

TABOR MANOR



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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

“Lessons from ‘Tim, The Shagbark Hickory’”

The grade three curriculum at our children’s elementary school sees the children selecting their own nut, acorn or seed and growing it into a tree. Our daughter Janelle selected the nut of a Heartnut Tree. It is now a towering 20 foot member of the species growing in the corner of our back yard.

When our son Braedan reached grade three, he chose the seed of a Shagbark Hickory. As he planted, tended and nurtured his project at school, all the signs were there to suggest his tree would also grow successfully and carefree, becoming a welcomed member to what could be a growing forest in our yard, (Rachel and I have four children). Braedan cared so much for his tree, he was thoughtful enough to give it a name. So it came to be that “Tim, The Shagbark Hickory” became a new member of our family. Glad was the day when “Tim” came home from school. After being proudly displayed to the family, we went outside to gently plant “Tim” in the backyard. That complete, now all we had to do was let nature take its course.

As it turned out, “Tim’s” life was not to be an easy one. Several times, due to unforeseen circumstances, we’ve had to transplant “Tim”. On several occasions, his fragile “branches”, if I can call them that, as they were so very tiny, were stripped from his small little twig-like trunk. At one point, we moved “Tim”, or more correctly, his remains, into a very protected part of the yard, with a protective barrier surrounding him, to wait to see if he would survive. After two years of laying dormant, “Tim” began to sprout little leaves, grow to 6” high, only to be nibbled down to the ground by a very hungry rabbit. That was last year and what a disappointment!

2013 is the “Year of Tim, The Shagbark Hickory”! “Tim” has been having an incredible year. He is now 10” tall, has several branches, many leaves, and continues to reside in that protected part of our yard, complete with his own protective barrier of netting to protect him from voracious herbivores. “Tim” is doing well!

Why the story of “Tim, The Shagbark Hickory”? To our family, “Tim’s” life represents the true reality of life. Life can be filled with challenges, aches and pains, ups-and-downs, changing fates. At times, we may seem “dead”, barely hanging on, yet we are alive and we persevere in the face of adversity. One critical piece of “Tim’s” life story is that he has been blessed with gardeners who care for him, tend to his need and who have faith in him to grow into a strong tree. So too, in our lives. Let’s let the life of “Tim, The Shagbark Hickory” be a reminder to us that we have a Heavenly Father who is our gardener, tending to our needs, looking out for us and caring for us deeply.

Have a great summer!

Tim Siemens, Executive Director

HERITAGE DAY



I think that Heritage Day must hold a special place in our Lord's heart as we always have the most beautiful weather!

What a wonderful day we had on June 16! As you can see from this picture, it was an opportunity for the many generations of

our family to get together and spend quality time in each other's company.

And not only was the weather good, but so was the food! Thank-you to all the volunteers who made this day possible!

~Megan

You know your Canadian when...you have more Canadian Tire money in your wallet than real cash!

Hat Day

Thursday, July 4
10:00am

Please join in the fun on HAT DAY!

Wear your hat for the morning programs - everyone who participates will get a treat!

ALL RESIDENTS AND STAFF ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE

Prizes will be awarded for the best Resident Hat and Staff Hat!



Beach Day

Thursday, August 1, 2013 at 10:00am

Please invite your children, grandchildren or great grandchildren to join us for our annual Beach Day!

The courtyard will be transformed into a water world with a pool, slip and slide, sandbox and more! Oh - and there will be ice cream too!

Please see the Therapeutic Recreation office for more details.



CELEBRATIONS

Viola Kennedy - July 15 * Henry Abrahams - July 4 * John Wichert - July 26