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100 People Who Care Brant celebrated its four-year anniversary with a Meet and Greet at Stillwaters Plate & Pour on March 24th. The celebration also acknowledged the group's collective effort to raise \$105,120 for 13 different charities and organizations in the community. Pictured left to right are Steering Committee Members Callum Thomas, Shawna Sharp, Donna Ireland and Andrea Clendening. Absent from the photo, Kim Allardyce.

## Local Philanthropists Celebrate Community Impact

CASANDRA TURNBULL

Managing Editor

What began as a pandemic project to boost local charities has blossomed into a shared community initiative that's raised more than \$100,000 in donations.

To celebrate that milestone, 100 People Who Care Brant hosted a triumphant meet and greet at Stillwaters Plate & Pour Restaurant on March 24th. Not only was it a chance to celebrate their accomplishments over the last four years, but

also an opportunity to meet fellow members in person, said Andrea Clendening, donations coordinator.

100 People Who Care Brant was formed in the height of the pandemic so, like most things in those days, it started as a virtual group. That virtual platform remained in place post pandemic as members found it was time effective as people returned to their busy daily lives.

In the four years since its inception, the dynamic group of individuals from Brant County,

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## New Downtown Paris BIA Board Approved

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In a collective effort to promote economic sustainability and support for local businesses, especially as they head into a difficult time with looming construction, a new Downtown Paris Business Improvement Area (BIA) Board has been appointed.

The new board members were elected during a March 6, 2025 BIA meeting and will assume their appointments until February 2027. County of Brant Council approved appointments and its budget during a March 25th council meeting. The Paris BIA provides a valuable connection and liaison between County of Brant Council and the downtown Paris business community. The appointment of an executive board and approval of the annual budget are two key steps in promoting the activities and programs of this organization.

A large portion of its operating expenses are covered by membership fees, the remaining \$34,364, takes care of costs for printing its summer and winter coupon books and miscellaneous expenses related to website upkeep, employee relations, contracted services, the hanging baskets and year-round promotions.

The group also actively applies for grants to help promote activities within the downtown core. Highlights from the previous BIA include securing a grant from the Hamilton Halton Brant Regional Tourism Association to run Saturdays in Paris, a promotional

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# 100 People Who Care Brant donate over \$100,000 to charities



(KENDRA - CREATIVE COORDINATOR, WILLOWBRIDGE COMMUNITY SERVICES PHOTO)

100 People Who Care Brant Steering Committee member Donna Ireland (2nd from left) presents a cheque for \$7,560 to Willowbridge Community Services staff (L to R) Anna - Director of Service, Vicki - Manager, Counselling Services, and Devon - Communications and Project Manager.



100 People Who Care Brant's Andrea Clendenning - Donations Coordinator and Donna Ireland - Admin/Communications Coordinator present a cheque representing collective donations of \$9,505 during its November 2024 Giving Cycle to Will Ratelband - Community and Family Services Coordinator, The Salvation Army Brantford-Paris Foodbank.

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Brantford and Six Nations of the Grand River have raised \$105,120 for 13 different non-profit agencies in this region. The group's principal model is simple, members make a nominal donation each giving cycle emphasizing the power in numbers.

Non-Profit organizations reach out to 100 People Who Care Brant and the steering committee screens potential applicants to determine eligible beneficiaries for each giving cycle. Members ultimately vote on the recipient, always with a special focus on local charities making an impact in the community they live in. The impact is great

as many of these organizations are underfunded and the financial donation enables them to boost projects or support vital programs.

Philanthropy comes in many forms, so the group focuses on education to highlight the services these charities and organizations provide in the community to spur volunteer opportunities for members who want to give more than money.

Donna Ireland, one of the founding members, recalls it all started with a dire need to support charities and organizations who struggled the most to keep up with the skyrocketing demand for services throughout the pandemic.

"We looked in our own wallets and thought, 'Well

my \$25 donation is nice.. but it's not exactly shaking the world,'" she explained. "That's when the lightbulb moment hit. What if we pooled our resources? What if a whole bunch of us gave together – could we turn a trickle into a tidal wave?"

The answer was yes! Just ask the 13 recipients: Food4kids Brant-Haldimand, The Salvation Army Paris Food Bank, Why Not Youth Centres, Sexual Assault Centre of Brant, Victim Services of Brant, Special Olympics Brantford, Crossing all Bridges Learning Centre, Kids Can Fly, The Brantford Blessing Centre, Brant Food for Thought, Willowbridge Community Services and The Salvation Army Brantford-Paris Foodbank. The most recent giving circle in support of Organized Kaos Life & Trade just wrapped up with a \$8,310 donation.

100 People Who Care Brant's Steering Committee consists of four people – Clendenning, Ireland, Shawna Sharp, Kim Allardyce and newest member, Callum Thomas.

Thomas just joined the effort this year taking on a new role as director of social media. Operating as an online group, it's important they maintain a strong digital presence. Thomas said his main reason for joining was to become more involved in the community. "I've got a lot of extra time so why not spend it on the community I live in?" said Thomas.

100 People Who Care Brant's membership has remained strong throughout the years, said Clendenning, but they're always recruiting and welcoming new members to continue to expand their footprint in the community. The more members, the bigger the impact. Membership is open year-round. You can follow the group on social media or visit their website [www.100peoplewhocare.ca](http://www.100peoplewhocare.ca) for more information.

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## Housing Needs Assessment

The County of Brant is conducting a **Housing Needs Assessment** to understand what kinds of homes our community needs now and in the future.

The Housing Needs Assessment will:

- Identify existing housing and housing needs, and predict future demand.
- Encourage collaboration with key community partners.
- Inform planning for land use and financial investments.
- Ensure residents have a voice in housing decisions

**How to get involved:**

- ✓ Complete the survey by **Tuesday, April 22.**
- ✓ View FAQ's, or leave a comment or question for staff.
- ✓ Attend a **public meeting** on Tuesday, April 8 at 6:00 pm at County of Brant Council Chambers (7 Broadway Street West, Paris)

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## New Downtown Paris BIA Board Appointed to Support Businesses

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campaign that included downtown scavenger hunts, dance parties and more, rebranding Downtown Paris and a new strategic plan.

"The Paris BIA is an integral part of our business community," said Mayor David Bailey. "I would like to thank the past board members for their dedication to supporting downtown Paris. Volunteering their time on top of managing a small business is no easy feat, and we truly appreciate their commitment and hard work. Their efforts have helped strengthen our local economy and create opportunities for businesses to thrive."

The new board consists of six positions, as well as a member of Council:

- Chair – Penny Ritchie (Pennylane Dermal Solutions)
- Vice Chair – David Mahn (Paris Dental Centre)
- Treasurer – Sandra Sousa (YNCU)
- Secretary – Zack Haight (Sotheby's)
- Director At Large – Amy Jackson (Flaw-

less Beauty and Health Spa)

- Director At Large – Emery Silva (Bird and Bee Vintage)
- County of Brant Council Representative – Lukas Oakley

"I am looking forward to utilizing the business diversity of our new board," said BIA Chair and owner of Pennylane Dermal Solutions, Penny Ritchie. "Maintaining a strong relationship with the County, businesses, and our community as we head into the Downtown Dig will be essential. Re-branding incentives with promotional programs and marketing Initiatives will continue their momentum. Our goal is to ease the impact on our businesses and come out stronger as a community."

The new board will be focused on supporting downtown businesses during the Downtown Dig which began earlier this year but is set to include major reconstruction of downtown Paris, beginning in early April.

To learn more about the Paris BIA visit [downtownparis.ca/](http://downtownparis.ca/).

## Tariff Concerns Causing Implications in Job Market

### MEDIA RELEASE

Workforce Planning Board of Grand Erie

A recent survey showed that area employers were planning to be cautious in their hiring in 2025, even before U.S. tariffs became a hot button issue.

Sixty-nine per cent of businesses surveyed from June to December 2024 said they anticipated hiring this year. However, half of those employers said hiring would only be to replace staff who had left. Only 25 per cent said they were planning to hire to expand their business.

More than 220 businesses, of all types and sizes, completed the latest EmployerOne survey conducted by the Workforce Planning Board of Grand Erie. The survey was supported by the Ontario Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development.

"Area businesses were concerned late last year about the possibility of tariffs and were going to be cautious in their hiring," said Danelle Dalton, the planning board's executive director.

"Now that the U.S. has imposed some tariffs and threatened even more, it's reasonable to think that some employers will be even more cautious and reevaluate their hiring plans. It's going to take time to see the impact and some types of businesses will be affected more than others."

The Workforce Planning Board has carried out the EmployerOne survey on a regular basis since 2014 as a way to understand the workforce-related challenges and needs of area businesses.

EmployerOne collects first-hand information from businesses on many topics, including hard-to-fill jobs, skills shortages, retention challenges, hiring practices and the availability of qualified workers.

Dalton said that the answers to several of those key questions was more positive in

2024 than in 2023.

A slightly higher percentage of employers rated the availability of qualified workers as "excellent" or "good" last year, compared to 2023's survey. Meanwhile, fewer employers reported they had hard-to-fill jobs.

The 2024 survey also included questions on staff training and how employers assess job applicants.

Fifty-two per cent of employers said they do not conduct any tests or assessments prior to hiring. Despite soft skills being the top criteria – "strong work ethic" was No. 1 overall – that businesses look for in prospective hires, only 10 per cent ask job applicants to complete an aptitude test or soft skills test, while seven per cent conduct personality tests.

"While businesses want to find the best candidate, they are not always using available tools to assess a job applicant," said Wynona Mendes, the planning board's labour market analyst. "Businesses may want to seek outside help, from a business group or industry association for example, to access tools and strategies to assess applicants."

### Other EmployerOne 2024 highlights:

- 58 per cent of employers successfully filled hard-to-fill jobs by offering signing bonuses, while another 22 per cent said that didn't work for them;
- Fewer employers reported staff retention being an issue compared to 2023, but remains the most challenging to accommodation and food service businesses;
- 86 per cent of employers said they have never used AI, while 10 per cent said they used AI to complete tasks they didn't have staff for.

Additional highlights from the 2024 EmployerOne survey can be found on the planning board's website at: [www.workforceplanningboard.org/employerone-survey](http://www.workforceplanningboard.org/employerone-survey)

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# EDITORIAL

## Paris Voters Going to the Polls in a New Riding

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For the second time this year, we are headed back to the polls.

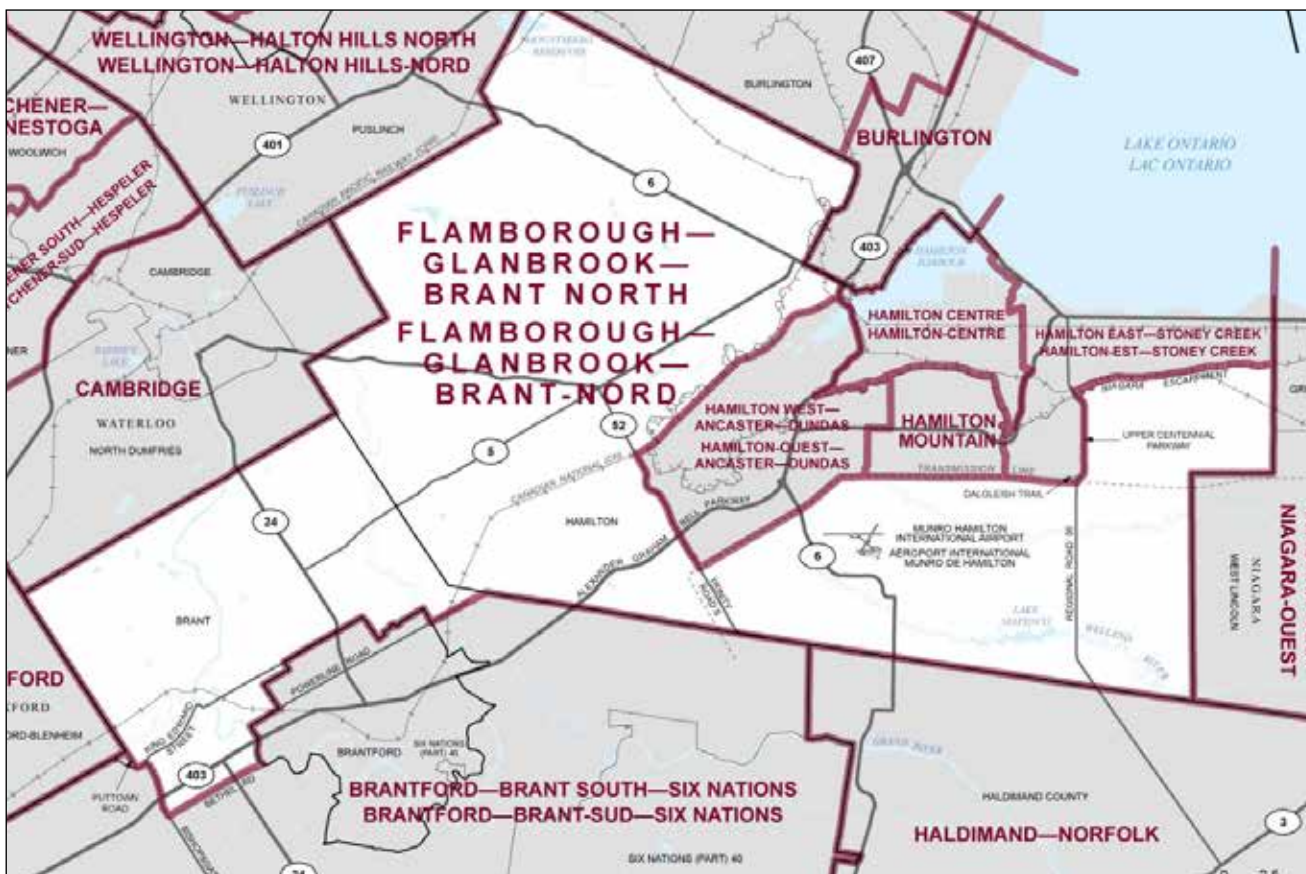
Canada's newly sworn in Prime Minister Mark Carney called a snap election last week, sending Canadians to the polls on April 28th. The election should come as no surprise on the heels of Carney's Liberal leadership race win. Canadians predicted an election would follow to secure an elected government to defend Canada's sovereignty and take measures to secure its economic independence.

However, what makes this election unique, is a shuffle in riding boundaries that now puts Paris residents, plus ward 1 residents in the Glen Morris area, in a newly created riding called Flamborough-Glanbrook-Brant North. To add more confusion, these boundaries changes have split the County of Brant in half, putting residents in wards 3 and 4 in a separate riding of Brantford-Brant South-Six Nations. So, if Larry Brock is reelected, even though he is our current MP here in Paris, he won't be as of April 29th.

The boundary adjustments are the result of a federal redistribution process that started in 2021, led by independent commission working in separate provinces. The Chief Electoral Officer was tasked with proposing new boundaries that 'maintained population equality' while taking into consideration social and geographic factors.

The target population for each riding was 116,590 and the former Brantford-Brant riding, which consisted of the City of Brantford, Paris, St. George, Burford, Scotland, Oakland, Onondaga, Middleport, and Six Nations of the Grand River and Credit of the Mississaugas First Nation, was far too big at just under 133,000 people a couple years ago. That number continues to rise as the county experiences major growth. The shift is also attributed to growing populations in Waterdown, Upper Stoney Creek and Hamilton Mountain.

It's a lot of information to digest, so let's keep it simple.



Paris and Glen Morris residents, Wards 1, 2 and 3 in the County of Brant are now part of a new federal riding called Flamborough-Glanbrook-Brant North.

If you live in Wards 1, 2, or 3, aka Paris and Brant North, you'll need to watch the Flamborough-Glanbrook-Brant North riding for candidate information, debates, and polling stations. As of right, Incumbent Dan Muys is confirmed as the Conservative candidate. Chuck Phillips was nominated last week to run for the Liberal Party. Early reports show Nikita Mahood may run as representative of the PPC and Peter Werhun for the NDP. Nominations

for candidates close April 7/8 so more information on local candidates should be available soon. Keep an eye on upcoming editions where we will provide candidate interviews and biographies.

Advance polling will take place on April 18 -21 and the address of your assigned polling station will be on the voter information card you will receive in the mail.

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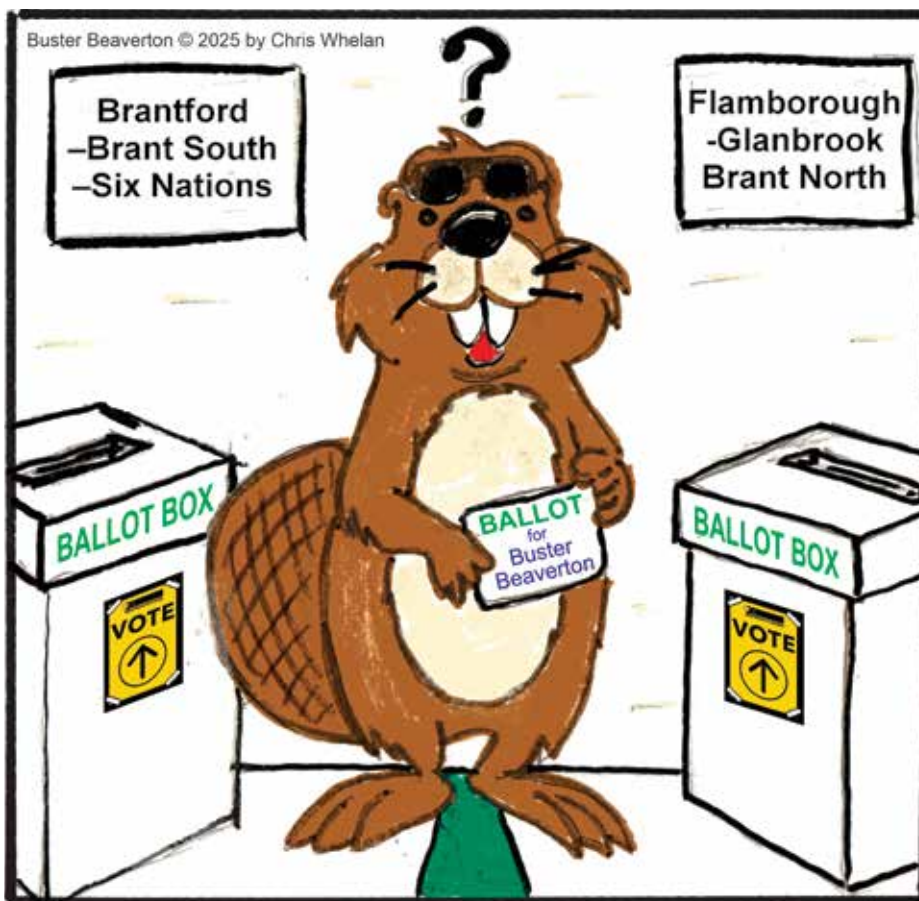
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# Senior Active Living Expo Takes Place Next Week

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Staff Contribution

The County of Brant has a history of offering programs and supports for seniors in the community. One example is the County of Brant's annual Seniors Active Living Expo to celebrate active lifestyles of older adults. The one-day event promotes some senior fitness and sport programs available in the community.

This year's expo takes place on Wednesday, April 9 from 9:30 am to 2 pm at Sojourn Church in Paris (Scott Ave). It's a drop in style event where you can pop in and participate in various demonstrations, no registration required. Anyone interested in participating can also arrange for transportation by contact Heather Slot at [heather.slot@brant.ca](mailto:heather.slot@brant.ca)

## Demonstration Schedule

9:30 am - 1:30 pm: Refreshments

9:30 am - 1:30 pm: Lawn Bowling Demo with the Paris & St George Lawn Bowling Clubs

9:45 am - 10:15 pm: Zumba Gold

10:30 am - 11:00 pm: Tabata

10:00 am - 11am pm: Maker Space County of Brant Public Library

10:00 am - 12:00 pm: Mahjong

11:15 am - 12:15 pm: Kindred Spirits

11:00 am - 2:00 pm: Games

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm: Lunch

1:00 pm: Ask an Expert: COB Connect - how to register and how to use your account

1:30 pm - 2:00 pm: Chair Yoga

This event is possible because of the continued community support from the following businesses/agencies: Telfer Place Retirement Residence, Brierwood Gardens Retirement Residence, Queensview Retirement Community, Service Canada, True Hearing Health, Paris Lawn Bowling Club, St. George Lawn Bowling Club, Paris Horticulture Society, County of Brant Fire Department, County of Brant Public Library, Grand River Council on Aging, Chartwell Tranquility Place Retirement Residence, Move with Compassion, Safe Zone - ARTC (Adult Recreation Therapy Centre), Kindred Spirits Artisans of Paris and VON Safety at Home / Volunteer Visiting.

# Adult Recreation Therapy Centre Relocates to Queensview

CASANDRA TURNBULL

Managing Editor

The Adult Recreation Therapy Centre (ARTC) has relocated to Queensview Retirement Community in a partnership that will allow growth and outreach to more clients in Paris and Brant County. The Paris Satellite program was moved from the Cowan Community Health Hub to Queensview last month.

ARTC returned to Paris in 2023 announcing the reopening of the Paris satellite program at the Cowan Community Hub. Previously, there was an ARTC satellite office located at the Willett for 15 years and its main location has continuously operated out of Brantford.

Zoey Heltner, a Recreation Therapist at ARTC, said the move will allow them to offer services on more days to meet the needs of clients. ARTC will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 am to 3 pm. There will be full and half day programs, daily group exercises and a lunch option catered by Queensview Retirement Community, said Heltner.

ARTC is a non-profit organization that supports seniors, adults with disabilities and families and

caregivers with important services. Recreation Therapists offer people, who are trying to maintain a level of independence, the opportunity to engage in meaningful social, recreational and therapeutic activities. They've provided diverse, high-quality services and programs in Brant County and Brantford for over 50 years, originally under the name Family Living Group, a nod to their motto, Live your Life.

"We not only offer day program services but also Aphasia Programs, community exercise groups called S.A.F.E Zone, Caregiver Groups, and specialty community events including our latest, Dine and Discover: an evening including education and a meal," said Heltner. Additional services day program clients have access to include individual exercises with a Functional Exercise assistant, Foot Care, Massage Therapy with Mohawk College Students, and appointments with a Social Worker.

As a multi-service agency, the health, safety and well-being of their clients and providing a safe, positive and inclusive environment is their top priority.

To learn more about ARTC, its programs and services, or to find out if it is a good fit for you and your family, call 519-753-1882 or email [admin@artc.ca](mailto:admin@artc.ca)



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# Council Approves Design for Paris North Fire Hall Project

CASANDRA TURNBULL

Managing Editor

Council received an update on the North Paris Fire Station project during a council meeting last week and decided to proceed with a design so the project could go to tender.

The update focused on additional project fees. To help keep costs more in line with the original \$7 million budget that was approved in September 2024, council was presented with three design options and was asked to approve one, as well as approve a \$215,250 increase in architectural fees.

The project's scope changed from when the original three bay design was upgraded to a six bay design. Masri O. Architect's increased fees were mostly related to the mechanical, electrical and architectural work required to meet higher energy efficiency standards. Councillor Brian Coleman stated he could not support the project due to the change in scope, wondering why the floorplan was increased to six bays.

Fire Chief Darren Watson attributed the increase to accommodate future growth and planning.



Perspective of the new north end Paris Fire Hall, north east view from Scott Ave.

“My thought process with having six bays is to redistribute and balance the workload between stations,” said Watson, referring to the various apparatus and equipment stored at different stations. By building more bays at the Paris North Station, the department can move big apparatus like boats and ATVs to the new station, changing how workload is distributed amongst stations.



Perspective of the new north end Paris Fire Hall, south east view (rear of the building).

It would also ensure the department could move the aerial truck from its current Paris Station 1 to the new North End Station.

Council was presented with three design options: approve the current design at a construction cost of \$7,254,000, keep the current design floorplan with updates to recognize cost savings totaling \$7,030,244 or go with a reduced floor plan that might not meet accessibility standards without a new evaluation for a final cost of \$6,514,000. In all three scenarios, the design included six bays.

Staff recommended the second option, to keep the current floorplan design with updates to recognize cost savings, and council agreed. This option preserves the original floor plan but finds cost savings in removing clerestory framing and windows, removing the firewall for future EMS base and incorporates a revision to the mechanical system. Construction costs will be pegged at \$7,030,244 and furniture, fixtures and equipment is estimated at another \$887,000. Masri's fees will amount to \$828,250 and there's a contingency cost of \$703,024 to help cover future unknowns, primarily US tariffs. Staff was instructed to continue to evaluate market conditions given the ongoing uncertainties with tar-

iffs. The total project fees are estimated at \$9,448,518.

Keeping the current floorplan designs will also ensure the project can be completed at the earliest expected completion date, which is important because of the increased number of calls the Paris Fire Station receives.

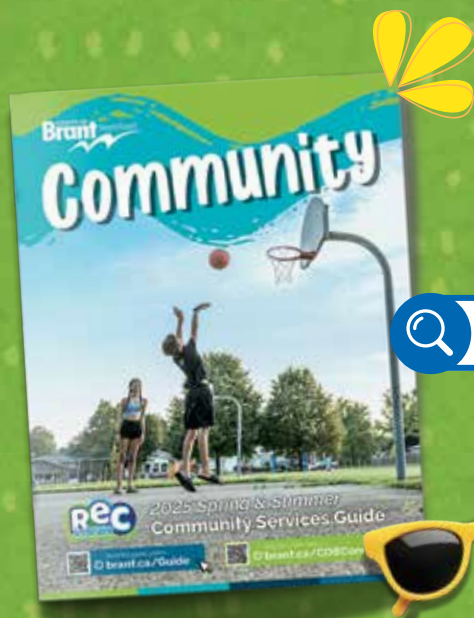
Councillor David Miller asked why there was a library kiosk built into design options 1 and 2, noting there's already a library branch in Paris. Cindy Stevenson, General Manager of Emergency and Protective Services advised it was at the request of the Library CEO.

In a recorded vote, council supported option 2, with only Coleman and Miller voting against it.

Since the project is 100% funded from development charges, the additional cost does not have any tax levy impact on either the 2025 budget or the Long-Term Financial Plan presented to council this past January.

Pre-qualification of contractors is already completed, and 37 contractors submitted a proposal. Thirteen contractors have been pre-qualified to submit bids once the tender is released. Staff will report the results of the tender to council for consideration.

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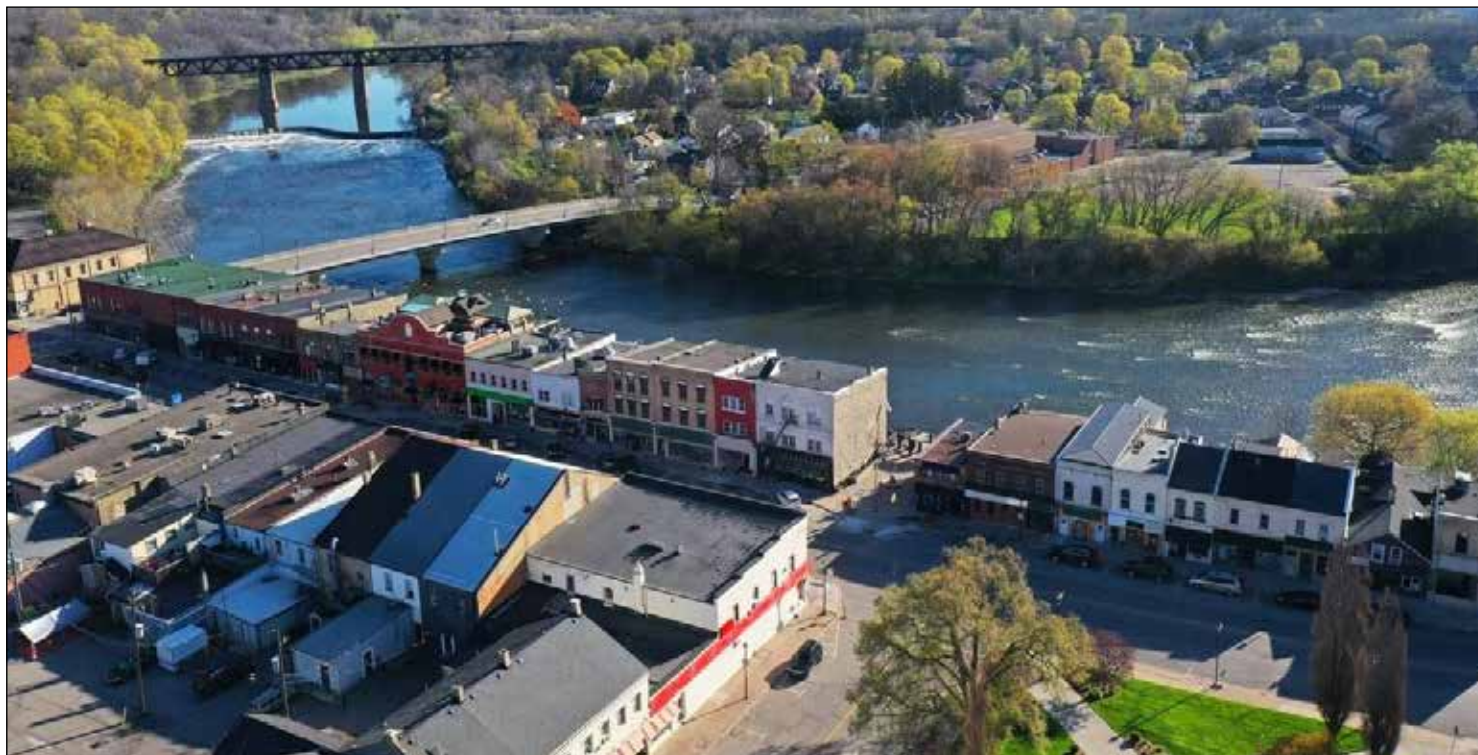
Introducing "Shop Local" - a special feature page brought to you by The Paris Independent that celebrates the diverse array of businesses and services that call our community home. Each month, we invite you to explore the rich selection of local offerings through vibrant display advertisements and insightful spotlight articles that showcase the essence of these establishments.

As we embark on this journey of discovery, "Shop Local" aims to shine a spotlight on the entrepreneurial spirit and creativity that thrives within our community. By highlighting the stories, passions, and contributions of local businesses and services, we hope to foster a deeper connection between residents and the establishments that make our town unique.

The heart of "Shop Local" lies in its commitment to supporting and promoting the businesses that form the lifeblood of our community. From longstanding institutions that have stood the test of time to emerging ventures that bring fresh ideas and energy to our streets, each featured establishment offers something special that adds to the landscape of Paris.

Through vibrant display advertisements, readers will be invited to explore the products, services, and experiences offered by these local jewels. Whether you're in search of artisanal goods, delectable cuisine, expert services, or unique finds, the businesses featured in "Shop Local" are sure to delight and inspire.

In addition to the display advertisements, each edition of "Shop Local" will include a spotlight article that delves deeper into the story behind one of the featured businesses or services. These profiles will offer readers



Paris is a small town with a thriving downtown built on decades of unique entrepreneurs dedicated to giving locals and visitors a one-of-a-kind experience.

a closer look at the people, passion, and dedication that drive these establishments, providing insight into the journey that brought them to where they are today.

At The Paris Independent, we believe in the power of community and the importance of supporting local businesses. By showcasing the creativity, innovation, and dedication of our town's entrepreneurs and service providers, we hope to inspire readers to shop locally, invest in our community, and celebrate the diverse variety of businesses that make Paris and area a truly special place.

Join us on this journey of discovery as we explore the cherished landmarks, and innovative ventures that define the spirit of local commerce in Paris. Together, let's celebrate the businesses and services that make our town unique, vibrant, and full of promise.



The famous backs of the downtown businesses overlooking the Grand River. This iconic view is photographed daily from the William Street bridge. (DOWNTOWN PARIS BIA PHOTO)



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# Horticultural Society Ready to Spring into the New Season

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Managing Editor

There may not be another group in Paris more excited about the start of spring than the Paris Horticultural Society (PHS). With the warmer weather and thawed grounds comes the opportunity to roll up their sleeves and really dig into another year of environmental initiatives and beautification projects.

The local society, founded in 1986 by Harold Hallet, Dave Collins, Mary Collins, Doug Hanna and Brenda Hunt, continues to grow each year, taking on new projects that build on their expanded knowledge of all things horticultural. This year PHS is closing in on 100 members and that includes all its founding members, except Harold who passed away in 2021.

This thriving group brings various levels of expertise to the table from beginner to Master Gardener. They meet once a month to discuss community projects and share expertise which they often solicit from Master Gardeners in the region to cultivate their desire to learn more.

“The best part about the monthly meetings, as well as the Plant Sale and the Garden Tour, is talking to a variety of people about gardening. All levels of gardeners enjoy talking and learning about plants. Guests and new members who are interested in plants of any kind are always welcome,” said Serryn Stephenson, Publicity Director for PHS.

Gardens are continuously evolving and now there’s a strong focus on gardens that incorporate native plant material, reducing grassed areas, to incorporate more pollinators into our ecosystem, which also helps pollinate our own locally grown food.

With that in mind, there will be tables of native plants, perennials, annuals and vegetables from members’ gardens at this year’s Annual Plant Sale and Auction held on Saturday May 10th from 8 am



(MARGARET COLLINS PHOTO)

Local residents enjoy a tour of a Paris garden during the Paris Horticultural Society’s Annual Garden Tour held last June. This year’s Tour will take place June 7-8th.

10:30 am at Syl Apps Community Centre. PHS hosts this sale every year as a major fundraiser to help fund the many projects they maintain throughout town. Members grow the plants that are up for sale, making it a truly local sale. There will be Master Gardeners present at the sale to help educate people on the secrets to a successful garden as well as answer questions.

“This means we can offer advice about planting needs for plants from our own community. This is important,” said Stephenson.

Two years ago, PHS created a Native

Pollinator Garden on Watts Pond Road that they continue to maintain.

Pollinators are important to our ecosystem, and you can do your part to help. About 80% of native bees die from early yard clean up so even if you are eager to get started, wait six weeks and save thousands of pollinators!

Another big event for PHS is the Annual Garden Tour, going strong for more than 20 years in the community. This year’s event will take place Saturday, June 7th and Sunday June 8th. It is an opportunity to see how plants grow, what type of plants do well in our community and a

chance to talk to many different growers in various locations around Paris. Tickets are \$15 and can be bought at John Hall Linens, Sobeys and Walters.

The PHS is an integral part of the town’s beauty. They work closely with the County of Brant on public plantings with the next one being April 16th to place the downtown planters. They’re also responsible for the decorative winter planters downtown last November. If you’ve ever wondered who keeps the Garden of Hope, the Cenotaph Garden, the Paris Legion Garden, the Paris Agricultural main gate garden and hillside garden clean, weeded and beautiful, thank a PHS volunteer.

Members also donate their time to keep the roads free of litter. They are part of the County’s Adopt-a-Road program maintaining Keg Lane from the Fairgrounds to Trussler Road. Members will be out in full force in June and September to maintain this stretch of road.

Last year, PHS participated in the Communities of Bloom program, a volunteer and partnership-driven organization that uses a multi-tiered competitive evaluation process to foster community strength, involvement and continuous improvement. It was a great experience, and the group is partaking again this year; the theme is Edible Gardens with a push toward incorporating vegetables into flower, shrub and tree garden beds.

“People who are looking at growing their own food, we will have vegetables, herbs and edible annuals at the Plant Sale. Some of the Garden Tour gardens will show how to incorporate vegetables into your backyard garden,” said Stephenson.

If you’d like to learn more about the Paris Horticultural Society, drop by a monthly meeting, held the first Wednesday of every month at the Paris Fairgrounds at 7:30 pm (excluding July and August). New members and fresh ideas are always welcome.



(ANNE VERNON PHOTO)

Members of the Paris Horticultural Society were busy dividing their plants last May in preparation for the Annual Plant Sale & Auction. This year’s event will take place on May 10th beginning at 8 am at the Syl Apps Community Centre. Pictured left to right are Brenda Simpson, Pat Moore, Dave Collins, Mary Collins, Nancy Burkholder, Carol Slusarczyk and Carol Reansbury. In front; Sarah Jean Green and Patti Gladding.



(NANCY CHIPMAN PHOTO)

It’s not by chance that Paris’ roads are beautifully kept, free of garbage. It’s because of volunteers like Paris Horticultural Society members who participate in the Adopt a Road program. Pictured during a June 29, 2024 clean up are Brenda Simpson, Marlene Harrison, Pat Moore, Edith Stone, Tricia Cressman, Denise Hamill. And Nancy Burkholder (who is absent from the photo).



# PDHS Students Embark on the Educational Adventure of a Lifetime



Over March Break, Paris District High School students travelled across Europe getting a up close view of some of the marvels they've learned about in classes. One of those stops was the in Rome where they walked through history at the Colosseum.

NIKI BALES

Co-operative Education and Family Studies, Paris District High School

Over this past March break, students from PDHS had the opportunity to embark on an unforgettable educational journey across Europe, visiting some of the world's most iconic cities—London, Paris, Barcelona, and Rome.

Throughout their travels, students explored renowned historical and cultural landmarks. In London, they witnessed the grandeur of Buckingham Palace. In Paris, they admired artistic masterpieces at the Louvre Museum. Barcelona offered a glimpse into the breathtaking works of Gaudí, including the vibrant Park Güell. In Rome, they walked through history at the Colosseum and experienced the awe-inspiring Vatican City. These were just a few highlights of a trip that truly provided a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Building on this incredible success,

PDHS is excited to announce that next year's educational adventure will take students to Japan from March 12 – March 20, 2026! The upcoming trip will include visits to Tokyo, Osaka, Hakone, and Kyoto, promising a unique cultural experience filled with unforgettable sights and rich traditions from the Osaka Castle visit, to a traditional tea ceremony or trip to the Kuronon Market.

Students interested in joining the Japan trip can find more details at [www.explorica.ca/Bales-194](http://www.explorica.ca/Bales-194). The website also offers interest-free payment plans and a fundraising page to help make this incredible journey more accessible.

Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to explore the world—join us for an adventure you'll never forget!

# Calling all Young Residents!

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Managing Editor

If you're between the ages of 11 – 15 the county wants to hear from you to help shape its Community Safety and Well-being Plan.

This plan focuses on important issues like mental health and addictions, building safe and connected communities, and creating a strong sense of belonging for everyone. A review is required every five years under the Community Safety and Policing Act.

There are five key priorities, the first focuses on mental health, wellness and substance use supports to ensure people have access to the right resources. The second priority looks at youth empowerment and opportunities so today's youth can learn, grow and participate in their community. The third priority draws attention to housing affordability and unhoused supports to find solutions to support individuals facing housing challenges. The next priority surrounds connection and safety mobility to improve transportation and mobility options. Finally, the last priority puts a focus on community belonging to help create an inclusive and welcoming environment where everyone feels valued and connected.

To gather this important information, the county has posted a survey on its EngageBrant website and is hosting two drop-in open houses next week. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to bring their children to the open houses so they can make their voice heard and connect with other youth in the community.

The first open house, with a Games Night theme, will take place on Tuesday, April 8th from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm at the Brant Youth Centre located in the Sly Apps Community Centre (51 William St).

The next open house called Paint the Future will take place on Thursday, April 10th from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm at the Burford Community Centre (14 Potter Dr).

Community Safety plans help the municipality understand and focus on risks and vulnerable groups and put the appropriate services in place, while assessing the community's current challenges and strengths. They lead to healthier, more productive opportunities for youth so they can positively contribute to the community.

Can't make the drop in? Complete the survey online before April 17th at [www.EngageBrant.ca/CSWP2025](http://www.EngageBrant.ca/CSWP2025)

## The Paris Independent Pick Up Locations

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| Arlington Hotel                      | Grand River Estates                    | Sobeys                                  |
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| Brave Waves Swim School              | John M Hall The House of Quality Linen | Stillwaters                             |
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| Cobblestone Public House             | Mary Maxim                             | Tim Hortons - Rest Acres                |
| Cobblestone Medicine and Rehab       | Northville Pharmacy                    | Tim Hortons - Paris Road                |
| Community Hub Pharmacy               | Paris Beer Company                     | Tim Hortons - Grand River St N          |
| County of Brant - Paris Office       | Paris Inn                              | The Gem Marketplace                     |
| Cowan Community Health Hub Primacare | Paris Jewellers                        | The Grand Bayou Cajun Kitchen           |
| Detour Café Paris                    | Paris Pizza                            | The Paris Wincey Mills Market           |
| Dog-Eared Cafe                       | Park Lane Terrace                      | Walter's Greenhouses & Garden Centre    |
| Egg Smart                            | Queensview Retirement Community        | Willett Urgent Care Centre              |
| Elberta Farms Country Market         | Rexall Pharmacy                        | Wrights Variety                         |
| ESSO - Dundas St                     | Royal Canadian Legion Branch 29        |   |
| ESSO - Grand River St N              | Scott's Family Restaurant              |   |
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# Assessing Housing Needs and Concerns in Brant County

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*Managing Editor*

Paris population has grown exponentially in the last decade and with a provincial push for more homes, it's not going to slow down anytime soon.

One of the biggest concerns about this rapid growth, aside from a lack of supporting infrastructure, is the types of homes being built. The price of luxury homes is not attainable for the average family today let alone planning for future generations; it's not conceivable for tomorrow's young adults to break into the housing market.

The County of Brant wants to address these concerns and understand what kinds of homes are needed in the community now and in the future, so it's undertaking a Housing Needs Assessment to plan for smart growth. The assessment results will help the municipality to access appropriate funding from the Canadian government to support initiatives that provide solutions better fit for Brant County residents.

The assessment will be conducted throughout the month of April. One important first step is addressing immediate concerns, which is why County Council will discuss preliminary zoning changes to allow four residential units on properties that are equipped with full municipal servicing. During this April 8th council meeting, residents will have the opportunity to speak to the proposed zoning changes during an open floor public meeting, before council votes on the matter. If these



**The County of Brant's Housing Needs Assessment will examine the different types of homes, including single family detached homes, apartments, and townhomes, and whether residents rent or own. The study will investigate housing affordability and will collect information on housing costs, availability and whether the current homes meet the needs of people who live in them.**

(MICHELLE MALVASO PHOTO)

changes to the Comprehensive Zoning By-Law are approved, the county can apply to the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF), which provides federal supports to expansion and improvements to water, wastewater, stormwater and waste systems to help communities grow responsibly. Eligibility will depend on the approval of these four residential units per lot in low density residential areas.

The Housing Needs Assessment will also examine the different types of homes, including single family detached homes, apartments, and townhomes, and whether

residents rent or own. The study will investigate housing affordability and will collect information on housing costs, availability and whether the current homes meet the needs of people who live in them. The County has worked with local organizations, community members and the City of Brantford, which manages housing services for the County, to collect information.

The Assessment feedback will help the county determine the direction of housing in Brant which could include updating rules for backyard buildings, basement apartments and other extra building units to

provide more flexible options while maintaining gentle densities. If you're unable to attend the public meeting during Council on April 8th at 6 pm, you can provide your feedback, and take a survey, online at [www.engagebrant.ca/housingneeds](http://www.engagebrant.ca/housingneeds)

The comment section and survey will remain open until Tuesday, April 22nd.

Residents can also direct their thoughts and concerns to County staff by phone 519-442-7268. A Housing Needs Assessment Report will be presented to council in May with final plan approval targeted for June.

## 'Not Your Average Saturday' set to indulge and inspire women of all generations

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*Managing Editor*

The Paris Women's Institute is celebrating a decade of awesomeness and there's no better way to mark the prosperous occasion than indulging in some relaxation infused with lots of inspiration.

In recognition of Women Inspiring Women WI's 10th anniversary, the group is hosting 'Not Your Average Saturday,' designed for women of all ages to laugh, learn and get inspired.

Taking place on Saturday, April 12th from 8:30 am to 3 pm at the Brantford Golf and Country Club, the one-day retreat will feature a variety of guest speakers focusing on women's health related topics. Proceeds from ticket sales will be directed to the Forensic Nursing Program.

"Our anniversary event will serve as a fundraiser for this important cause and bring awareness to the need for increased support in this specialized area of nursing," said WIW WI member Laura Tousaw. Forensic nurses play a critical role in assisting and treating patients of sexual assault, intimate partner violence, neglect or other forms of intentional injury. They often collect evidence and give testimony that can be used in a court of law.



**Not Your Average Saturday's keynote speaker Dr. Christy Lane. The event celebrates the Women Inspiring Women - Women's Institute Paris' 10th Anniversary.**

The WI mandate is to rally around issues that are important to women, so when the group recently learned of the importance of forensic nurses, it was easy to determine the beneficiary of the one-day fundraiser.

Planning an event that speaks to women of all ages was quite easy, said Tousaw. "We believe WIW thrives partly because it is a multigenerational group. We learn so much from one another and find common ground with ease. Our event speakers

reflect this common group, and we think learning more about aspects of physical and emotional health, in addition to a thorough dose of inspiration from our keynote speaker, will resonate deeply with a broad audience."

Finalizing the guest speaker list was a collaborative effort among WIW members, Tousaw explained. Since members live, work and play within a diverse array of circles in Brant County, they leaned on those connections to curate the day.

"Our speakers were all quick to lend their enthusiasm, time and talents to help us celebrate our 10th anniversary," she said.

Krystal Schouten, owner of Fitness Reset and specialist in fitness and pelvic floor health, will lead a session on women's health and fitness in her energizing style. Focusing on pregnancy, postpartum, and beyond, Schouten strives to help women understand their bodies, improve their health, and regain their confidence.

Kristin Toushan Blinkhorn will discuss the Forensic Nursing program at the Brantford General Hospital, diving into what is offered, who is served, and the hopes and plans for the future of the program.

Deb Loyd, local storyteller and inspirational speaker, will share Lighthearted Ways to Achieve a Happier Life. Deb's entertaining approach will keep you engaged

as you learn how to live with more joy and simplicity in our hectic world.

Following lunch, the keynote speaker, Dr Christy Lane, will lead a fireside chat with WIW member Trish Benne. Lane will discuss her extensive experience navigating the world of science, tech, and venture capital as a woman and as a mom. She is an investor, founder, professor, and exercise scientist who currently resides in Calgary but was born and raised in Brantford. Her newest venture, Flora Fertility, was recently featured in Forbes magazine as they secured pre-seed funding for their startup in fertility insurance for women.

Attendees will enjoy a light breakfast, all featured speakers, a mini market by specially curated local makers, a delicious plated lunch, and a gift bag of items carefully selected by WIW members. A cash bar will be open over the lunch session. "We want participants to feel welcome, celebrated, relaxed, well-fed and inspired! This day is about you enjoying a day out with your gal pals and investing in yourself," said Tousaw.

Proceeds of this event will be directed to the Forensic Nursing program at Brantford General Hospital for ongoing program development and training. Visit Event Brite to reserve your tickets today.

# JOIN US AT THE WINCEY MILLS



## Exploring the Heart of Paris: Wincey Mills Co.

Nestled in the heart of downtown Paris, lies a hidden oasis with a storied past and a vibrant present - the Wincey Mills Co. Originally built in the 19th century as a textile mill, this historic building has been transformed into a bustling marketplace that showcases the creativity, craftsmanship, and entrepreneurial spirit of the local community.

For the next several months, The Paris Independent is proud to present a special feature page dedicated to Wincey Mills Co. This monthly spotlight will offer readers a glimpse into the eclectic world of the marketplace, highlighting the diverse array of vendors and businesses that call this unique space home.

Each edition of our feature page will include vibrant display advertisements from the talented vendors at Wincey Mills, inviting readers to explore the treasures that await within its walls. From handcrafted goods and artisanal products to vintage finds and delectable treats, the marketplace offers something for everyone, making it a must-visit destination for locals and visitors alike.

In addition to showcasing the products and services available at Wincey Mills, our initiative also includes a spotlight article that will shine a light on one of the participating advertisers in each edition. These in-depth profiles will offer readers a closer look at the essence of these businesses, sharing their stories, inspirations, and contributions to the community.

At The Paris Independent, we are committed to fostering connections within our community and supporting local businesses. We believe that by highlighting the entrepreneurs and artisans at Wincey Mills, we can help promote their work and celebrate the spirit of creativity and innovation that thrives in Paris and the surrounding area.

The support of these businesses is invaluable to our newspaper, and we are grateful for the opportunity to share their stories with our readers. By showcasing the passion and dedication of the vendors at Wincey Mills, we hope to inspire our community and encourage continued support for these talented individuals.



Located in Downtown Paris, The Paris Wincey Mills Co. is a historic building that dates back to 1889.

Step inside Wincey Mills Co., and you will be greeted by a bustling marketplace filled with charm and character. Explore the winding corridors lined with shops and studios, each offering a unique selection of goods crafted with care and attention to detail. From handmade jewelry and art pieces

to gourmet treats and vintage collectibles, the marketplace is a treasure trove waiting to be discovered. As you wander through the vibrant market, take the time to chat with the vendors, learn about their craft, and hear the stories behind their creations. Whether you're searching for the perfect gift, a one-of-a-kind souvenir, or simply a moment of inspiration, Wincey Mills offers a welcoming

space where creativity knows no bounds. Join us on this journey of discovery as we delve into the world of Wincey Mills Co. and celebrate the entrepreneurs, artisans, and visionaries who make this marketplace a true oasis in the heart of Paris. Together, let's support local businesses, embrace creativity, and build a stronger, more connected community.

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# 'Paris might bring the style, but we're bringing substance!'

## Paris Firefighters will face off against County Firefighters in support of Community Living Brant

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Managing Editor

A glorified shiny game has gradually developed into a series of community fundraiser hockey games initiated by local firefighters.

Last year, 'friendly fire' ignited when Airport Fire Station challenged firefighters from the Paris Station to an open ice pick up game. Family, friends and spectators donated goods to the local food bank, and everyone had a lot of fun. Recognizing the success of that game, and several other games hosted sporadically throughout the last few years, firefighters decided to expand the concept and line up more fundraising games within the county and with other townships, giving them the opportunity to have a little fun on the ice while supporting worthwhile causes in the community.

This past weekend, the Paris Station laced up in a fundraising game against the Drumbo Firefighters Association to benefit a local family struggling with mounting health bills. The wildly popular game drew a lot of attention and reaffirmed that fundraisers like this work. Details of the final score, penalties and all the underhanded plays were not available by press deadline!

Now, Paris firefighters are sharpening their skates once again for another match up against the Airport Station on April 13th in support of Community Living Brant. The game will give Paris a chance at redemption, having lost the game to Airport last year, by a long shot, said Airport Team Captain Shelby McDonald. He's Team Airport's bench captain, leading firefighters representing seven stations: Airport, Mount Pleasant, Burford, Scotland, Cainsville, St. George and Onondaga.

"It's all friendly competition but we have a stacked bench with grinders, snipers and shutdown defense who are all ready to go," said McDonald. "Paris might bring the style, but we're bringing the substance, and the scoreboard will back it up!"

McDonald speaks with confidence considering his team hasn't practiced once leading up to the big game this month.

Paris on the other hand laced up last weekend against Drumbo firefighters, but said they also enjoyed a long winter season on well-manicured outdoor rinks thanks the volunteer firefighters who maintained the outdoor rinks in town. That is just one edge over the competition.

"What we lack for in talent we make up for with heart and determination," said Richard dela Rosa, team captain. But heart can only get you so far; that's why the team had to make some crucial changes on the coaching bench.

"Last year Coach Logan Barrett, with a megaphone in hand, chirping not only at the opposing team but our team as well was a bit of a distraction," shared dela Rosa. "Since then, Coach Barrett has been demoted to Assistant Coach/Team Masseur."

They've recruited new head Coach John Barrett, who brings a lot of hockey expertise, as well as Athletic Therapist Mark Robinson and an H2O Specialist, Liam Barnes. All these



The Paris Firefighters mean business. Pictured left to right, Phil Dalpe, Dan Aiston and Nate Ferris



Paris Firefighters, pictured left to right, Richard dela Rosa, Donald James Linkert, Tom Granby

changes, combined with another year of experience for the rostered players, should improve Paris' odds at redemption.

Pre-game chirping aside, the April 13th game, taking place at the Brant Sports Complex, is an all-hands-on-deck event to raise money for a vital, underfunded organization. Community Living Brant (CBL) provides supports and services to meet the diverse development needs of more than 400 people within the community. The organization has offered programs and services for over 70 years in Brant County and Brantford. Funds generated from the game will go towards supplies for CBL's outreach Pathways Program, which supports individuals who are unhoused, precariously housed or at risk of losing their housing. In October 2024, the Pathways team celebrated three years of support in the Brantford community.

"There is a lot of hype about this game, as so many of the firefighters are so well connected with their community. As such, we are anticipating the public will want to come out, in full force, to show their appreciation and support," said Kevin Noseworthy, Administrative & Communications Assistant for

CBL. He confirmed that CBL will be at the game, welcoming spectators, bringing community awareness to their programs, services and events. They'll also be a part of the ceremonial puck drop.

Firefighter dela Rosa has a special connect to CBL as a past employee. He understands the importance of this organization and how underfunding affects its ability to provide critical support to those in need.

"I felt it was important to raise awareness and support such a great organization and individuals. They've received minimal increases to their base budgets over the past 30 years, which is unbelievable," said dela Rosa. "If we can help them in even a small way, they certainly could benefit."

The April 13th game will also feature a silent auction and there will be a fundraising boot set up in the lobby to collect cash donations. Volunteers will also accept non-perishable food donations for the Salvation Army in lieu of admission. The game takes place Sunday, April 13th at 3:30 pm and the community is encouraged to attend.

## Weekend Quiz

By Jake Grant

1. What Disney princess wears yellow?
2. What country produces the most peanuts?
3. Which famous artist cut off part of his own ear?
4. In Greek mythology, who is the king of the gods?
5. What gas do cows release?
6. What is the most spoken language?
7. What is the capital city of Nova Scotia?
8. Who was the first Emperor of Rome?
9. What's the name of Hiccup's dragon from "How to Train Your Dragon"?
10. What Japanese cities were struck by an atomic bomb?

This week's answers are found on pg. 23

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# Residents Find their Groove during Saturday in Paris

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Brant is a dance capital of Ontario with many dance studios, a huge number of competitions and a plethora of dancers of all ages, disciplines and levels. Paris showed off this love for dance during a Saturdays In Paris 'Dance Dance Dance' event on March 22nd with three dance socials popping up across the downtown core to encourage people to let loose and learn some new moves!

Once everyone started to feel the beat, it was contagious. Dance teachers specializing in Salsa, Ballroom and Bollywood Dance, led three different sessions hosted at Paris Pub, 2Rivers and Capesh.

Salsa dancers, Sara and David Triana of Triana Salsa Studios, kick started the day with some

boogieing in the barn dance crosswalk at the downtown's main intersection. This public display curated a lot of attention as the duo made their way to Paris Pub for the pop-up Salsa dance introduction. Triana Salsa Studio guided a group of happy locals and a bus full of University of Waterloo students as they learned a few foundational Salsa dance steps while sipping on Margaritas and enjoyed the Paris Pub grub!

A Ballroom taster was held across the road with Ramona Klink at 2 Rivers Restaurant. She offered a mini workshop where attendees learned and practiced some basics of Ballroom dancing. This wasn't the first time Ramona has led dance socials in her restaurant as she shares her love for dance with anyone willing to learn. With room for a few couples at a time, it was a small and

mighty introduction to the dance style. Some participants are putting their newfound skills to good use during their upcoming wedding. Since 2 Rivers Dance specialises in wedding dances and partner dancing, this was a perfect fit.

The final dance workshop overlooked the Grand River at Capesh! Craft Kitchen and Cellar Bar. Avni Mangukiya led a Bollywood dance workshop that ended the afternoon with a challenge and a bang! While the other workshops taught a few fundamental moves, Avni's workshop challenged the dancers with a short dance combo consisting of a series of moves with flare!

Some people attended one workshop, some attended them all, it was truly a celebration of dance, community and what makes Paris a groovy place to live.



Salsa teachers Sara and David Triana dance their way across the main intersection downtown Paris during a Saturdays in Paris Dance Dance event on March 22nd.



Two University of Waterloo students enjoy a salsa lesson during a recent trip to town – it certainly wasn't the afternoon they expected!



Ramona Klink leads an introduction to Ballroom dancing at her 2Rivers Restaurant.



Bollywood dance teacher Avni Mangukiya challenged the dancers with a short dance combo consisting of a series of moves with flare!



Guests at the Paris Pub, including a bus load of University of Waterloo students, enjoyed an impromptu introduction to Salsa.

(SARAH EVANS PHOTOS)

# The Paris Independent SPORTS

## Paris' U16B Ringette Team Wins Gold at Regionals

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The Paris Thunder U16B had an exciting weekend at Regionals in London March 21-23, playing in a total of five games and going undefeated.

The action started off Friday with their first game against St. Thomas Thunder, who came out strong and went up two goals on before Paris put one in the net on a shot from Maryann Sherk just before the end of the first half. The team rallied after the half to score three more times with goals going to Payton Hofmeister, Hannah Luyben and Jayden Stelpstra to take their first win, 4-2.

The second game against Cambridge Turbos was an exciting and thrilling game almost giving the coaches heart attacks. Paris started off sharing goals in the first half and then took over in the second half by scoring two more. The end of the game was more excitement than the coaches wanted as Paris played the last two minutes with two in the penalty box and only three players left to defend the lead. Paityn Steward and Sophie Reading on defence held strong and did not allow Cambridge any great opportunities to secure the win.

Game three against Etobicoke Stingers had exciting moments, the first was Hailey Lamb scoring her first goal of the season. The team on the ice, bench and the fans in the stands erupted with cheers. Undoubt-

edly the other team and fans were trying to figure out what was going on. Paris Thunder went on to win this game 4-1 with excellent well-rounded play from the whole team. This win put Paris into the semi finals against London Lynx on Sunday morning.

The early morning semi final can only be described as a nail biter against a tough strong London Lynx team. Both teams left the first half tied 1-1. The second half London came out hard, netting two quick goals. Paris coaching bench called a time out to settle down the players, which turned out to be a great move as the Thunder went out and scored twice within 20 seconds, with goals from Paityn Steward and Bryar Lawrence. Paris went on sharing goals with London but were able to hold off the intense rush from their opponents to hold onto a 5-4 win. Paris goalie Alexis Spurgen was the outright hero keeping the team in it the entire game.

The championship game put Paris against the Cambridge Turbos again, who had taken over Barrie to meet Paris in the finals.

Paris knew Cambridge was going to come out strong for a chance of redemption after losing to the Thunder in round robin play. Paris was off to a shaky start taking some early penalties, but the team rallied and managed to score two short handed goals from Jayden Stelpstra and Layla Hawkins. They went into the second half up by two and Avery Montgomery added a third and final goal to shutout Cambridge 3-0.



Pictured left to right, (front row) Kate Amos, Bryar Lawrence, Maryann Sherk, Olivia McLaren, Layla Hawkins, Alexis Spurgen, (back row), Carrie Moran Assistant Coach, Jayden Stelpstra, Paityn Steward, Avery Montgomery, Emilie Lemarie, Dale McLaren Head Coach, Hannah Luyben, Hailey Lamb, Payton Hofmeister, Sophie Reading, Kirsten Williams Trainer.

"I must say this team came together this weekend in every game even when we were struggling, they reached deep down and pulled off amazing wins to come out Champions," said Head Coach Dale McLaren. "I am so very proud of all these young ladies.

Standing on the bench after winning the Championship with my coaches Kirsten and Carrie and watching the team celebrate on the ice, made me feel overwhelmed with joy as it had been a long season and to see how we finished it off was just perfect."

## U19B Ringette Team Develops New Bonds in Surprise Season

PARIS INDEPENDENT

Submitted Content

March 21-23 over 100 Ringette teams participated in the Lower Ontario Ringette League year end Tournament hosted by the London Ringette season. One of those teams was the Paris Thunder U19B team. Back in September no one really expected this team to happen but then the communications started, players were looking for a place to land and Paris Ringette Association welcomed them all. By the time the team hit the ice there were players from Hamilton to Cambridge getting to know each other and building a team together.

Heading into the LORL tournament everyone knew the games would be tight. The first game was a match up with St Catharines, something that happened many times before this season. St Catharines jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first, but Paris was able to reset at the half and clawed their way back for a 2-2 tie to finish off the game.

The second game, versus Kitchener, was expected to be a tough match up and this time the Thunder dropped four goals straight before battling back to tie the game. Both teams played hard with Kitchener scoring with 32 seconds remaining to take the game 6-5.

The final game of the weekend was against Burlington, a team that Paris' best result against this season had been a tie. This time Paris struck first but Burlington came back and jumped ahead. The Thunder threw their all into the last minute and half of the game, with goaltender Mathew Dow on the bench, the team kept the ring in Burlington's zone getting off a flurry of shots but in the end, it wasn't enough, and they lost the final match 4-3.

"The weekend was also an opportunity for a great send off for team leader, Isaac Halsey, who aged out of U19 this season. Isaac and his family have been fixtures in the Paris Ringette Association for well over 10 years, with both of his older sisters having played as well," said Carrie Moran, U19B Coach. "While Isaac will be missed as a player, he is sure to be around the rink still, frequently showing up to help at practices and of course as a Referee who was PRA's official of the year last season. I know I speak for all who know him when I say we wish him all the luck in whatever he takes on next."

Moran wanted to thank all the players on the team who gave their all at Regionals and never quit. Also, to all the coaches who helped out at practices and games, you are all appreciated.



Members of the U19B Paris Ringette Team are (in no order), Olivia McLaren, Isaac Halsey, Alison Howell, Avery Montgomery, Sadie Manns, Maddison Rivers, Sarah Malloy, Autumn Ahrens, Mathew Dow, Eve Nevill, Leah Courtage, Isabella Keyes, Georgie Montgomery, Alexandra Sim, Joey Dawson, Hannah Noble, Charlotte Coleman, Mackenzie Rosebrugh, and Maryann Sherk.

# U11 Team Finalists in Southern Counties B Division

CASANDRA TURNBULL

*Managing Editor*

The U11LL#1 team finished the season as Southern Counties B Division finalists after a hard-fought two games against the Burford Coyotes.

Paris lost the first game 2-1, bringing the best of three series back to Paris on March 24th. The atmosphere in the arena was electrifying as the stands were full of supporters on both sides. Paris struck first with a goal in the second period and Burford responded a minute later. The third period was scoreless sending the game into overtime and then double overtime. Both teams had many opportunities to score, as both goalies locked things down in net. With just over a minute left in double overtime, Burford scored to win the series.

This team capped the season off with a stellar tournament run at the Essa Eagles John Prince Memorial Tournament in Barrie over March Break. With 17 teams competing from across Ontario, Paris finished the tournament among the top four. They posted a 2-1 record in round robin games, beating Essa Eagles 3-2, and NCMHA Blas 1-0, but losing to Mount Hamilton Canadians 8-1. Their round robin record advanced them to the semifinals where they would face the top seeded team, the South Bruce Blades. In a close game, Paris edged out the competition 4-2 to earn a spot in the semifinals. Up against a strong Honeywood Hurricanes team, Paris fought hard but lost 4-1. Congratulations Wolfpack on a great season.



The U11 Local League Team #1 were B Division Southern Counties finalists after a hard-fought final series against Burford. Pictured left to right Camilla Hand, Wilfred Elwell, Mason Espinola Sebastian Hand, Levi Blake, Brennan Deane, Jace Allgood (back row), Levi Blake (Coach), Colton Albers, Austin Mezza, Bernie Mezza (coach), Sloan Gall, Ed Allgood (Coach), Nolan Gallant, Jarome Burke and Peter Hand.

## Paris' U18 Team Silver Medalists in Southern Counties B Division



The U18 Local League Team #1 finished the season as Southern Counties B Division Finalists following three intense games against Waterford. In the first game of the final series Paris stole the 5-4 overtime win in front of a hometown crowd at the Brant Sports Complex. Game two went to Waterford where they secured a 4-3 overtime win. With both teams evenly matched, game three returned to Paris on March 24th. It was a penalty-ridden game and despite a strong team effort, Paris lost 5-2. Pictured above is Elliot Schiedel, Connor Westra, Chase Watts, Ryan Airdrie, Jaxon White, Kadyr Arsenaault, Palmer Mikelbrencis, Adelaide Schiedel, Madison Miranda, Mason Munro and Scott Harrison (front row), Landon Barendrecht, Logan Harrison, Alex Grygorcewicz, Andrew Robinson and Goalie Brooklyn Boer.

(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

# R.S. Wings are County of Brant Men's Hockey League Champs



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## Paris Billiards Beat at Sharkeys in Brantford

SCOOP STEWART

*Sports Correspondent*

There must've been something in the water Thursday night at Sharkeys because all the boys were shooting the lights out. It was quite a display on the green felt with an array of amazing shots being made.

### MVP:

Billy Beechey, it seemed every time Beech was up, he rattled off three or four balls at a time. Honourable mention goes to The Paul Dalpe who played the best he has all season and also had some miraculous runs on the table.

### Winners:

Billy Beechey and Jimmy flood ... we're definitely a forced to be reckoned with that never lost a game all night.

### Runners up:

Greig Graham and Steve Kopp... worked very well off each other and never left an opponent too many decent shots, and the only game they lost was to the champions.

### Winners of the losers:

Robb Wilson and Oscar Emerson, everybody thought was the team to beat but ended up being the team that everyone beat.

### Shot of the night:

Not like last week when there was none. This week was a different story, like Dalpe's off the brake shot that missed all the balls and ended up on a empty table one row over. I can honestly say I've never seen that before and Steve Kopp made a two bank pick up and set himself up perfect for the eight ball for the win.

### Quote of the Week:

"The rumour of my demise has been greatly exaggerated" that was old Scoop your roving reporter who suffered through for three weeks with that rotten cold/flu bug that's been going around.

Until next time, keep your eye open for my special column next week on the 50th anniversary of the Scott's Colonels all Ontario Midget A Championship... always a pleasure!

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# OH, THE PLACES WE'LL GO: Highlights of visiting small but mighty Gibraltar



By Paul Knowles

You might think that a highlight of visiting the unique destination that is Gibraltar would be your first sighting of “The Rock”, or glimpsing Africa only about 15 kilometers away across the straits, or meeting the famous Gibraltar monkeys that inhabit the nature preserve that covers two-thirds of the peninsula.

And yes, all of the above. But the most entertaining experience for me may have been a ridiculous game of musical chairs carried out by a local resident named Michael.

Let me explain. We were nearing the end of a wonderful, three-week stay in Spain’s Costa del Sol. More of this in coming weeks. But for one day, we left Spain and found ourselves instantly in Great Britain.

Everything on Gibraltar is British. Except, of course, for the 15,000 Spaniards who clear customs twice a day to work on The Rock. As a long-time Anglophile, it was a treat to be in a community with red telephone booths and post boxes, a well-stocked Marks and Spencer, and British pubs galore.

We strolled up a side street and found a tiny pub named The Aragon Bar, named for one of Henry VIII’s wives. The pub seated no more than a dozen people, max, plus four or five at the bar. When we walked in, there was no obvi-

ous place for us, but the barmaid immediately pointed to a guy sitting on the bench, and said, “Michael, please move,” directing him to a table set for one.

Michael moved. Our table was cleaned, and we were nestled into the corner. I ordered a pint and steak and onion pie. It was probably the only day in three weeks when I did not eat paella.

Soon after our arrival, another couple popped their heads in. The scene was repeated. “Michael, please move.” As the servers added a chair to that vacated table, Michael moved to a stool at the bar, being careful to take his pint with him.

Someone else approached the bar. Michael, by now having figured out his fate, moved toward the tiny kitchen, and sat down at the back table already occupied by a woman who appeared to be the owner. And eventually, he sidled out of the bar completely, probably returning an hour or two later when these darned interlopers had cleared out and he could reclaim his usual perch. Meanwhile, it being St. Patrick’s Day, I had my picture taken with the Irish barmaid.

For me, these are the quirky moments that make travel memorable.

Of course, there is a lot more to Gibraltar than a tiny British pub. Gibraltar is officially a “British Overseas Territory”, and it feels like one of the last remnants of the British Empire. It has been ruled by various conquerors over the centuries – the Moors in the Middle Ages, then Spain (which still wants it back) and finally, since 1713, the British. Tangible evidence of all of those eras is still found on The Rock.

One of the highlights of the visit is indeed simply seeing The Rock – for visitors who have travelled near sea level along the coast of

Spain, the soaring, 426-metre limestone outcropping is an impressive sight.

And then, venturing at least half-way up The Rock into the Gibraltar Nature Reserve adds to the adventure. That’s where you encounter the monkeys – more properly, Barbary macaques – who occupy the reserve. Our guide pointed out that the monkeys own two square kilometres of Gibraltar; humans, only one square kilometre.

There is no doubt that the monkeys are wild animals, although our guide admitted they are fed by park staff, not because they need supplements to their natural diet in the reserve, but to attract them to areas visited by the paying tourists. Which explains why we spotted two of the animals visiting the gift shop!

That shop is at the entrance to one of the other highlights on Gibraltar – St. Michael’s Cave, an impressive limestone cavern, where your visit will include a rather spectacular light show.

Gibraltar is not big – permanent population is somewhere around 35,000. But it has grown in size, when it comes to land area, because much of the city, including multiple high-rises, is now built on land reclaimed from the sea. And that trend is highly unpopular with the Spanish, who have watched what they see as British “squatters” move ever closer.

The Rock is much more important than its population or land mass might suggest, because it controls the link between the Mediterranean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean, the route for about 130,000 ships annually, the majority, merchant vessels. From high on The Rock, you can see many ships at anchor, waiting to enter the harbour for refuelling.

So important, yes. Disputed, yes. Famous, yes – including as

the location for the weddings of John and Yoko, Rod Stewart, Sean Connery and others. But still a smallish town, and therefore, safe for visitors – and there are currently about eight million of us, each year, down from 15 million before Covid.

As our driver told us, “Crime is low here. It’s the kind of place where, if you rob a bank, the tell-

er will pick up the phone and call your mother.”

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The author with an Irish barmaid in a British pub, just a stroll through customs from Spain.

(PAUL KNOWLES PHOTO)



A very British symbol on Gibraltar’s high street.



A Gibraltar monkey keeping watch on the busy harbour.



The light show in St. Michael’s Cave.



Gibraltar on a moody day.

# HISTORIC PARIS

## PARIS PAST: Big Fire of 1900 Destroys Downtown - Loss Estimated at \$250,000



By Chris Whelan

On the evening of September 12, 1900, a fierce southwesterly wind swept through the bustling streets of 20th century Paris. The town was alive with the energy of the night, but little did its inhabitants know that a devastating event was about to unfold.

As the clock struck midnight, the wind intensified, morphing into a howling gale that rattled windows and sent chills down spines. Mrs. Patten, residing on William Street on the other side of the Grand River, awoken and happened to glance out her window. To her horror, she spotted a crimson glow dancing upon the water's surface. Her gaze shifted upward, and she gasped as flames erupted from the roof of Meldrum's Flour Mill, where Rexall Pharmacy now stands.

With urgency coursing through her veins, Mrs. Patten hastily donned her clothes and braved the tempestuous winds. Crossing the old wooden floored William Street bridge, she shouted the dreaded word, "Fire!" Her cry pierced the night, prompting someone over at the Wincey Mill

to blow the whistle in response, sounding the first alarm. Night Watchman Stewart rang Alarm No. 7 located at the corner of the Arlington Hotel.

Within moments, the fire engines arrived, but it was too late. The mill was engulfed in an inferno, its fiery tongues reaching out greedily for neighboring structures. Bailey Steuart-Jones, perched upon a rooftop across the street, attempted to smother sparks, only to witness an endless stream of flames leaping from the west side of the street, consuming buildings on the east side, and even sparks scattered through the turbulent air, crossing the Grand River and reaching rooftops as far as Walnut Street.

The scene was nothing short of surreal. The wind, seemingly blowing from all directions at once, propelled the flames from one store to the next. In the midst of the crimson glow, firefighters battled valiantly with hoses that were often scorched, while frantic businessmen hurried in and out of their doomed establishments, salvaging what they could. A few resourceful merchants on the east side of the street flung their valuable merchandise out of back windows onto the banks of the Grand River. On the William Street Bridge, a bucket brigade under the command of D. Brockbank fought tenaciously to protect the wooden flooring. Meanwhile, over on the Flats, Penmans' fire brigade toiled throughout the night, preventing sparks from setting ablaze the skating rink,

agricultural buildings, and nearby houses.

After two arduous hours of relentless battle, the Paris fire brigades humbly requested assistance from Brantford. At 3:30 a.m., a hose-cart and four men arrived by a special train. Finally, shortly before daybreak, the fire's fury subsided. By that time, it had devoured over half of the block on both sides of Grand River Street and the southern side of William Street between Grand River and Broadway. Exhausted firefighters and spectators slowly made their way home, seeking solace in their beds. Only a few curious stragglers remained, sifting through the smoldering ruins and exchanging hushed conversations about the catastrophic event.

But the spirit of the town remained unbroken. At 7 a.m., the post office, relocated to temporary quarters, resumed its operations. By noon, fifteen businesses that had been reduced to ashes had already risen from the rubble and reopened their doors. The prophecy of C. B. Heyd, M.P., spoken in the early hours of the morning, came to pass. In true parliamentary fashion, he had foretold, "Soon Paris will arise a lovely phoenix from its ashes renewed."

And so it was. The people of Paris refused to be disheartened. They rallied together, rebuilding their beloved town with unwavering determination. The Great Fire of 1900 became a testament to our resilience and a reminder of the spirit that will forever define the Town of Paris



This photograph shows the West Side of Grand River St. North downtown Paris after the Great Fire of 1900.



This photograph shows the West Side of Grand River St. North downtown Paris after the Great Fire of 1900. The town would quickly rebuild starting with a magnificent new Federal Post Office building on the site of the Roller Mills where the fire first started.



(PARIS MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY PHOTOS)

This photograph shows the East Side of Grand River St. North downtown Paris after the Great Fire of 1900. This was the location of the Dominion Telegraph Company office, which was in the shoe store of Robert White and the location of the first long distance telephone call.

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# COMMON CENTS:

## Doing less with your investments can lead to more

JACOB GAUDET

Financial Columnist

Every January, many of us commit to resolutions like eating healthier or exercising more, but a lot of us fall short of sticking to them, because lifestyle change is hard. Improving success in most areas of life demands increased effort and action. But investing is different in a way many of us have a hard time accepting that doing less often means ending up with more.

A key to successful investing lies in working smarter, not harder. Putting your money to work doesn't require constantly chasing the next hot stock or trying to out-guess the market. Instead, it's about adopting a thoughtful approach rooted in scientific evidence and long-term discipline. By embracing simplicity and focusing on what really matters, you can increase your chances of success while reducing daily stress and unnecessary complexity. Here are three ways to do that:

### 1. Follow the science

The modern understanding of markets — which came from decades of academic research — has revolutionized how we invest. Sixty years ago, investing was a game of hunches, speculation and tips from well-meaning friends (and for too many people, it still is). But empirical work brought a scientific approach to investing, uncovering the fact that markets are highly efficient at incorporating information. This means that trying to outsmart the market is not only unnecessary, but also often counterproductive.

Come up with a long-term plan that focuses on diversification and stick to it. A good financial advisor can help you develop a plan that makes sense for your goals.

To help maximize the potential of your investments, focus on what research has shown to drive returns over time: the dimensions of expected returns. Decades of academic studies have identified consistent patterns in the market that inform a thoughtful, evidence-based approach to investing.

For example, factors such as the size of a company, its valuation relative to earnings and its profitability provide insights into areas of the market with higher expected returns. Rather than trying to predict individual stock performance, a diversified portfolio that systematically incorporates these insights can help you capture the power of the market.

### 2. Be a long-term investor

Compounding is one of the most powerful forces in investing; it's a great way to work smarter, not harder. An asset generates returns, and reinvesting those returns can lead to exponential growth over time. But this requires patience and a commitment to being a long-term investor.

Consider this: if you had put \$1,000 into the S&P 500 at the start of 1970 and re-invested all dividends, your investment would have grown to about \$300,000 by the end of 2024, which is an average annu-

alized return of about 11%. That's despite market crashes, recessions and geopolitical upheavals along the way.

The lesson is clear: trying to time the market or reacting to short-term events can lead to missed opportunities. Trust in the markets and give compounding the time it needs to deliver results.

### 3. Cultivate the right mindset

Investing success is as much about mindset as it is about math. It requires patience (a.k.a. doing nothing) and the ability to stay calm when the market gets volatile. These two tips can help with that:

- **Focus on what you can control:** while you can't control the markets, you can control how much you save, the level of risk you take and how long you stay invested. These are the levers that matter most.
- **Tune out the noise:** the world is full of pundits, predictions and headlines that can lead to emotional decision-making (and not just in investing). With social media, there's more noise than ever. Most of this chatter is just that, noise. Staying focused on your plan is one of the best ways to reduce stress. That lets you focus on the rest of your life.

As 2025 gets underway, take a moment to reflect on your approach to investing. Are you overcomplicating things? Are you making decisions based on fear, greed or the latest trends? If so, consider planning on doing less.

Simplify your strategy. Focus on evidence. Stay invested. By working smarter instead of harder, you can let the markets do the heavy lifting. Investing doesn't have to dominate your time and energy. It should complement your life, not dominate it.

In the end, success in investing mirrors success in life; it's about finding balance. By simplifying your approach and trusting in principles, you can free yourself to focus on the things that truly matter: your family, your passions and your purpose. So, this year, resolve to work smarter. Let compounding work its magic. Trust in the power of the markets. You might be surprised at how much you'll achieve by doing less.

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## WEEKLY Horoscope

March 30 - April 5, 2025

### ARIES

Mar 21 - Apr 20



Aries, a burst of energy propels you to move forward. It feels like everything is clicking, and you are full of ideas and brimming with contagious enthusiasm.

### TAURUS

Apr 21 - May 21



You are in the mood to get down to business this week, Taurus. It's a great time to focus on your career or finances. Pay attention to all of the little details as you go along.

### GEMINI

May 22 - Jun 21



Curiosity takes control this week, Gemini. Opportunities for learning are all around you. You just need to look for them. It may be a new class or a trip that you take with friends.

### CANCER

Jun 22 - Jul 22



Cancer, this week you may have a lot of emotional processing going on, particularly regarding relationships or past experiences. Embrace these deeper feelings.

### LEO

Jul 23 - Aug 23



Your social energy could be off the charts this week, Leo. Others will be drawn to your magnetism and self-confidence. It is a great time to network or collaborate.

### VIRGO

Aug 24 - Sept 22



Efficiency and productivity are the name of the game right now, Virgo. When it comes to organizing and planning, you will be all about getting things done in a timely manner.

### LIBRA

Sept 23 - Oct 23



Libra, this week is a time for self-expression. You may find yourself pulled toward hobbies or artistic endeavors that enable you to showcase your talents.

### SCORPIO

Oct 24 - Nov 22



This is a time to dive deep into your home and family life, Scorpio. You want to create a sense of stability at home and address anything that might compromise that. Trust your gut with how to move forward.

### SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23 - Dec 21



Communication is the key this week, Sagittarius. Initiating important conversations and speaking directly with others is a great way to clear the air and get to the root of these issues.

### CAPRICORN

Dec 22 - Jan 20



Capricorn, you are focused on your financial well-being this week, but other issues may fall by the wayside. You might have to bring in someone else to keep the balance.

### AQUARIUS

Jan 21 - Feb 18



Personal goals and ambitions are front and center this week, Aquarius. This could put you in the spotlight and showcase what you want to accomplish to those around you.

### PISCES

Feb 19 - Mar 20



Pisces, this week invites you to slow down and recharge your batteries as much as possible. You might feel pulled to spend time alone or simply get away for a few days.

## FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

### MARCH 30

Céline Dion, Singer (57)

### MARCH 31

Christopher Walken, Actor (82)

### APRIL 1

Randy Orton, Wrestler (45)

### APRIL 2

Zach Bryan, Singer (29)

### APRIL 3

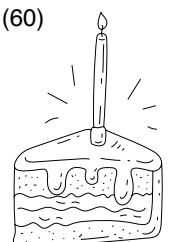
Paris Jackson, Model (27)

### APRIL 4

Robert Downey, Jr., Actor (60)

### APRIL 5

Lily James, Actress (36)



## OBITUARY

### Armstrong

July 9, 1936 – March 19, 2025



#### Elaine Roberta Armstrong

Elaine Roberta Armstrong (Graves), beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, passed away peacefully on March 19, 2025, at Park Lane Terrace, in Paris, ON. She was 88 years of age. Loving mother to Chris (Christine), Gary (Charlotte), and Russell (Giselle). Devoted grandmother to Brendon

(Brittany), Madelaine (Sam), Jessica (Simon), Alicia and Brooke. She is predeceased by her sisters Lorraine Smith, June Smith, and brother Robert (Henry) Graves.

Elaine married her husband William (Bill) Edward Armstrong in 1958. They were happily married for 55 years. After raising their three sons (Chris, Gary, and Russell), Elaine returned to office work until retirement in 1990. In retirement, Bill and Elaine realized their dream of owning a hobby farm – horses, dogs, and cats were their passion!

The family would like to extend their sincere thanks and appreciation to the staff at Park Lane Terrace Long Term Care Home and Queensview Retirement Home.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Dwayne D. Budgell Funeral Home. In accordance with Elaine's expressed wishes, cremation has already taken place and no formal service will be held. In Elaine's memory, donations to Park Lane Terrace would be appreciated by the family.

## OBITUARY

### Marshall

March 24, 1936 – March 19, 2025



#### Donna Gertrude Marshall (Nee Creeden)

It is with broken hearts we announce the passing of our mom, at Park Lane Terrace, Paris, surrounded by her family.

Beloved wife of the late Bruce (2002). Best mom ever to Dee-Ann, Vicki (Deano), Patti and Bruce (Michelle).

Cherished grandma to Aimee

(Chris), Ashley, Jess (Mike), Porsha, Skylar (Jess), Chad (Taryn) and Shawn (Ellen). Great-grandma to Marshall, Charlotte, Bodie, Maeve, Hallie and 1 on the way. Best friend of the late Bob Harmer (2024). Dear sister to Bill (Elsie), Jim (the late Kathy) and predeceased by sister Patricia (1961).

Cremation has taken place.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Paris Legion. Special thanks to the staff of Park Lane Terrace for the amazing care she received.

Raise a glass for Donna in remembrance of her iconic style whenever the sunset is pink, the breeze carries wind chimes, and the party is full of laughter.

"Bubbles up"

## OBITUARY

### Langden

December 23, 1947 - March 24, 2025



#### David Michael Longden

Peacefully, at Brantford General Hospital on Monday March 24, 2025, a lifelong resident of Paris, in his 78th year.

Beloved son to the late Lavern and Thelma (nee Boyce). Predeceased by his brothers Richard, Kenneth, and Peter. He is the brother in law to Marilyn and Ruth. Dear uncle

to John, Phil (Dawn), Sharon, Jason, Rebecca, Jennifer, and Sarah Rimay (Dan) and great uncle to Evan, Charlotte, Hannah and Natalie.

David was a longtime employee of Thompson Printing and an active member of Paris Baptist Church. He had a wonderful sense of humour and a love for helping those around him, especially his family.

Cremation has taken place. Friends will be welcomed at the Wm. Kipp Funeral Home, 184 Grand River St. N. Paris on Monday April 21, 2025 from 10-11 AM. A Memorial Service will be held in the funeral home chapel at 11:00AM. Interment later Paris Cemetery.

Donation to the Paris Baptist Church would be appreciated. Online Condolences and Donations may be arranged through [www.wmkippfuneralhome.com](http://www.wmkippfuneralhome.com) or by contacting Wm. Kipp 519 442 3061

## OBITUARY

### Hanscom

October 31, 1942 – March 25, 2025



#### Vincent Claud Hanscom

Passed away peacefully on March 25, 2025, with family by his side. He was 82 years of age. Cherished husband of Nora Hanscom. Loving father to Jeffrey, Kim (Greg), and Duane (Stephanie). Grandfather to Nathan, Jacob (Madison), Miranda, Molly, Maggie, and Rose. He will be dearly missed by many extended family members and friends.

For the majority of his career, Vince worked in sales related industries, including Real Estate. He had a passion for photography and playing guitar. He was a DIY-er, and was very handy in mechanics.

Friends were welcomed at the Dwayne D. Budgell Funeral Home on Sunday March 30th, for a Memorial Service. In Vince's memory, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

## OBITUARY

### Sage

August 4, 1990 – March 21, 2025



#### Calvin Richard Sage

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the sudden passing of Calvin Richard Sage, in his 35th year, on Friday March 21, 2025. Calvin was a devoted father, loving son, and cherished brother whose beautiful personality touched the lives of all who knew him. Calvin was a source of love and laughter, especially

to his two beautiful sons, Garren and Hunter Sage. He dedicated himself to being a fun and loving father, creating countless memories filled with adventure.

Calvin is survived by his loving mother, Chris Hipkin, and his siblings, Corey Sage (Sara), Dylan Hipkin and his niece Reese and nephew Corey the 3rd. He also leaves behind his bonus siblings, Jade, Madison, Rachel and Lyndon, along with a multitude of aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family who will miss him dearly. Calvin was predeceased by his two loving fathers, Corey Sage and Jonny Hipkin.

Calvin will be fondly remembered by many friends especially his childhood trio Jordan, Peter and Ryan. And of course, any friends who were down for a concert. Calvin's legacy is one of love and laughter. He had a unique ability to bring people together, and his kindness and big heart will be remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Friends were welcomed at the Dwayne Budgell Funeral Home on Saturday March 29, 2025 for a service, cremation has already taken place. In Calvin's memory, please take the time to cherish every moment and every person in your life because you never know when it will be the last time you see them. In memoriam donations to either Canadian Tire Jumpstart or the Salvation Army would be appreciated by the family.

## IN MEMORIAM

### Tommy Lewis



In loving memory of our dear friend, Tommy Lewis. Your light touched our lives in ways that words cannot express. Your laughter, kindness, and unwavering friendship will forever be cherished.

Tommy faced his battle with ALS with courage and grace, inspiring all who knew him. His spirit remains a beacon of strength and resilience.

As we bid farewell to a remarkable man and a true friend, we find solace in the countless memories we shared. Tommy, you will always hold a special place in our hearts.

Forever remembered by your family & friends,

**"Those we love don't go away,  
they walk beside us every day."**

## MEMORIES AND MILESTONES

Share them with your local community.

Let us help create a meaningful announcement:  
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# Riddles

**Why are waterbeds so bouncy?**  
*They're filled with spring water.*

**Why is Yoda such a good gardener?**  
*He has a green thumb.*

**Why are flowers so popular?**  
*They have a lot of buds.*

**What's the April Fool's lucky card in the deck?**  
*The Joker.*

**What did April Fools' Day say after it won an award?**  
*Prank you.*

**Knock, knock!**  
*Who's there?*  
**Noah**

*Noah who?*  
**Noah April Fools' joke?**

**Knock, knock!**  
*Who's there?*  
**Some bunny**  
*Some bunny who?*  
**Some bunny's been pranking me all April Fools' Day.**

# Sudoku

9			2		3		6	4
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# PET OF THE WEEK

## OLLIE

### Meet our Pet of the Week:

Ollie is a 15 year old Australian shepherd / German Shepherd mix. He has unique brown and caramel markings that make everyone think of a caramel candy bar. Not one to act his age, Ollie loves to walk his neighborhood in the Flats of Paris with his little brother Freddie. He is very smart and is a great herding dog. He loves to run and play at the Simply Grand dog park and then relax on his double decker bed! "



# Word Search

## APRIL FOOL'S DAY

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- April Fools
- Bamboozle
- Bemuse
- Funny
- Gag
- Games
- Hoax
- Hoodwink
- Jokes
- Laughter
- Mischief
- Playful
- Prank
- Shenanigans
- Silly
- Spring
- Surprise
- Tomfoolery
- Tricks
- Wacky

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

**Paris Horticultural Society** will be hosting its April meeting at the Paris Fairgrounds. The meeting begins at 7 pm with social time. We are looking forward to learning about hazelnut production with guest speaker Stephanie Sharp from Glenridge Hazelnuts, a local family farm out of St. George. Come on out and meet your neighbours!

**The Brant Condominium Corporations' Association** invites all condo owners, directors of boards, and managers to a FREE presentation on the Pros and Cons of Self-Managing your condo complex versus having a Property Manager. Presenter is Chris Mendes, associate lawyer with SV Law. Time: 2pm. Place: Sherwood Restaurant at 799 Colborne St E Brantford.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 3

**Downtown Dig Open House** - 5 pm to 8 pm at Paris Fairgrounds there is a drop in open house providing details of the Downtown Dig, hosted by the County of Brant. Ask questions and learn more about this important community project.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 5

**Celebrate Spring Artisans & Vendors Market** - at St. George United Church from 10 am to 2 pm. Your \$2 donation helps to support the local food bank. Our popular vendors and artisans offer great gift and decorating ideas as well as yummy treats for spring, Easter and summer fun! For information, contact rmwoodleyrobinson@gmail.com or 519-448-3842.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 6

**One Book One Brant Meet The Author** - from 2 pm to 4 pm at the Paris Community (formerly Presbyterian) Church. We are excited to announce that acclaimed author Emma Donoghue—renowned for *Room*, *The Pull of the Stars*, *The Wonder*, *Akin*, and *Frog Music*—will join us to celebrate the 20th anniversary of *One Book, One Brant!* As part of this special event, Emma will debut her highly anticipated new book, *The Paris Express*.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 8

**The Brant County Men's Probus Club** - meeting is at 10 am at the Sherwood Restaurant at 799 Colborne Street in Brantford. Our speaker will be discussing the history of Railroad Car Hospitals. New members are always welcome.

**The Brant Men of Song** - hold their rehearsals on Tuesdays from 7 pm to 9 pm at the First Baptist Church located at 70 West St. Brantford. New members are always welcome to attend and learn more about their activities.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

**Seniors Active Living Expo** - 9:30 am to 2 pm at Sojour Church. County of Brant invites you to celebrate Seniors Active Living Expo. Drop in activities throughout the day. Contact heather.Slot@brant.ca to arrange transportation if required.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 10

**Free Spring Soup Lunches** - offered by St. Paul's United Church Auditorium. April lunch is on April 10th at 12 pm. Everyone is welcome.

**Women Inspiring Women – Women's Institute monthly meeting** - from 7-9 pm at the Adelaide Hoodless Homestead, 359 Blue Lake Rd., St. George. Celebrating a Decade of Awesomeness! Our 10th Birthday Party.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 11

**Free Community Story Time** - from 12 pm to 4 pm at Riverside Bookshelf, 32A Dundas St, Paris. Story time featuring the children's book *Why Are you So Quiet?* By Jaclyn Desforges.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 15

**The Brant Men of Song** - hold their rehearsals on Tuesdays from 7 pm to 9 pm at the First Baptist Church located at 70 West St. Brantford. New members are always welcome to attend and learn more about their activities.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 12

**Spring Market** - Telfer Place Paris presents its annual Spring Market, from 9 am to 1 pm at Telfer Place, 245 Grand River St N Paris. If you're interested in becoming a vendor reach out to Laura or Erin at 519-442-8005.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 22

**The Brant Men of Song** - hold their rehearsals on Tuesdays from 7 pm to 9 pm at the First Baptist Church located at 70 West St. Brantford. New members are always welcome to attend and learn more about their activities.

**The Knights of Columbus** - will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday at Sacred Heart Parish Hall starting at 7:30 pm.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 26

**Community Tree Planting Event** - from 10 am to 1 pm at Mount Pleasant Nature Park, 755 Mount Pleasant Rd. Bring your own shovels, gloves and proper footwear! Optimist Club will provide a free BBQ lunch.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 27

**The Paris Museum and Historical Society** is holding their Annual General Meeting at 2 p.m. at the museum located at the Syl Apps Community Centre. Applications to become Board directors are now welcomed. To be considered, please contact the nominating committee at info@theparismuseum.com giving brief information about yourself and the talents and experience you would bring to the society.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 29

**The Brant Men of Song** - hold their rehearsals on Tuesdays from 7 pm to 9 pm at the First Baptist Church located at 70 West St. Brantford. New members are always welcome to attend and learn more about their activities.

## SUDOKU ANSWERS

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3	2	9	7	1	8	6	4	5
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## The Paris Independent

**PROMOTE YOUR EVENTS WITH US!  
HERE'S HOW:**

**Deadline: Friday prior at 10 a.m.**

**Contact: info@theparisdependent.com**

- The Paris Independent Community Calendar allows non-profit organizations to promote their free admission community events at no charge. Event listings can include the event name, date, time and location as well as contact information (ie phone number, email address or website).
- If your event is not free admission or you would like to include more details than stated above, The Paris Independent offers the following options for promoting your community events:
  - Coming Events Word Ad in Classified section (50 word max.) - \$10 + hst
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# CLASSIFIEDS

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## COMING EVENTS

**AN EVENING OF MUSIC: JOIN US IN THIS RENOVATED PARIS LANDMARK!**  
 - SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025 Get ready to groove into the soulful vibes of Toronto's premiere Funk Rock experience on May 3rd 2025, as Yasgurs Farm returns to the #forParis Centre! Immerse yourself in a fusion of 60s and 70s classics, sprinkled with the improvisational magic of jazz and the infectious energy of jam band culture. Join us for a night of timeless tunes, irresistible dance beats and original grooves that'll have you moving all night long.

- **Time:** 8:00 p.m – doors open at 7:00 p.m with a full cash bar available
- **Venue:** #forParis Centre, 164 Grand River St N, Paris
- **Tickets:** \$29.95 for the show, option to add the Big Easy Buffet
- **How to Reserve:** Visit the website at [forpariscentre.ca/events/yasgurs-farm](http://forpariscentre.ca/events/yasgurs-farm)

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## Paris Lions Club 12th Annual Maple Syrup Festival

Saturday April 12, 2025

8 am - 3 pm

### Paris Fairgrounds

Vendors, Food Trucks, Maple Syrup, Pancakes, Entertainment



## WANTED

I will pay cash for antiques and collectibles. Coca Cola, Pepsi or any pop company. Brewery items - Kuntz, Huether Labatts, etc. Old radios and gramophones, wristwatches, pocket watches, old fruit jars - Beaver Star, Bee Hive etc. Any old oil cans and signs - Red Indian, Supertest etc. Any small furniture. If you are moving or cleaning out stuff please contact me – 519-570-6920.

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5. Methane
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9. Toothless
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### ***About Dan – The Local Choice:***

- Lives in Lynden with his wife Tracy
- Born and raised on a small farm in Copetown
- Proudly served as the Member of Parliament for Flamborough since 2021
- Successful 25-year career in the private sector before politics in the agri-food and energy sectors across North America
- Booth at Paris Fair last September and will always continue to be available and accessible in the community for you

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