as milk and eggs.

Clarington has some of the best classified soil profiles in CANADA for crop production allowing for cropping diversity including cereal crops such as wheat, oats, barley; oilseed crops including canola and soy beans; edible bean crops including navy beans, azuki beans, and kidney beans. A huge acreage is devoted to the production of corn for livestock feed as well as commercial uses including ethanol production and in the food industry for corn oil, corn starch, and other corn by products. Farmers in Clarington have been the winners in high yield competitions for soybeans in the province for the past two years.

Clarington has the climate that is ideal for the production of a variety of fruit crops. In May of each year, one has to be amazed at the blossoming of the fruit trees, especially apples, that grow abundantly well along the corridor near Lake Ontario. Algoma Orchards, one of our newest and technologically advanced processing facilities ensures that apples, apple products, and other fruit products from Clarington, are enjoyed throughout North America.

There are many producers of vegetables in the fields in Clarington. Our citizens can enjoy this production from the many road side stands and the farmers markets; and commercial production

is shipped to areas that cannot produce their own. Firms in New York city have been importers of vegetables from the fields of Clarington.

Livestock production includes the production of beef, pork, and chicken as well as milk and egg production, with some of the most advanced techniques being utilized by the farmers of Clarington.

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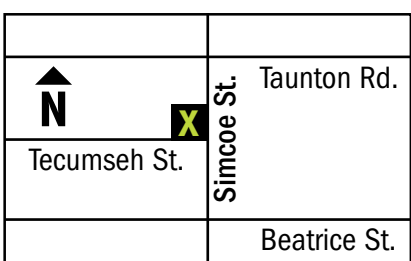
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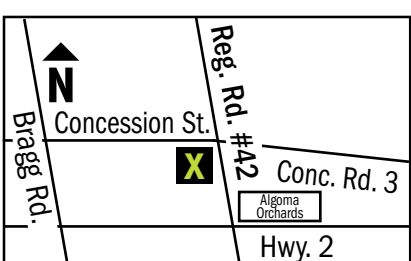
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