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Steel replacement waterwheel up in New Hamburg



The New Hamburg steel waterwheel up as of Monday, June 19. Buckets have since been installed on the structure, with work being done by Iron Bridge Fabrication.

By Veronica Reiner

The new replacement metal waterwheel is up and spinning in New Hamburg.

The 50-foot-tall structure is made from weathering steel - a strong, corrosion-resistant alloy that takes on a rusted appearance. The assembly and installation was completed by Iron Bridge Fabrication in New Hamburg. Installation began around Monday, June 19, and wrapped up shortly afterwards, with buckets on the wheel installed the next day.

"It's really exciting to get to this point," said Joe Figliomeni, chairperson of the

waterwheel project.

While the wheel is up, the project is not yet fully complete. Figliomeni added the committee wants to install informative signage at the waterwheel site, as well as on the opposite side of the river.

Further down the line, the committee hopes to generate electricity from the waterwheel, which could potentially power the William Scott Park lights. That would require an approval process through township regulations and Grand River Conservation Authority regulations.

"We built it with the intention of

eventually generating some power," explained Figliomeni. "We're not talking significant amounts of power - what we needed to happen was this stage now where we can monitor it, determine the spin and determine how much we can generate from it. We don't expect a lot."

The process to replace the waterwheel has been ongoing since spring 2020, when New Hamburg Board of Trade members noticed that the original wooden waterwheel was no longer functioning.

About six University of Guelph engineering students, along with

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Conservatives Hang on to Federal Seat in Oxford

By Lee Griffi

In what could be described as the toughest fight for the Oxford seat in the House of Commons in nearly 20 years, Arpan Khanna hung on to defeat Liberal challenger David Hilderley by about 2600 votes. Khanna earned 43 per cent of the ballot, with Hilderley taking just over 36 per cent. In the 2021 federal election, the Conservatives garnered 47 per cent of the vote, compared to the Liberals' 20 per cent.

A stronger-than-usual Liberal race developed after controversy erupted after David MacKenzie, the riding's former Tory MP, announced he was backing Hilderley after his disapproval of the party's handling of Khanna. In the 2021 federal election, the Conservatives nabbed about 47 per cent of the vote, compared to the Liberals' roughly 20 per cent.

During his victory speech, Khanna said he's ready to take the concerns of Oxford residents to Parliament Hill. "To the senior who is on a fixed pension and is struggling to make ends meet, we hear you, and we will fight for you every single day. People believe in Pierre Poilievre's positive vision for our country."

Doing the math shows the Liberal and NDP vote combined reached nearly 47 per cent of the vote, something that Khanna said doesn't worry him. He is focusing on defeating the government in the next election. "I think we sent a clear message to Justin Trudeau that Oxford is a strong, blue, Conservative County and our momentum starts right here. People are tired of the carbon tax. Farmers are hurting. Lawful gun owners are getting attacked, while criminals are getting a slap on the wrist. I look forward to growing our support come the next federal election."

Voter turnout reached only 38 per cent, something not unheard of during byelections and something that didn't surprise Khanna.

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community members and staff from Nith Valley Construction and Arcadian Projects got involved and set up a basic plan in place to replace the waterwheel. A fundraising committee raised money for the

project through businesses and individuals. A \$300,000 federal grant also contributed to the construction costs.

A ribbon cutting ceremony will likely not take place until next year, when the revitalization of the Nith River Promenade

(across from the waterwheel) is complete. "I think it would be prudent for us to wait and do something nice next year as sort of a ribbon cutting ceremony," said Figilomeni. "Certainly we would thank all of the participants and the government of Canada who helped enormously with

their grant money."

The original waterwheel was unveiled in October 1990, and lasted well beyond its life expectancy of about 20 years. It was built from red cedar and stood 50-feet-tall, with 20 spokes and paddles.

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"It's a byelection, and we have seen this across the country. I always hope for more turnout, and I think everyone should be involved in democracy. Hopefully, next time we have more voters, and I'll do whatever I can to make sure we promote democracy."

While disappointed in his runner-up finish, Hilderley said he couldn't be more pleased with his campaign and his vote numbers. "Very happy with our improvement. We had a great team, worked hard, and fought a very clean campaign with dignity and integrity. We talked and listened to the people, and we wanted to represent them. We just couldn't quite get it done. I think it shows people in Oxford County really understand the values the Liberal party extends."

Hilderley came a close second to current Woodstock Mayor Jerry Acchione in last year's municipal election and is on the fence on if he would remain in politics. "I will still dedicate my time and be heavily involved in my community. I love serving. I love helping, and I am heavily involved with the senior's centre here. Whether or not I will seek another political office, I'm not sure at this point. But I felt good about what we did. We ended on a high note for the Liberals."

Cody Groat finished third in the race, well back of the frontrunners and said he is concerned about the poor turnout. "We should all be concerned about the level of apathy and disenfranchisement from the political process. Only 16% of eligible voters voted for Arpan, which is not a strong mandate and something I hope he considers in how he represents the riding." He was also critical of how Khanna ran his campaign. "There are a lot of serious issues that were at the forefront this campaign. In addressing the climate crisis, Arpan chose to focus on party propaganda rather than viable solutions. Further, in a time when LGBTQ rights are being targeted in Oxford County, he chose to skip all Pride events out of concern for losing votes, which is a failed attempt at leadership. Silence is just as dangerous as perpetuating hateful rhetoric."

In what was a bit of a surprise, John Markus from the Christian Heritage Party wound up fourth in the voting at 4.4 per cent, a full per cent better than People's Party of Canada candidate Wendy Martin who was thankful for her support. "I have so many people that I would like to thank for joining me during my run. Fellow PPC Candidates of record and neighboring teams reached out to lend me a hand. I am very proud of the people of the PPC. We are more than a political party; we are a Canadian team."



Arpan Khanna delivers his victory speech at the fairgrounds in Woodstock. Also pictured is his wife, Sim.

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Former Perth County farmer comes home to visit from New Zealand



Beth and Bill Gordon who made a visit recently to family and friends and Beth's homestead in Perth County's North Easthope Township.

By Gary West

I know that interested residents who read our publications in the area like to catch up on what happened to some area farmers who have continued farming in other countries.

In this case we write about Beth Kollman, who spent her younger years in North Easthope township, northeast of Stratford, west of Amulree. She married a New Zealand farmer, Bill Gordon, in 2002 and they have farmed on the South Island of New Zealand ever since.

Beth and I got to know each other when we were both on the board of the Stratford and District Agriculture Society.

Beth's parents were Harry and Martha Kollman (Hillis) and her mom was a former school teacher at Gadshill School, and also taught in the 1960s at Ratzberg Public School and then onto the newly constructed North Easthope Public School.

Her father, Harry, was a farmer all his life on the 7th Concession of North Easthope Township, and also drove school bus for Lawrence Diamond coach lines in Shakespeare.

Beth trained as a nurse at St. Mary's Hospital in Kitchener, where she also worked until she went on her overseas experience to New Zealand for 9 months.

On her return back to Canada she worked

for the VON and the Stratford Festival Theatre.

In 2002, she married Bill Gordon of Garston, New Zealand.

"Burnside" is the name of their 1000 acre century farm, where the couple raise sheep and beef cattle. They also grow Lucerne alfalfa that's made into Baleage for winter feed and swedes (turnips) fed to the ewes and cattle (Angus/Hereford crossbreds) in the winter months.

In Canada, we think that the farther south you travel, the warmer the weather gets, but in New Zealand the opposite is true.

Beth explained "they do get snow in the nearby mountains but their temperatures in winter don't usually fall below zero very often".

Their nearest town is Garston, the most inland settlement in New Zealand, and is about 60 kilometres south of Queenstown, one of New Zealand's tourist hotspots.

The couple comes back to Canada every few years, and usually spend five weeks with family and friends, where it's their winter and work on the farm is at a minimum.

Beth still owns part of the Kollman homestead, and still loves coming home to the hills of North Easthope and Perth County every chance they get.

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Hickson Business Wins Tourism Award

By Lee Griffi

The winners of the 2023 Oxford Tourism Awards of Excellence have been announced and a local business has earned one of the four honours.

Terra Nova Nordic Spa & Café took home the Best New Tourism Product Award and owner Jodi Pendry said she has received support from so many people that the award really does feel like it was a team effort. "When I took on this venture, I never thought of the impact Tourism Oxford would have with me and the involvement I would have with other organizations in the county. All these different supportive groups out there for businesses like mine, I never actually considered how much they could help me. They have supported me in many ways including helping with ideas."

Pendry added her employees also deserve a lot of the credit both for the award and for the success of the business. "We have a fabulous staff that makes everybody's experience better. As a result, our customers not only come back but they bring new people out to see it." Pendry added that people have come from Sarnia, Guelph, Orangeville, and Toronto as word of the spa continues to spread. "We do radio ads as well and had someone come from Markham because they heard it on the radio. They had no idea where we were and were shocked how much further it was than they had thought. But they came, they loved it, and have been back twice



Jodi Pendry, Owner of Terra Nova Nordic Spa & Café and her husband Pete Overdevest. (Photo credit: Tourism Oxford)

since."

Pendry continued to praise Oxford as an incredible place to do business and she continuously connects with new and interesting people. "I have really come to love Oxford County. There are great businesses and great support out there. Its wonderful meeting all the different businesses people out there (at the Rural Oxford EDC

networking events), and the county has a lot to offer."

Originally starting out as a wellness centre and café in 2020, Terra Nova transformed into a premier tourism destination. With the grand opening of a new experience in December of last year, they hired an additional five staff members and were hitting capacity targets quickly. The Nordic Spa

offers a place to get away, to "relax and be well" with no judgement. The outdoor experience features a hot pool, saunas, eucalyptus steam room, a quick cold plunge to cool the body down to focus the mind and relax in a heated geo-dome or around the fire. Terra Nova is one of only a handful of Nordic spas in Ontario.

Udderly Ridiculous Farm Life near Bright won a Tourism Partnership Award by becoming a tourist destination with over 1,000 guests participating in Alpaca picnics. The picnics have brought people back to the area with other family and friends and provided spin-off visits to other local businesses. The farm also won a Special Event of the Year Award after inviting women and allies to get down and dirty for a good cause and trash an unwanted wedding or special occasion gown. The event raised awareness and funds for women who have experienced domestic abuse through a post secondary education scholarship fund. The Beachville District Museum also took home a Special Event of the Year Award after holding a series of classic car shows last summer that brought over 1,000 visitors.

The Oxford Tourism Award program recognizes the region's tourism businesses, organizations, and individuals who have displayed excellence in product development, partnerships and collaborations, innovation, inclusiveness, leadership, sustainability, and attraction to the region.

Wellesley awards recreation master plan project to McQueen Galloway Associates for \$59,276

By Veronica Reiner

The Township of Wellesley awarded a contract for their recreation master plan to McQueen Galloway Associates (MGA) for \$59,276 (not including harmonized sales tax).

The decision was made during a council meeting on June 13. The recreation master plan is a long range plan that provides clear and concise recommendations with realistic goals that can be used as a foundation for capital planning and strategic infrastructure investments, recreational programming, community development

and partnership initiatives. The document will serve the township for the next 15 years.

Councillor Shelley Wagner asked about the timeline for the project.

"The plan will be laid out starting June 26 when they come," responded Recreation Director Danny Roth. "Then that plan will get laid out from there, and the next date will be in and around the middle of December. In that time frame, from the beginning of July until probably the beginning of November, to give them a month to put together all the results."

Township staff issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) in April through the Bids and Tenders website. The RFP was picked up by seven companies, with one proposal submission by MGA. Including HST, the total cost is \$66,981.88, however the HST is fully coverable, which keeps the cost under the approved budget amount of \$60,000.

"Although there was only one submission, staff are comfortable in accepting MGA's proposal based on their history with the Township, as the leads on their team were involved in the 2018 Wellesley Township

Park Plan," wrote Roth in his report. "MGA has a solid track record in working with small and rural communities."

MGA will work with staff, community stakeholders, user groups and council to develop the master plan. They will also review relevant township documents to ensure the new master plan builds on past plans. Through community engagement and one on one meetings, they will develop a plan that recognizes the township's fiscal position and provides practical and actionable recommendations.

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COMMUNITY —

New Wilmot Community Services Director



By Veronica Reiner

The Township of Wilmot has hired its new Director of Community Services, Chris Catania. His first council meeting - and first official day on the job - took place on Monday, June 12.

“Chris comes to us with over 30 years of experience working in various capacities within municipalities, including providing oversight of facility management, new facility construction, recreation programs, communications and marketing,” said Chief Administrative Officer Sharon Chambers in a council meeting on June 12.

“On behalf of the corporate leadership team, we are very happy to have you joining us and welcome.”

Chris started off his career in the Town of Aurora, where he worked as a Recreation and Community Development Coordinator from 2000 to 2010. In the same organization, he worked as a project manager of community services for seven years.

He moved on to the town of East Gwillimberry in 2017 as a Manager of Municipal Facilities. In this role, he oversaw capital construction, daily cleaning, maintenance and operations of municipally owned buildings. Other responsibilities included branch priority and budget planning, assessing staffing needs and facilitating full-time complement amendments, and more.

He takes over the role from Sandy Jackson, who retired on May 12.

Forest Glen PS playground grand opening



By Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette Staff

Forest Glen Public School held a grand opening for its new playground on June 8, which included a community barbecue.

There were more than 20 community donors that helps to make the project a reality- including individual families such as

Wilmot Councillor Harvir Sidhu, and organizations, such as 100 Men of Wilmot Who Give a Dam. The Township of Wilmot provided a grant, while the Waterloo Region District School Board provided surfacing and groundwork preparation.

More than \$85,000 was donated in total. The playground is open to the public.

OPP warns about increase in road fatalities this year

By Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette Staff

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is warning drivers that there is an increase in fatalities on OPP patrolled roadways this year.

To date, the OPP has responded to 136 fatal collisions in which 150 people were killed. By comparison, there were 103 fatal road crashes and 125 lives lost at this time last year. The rise in fatalities this year follows a year that saw a historically high number of deaths on OPP-patrolled roads, with 2022's 359 fatalities, marking a 16-year high.

The first part of this month revealed a concerning trend on the roads - from June 1 to June 11, the OPP responded to 15 fatal collisions resulting in 18 fatalities, compared to four fatal collisions and four

fatalities over the same 11-day period last year.

The OPP said that some of the factors of this include speeding, careless driving, driver inattention, driver fatigue, alcohol/drug consumption and lack of seatbelt use.

“Drivers are reminded that even one careless action behind the wheel is all it takes to cause a split-second, serious collision that ends a life and robs a family of a loved one under the worst and most unexpected circumstances - something that occurs to hundreds of families every year throughout Ontario,” said the OPP in a release.

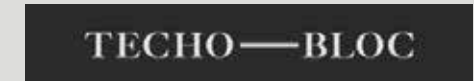
The OPPs committed to delivering on its Provincial Traffic Safety Strategy, which aims to reduce and prevent injuries and fatalities, and enhance safety on roads, waterways and trails.

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WRDSB says new pilot program for math instruction helps student learning

By Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette Staff

The Waterloo Region District School Board (WRDSB) is aiming to help all students succeed in math with a new intervention project focusing on small-group instruction.

The WRDSB created the Intermediate Math Intervention Project, which was initially piloted in three schools in the spring 2022. The program has expanded to include 20 schools throughout the WRDSB. The program uses a tiered small-group instruction approach to deliver targeted instruction based on individual student needs.

"I started this project with one of my four grade 8 math classes. When I saw results within that one group of students, I decided to try it on my own with my other three classes. I saw an improvement with all four groups," said WRDSB teacher Amanda Berry.

The program is for Grade 7 and 8 classes

and makes sure students have the foundation to succeed in high school mathematics. Teachers, special education resource teachers and math intervention specialists work together to identify strengths and opportunity gaps and develop strategies to reinforce students' understanding of math concepts. The program uses three tiers of learning to offer targeted support for students at all levels, and the results are starting to show.

"I didn't like math. A lot of children didn't like math because of how hard it was to learn and how difficult to understand in general. The small groups have made me change my perspective on math," said Laila, a WRDSB student.

The program has shown that working with students in small groups can help to address specific challenges and support learning in the areas they need most. The program helps students gain the confidence to speak up and share their thoughts. Students build relationships

and trust with teaching staff and fellow students. Students are also able to support one another in their learning.

"At a school like mine, it's also provided an opportunity for other barriers to be eliminated. Multi-language learners don't have to worry so much about not knowing the math vocabulary; in the small group, it's addressed, and then they can dig down to the actual math needs and build on some of those strategies in a hands-on and dynamic way," said WRDSB Principal Julia Passmore.

The WRDSB said the program was very successful in its pilot phase, leading to its expansion to 40 classrooms in the 2022-2023 school year.

Understanding the difference programs like these will make in the long term takes time, but early results are promising. Students who receive timely and targeted support require less intensive support in the future. Currently, the best indicator

is hearing directly from those who have been part of the program – including students and teachers.

School boards across Ontario are still dealing with the impacts of the pandemic. Many students struggled with online learning - now, the WRDSB said they see those challenges reflected in their learning, including mathematics. Pre-pandemic WRDSB data showed that students who struggled in grade 9 Applied Math classes were far less likely to graduate. This illustrates the importance of improving conceptual understanding in elementary math.

"When the teacher is with you, you feel more comfortable being open. You get a lot of good support from the teachers. They're patient and helpful. If you don't understand, they take their time to help you understand, and it makes you feel important. It makes you feel like you're more than just another student they teach," said Marissa, a WRDSB student.



PUBLIC NOTICE

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Oxford County Water and Wastewater Master Plan

Oxford County has initiated the development of a Water and Wastewater Master Plan (W/WW MP) to provide the County with strategic long-term water and wastewater servicing strategies that will support existing servicing needs and accommodate further projected population and employment growth to the year 2046.

About the Water and Wastewater Master Plan

The 2024 Water and Wastewater Master Plan (W/WW MP) is a long-term planning document that identifies municipal water treatment, water supply, wastewater collection and wastewater treatment strategies to meet Oxford County's growth needs and service goals in existing serviced areas. The plan will:

- Consider population trends and servicing needs across the County;
- Provide sustainable infrastructure solutions that are consistent with and conform to Provincial policies, legislation and support the County's Official Plan and strategic initiatives;
- Identify options for optimizing the effectiveness of the existing water and wastewater infrastructure.

R.V. Anderson Associates Limited has been retained by Oxford County to complete the W/WW MP. Key objectives of the master plan include:

- Assess the current water and wastewater systems performance and deficiencies;
- Offer solutions that evaluate full lifecycle costs to understand overall financial implications and sustainability; and,
- Develop a system plan, which will ensure reliability, redundancy, and security of water resources for existing and future consumers through to the year 2046.

The W/WW MP is being conducted in accordance with the Master Plan requirements of Phases 1 and 2 of the *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment* (2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 & 2015), approved under the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*.

Information will be collected in accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

We want to hear from you

Public and technical agency consultation will be fundamental in developing the Master Plan, and members of the public are invited and encouraged to comment on the project at any time during the Study.

The Project Team is hosting the study's second Public Consultation Centre (PCC) to review the draft recommendations of 2024 Water and Wastewater Master Plan. This will be a virtual (online) event held:

Tuesday, June 27, 2023

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Log-in details at www.oxfordcounty.ca/wwwmp

Representatives from the County and its consultants will be available at the PCC to answer questions and discuss the next steps in the study.

The final Master Plan document will also be posted for public review following endorsement by Council.

The PCC will be advertised via social media, published on the project page *Speak Up Oxford!*. Area Municipalities and registered project followers will receive an email regarding the PCC.

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John Deere Gators and Supplies loaded and on the way from Listowel to East Africa



The Listowel group donating and sending two John Deere Gators to East Africa who include left to right, Jerry Fuhr (J.D. Sales Manager - Premier Equipment), Del and Bonnie Cressman of Hasta Farms Ltd., Jeni Hudson (board member of Heart for Africa), Amanda Barclay (sponsor heart for Africa), R.J. and Tonya Haverkamp (Haverkamp Farms), and Tim Dowd (Premier Store Manager - Listowel).



Premier equipment manager, Jerry Fuhr with Del Cressman, before loading the donated John Deere Gator.

By Gary West

It has been said by many philosophers over the years, that it takes a village to raise a child. This is a story about a very giving group of people from the municipality of North Perth, who are doing just that in their own caring way for a community in Africa.

They include two farm families and a farm machinery dealership who got together to help those hungry and needy children and their families in a far off part of the world in Eswatini-East Africa.

Local farmers, Del and Bonnie Cressman of Hasta Farms Ltd and R.J. and Tonya Haverkamp of Haverkamp Farms, along with Premier John Deere Equipment from

Listowel Ontario, heard of a need for simple but dependable transportation in this far off African region.

They got together and donated two John Deere Gators along with money and other local donations that included children's clothing, used furniture, and even a donated piano, and loaded the cargo in a container in Listowel, bound for Africa about two weeks ago.

The farm in Africa needed a smaller form of transportation for some of the parents and children that have difficulties getting around the rugged 2500-acre property.

To give a little context, "the Heart for Africa to support Canaan project" was founded by Canadian's Ian and Janine,

a couple who had reached out to EGG Farmers of Canada some nine years ago.

Canadian Egg Farmers took up the challenge and partnered with "Heart for Africa" to support project "Canaan," a large scale, land development project in Eswatini, which brings expertise and resources together to find holistic solutions to complex issues.

Through this project, Canadian Egg Farmers, after being approached, could see a need to feed orphan children and others from the surrounding community, creating local jobs and teaching local Egg Farmer staff new skills, including how to manage laying hens and produce eggs sustainably.

Believing that the humble EGG can, and will play a major role in the world's approach to hunger and malnutrition, Canadian Egg Farmers kicked off its partnership with the "Heart for Africa" project.

"Canaan" in 2014, working with the local Eswatini community to establish an entire EGG operation from the ground up. The first barn was built in 2015, and the first flock of laying hens arrived in January 2016.

Today, Egg Farmers of Canada continues to support "Project Canaan" by providing on the ground expertise, sending Canadian Egg Farmer volunteers to work with the community to help sustain the African Egg farming operation for years to come.



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COMMUNITY —

Woodstock Boundary Adjustment Process to Remain Local

By Lee Griffi

Woodstock City Council has rejected a motion that would have seen the provincial government take control of a boundary adjustment process with East Zorra-Tavistock and Norwich Townships. This is the third time the city has knocked on EZT's door in less than 10 years looking to expand its boundaries. The first two attempts didn't go anywhere and most recently East Zorra-Tavistock has delayed the process at least until it gets two major planning projects out of the way. That could take a year to 18 months.

In a recorded vote, Councillors Deb Tait, Kate Leatherbarrow, Bernia Wheaton, and Liz Wismer-Van Meer turned down the motion while Councillors Mark Schadenberg, Connie Lauder, and Mayor Jerry Acchione voted in favour.

Acchione said he is hopeful EZT will come to the table sooner rather than later. "I don't think what they are trying to do really is relevant to what we are talking about. I think those two are completely different

things so I'd like to think we could do it at the same time." He added he doesn't want to make anyone upset or angry, but the need is now, and the province is looking for Woodstock to come up with a residential plan. "I just got a letter from (Ontario's Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister) Steve Clark wanting us to put together a housing plan and what numbers would look like up to 2031. Twelve hours (after the motion was defeated) I get an email from the ministry asking what our plan is."

Councillor Wheaton said she would not support the motion for several reasons including a misleading report given to council. "It indicates (EZT) declined the opportunity (to negotiate). In fact, their motion advised Woodstock that it will consider the request to enter into boundary adjustment negotiations when the township's secondary planning report and strategic planning process is finalized." She added that after speaking to EZT Mayor Phil Schaefer the township would like to understand their own needs before opening up discussions

about Woodstock. "In my opinion boundary adjustment is to be pursued constructively, collaboratively, and with respect to the wide variety of variables that are at play."

East Zorra-Tavistock Mayor Phil Schaefer said he was pleased to see Woodstock council defeat the motion. "Our council disagrees, and we feel we have been clear in our reasons for wanting to wait until our secondary plan project and strategic plan exercise have been completed. I, along with our councillors, have received feedback on both sides of the issue. It is safe to say, there are strong feelings either way."

Councillor Leatherbarrow said the city is doing a good job of utilizing increasing density and added she just wasn't comfortable calling in the province to speed-up the process. "I have farming roots and I understand and have leaned quickly that this is a very sensitive subject for not only Woodstock residents but also for our area municipalities." She added seeking

provincial help undermines the city's abilities for planning and working with the townships. "I am comfortable continuing to negotiate in good faith and I am not comfortable calling in the province at this time."

Acchione added the issue isn't just about future housing needs, it's also about dealing with the current shortage. "This isn't necessarily about people moving to Woodstock. We have a severe housing shortage for our own families to stay within the city. Keeping people here is just as important to me if not even more important. I want to see our parents or grandparents to find an affordable place to live. I don't want our kids to be living in a basement for the rest of their lives." He added he wants our young people to have the dream of a home. "It may not be a one-acre property, maybe that is out of reach. But something they can sit on the front porch and have ownership of a condo or a townhouse. That dream right now is not a reality."

Grade 3 students were learning how to make butter at Perth County's iFarm



Grade 3 students from a Stratford school have the butter making process (made from cream) explained to them by left, Adrianna Danen and Janice Danen.

By Gary West

The mother and daughter duo of Janice and Adrianna Danen, who are dairy farmers south of Shakespeare on Line 33 (Pork Street), were the hit of the butter making

station at "iFarm" last week in Stratford.

The Perth County "iFarm" is an agricultural education day when grade 3 students from schools in the county, are bussed to the Agriplex at the Rotary complex in



Stratford's Mayor, Martin Ritsma, dropped by the Agriplex to share interest in the making of butter from South Easthope dairy farmers Janice and Adrianna Danen.

Stratford, where they learn from a variety of agricultural groups, about the various farm products that are produced in the area.

Janice is a Perth County dairy educator,

while not only representing dairy producers in the county, also travels to schools to talk about dairy farming and explain to students how milk is produced from cows on area farms and what nutritional products are made from their milk.

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COMMUNITY —

Salad or Sandwich with a Side of Conversation in Hickson



By Lee Griffi

The owner of Stories Café is the latest food option in Oxford County, and it may very well be one of the most unique ones. Kendra Cook and her family live in Brooksdale and she has recently opened an interesting food truck business in Hickson.

Kendra Cooke has a work background in social services spending decades performing frontline community food and housing services. “I had children and moved out of that sector. Now that I am getting back into the workforce it came down to my passion for feeding people mixed with my social services background.” She added placing the food truck in Hickson is a way to combat a ‘food desert.’ “Places where people have to travel great distances to find any affordable, fresh foods.”

Before Cooke opened her truck in the parking lot at Parion Animal Nutrition in Hickson there were no dining options for anyone local without driving to Woodstock or Tavistock. She said the feedback so far has been tremendous. “Particularly from the residents of Hickson. Everyone I have spoken to have been so grateful to have an option in their community. As it stands, it

is a fifteen-minute drive to Woodstock to even get fast food. The one thing I didn’t anticipate but should have; people see a food truck and think French fries. Around the lunch hour people stop in and ask if I have fries and burgers. I say no but let me tell you all the good things I do have. It will take time. There aren’t a lot of food trucks out there that don’t serve fried foods,” added Cooke.

While not a professionally trained cook, Cooke said she does have experience making food for large groups. “I had certain training like Safe Food Handling and also working with different chefs to learn how to prepare for larger numbers. I am also using a 50-kilometer radius utilizing what’s in season to make beautiful, delicious, healthy food.” She said we grow so much of the food for the province in Southwestern Ontario, but a lot of people so live in these food deserts. “We don’t have great access to our own food at affordable prices.”

When asked where the name for the food truck came from Cooke said her professional background played a factor. “I really do value individual stories and a lot of the focus I took in my career was in bridging the gap between socioeconomic divisions

through the use of personal stories. I strongly believe we can find something to empathize with or have something in common with anyone if we sat and shared our stories with one another.” She added that would go a long way to bridging other gaps such as resources, public health, and social determinants of health. “I love the food part from a personal standpoint. But I love the opportunity to have a mobile community that can bridge any number of gaps.”

Cooke said while providing an opportunity to chat is important, she wanted people to focus just as much on the quality local food she is serving. “Very good food from lots of local producers. It’s not just me. I really want to highlight existing small businesses, growers, bakers, and dairy farmers.” Stories Café will have a variety of fresh baking such as muffins, squares, and cookies, all of which will focus on what’s in season locally. “I will always try to do one or two lunch specials based on again what’s local. It will always include a Raw Carrot Soup Enterprise soup which is a non-profit employing individuals with intellectual disabilities (in Innerkip). I usually craft a hot or cold sandwich, sometimes quiche or a veggies and dip protein

pack. I have also added all-day fried egg sandwiches with Bright Cheese made to order. Kintore coffee and Upper Thames soda are always on the menu.”

She is hoping her business venture will become self-sustaining at some point but has set Stories Café up as a social enterprise. “I’m not a registered non-profit because there’s a lot of actual expense in doing that. But I have built my business model around focusing on building community wealth versus personal wealth. I’m not looking to do anything other than paying any staff I might hire a living wage and to cover my costs.”

Cooke said her daughters are young but are very eager to be helpful and encouraging. “My six-year-old decorated a tip container for me. She thought that was very important. My husband works in the trades, and he was very instrumental in helping me troubleshoot issues with water hookups and things like that.”

The truck’s hours are currently 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. from Monday to Friday and Cooke said she will post any changes on the Hickson Facebook page. She can be reached at 519-830-2811 or storiescafeoxford@gmail.com.

Wilmot Councillor Steven Martin appointed to township’s heritage committee

By Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette Staff

Wilmot Councillor Steven Martin was appointed to the Heritage Wilmot and Castle Kilbride Advisory Committee for a term of June 12 to December 31, 2024.

The decision was approved during a council meeting on June 12. Councillor Harvir Sidhu put Councillor Martin’s name forward for the nomination without further explanation. Councillor Martin said he would be open for the role, and no

other nominations came forward. All other council members agreed.

On February 27, council approved the merger of the Heritage Wilmot Advisory Committee and Castle Kilbride Advisory Committee, to form the new Heritage Wilmot and Castle Kilbride Advisory Committee.

The committee is appointed by council to advise and make recommendations to council, the Director of Development

Services (Harold O’Krafka) and the Chief Building Official (Terry Gerber) about the township’s built heritage and other heritage features.

The committee has a specific role set out in the Ontario Heritage Act, including making recommendations relating to:

- the designation of properties under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act;
- repeal or amendments to designations and

- alteration or demolition of heritage structures.

The committee also advises council on matters related to Castle Kilbride, specifically related to the museum’s strategic priorities and policies. Committee members also support activities, services and programs provided by the museum.

The committee meets tentatively on the second Tuesday of each month in the council chambers at 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY —

The Fryfogel Tavern near Shakespeare gets a facelift



By Gary West

There was a bee-hive of activity at the Fryfogel Tavern this week east of Shakespeare, on Highway 7&8.

Hanna Edmonstone from Tavistock (pictured) is a fourth year University of Waterloo student, and was busy painting windows and frames on the historic building, while one of her co-workers was on a lift, nearby, scraping and repairing before

painting occurs.

The two workers are employed by Stratford's General Contractor, Jim Player, whose company does carpentry, masonry and painting and is known for their excellent work at the outdoor stage at the Stratford-Perth Museum.

The company hopes, with good weather, to finish painting this week.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church held a successful supper at Downie Optimist Hall in St. Paul's



Enthusiastic Members of St. Andrew's Church pack the take out boxes for their annual drive thru ham and strawberry supper last week in St. Paul's.

By Gary West

Hundreds of ham and enthusiastic strawberry eaters turned out to the Downie Township Optimist Hall last week, as St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Stratford members, served up their homemade potato salad, ham, and of course, freshly

picked Perth county strawberries at their annual drive thru dinner in St. Paul's.

Organizers were pleased with the turnout and said the weather was close to perfect for the occasion and thanked everyone for their support.

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COMMUNITY —

Wellesley council, in split vote, makes compressed work week permanent

By Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette Staff

Wellesley Township council, in a split vote, agreed to make township staff's compressed work week a permanent fixture, starting July 4.

The decision was made during a meeting on June 13. Mayor Joe Nowak, Councillor Lori Sebben and Councillor Shelley Wagner voted in favour, while Councillor Claude Hergott and Councillor Derek Brick voted against.

"There's still coverage five days a week, by each department, for somebody," said Councillor Wagner. "We're not leaving a department empty. So even if they can't reach the exact person, there is still somebody there to assist them from that. They

might not want to talk to them, but they're still there."

In April 2022, a survey regarding a compressed work week arrangement was sent out to 18 full-time administrative staff to gauge interest in a compressed work week. There were 17 responses, with 15 indicating they would be interested in participating in a compressed work week, with two responses indicating that they "may be" interested.

On July 4, Wellesley township implemented the one-year pilot program offering all administration staff the option to work a "flexible work arrangement and compressed work week," according to a report written by Executive Assistant Kaitlyn Draker. Each participating employee

worked four scheduled days per week, either Monday to Thursday or Tuesday to Friday, with core staffed hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for public service (an additional 30 minutes per day).

"It is also important to note that these options were not available to all staff equally," wrote Draker. "The eligibility for each type of flexible work arrangement was dependent on the nature of the individual position and operational requirements."

The trial period was monitored each month by senior management for efficiency and modified as needed. There were two modifications over the pilot project, with the first occurring in October 2022. Initially, employees were allowed a maximum of two days per week to work

remotely. This was later changed to one day maximum working remotely.

In November 2022, some statutory holidays were modified so all staff works four seven hour days, over two scheduled shift times, to ensure the office remained open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

There was a survey posted to social media for residents to send in their feedback about the compressed work week. It was open until May 30. "Overall, 23 residents completed the survey," wrote Draker in her report. "Of the responses received 78% indicated that there was a positive impact or no impact on the quality of service they received from the township during the pilot program."

Outdoor concert and art show at New Dundee PS



An outdoor concert and art show took place at New Dundee Public School on Friday night, June 16. Artwork done by New Dundee PS students was on display for all to see, and the concert took place under the trees in the playground. (Photo credit: New Dundee Public School)

Safety improvements at Oxford County Roads 59 and 33



Most of the safety improvements at the intersection of Oxford County Roads 59 and 33 were completed this week. Along the upgrades is a four-way stop and flashing red lights along with a 60 km/hour speed limit in the area. (Photo credit: Lee Griffi)

NEWS BRIEFS

Driver charged after Perth East collision

A Stratford resident was charged after colliding with another vehicle in Perth East on June 14.

At about 10:48 p.m., the Perth County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a two vehicle collision on Line 34 and Perth Road 101 in Perth East Township.

Throughout the investigation, officers determined that a vehicle failed to stop at the red light and was hit by another vehicle. Minor injuries were reported.

A 26-year-old Stratford resident was charged with "careless driving." The accused was issued a Provincial Notice for the offence.

Anyone with information about these incidents should contact the Perth County OPP immediately at 1-888-

310-1122.

Those who wish to remain anonymous can call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or leave an anonymous online message at www.p3tips.com.

Mischief in Perth East

A police investigation is underway after an unknown person(s) attempted entry to a residence on Road 129 in Perth East Township on June 12. No entry was made, but there was damage to the door.

The OPP is reminding all residents that if they see anything suspicious to please contact police immediately. If anyone is found committing acts of mischief, charged will be laid.

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Two drivers charged in Perth East RIDE checkpoint

Two drivers were charged and issued suspensions after a Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) checkpoint in Perth East township on June 17.

In the evening, officers conducted the RIDE checkpoint in the area of Road 140 and Line 46. At 7:58 p.m., a driver entered the checkpoint and admitted to consuming alcohol, at which time a roadside screening device was administered.

Shortly after at 8:12 p.m., another driver entered the checkpoint. Officers said it was "apparent" that the driver had consumed an alcoholic beverage at which time a roadside screening device was administered.

As a result, a 28-year-old North Perth resident and a 59-year-old Perth East resident were both issued a three-day licence suspension.

FAMILY MILESTONES —

OBITUARY

LEIS: Ellen Jane (nee Gerber)



Passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 15, 2023 at the Rotary Hospice Stratford Perth. Ellen Leis of Tavistock in her 94th year.

Beloved wife of the late Elton S. Leis who predeceased her August 3, 1999. Loving mother of Linda &

husband Dennis Holst of Tavistock and Brenda & husband Earl Wagler of New Hamburg. Dearly missed by her grandchildren Jessica & Matthew Jantzi, Rebecca & Joshua Penfold, Luke & Christina Holst, Emily & Kevin Geeting, Joel Wagler, and by great grandchildren Andrew, Ellen, Ruth, Hudson, Brielle, Micah, Veronica, Ava, Lizzie and Eli. Survived by her brother Howard & Ada Gerber of New Hamburg, sisters Audrey & Harold Bender of New Hamburg and Carol and Irvin Wagler of New Hamburg. She will be fondly remembered by Gary & Shirley Yantzi and by many nieces and nephews.

Predeceased by her parents Emmanuel & Clara (Schlabach) Gerber, by her brothers Calvin & Marion Gerber, Willard & Gladys Gerber, by her sisters Beulah & husband Henry Ruby, Margaret & husband Roy Ruby, Inez & husband Oliver Ramseyer, beloved twin sister Helen & husband Lester Yantzi and sister-in-law Nancy Yantzi.

On Monday, June 19, 2023 relatives and friends were received at the Francis Funeral Home, 77 Woodstock St. N., Tavistock from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. On Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. a public burial service took place in the East Zorra Mennonite Church Cemetery, 16th Line, followed by the Funeral Service at Tavistock Mennonite Church at 2:30 p.m. Fellowship luncheon to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Tavistock Mennonite Church or the Mennonite Central Committee would be appreciated by the family. Personal condolences can be posted at www.gffh.ca

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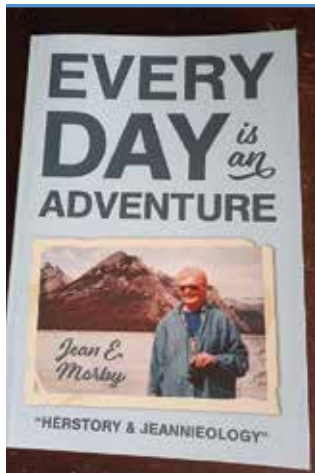
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The Wilmot-Tavistock
Gazette Weekly Quiz

- 1) Which is the only letter in Scrabble to have a value of five points?
- 2) Which is the first book of the Bible alphabetically?
- 3) Which English author created the priest-detective 'Father Brown'?
- 4) In which sport could you win the Davis Cup?
- 5) "I think I'm gonna be sad, I think it's today..." These are the opening lyrics to which 1965 hit?
- 6) When referring to a cash machine, what does 'ATM' stand for?
- 7) In which US city was the sitcom 'Frasier' set?
- 8) Name all of Disney's 'Seven Dwarfs'.
- 9) Which is the capital city of the United Arab Emirates?
- 10) What was the full name given on Marilyn Monroe's birth certificate?

Answers found on page 26

BIRTHDAYS &
ANNIVERSARIES

June 22: Happy birthday to Alex Baechler (13), and anniversaries for Ron and Carol Roth (55th), Chris Roth and Jen Moore (10th).

June 23: Happy birthday to Jolene Herlick (4), Carter Faulhafer (15), and anniversaries for Jacob and Jessica Byers (11th) and Joshua and Amy Stemmler (5th).

June 24: Happy birthday to Gracelyn Pearson (3) and Lucas Hartmann (18).

June 25: Happy birthday to Shae-Lynn Arbuckle, and anniversaries for Herb and Shirley Wagler (57th), Jim and Donna Witzel (46th), and Jamie and Jessica Hergott (18th).

June 26: Happy birthday to Austin Green (6), Connor McDermott (15), Madelyn Hammer (23), and anniversaries for Dennis and Yvonne Roth (24th), and Shaun and Amanda Miller (13th).

June 27: Happy birthday to Morgan Young (11) and Matthew Clemmer, and anniversaries for Myron and Kelly Yantzi (42nd), and Brian and Heidi Wagler (31st).

June 28: Happy birthday to Blake Griffi (6), and anniversaries for Ron and Lyla Becker (55th), Keith and Kathy Bell (20th), and David and Katherine Adams (15th).

Does someone in your family have a special day coming up? Let us know at tavistockgazette@rogers.com or wilmotpost@gmail.com to appear in our Birthdays and Anniversaries listing or to arrange for a special announcement ad.

The Old Gazettes

By Stewart Grant

Slowly but surely, I'm reading through the past pages of the Tavistock Gazette (est. 1895). Within this weekly column I'd like to share with you some of my findings.

June 12-26, 2013 Edition (10 years ago)

James Hamilton Francis, 101, passed away in the Bonnie Brae Nursing Home, Tavistock on Wednesday, June 12, 2013. In September of 1936, Jim founded the businesses of Francis Furniture and Francis Funeral Home, in Tavistock, where he remained active in some capacity until 2012 and was very interested in the day-to-day activities until the time of his death. Throughout his lifetime, Jim was active on many community and municipal boards and committees.

Forty years ago, 49 members formed the Optimist Club of Shakespeare under the leadership of charter president Gil McNeil. On June 13, Mr. McNeil spoke to the current 65 members of the club and their guests at a 40th anniversary dinner held in the Optimist Hall.

Community representatives and dignitaries gathered on Saturday afternoon, June 22, 2013 to cut the ribbon to officially open the Queen's Park Royal Reno during a day of activities for young and old.

June 11-18, 2003 Edition (20 years ago)

Two noticeable differences in the fifth annual World Crokinole Championship were the presence of thirty of the new WCC endorsed boards and the media attention the event received this year. While Raymond Kappes was concentrating on his adult singles championship win, video cameras and flashes were seen throughout the arena catching glimpses of both happy and sometimes frustrated players in the seven categories of play. Total registration reached 398 in 2003, a new record.

Two of Tavistock's long-serving police officers were honoured on Friday evening at a retirement party in the Woodstock Legion. Former Chief Alex Balazs and Special Constable Ron Rudy, as well as Woodstock Sr. Constable Gary Battram were joined by colleagues, friends and family at the evening dinner and dance hosted by the police association.

June 15-22, 1983 Edition (40 years ago)

Last week belonged to Brian Mulroney, chosen as Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada on June 11th on the fourth ballot. Mr. Mulroney was as magnanimous in victory as Joe Clark was gracious in defeat.

The 139-year-old Fryfogel Inn on Highway 8, east of Stratford, will be open to the public between June 21 and July 4 with the First Fryfogel Exhibition. The Avon Valley Historical Society, owners of the Inn, have assembled for the exhibition dozens of items of first class manufacture, design and craftsmanship, all of which were made within a few miles of the Fryfogel Inn, within a few years of the time the Inn was built. The Fryfogel Inn, or Tavern as it was then known, was built by Perth County's first settler (1828) Sebastian Fryfogel in 1844 to replace his original log building.

At Don's Food Market, large bananas are selling for \$0.73 per kg, Knechtel Brand potato chips are \$0.79 per 200g package, and Pepsi sells for \$0.25 per 750ml bottle.

June 12-19, 1963 Edition (60 years ago)

Dave Keon of the Toronto Maple Leaf hockey team will be the guest speaker at a father and son banquet to be held at the Tavistock Memorial Hall the evening of Tuesday, June 25.

Four Tavistock area youths pleaded guilty at Oxford County police court Thursday to three charges of creating mischief in turning farm animals loose. They also pleaded guilty to a charge of taking a motor vehicle without the owner's consent.

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COMMUNITY —

North Easthope Tractor club drive their antique tractors to Milverton Lutheran Church last week



Evangelical Lutheran Church pastor Bonnie Schelter-Brown.



These are the breakfast makers from the Milverton Lutheran Church who treated the tractor club to a wholesome breakfast last week in Milverton. Left to right, Mary Schade, Brandon Lehmann, Trevor Jutzi, Linda Lehmann, Gary Schade, Karolyn Moore, Carol Bastien, Florence Rasmussen, Ellen Jutzi, Rick Purdy. Absent was Joan Jutzi.

By Gary West

Pastor Bonnie Schelter-Brown of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Milverton,

welcomed the North Easthope tractor club (NEAT) to their church for a full home-made breakfast last week.

Dozens of tractors toured through the Perth County town, giving the farmer wave to those residents who welcomed

them, and the tractor owners said they were glad to be invited and help in fund-raising for the church and its members.



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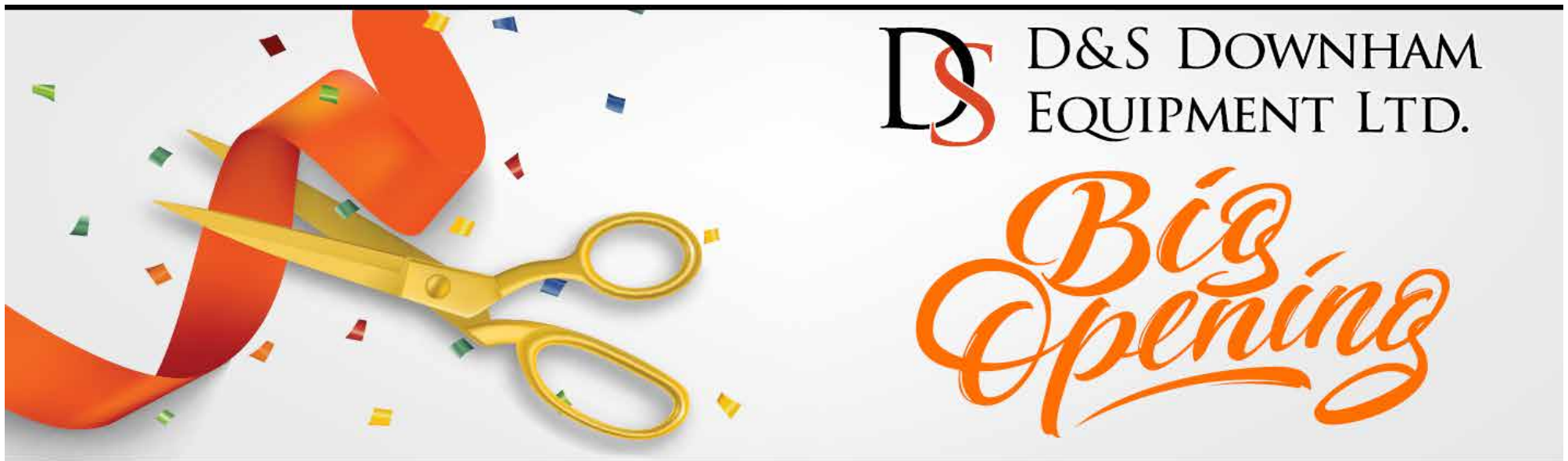
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D&S Downham Equipment hosts Grand Opening June 24th in new 19,000 sq. ft. facility

By Stewart Grant

A local business for 62 years and spanning three generations, D&S Downham Equipment Ltd. celebrates a key milestone this month as they move into their brand new 19,000 sq. ft. building at 3981 Perth Line 26, Stratford.

Downham invites the community to stop by for a visit on Saturday, June 24th for the company's Grand Opening – right across the road from the "old schoolhouse" where they've operated since moving there in 1974.

"It's going to be an exciting day," says Mark Downham, third-generation owner of the business, following in the footsteps of his father Bob and grandfather Cecil. "We are going to give away a \$7,000 Kubota lawn mower to somebody that shows up, and a \$1,400 Karcher sweeper. We'll have live music, a 4-H barbecue, a photo booth, registration table to participate in the draw, bouncy castle, and lots of equipment on display."

The new building, which they started working out of on Monday, June 5th, is representative of how the business has

grown and evolved over the years.

D&S began in 1961 on the west end of Stratford as a Massey Ferguson dealership. Co-founder Cecil Downham moved the growing business to Perth Line 26 in 1974, where since then they've occupied and expanded upon the former SS No. 5 Downie school which dates back to 1857.

While primarily a Massey Ferguson dealership in the early years, different product lines were added over the years. Most notably in 1985, D&S Downham added the Kubota Tractor Sales and Service

agreement. As Kubota has grown its offerings over the decades, so has D&S Downham.

"Kubota's expanding lineup of turf, construction and agriculture equipment allowed us to restructure in 2015 as a Kubota-only stand-alone store serving Perth and Oxford counties," said Mark. "Traditionally, Kubota was a compact tractor company, that's where their core roots are, but through the years they've acquired other companies, including Kverneland, Land Pride, and Great Plains, and those

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Bob Downham (left) and Mark Downham in front of the brand new 19,000 sq. ft. D&S Downham facility at 3981 Perth Line 26, Stratford. Bob Downham purchased D&S Downham from his father Cecil in 1987, while Mark became the third-generation owner in 2021.

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are all sub-categories of Kubota."

Kubota product line now includes tractors, mowers, utility vehicles, mini excavators, skid steer loaders, compact track loaders, wheel loaders, tractor loader backhoes, track carriers, K-Haul trailers, implements, and construction attachments.

Also operating as a division of D&S Downham Equipment is Karcher Professional Wash Systems. "When we merged in a location in Brunner, they sold Karcher products. One of the guys there really spearheaded selling the Karcher line and by 1995 it had really taken off," described Mark.

"Karcher is big on any kind of cleaning equipment - industrial pressure washers, industrial floor-care such as scrubbers, sweepers and all of those products. We do a large chunk of business on the Karcher side, covering much of the southwestern Ontario territory. Like with Kubota, we offer both sales and service."

It became apparent over time that a new building would ultimately be needed to accommodate the growth of D&S Downham Equipment Ltd.

"We were land-locked and we couldn't grow the business any further out of the schoolhouse," said Mark. "In 2017, we purchased seven acres across the road from the schoolhouse for future expansion. In 2022, we officially

broke ground."

Among other benefits, the new facility provides the company the space to more effectively complete final assembly and display of the larger implements of manufacturers such as Kverneland and Great Plains that Kubota has acquired over the years.

Though the business has grown and evolved over the years, Mark says that some of the constants that have remained over the years has been their strong relationships with their community and with their loyal staff.

"We've also maintained being local owner/operators, close to our community. We've tried to support as many community events as we can, whether it be financial help, equipment needs, or just helping out wherever we can." D&S Downham is also a key supporter of the Stratford Warriors Hockey Club and sponsors local minor sports teams.

"Our staff is very dedicated, with several years of experience not only in the industry but also with D&S - most of our current staff have been with us for 10 years or more. Even many who have retired with us came back to help us with the move. We're pretty proud of our staff."

Come on out to see the new D&S Downham Equipment Ltd. facility for the Grand Opening at 3981 Perth Line 26, Stratford, on Saturday, June 24th. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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D&S Downham Equipment Ltd. owner Mark Downham and Karcher Professional Wash Systems sales representative Chris Clifford stand amongst some of the industrial cleaning units offered by Karcher. The company provides sales and service support for Karcher products throughout southwestern Ontario. (Stewart Grant photos)

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COMMUNITY —

4-H Community Club report

By Amanda Witmer, Erin Shrigley and Jenna Van Boekel

The first meeting of the Community Club was held on May 1st at 7:30 p.m. at the Ward's residence. The meeting had begun with the 4-H Pledge and roll call, which was your name and what you were looking forward to this summer. To keep the conversation going, we then discussed what plans we had for the summer and other 4-H projects members were taking part in. Elections were done—Co-presidents Hannah & Lily, News Reporter rotating. Next, we discussed fundraising and planning for the upcoming Relay for Life event in Stratford. Then, we played jumbo Jenga to develop team-building skills, and later discussed cancer words. The meeting was then adjourned with cookies and juice.

We met on May 8th at Shonna's home for the second meeting of the Community 4-H Club. Lily opened the meeting with the 4-H pledge and the news report read by Amanda. We talked about upcoming events—Hickson Roadside cleanup to be done May 8th and catering to the Tavistock Men's Club dinner May 18th. We are going to plant the garden boxes in Hickson Park and add an herb garden box. We talked about who we rely on, and each of us picked a 'heart gem' to keep in our pockets. Our activity was colouring a page from an adult colouring book to be entered in to the Woodstock Fair 4-H class and Tavistock Fair. We learned that colouring is good for our mental health—it is very relaxing. While we coloured, we talked about various things we were doing. The meeting closed with 'Cancer words and what they mean to us and snacks provided by Erin and Emma.

On May 8th, eleven members and parents did the Hwy 59 roadside cleanup from Braemar Sideroad to Cassel Sideroad, with sponsorship from the Hickson Lions Club.

The 3rd meeting of the Community 4-H Club was held at 7:30 on May 29th at Shonna Ward's residence. To begin the meeting, we continued our colouring our drawing from meeting 2 to enter into the Tavistock and Woodstock fairs. As more people arrived, we started the 4-H pledge

and participated in roll call, which was something good that has happened to you, or you have done it the past two weeks. We have decided the name for our relay team will be the "Udderly Amazing 4-H Mooovers". We discussed that after raising over \$5000 this year, we have been awarded a tent space at the Stratford Relay for Life. We finished our night off by picking cancer words and enjoying a snack.

On June 5th, we met at Shonna's home. Hannah opened the meeting with the 4-H pledge and the news report read by Jenna. Donations of food & money were collected for the Oxford 4-H Food Drive to support local food banks. We talked about what to bring to the June 10th Relay for Life event in Stratford. We coloured the cow design on the 83 luminary bags to be on display at the Relay event to honour and remember those who are battling cancer and lost their battle with cancer. We closed the meeting with Cancer words and what it means to us and a snack provided by Grace & Hannah.

June 10th, the Community 4-H Club's Udderly Amazing 4-H Mooovers' Team participated at the Stratford Relay for Life. This was the 17th year for the Community 4-H Club to help fund research for cancer and support those battling cancer. The team raised \$15,237 this year and \$177,679 for the 17 years. The youth team does various fundraisers throughout the year and have ongoing fundraisers that anyone can contribute to—used electronics, pop cans, returnable bottles/cans (beer/liquor), throughout the year. The eleven-person team placed second for their fundraising efforts, and Shonna was awarded the top adult fundraiser. The team was treated to a ride on an old fire truck through Stratford. The team members walked the track from 4 p.m. to 10:45 p.m. totaling 90 miles (144 km), remembering those who have passed and those battling cancer now. Thank you to the organizers of the event—we had a great time!!! Anyone wanting to know more about the Community 4-H Club Relay for Life Team fundraisers, please contact Shonna at 519-854-6919 or ward-shonna@hotmail.com—every cent counts to help fund research for cancer.



Fire truck left to right: Shonna Ward, Amanda Witmer, Jane Danen, Emma Pullen, Jenna Van Boekel, Grace Piper, Sophie Pullen, Jacob Bergsma, Erin Shrigley, Lily Pullen, Hannah Van Boekel.



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COMMUNITY —

Dog 4-H project report



Claire Rempel and Katelynn Cressman making dog treats. (Photo contributed)



Jade Dill, Lexi Dill, Katelynn Cressman, Grace Piper with National Service Dog. (Photo contributed)

By Nora McKay, Lucie Ward and Katelynn Cressman

Our third meeting was held May 2nd, starting with the 4-H pledge at the Tavistock Men's Club Hall. Gavin read his secretary report, and then we walked to the Tavistock Vets Office. Lisa Zehr, Vet Tech, showed us some x-rays that were taken of dogs with broken bones, puppies inside the mother, and a needle inside a cat. She then showed us some jars with weird things in them. We got to see where surgeries & x-rays are done, and we got to dress up in vet outfits. We then walked back to the hall and were divided into small groups to make homemade dog treats. We finished the meeting with a snack and took home our homemade dog snacks for our dogs. The next meeting is at PetSmart in Woodstock.

On May 9th, Erin started the meeting with the 4-H pledge outside Woodstock PetSmart. The secretary report was read by Gavin and news report by Nora. After that, we all had a snack before going inside and starting our scavenger hunt. Shonna gave us each a list of questions that we had to answer. After we were finished the scavenger hunt, Shonna let us pick one thing for our pets from PetSmart (thank you, Shonna!). After that, the meeting was over, and we all went home.

On Tuesday, May 16th, Grace started with the 4-H pledge then we did roll call, which was about how your dog liked the homemade treats. Gavin read the secretary report. Lynne Davidson from National Service Dogs talked to us about the personal support dog she brought. All dogs go through a training process, and this dog had not passed. She talked

about how the dogs help people with autism, post-traumatic stress disorder, and companionship. Next, we choose a dog picture to colour for the Woodstock Fair 4-H class. We finished the meeting with a snack before going home.

Meeting 6 of the Hickson Dog 4-H club started at 6:45 at Paws Up Obedience Training on May 25th. Hailey started the meeting with a roll call, which was your name and what you thought a dog could learn at obedience training. Kate Wade, the owner of Paws Up Obedience, shared with us about her dream to create her own business. After being a massage therapist, Kate changed careers and started teaching other dog owners and their dogs, dog obedience. Kate brought out her dog named Piper. Piper is a therapy dog. Piper gets to visit various different people and different places, and after seeing him, they usually are in a much happier mood. Kate and Piper showed us what basic obedience looks like. Kate told us about the different classes she offers, what they will teach the owner, and what the dog will learn. She then educated us about the difference between regular treats (like dry treats from a bag) and high value treats (like wieners, cheese or bacon). Kate also told us about different brain games you can play with your dog. As an activity, we each made our own brain game for our dogs at home. At the end of Kate's presentation, Shonna talked to us about the achievement projects that we will be presenting at our next meeting. To conclude the meeting, we enjoyed brownies, cupcakes and juice boxes. The meeting ended at 8:15. The final achievement meeting will be at the Tavistock Mens Club on May 30th.

The Achievement Program was held May 30th at the Tavistock Men's Club Hall, with each member presenting the poster they made on their dog or pet to everyone attending (members & parents). The posters will be put into the Woodstock Fair 4-H class entries. Grace started the evening with the 4-H pledge and roll call-tell, something you learned in the dog 4-H project and donation to the Oxford 4-H Food Drive. The members were then divided into two teams to play a Go for the Gold game with trivia questions on the dog 4-H project. Erin & Jade asked the prepared questions to the other members. Members were told about other 4-H projects starting—Brooksdale

4-H Club—Niche Crops on June 10th and Oxford Quilting 4-H Club—Blocks be Magic quilting camp starting July 17th and the Oxford 4-H Go for the Gold on July 10th at Salford Community Hall. 4-H Ontario opportunity Discovery Days for youth ages 6-12 and Youth Adventure Camp ages 12-15. Thank you to the Tavistock Men's Club for the use of the hall, and thank you to club volunteers Karen Witmer, Marilyn Lichti, Jane Danen & Shonna Ward. Thank you to the businesses and services for tours & information during the dog 4-H project!! The evening concluded with social time and a snack.

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COMMUNITY —

Wellesley youth dance sees great turnout



The last Wellesley & District Lions Club youth dance of the 2022/2023 school year had a turnout of about 308. The dance was for Grade 4 and Grade 8 students, and took place on Friday, June 16 from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Wellesley Community Centre. (Photo credit: Wellesley & District Lions Club)

GRCA works on gate at Wellesley pond



The Grand River Conservation Authority began making improvements to the gate on the dam at the Wellesley pond the week of June 8. They will be working there until around July 8. (Photo credit: Township of Wellesley)

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SPORTS —

W-O Gators triumph over Bluevale in varsity girls slo-pitch final

By Russel Evans

The Waterloo-Oxford Gators varsity girls slo-pitch team capped off a dominant season last Tuesday, June 13, as they defeated Bluevale Collegiate by a score of 12-1 to claim the Waterloo County championship at RIM Park Diamond 5 in Waterloo, the school's first championship under the Gators name.

After going down one run after the top of the first inning, and looking as though they might face their first real challenge of the playoff season, the Gators proceeded to hit the gas both offensively and defensively. W-O would go on to score two runs of their own in order to regain the lead in the bottom of the first and played lights out defence for the remaining six innings to hold Bluevale to just the single run.

From there, W-O would add another three

runs in the second inning, followed by two in the fourth, and finally triggering the single-inning mercy rule in the fifth – scoring five runs to bring the total score to 12-1 for the Gators.

For their part, Bluevale's bats did attempt to make the scoreline a little bit closer and put their fair share of hits on the board – particularly in the latter stages of the game. However, against a W-O squad that has been so dominant on both sides of the ball all season long, Bluevale was unable to convert those hits and runners in scoring position into the runs necessary to mount a late comeback.

In fact, it was a bit of double trouble for Bluevale on RIM Park's ball diamonds that day as their boys slo-pitch team also fell short in the Waterloo County final – albeit in a much closer contest – as they lost to Elmira by just one run, 19-18.



The Waterloo-Oxford Gators varsity girls slo-pitch team after winning the W.C.S.S.A.A. championship. (Photo credit: Waterloo-Oxford Student Activities Council)

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OPINION —

EXPERT ADVICE: *Outdated Data*



By Chip Bender RP(q)

My youngest son has recently gotten back into playing chess and has become a formidable

opponent for me. Several years ago, when I taught him how to play, he quickly learned how each piece moved, though he was not as quick to learn how to deliberate over his options instead of making an impulsive move. A few months ago, he challenged his older brother, who had also recently gotten back into chess, to a match. They ended up playing several matches together, each winning about half of them, though my eldest son won the last one they played together. Over the last couple of months, my youngest son and I have played several matches a week,

which has allowed him to continually improve to the point where he can consistently beat me.

Last week, he challenged his older brother to play again, but did not get the chance to showcase his improved form because his brother rejected the challenge, saying he thought his younger brother was not good at chess. My younger son responded by telling him he was “dealing with outdated data,” which I thought was a wonderful way to phrase the reality of the situation.

As I reflected on the term outdated data, it struck me how we

are always making decisions based on the data we currently have, though are often oblivious to how much of that data is outdated. Our brains can carry an insane amount of data about ourselves, about family members or friends, and scientific findings. The problem with most of our data is it often reflects a snapshot in time. People can change and improve, and science can make new discoveries.

When we make decisions based on our own outdated data, we will invariably come to inaccurate conclusions. For instance, we

may believe we are unable to accomplish a task because we have been incapable of doing it previously. Alternatively, we may feel like we are still able to complete our usual activities, even though our physical or cognitive functioning is declining. A pattern of interactions with someone may suggest to us certain characteristics about that person, without leaving space for the opportunity for improvement. Like investment companies advertise, past performance does not guarantee future outcomes.

EXPERT ADVICE: *Hudson's Bay: All You Really Need To Get Started*



By Scott Dunstall

I am not a Bay homer. I just want to clear that up. I shop all over the place. But, if you're new to the style game OR just want a place that carries a wide variety of men's fashion options where you won't feel any pressure or feel stupid while you try different things on, this is the place to be.

When it comes to finding a comprehensive selection of men's fashion, the Hudson's Bay Company stands out as a one-stop shop. With a rich history spanning over 350 years, this iconic Canadian retailer has established itself as a premier destination for quality clothing and accessories. From timeless classics to the latest trends, the Hudson's Bay Company offers a diverse range of options that cater to every man's style preferences. Here are several reasons why the Hudson's Bay Company should be your go-to destination for all your men's fashion needs.

1. Vast Selection of Brands

One of the standout features of the Hudson's Bay Company is its extensive collection of brands. Whether you're searching for renowned international labels or homegrown Canadian designers, you'll find them all under one roof. From Ralph Lauren and Calvin Klein to Hugo Boss and Tommy Hilfiger, the Hudson's Bay Company stocks an impressive array of established fashion houses. Moreover, they showcase emerging designers and exclusive collaborations, ensuring that you can discover unique and cutting-edge pieces. And as you get more familiar with the store layout and website configuration, you'll get to know where to look for the brands that best align with your style. Half the battle with fashion is cutting through all the noise. I don't even look at 80% of the men's section. The more strategic you are, the more fun you're gonna have. Yes, it can be fun. And if you don't know how to do that, contact me. My personal coaching is always free.

2. Diverse Range of Styles

Continuing with that same thinking, men's fashion is not a one-size-fits-all proposition, and the Hudson's Bay Company understands that. With a wide range of styles available, there's something for everyone. Whether you prefer a classic, tailored look or a more casual and contemporary aesthetic, you'll find

an abundance of options to suit your personal taste. From formal suits and dress shirts to casual wear like jeans, t-shirts, and athleisure, the Hudson's Bay Company covers all bases, making it easy to build a versatile and stylish wardrobe. And keep in mind that what you see in the store is just a fraction of the company's fashion offering for men. Sometimes the real value can be found in the online SALE section.

3. Quality and Durability

When investing in your wardrobe, it's crucial to prioritize quality and durability. The Hudson's Bay Company is renowned for its commitment to offering well-made, long-lasting products. They source their merchandise from reputable brands known for their craftsmanship, ensuring that you receive items that are built to withstand the test of time. Whether it's a tailored suit, a pair of leather shoes, or a winter coat, you can trust that the Hudson's Bay Company offers high-quality garments that will remain in your wardrobe for years to come. No, I do not have multiple personalities when I swing back and forth on quantity versus quality. It is good for your wardrobe to have some high-end stuff and well as some less expensive but multi-use things.

4. Accessories! Accessories!

No outfit is complete without the right accessories, and the Hud-

son's Bay Company excels in this department. From ties, belts, and cufflinks to watches, wallets, and sunglasses, you'll find a wide array of accessories to add the finishing touches to your ensemble. Accessories not only enhance your overall look but also provide an opportunity to express your personal style and elevate your fashion game. The Hudson's Bay Company's extensive accessory collection ensures that you can find the perfect details to complement any outfit. One of the simplest things I do is try to eliminate any bumps or blips in my silhouette. So, when I go into the mall, I will take my keys apart and just carry the fob. And I do not have a phone that is the size of a laptop, and try to jam that in my pocket. I use a thin and small iPhone 13. If I need to carry an Entertainment System around with me I'll grow and antenna out of my head. The other thing I did was throw away my big bulky wallet. The Bay has an excellent selection of thin credit card sleeves in their accessories section that literally dissolve when you put them in your pocket.

5. Good Customer Experience:

Because The Bay has an online and bricks and mortar presence, you have the best of both worlds. If you want to order four sizes of the same thing online (been there) and return the other three (done that). Even better, return them to a store to avoid the has-

sle of sending them back by courier (also done that). If I'm in the store and they don't have the colour or size in stock for what I want, they are always glad to order that item right there at the service counter so that it can be delivered right to my house. So, for all these kinds of hassle-free buying options they also offer some pretty good fashion advice despite the fact that they are not commissioned. And don't forget, The Bay invests in merchandising to help you at the point of sale, like mannequins (those guys are no dummies so study them) and photos on the wall. These visual aids will give you ideas and suggestions for putting pieces together or ways in which to wear them. For example, you can wear a polo shirt three way. Tucked in with a nice belt. Untucked OR just tucked in the front with the front of your belt exposed. Additionally, the company's online platform provides a seamless shopping experience, with detailed product descriptions, size guides, and user-friendly navigation. Their commitment to excellent customer service ensures that you feel supported throughout your shopping journey, whether in-store or online. Most importantly, I have never walked away from a Bay experienced feeling frustrated or ticked off.

“Style is just fashion filtered through your personality”

Letter to the Editor:

On June 13th, Bill S-5, the bill to strengthen the Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA) was passed into federal law. In 2014 David Suzuki introduced the Blue Dot Movement on a cross Canada tour. The thrust of the movement was to have the right to a healthy environment enshrined into Canadian law. The next year, the newly formed Nith Valley EcoBoosters environmental group got on board with promoting

the movement as part of the Waterloo Region Blue Dot Team. The first step was to get our municipalities to pass a declaration respecting the right of all Canadians to live in a healthy environment which happened later in 2015. From there, the movement continued with campaigns to provincial and federal levels of government. Over the last few years, the campaigns focused on strengthening CEPA. The passage of Bill

S-5 achieved that goal and the bill includes the right of all Canadians to a healthy environment. Not all issues that were important to the campaigners have been addressed but this piece of legislation is still a significant win for Canadians and our environment.

Dorothy Wilson
New Hamburg

COMMUNITY —

Show Us Your Wilmot



Each week, the Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette will publish interesting photos from around the community. The inspiration for this came from the Show Us Your Wilmot Facebook group. This photo shows a turtle on the path by the waterwheel in New Hamburg. "I've never seen a turtle down here before!" said photographer April Willsey. "So amazing." (Photo credit: April Willsey)



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2. Appoint Auditors.
3. Amend each of the Hospital Corporation's By-Laws.
4. Receive the Ad Hoc Nominating Committee Report.

Only members of the hospital corporations shall be entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting.

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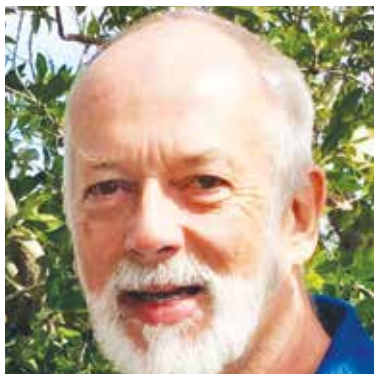
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TRAVEL —

OH, THE PLACES WE'LL GO: The bells of St. Michael's



By Paul Knowles

St. Michael's Mount is one of those places that inspires gasps of delight when you first spot it as you crest the hills just inland from the site. This impressive fortress (today, both a private home and a popular visitor attraction) sits on an island just off the south coast of Cornwall, England.

At least at times it is an island. That's one of the many magical things about the Mount. At high tide, you travel to St. Michael's Mount by boat. At low tide, you walk a causeway back to the mainland to the village of Marazion. Or vice versa.

This complexity of access is enough in itself to make for an intriguing afternoon. But there is so much more. There is the topography – the Mount sits high atop the island, and for visitors, there is no way to access the fortress except on foot, climbing up rocky paths and uneven stairs, stopping for breaks as necessary. There is the history – the Mount

has been, at various times dating back to the late eleventh century, a priory (affiliated with Mont St. Michel in France), a church, and as noted, a fortress and a private home. It's still several of those things today.

And there is the legend. The island is named in dedication to the Archangel St. Michael who, it is said, appeared in the year 495 to some Cornish fishermen on the site.

So, as is the case with so many British sites, the history is deep and layered here. The place is also very beautiful.

Our group visited the Mount last month and as I toured the Mount – much is open to visitors, beautifully furnished, and well supplied with guides – I was reminded how long I have been enjoying the role of travel writer. Because, way back in 1995, I interviewed the then occupant of St. Michael's Mount. Lord St. Levan and I sat down in his study (not included on the public tour) and he told me all about his unusual home and about his family's connection to it. In that complicated reality that is the British aristocracy, Lord St. Levan was born John St. Aubyn; the St. Aubyns acquired the Mount in 1659. They live there still although the place is now National Trust property.

So my memory of that visit and several others I have made to St. Michael's Mount was front of mind when I was talking to one of the guides. I asked when Lord St. Levan had passed away

and she told me that he, who it turns out, they all affectionately called "Lordy", had died in 2013, at age 94, after welcoming about 30,000 visitors every year to his "private home".

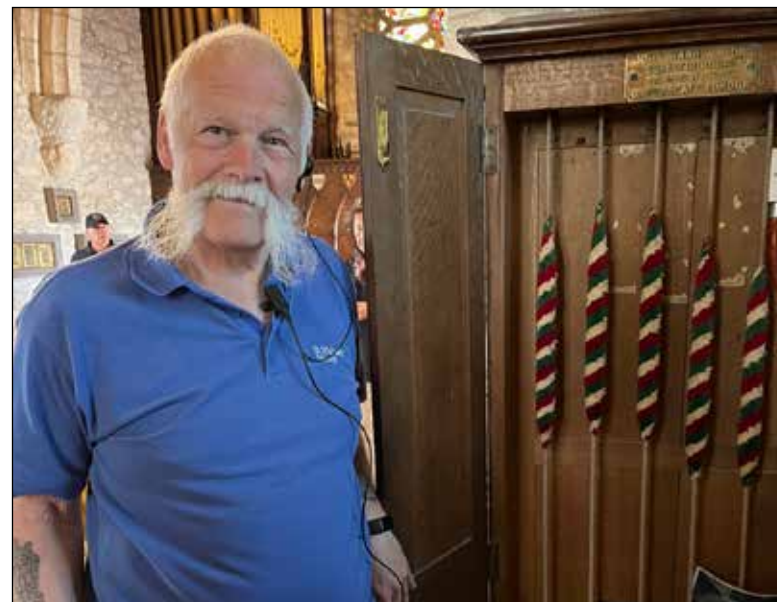
Today, his heirs continue in that role.

Prior to our recent departure for England, I went to my bookshelves and found the slim paperback called "St. Michael's Mount" written by Lord St. Levan in 1978. It's autographed to me in a tiny, scratchy, almost illegible script but I love it.

So I came to St. Michael's Mount in 2023 with a lot of memories and the hope of enjoying one more visit to this unusual place. I got that and more. We toured the rooms, saw the art and the artifacts, and strolled on the open terraces atop the castle (a feature you won't find in many ancient sites, and one which offers amazing views of the English Channel, Mount Bay, the Cornwall coast, and the unexpected gardens on the seaside of the castle).

And there would be more. I mentioned that St. Michael's Mount is also a church and there is an ancient chapel where regular worship services are held. As we wandered through the church, we met a friendly guide, a man named Mel, who sported pretty spectacular side-whiskers.

He started by sharing his usual spiel but then learned we were from southern Ontario. "I worked in construction in Meaford for



Mel the bell-ringer – he was deeply honoured to toll the bell to mark the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. (Photos by Paul Knowles)

nine months, decades ago," he said. A bond was formed.

He then told us more details about the chapel, about the history, the plaques, and the bells. Turned out, he is a bell ringer and English bell ringers take that role very, very seriously. The St. Michael's Mount church has a ring of six bells. Today they are, by and large, played electronically but Mel told us that the ropes are still there and that the bells can be played manually as well.

In fact he said, one of the bells had been tolled by hand to mark the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. And he added, he had been given the honour of carrying

that out. This tribute obviously meant a great deal to him.

At my request, he moved a chair or two and opened up the case concealing the pulls so I could get a photograph.

And once again I thought of Lord St. Levan and the fact that while historic sites may be constructed of brick and stone, history is really about unique people, from a Lord of the Realm to a convivial bell ringer. And one of the best things about travel is you just might get to meet them.

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The causeway, revealed at low tide.



The view when approaching St. Michael's Mount by boat, at high tide.

COMMUNITY —

Father's Day car show



The Optimist Club of Petersburg held its breakfast in the park at the Petersburg Park on Sunday, June 18, featuring a special Fathers Day car show. (Photo credit: Pamela Mahoney)

Suspicious activity in Wellesley village



This person is shown on camera walking onto residential properties at around 3:20 a.m. on Galena Street in Wellesley. This incident occurred Monday, June 19. "Remember to lock your car doors and garage doors!" said Wellesley resident Patricia Currie, who posted the photos online. (Photo credit: Patricia Currie)

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<p>June 23rd Country Night in Baden - A BFFA Production Taking place from 6 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. at Sir Adam Beck Community Park (215 Snyder's Road East). Hosted by the Baden Firefighters Association, featuring Gunpowder and Grace country band. Tickets available on EventBrite.</p> <p>June 25th Strawberry Social A luncheon taking place at the Wellesley Community Church at 3158 Nafziger Road in Wellesley at 10:30 a.m. Attendees are asked to RSVP. Email is talktoWCC@gmail.com and Facebook page is Wellesley Community Church.</p>	<p>June 26th Wilmot Council Meeting Hybrid council meeting taking place at 60 Snyder's Road West in Baden at 6:45 p.m. Also streamed on the Township of Wilmot YouTube page.</p> <p>June 27th Wellesley Council Meeting Hybrid council meeting taking place at 4805 William Hastings Line in Crosshill at 6:45 p.m. Also streamed on the Township of Wellesley YouTube page.</p> <p>June 27th Hop Farm Tour The Tavistock Hop Co. is hosting a free educational tour at their facility at 2509 Perth Line 26 in Tavistock at</p>	<p>6:15 p.m. The Wilmot Horticultural Society will join. Learn about what is grown locally, and the processes involved in growing and harvesting.</p> <p>June 28th Drop-in Yard Craft Club Taking place at the New Hamburg Branch - Reading Room from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Join this vibrant group for a fun evening of craft and conversation. Bring the project you are working on, or come to learn more about yarn crafts.</p> <p>July 1st Canada Day in Wilmot Featuring Indigenous sunrise ceremony, vendors market, food trucks, live music, family fun and fireworks.</p>	<p>To take place at 251 Jacob Street in New Hamburg from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.</p> <p>July 3rd Blood Drive Taking place at the Wellesley Community Centre at 1,000 Maple Leaf Street. Booking times are available from around 2:30 p.m. until about 8 p.m. at www.blood.ca.</p> <p>July 5th East Zorra-Tavistock Council Meeting In-person council meeting taking place at 695566 17th Line in Innerkip starting at 7 p.m.</p> <p>July 16th Breakfast in the Park From 8:30 a.m. to noon at Petersburg Park. The Opti-</p>	<p>mist Club of Petersburg is once again hosting Breakfast in the Park. Enjoy scrambled eggs, pancakes, bacon, homefries, toast, juice and coffee. Adults are \$15; 10 and under is \$10.</p> <p>July 13th Childhood Cancer Fundraising BBQ The 19th annual childhood cancer fundraising barbecue will take place at 1239 Notre Dame Drive in Petersburg from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. All proceeds will go towards Scotland's Yard (Grand River Hospital), Children's Health Foundation (London) and Walk to Conquer Cancer (Princess Margaret). To donate online visit www.bechtoldhome.com/bbq.html.</p>
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