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## 13th Line residents frustration with EZT grows over safety and quality of life

Ratepayers frustrated with council's inaction



Frank McKay and Jane Zilke go over the documents they have saved over the past seven years in their battle with East Zorra-Tavistock Council.

By Lee Griffi

Concerned residents living on an unpaved stretch of the road from Maplewood Sideroad to Lovey's Street in Hickson have asked East Zorra-Tavistock councils for road improvements three times since 2016. The most recent was last week, where about 25 neighbours showed up and were led by Frank McKay.

Residents say the road has been in very

poor condition for over seven years, with the main two issues being dust and safety. "The biggest problem is the quality of life. As we age, our lungs aren't as good, and the dust gets to the point where you can't even stand it, you can't get your breath. We taped the bathroom fan and the kitchen stove fan shut so the dust wouldn't sneak in, which of course, it still did."

When it comes to safety, there are several issues, including flying stones from

vehicles going at high speeds, making it dangerous to even go for a walk. McKay adds there have been numerous damaged windshields over the years to both personal vehicles and farm equipment. Residents in the area say the speed of the traffic on the gravel road is completely out of hand, to the point where it can be dangerous to cut the grass on the roadside. "I've gotten to the point where I park a piece of equipment on the road

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## The Garden Stand operating in new space on Peel Street, while current building undergoes renovations

By Veronica Reiner

The Garden Stand, owned by Chef Adam Brenner, is currently operating in a new space on 90 Peel Street, Unit 2 in New Hamburg, the previous CAKR MAKER location.

It is a temporary location for the business while their current building on 90 Wilmot Street is undergoing renovations.

"My current facility is getting renovated, like bulldozed down. So we're moving out for about a year while it's getting rebuilt, and a whole new facility, a whole new store is getting put back there," explained Brenner.

Plans for the new space are somewhat up in the air, said Brenner. Potential ideas include an event space featuring a wedding tent, or a restaurant. In the interim, Brenner has been paying rent for about five different spots for cooking, inventory and more. It has cost about \$80,000 to set up the new spaces to run them for a year.

"To be completely honest, setting up has been a bloody nightmare," he said, due to setting up four new spaces to accommodate the needs of The Garden Stand's current (and future) space.

The Garden Stand, at its current location, offers delicious grab and go food, such as a smoked chicken salad, fresh spring rolls, chicken dinners, chicken mulligatawny soup, meatball dinners, along with a variety of pickles, jams and jelly. Desserts include turtle fudge, coconut cream pie, carrot cake and chocolate cake.

Currently, the fish and chips are unavailable as The Garden Stand transitions into their new set up, but they plan to offer it once a month.

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## NEWS —

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Brenner is classically trained in French cuisine, with more than 10 years of experience in four star hotels, along with four years of experience as a head chef. He is a graduate of the prestigious Stratford Chef's School and is Red Seal certified. Over the years, he has worked at the Rocky Mountain Resort in Banff, Alberta, Tait Maison in Shediac, New Brunswick, Bras d'Or Lakes Inn in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia and Langdon Hall in Cambridge. He has infused his experience out East into his meals, and specializes in seafood.

He returned to the Waterloo Region to work at The Waterlot restaurant in New Hamburg, until its closure in early 2016. "So I was gardening on the side, and then working in the kitchen at the Waterlot. So, I would say a little self serve produce stand out front, then go into work," said Brenner. "That was my side hustle for a very long time."

In 2018, Brenner held his grand opening of The Garden Stand specialty food store. He also operates his own catering business, specializing in work events, weddings and

take away menus for special occasions.

"I started the catering business with doing private in home dinner parties," said Brenner. "Now it's scaled up to weddings, private parties, corporate caterings - larger group sizes - up to 300 to 400 is kind of the focus."

While the catering side of the business took a hit during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, it has bounced back since.

"We're fully booked for wedding season - I think every day I get someone trying to get in for a catering, and sometimes I can squeak a few other people in, but we're maxed out, we're so full and so busy," said Brenner.

Brenner thanked the community for the immense support over the years.

"We work around the clock - satisfying people's needs, taking care of the customers - we work so hard. I work six to seven days a week; I'm available to customers and clients almost 24/7. We work really hard to create this clientele base and take care of them."



Taylor Pfaff and Chef Adam Brenner outside The Garden Stand temporary location on 90 Peel Street. (Photo credit: Veronica Reiner)

The Garden Stand is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Mondays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays to Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays.

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to slow traffic down. And then they have to swing out and go around." Data from a 2021 traffic study shows that often times vehicles are travelling well over 100 km/h and as high as 150 km/h.

Residents say there are several measures that could be taken to improve the 13th Line, including creating a proper shape. "So that it's crowned in the center with a good layer of gravel on it in the spring. Shape it, put a layer of calcium on it, roll it back and forth with a grader, put another layer of calcium on, and then pack it tight. Then there wouldn't have to be as much grading done over the course of the summer to fix potholes." McKay adds they either have potholes or dust. "You either destroy your vehicle or choke. One of the two."

All the neighbours say the dust is the result of the rate of speed, the traffic load, and the type of gravel being used by the township. "The gravel we are using, which is based on ministry standards, has a very high sand content. As a contractor, I would never use gravel to build your driveway. It meets government standards and it's cheaper," adds McKay.

A recent traffic study commissioned by the township in 2021 listed the stretch of roadway as one of the top priorities for paving. EZT has not paved any new roads since completing the Maplewood Sideroad before giving it to Oxford County. The study also shows the road's life expectancy will come to an end in 2025.

"Last week was our third presentation to council trying to explain the hazards of living on this road, and this last meeting was the worst because we weren't even acknowledged as being there, basically. They listened, some of them, and all the neighbours were there and supported us, and that was the first time." The roughly 25 residents held their own meeting outside the Innerkip Community Centre following McKay's presentation. "We are all on the same page, so this issue is not going to go away. We just need improvements."

The only member of council to speak at all after McKay's presentation was Hickson resident and Deputy Mayor Brad Smith, who agreed something needs to be done. "I feel we have a dust issue that needs to be addressed. I posed some questions and unfortunately, our Public Works Manager (Tom Lightfoot) was not in attendance to give me an answer. I did not specifically say that we should pave the 13th. I said it would be one solution, albeit a very expensive one."

Smith added he has great respect for McKay and Jayne Zilke, who he spoke with after the meeting, and said they will take a closer look at the options available soon. "We have a general idea of what pavement costs and will be able to look at it again after the budget deliberations in May."

However, in an email from Smith to Zilke, Smith said residents shouldn't expect too much. "But to be brutally honest, the best you should hope for is better dust

suppression. No one on council has an appetite for paving more roads. It comes down to strictly the cost on gravel versus asphalt for maintenance and installation."

When asked why he didn't bring forward a motion, Smith feels it would put his fellow councilors in an awkward position. "I would never and will never put my colleagues on council on the spot to endorse a motion without giving them the opportunity to do their own research. My remarks are my own. They are entitled to their own opinion. When I look around this council table, I see a range of ideas and mostly, I see a commitment to make EZT a remarkable place to live and raise a family. They deserve and have my respect for the time and effort that they put in."

There has, however, been one councilor missing from the table of late. Ward 2's Scott Rudy has missed the last four meetings and, since being acclaimed to this third term, has only attended six out of 11 meetings. When asked by the Gazette the reason for his poor attendance, he replied that "I have been away on holiday and am back next week." When asked for a more detailed explanation, Rudy did not respond by press time.

"If you had an employee of any other sort who only made half of the meetings or only showed up to work half the time, by Friday, he'd be gone. That's a business view on it, but I think the whole thing should be run as a business because it comes down to dollars and sense and spending other people's money. All the

people on this road are business owners. I think we have a better understanding of running the business than the people running the township," says McKay, who, along with his neighbours, are frustrated with Rudy's lack of effort as a member of council. "If you want to be on council, you shouldn't be away for two months."

Residents say their taxes have doubled over the last five years, and when asked why it appears as though they are getting little in terms of support from EZT compared to how much they are paying, McKay said he's shocked at the lack of interest shown by the township. "That's a great question, and you can ask it to that room full of representatives of the people in this township, but they will thank you for asking and almost ask you to leave. After we got done the other night, I asked if anybody knew which road was in question and if they ever drove on it, and what they found. And when I sat down, I got a thank you and that they would take it under consideration, and we were done. Time to go home." He adds the lack of accountability and transparency has frustrated him since 2016. "It doesn't matter which councilor you call, when they answer the phone, you get the same spiel. It's all prerecorded. Everyone is supposed to be there to have their own independent opinion. They are elected officials. They owe it to the ratepayers to stand up and say what they think because we elected them as independent people. We chose, out of the herd, who we wanted to represent us, and then they don't."

## FEATURE —

# First Wilmot Mayor reflects on 50th anniversary of the Region of Waterloo

By Veronica Reiner

With the 50th anniversary of the Region of Waterloo occurring this year, former Wilmot Mayor, historian, and author Ernie Ritz reflects on the half century milestone.

In 1973, the Region of Waterloo was formed to replace the previous Waterloo County.

"There was a significant difference in municipal government structure that took place at that time - and frankly, it was very necessary," said Ernie.

Waterloo County had representatives chosen from each of the municipalities to serve on the county council - with the exception of the cities, who were allowed to opt out. "There were arguments and disputes over roads, administration of who should do this and that, and it was frankly a jumble," explained Ernie.

Ernie was elected as a regional councillor and Wilmot mayor on October 12, 1972, with the role taking effect on January 1, 1973. It was between that interim period that steps were taken to prepare for the regional government.

John "Jack" Young was appointed ahead of time by the province to serve as the first regional chair for a two-year term - eligible for re-election for two more terms. After three terms, the regional chair would automatically be out, and a successor would need to be elected.

In those days, the regional chair would be elected by other regional councillors, rather than the public-at-large.

"Jack called a meeting, a few of us in for an informal gathering, and decided that the Marsland Centre might be a good place for a regional meeting place," said Ernie, referring to the building on Erb Street in Waterloo. The current Region of Waterloo municipal building is located in Kitchener.

"Jack relied on a few of us who had been in government before, and had some municipal experience," said Ernie. "He placed a high value on experience, as well as judgement."

Initial discussions that took place included the hiring of a Chief Administrative Officer for the region, who provide administrative leadership and oversee the



Ernie Ritz at Nithview Home in New Hamburg. He recently celebrated his 98th birthday this past month. (Photo credit: Veronica Reiner)

effective and efficient delivery of municipal services.

There were other staff members to hire, such as in the planning department, and those decisions needed to be appointed by regional council.

"We started holding joint meetings, talking about putting our municipalities together. "Some of the decisions that had to be made were enumerated, so that there would be a procedure followed to move us towards an orderly process of a new system of government," said Ernie.

"It was challenging, and I have to admit that I loved every minute of it. That was one of my pleasures was taking part in decision-making processes. I have my own business, so I posed no stranger to that process, and had an untrained inkling of what needed to be done."

There was an order of proceedings for the inaugural meeting, which detailed all of the steps that were taken at that meeting. It was in printed form and circulated widely - all councillors got a copy, as well as members of the audience. There is a

copy of it in the regional archives.

Three main departments made up the structure of the new regional government - one was planning, one was health and services, and the other was roads and public works.

Today, there are seven departments, including community services, corporate services, engineering and environmental services, human resources and citizen service, planning development and legislative services, public health and paramedic services, and transportation services.

Ernie served in various roles in municipal positions, including the first Chair of the Regional Planning Committee and the Regional Engineering Committee. He also served as a member of three different hydro commissions, including New Hamburg, Baden and Kitchener-Wilmot.

He was a provincial appointee to the Waterloo Regional Police Commission, as well as interim Chair in 1986.

Ernie said that there were many differences in legislation over the years. He was first elected to New Hamburg Village Council in 1950, when the election process worked much differently.

"It was a different procedure - there was a nomination meeting. At that meeting, the clerk of the municipality would normally serve as chair of the meeting," explained Ernie.

"Then there would be a brief introduction, then a period of one hour - an open period where any of the group could make nominations on paper. Get a motion, get someone to second that 'so and so' should be a member of municipal council."

The new method involves anyone wishing to run must fill out nomination forms, as well as collect around 25 signatures (depending on the municipality) from people eligible to vote for office.

Back then, the regional chair was also appointed by other regional councillors - now, they are voted for by members of the public. Karen Redman is currently the region chair after being elected in 2018.

Council terms have been expanded to four years today, as opposed to just two years back then. Ernie sees lots of big changes for the region in the future.

"Government has been evolving, evolving, evolving," said Ernie. "I'm expecting the time will come - I don't know how far in the future, but ultimately I see the region becoming one municipality - a single tier municipality."

Amalgamating the region into a single tier municipality has been a long-standing and controversial topic in the Waterloo Region. Those in favour say it would cost less, reduce duplication, and be beneficial to taxpayers, whereas those opposed are unsure that would be the case, and that local decision making would be lost.



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## COMMUNITY —

## Celebrating Wilmot's rich history



The crowd for the lecture portion of the Heritage Day Wilmot event. (Photo credit: Cameron Miller)

By Veronica Reiner

A Heritage Day Wilmot event celebrating the rich history of the township took place on Wednesday, April 19 at the Wilmot Administration Complex on Snyder's Road West in Baden.

There were more than 60 people that attended throughout the lecture portion of the event, and slightly more people at the exhibits since it was a drop in.

From 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., there were local heritage displays representing many topics and themes. Exhibitors included the Waterloo Historical Society, Marion Roes - Undertakers and Their Businesses in Waterloo Region, North Waterloo Branch - ACO, Dickson & Bruce Production - Where History meets Mystery "The Ghost & Castle Kilbride" 2023, Castle Kilbride & Heritage Wilmot, Wilmot Heritage Fire Brigades and Wilmot Ecumenical Working Group on Indigenous/Settler Relationships.

From 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., there were lectures from Gary Warrick, Professor Emeritus at the Department of Archaeology and Heritage Study at Wilfrid Laurier University and Tanya Hill-Montour, Archaeology Supervisor of the Six Nations of the Grand River. They explored and explained the archaeological history of Wilmot Township with a focus on Indigenous and cultural heritage landscape. A full recording of their lecture is available on the Township of Wilmot

YouTube page.

From 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., there were refreshments and displays. Attendees had the opportunity to end the evening with questions for the lecturer, enjoy light refreshments and visit the heritage displays/

The event was scheduled to take place in February, but was postponed to a later date due to inclement weather.

## NEWS BRIEFS

## Single vehicle collision in Wellesley

A 37-year-old woman from Perth County sustained injuries and was arrested as a result of a single vehicle collision in Wellesley Township.

On April 20, at about 2:50 a.m., the Waterloo Regional Police Service (WRPS) responded to a report of a single vehicle collision on Hutchison Road in Wellesley Township. The driver of the vehicle left the road and struck a tree.

As a result of the investigation, the WRPS arrested and charged a 37-year-old Perth County woman with impaired driving. The woman was transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

## Break and enter in Wilmot

A police investigation is underway after a break and enter in Wilmot Township.

The WRPS received a report of a break and enter at a residence on Erhardt Wagner Place in Wilmot at about 5:25 p.m. on April 23. Unknown suspect(s) gained entry to the home and stole personal belongings.

Anyone with information is asked to call police at 519-570-9777. To provide anonymous information, please call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or submit online at [www.waterloocrimestoppers.com](http://www.waterloocrimestoppers.com).

## Hickson crash leads to charges

A Wilmot Township man faces three charges following an accident in Hickson on April 15.

Oxford OPP received a report of a collision on Lovey's Street around 2:40 in the morning. The investigation determined that a pick-up truck left the roadway and struck a pole. The driver fled the scene but was eventually located. No injuries were reported.

A 23-year-old from the Township of Wilmot was charged with careless driving, fail to remain, and fail to report accident. The unnamed 23-year-old is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Woodstock at a later date.

## Stratford resident charged after cyclist and vehicle collide

A Stratford resident was charged after a collision between a cyclist and a vehicle in Perth East Township on April 16.

At about 11:35 a.m., the Perth County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a collision between a cyclist and a vehicle on Andrew Street in Perth East. The investigation indicated that the vehicle collided with the pedestrian. The cyclist was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

A 66-year-old Stratford resident was charged with "careless driving."

The accused was issued a Provincial Offence Notice for the offence.

Anyone with information about this or any incident is asked to call the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or online at [www.opp.ca/reporting](http://www.opp.ca/reporting). 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](http://www.p3tips.com).

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COMMUNITY —

# Township of Wellesley hosting their first backyard barbecue since the pandemic

By Veronica Reiner

The Township of Wellesley will hold their 2023 backyard barbecue community event on June 23 at the municipal office at 4639 Lobsinger Line in St. Clements, from 5 p.m. until around 11 p.m. This marks the first such event in about three years after shutting down for two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The family friendly event will feature children's activities, touch-a-truck, food trucks, live music, a cash bar, yard games, face painting and fireworks at dusk.

"We are very excited to be hosting the Backyard BBQ and Community Forum again this year," said Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk Amy Harron in an email to the Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette.

"The event last year was very successful with approximately 600 residents in attendance throughout the night. We have seen as many as 1,200 attendees in the first year of the event but typically see between 400 and 600 residents each year."

There will be the chance for residents to speak with members of council, staff and community partners in an informal setting to discuss plans currently underway or upcoming, while enjoying an evening of fun with their families and neighbours.

Admission to the event is free and always has been. Cash and non-perishable donations for the local food bank locations are accepted at the bar. For every \$1 of donations, the Food Bank is able to provide two meals.

Donations are then distributed to local food programs associated with the Food Bank of Waterloo Region. According

to Harron, the Food Bank has identified the following items as high need: individually packaged snacks (such as granola bars, apple sauce, pudding cups), dry beans, juice boxes, canned fruit, meat, fish and rice.

Community partners are invited to the event, including social service groups, health practitioners, community service groups, regional service providers and committees of council. A community information forum will take place from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. for residents to engage with local community partners to learn more about programs they offer within the township.

"Planning for the event begins in February with the main fixtures being booked well in advance of the event date, meetings with an internal staff committee continue until mid April when the planning kicks into high gear and more detailed plans start to come together," said Harron. "The weeks leading up to the event include preparing our municipal yard and ensuring any last minute items have been ordered or are on site and ready to go for the big night."

There is currently one band and one solo artist booked, alternating sets throughout the evening, will be Jones and the Jackpines, a band from within the Waterloo Region, and Jack Redman, a youth up and coming artist playing solo on the main stage.

As more vendors are booked, the township plans to share the information on social media including Facebook and Instagram, as well as the events calendar on the township website. Flyers and signage will be posted around the community to promote the event.

The backyard community barbecue was first hosted in 2017 to celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary.



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# COMMUNITY —

## New Hamburg residents support leukemia awareness



Homes on Laschinger Boulevard in New Hamburg showed their support for leukemia awareness by tying orange ribbons to their trees and columns. There is a young lady in the neighbourhood is ill and local residents wanted to show their support. Leukemia is the most common type of cancer in children and teens, accounting for almost 30 per cent of childhood cancers. It is estimated that almost 62,000 cases of leukemia will be diagnosed this year. (Photo credit: Carolyn Bentley)

## Artifacts in the Wilmot Heritage Fire Brigades



In last week's edition of the Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette, Wilmot Heritage Fire Brigades member Peter Gingerich discussed the group's goal of finding a new space to fit all of the museum items. The Gazette toured the museum's location on 10 Bell Drive in Baden. It features "jaws of life," an emergency tool used during crash recoveries, dozens of firefighter hats from over the decades, fire extinguishers, uniforms, fire alarms, toy fire trucks, flashlights, several different types of automated external defibrillator (AED) machines (older and newer), hydrant hose and coupling wrenches, and more. (Photo credit: Veronica Reiner)



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COMMUNITY —

# April 19 East Zorra Tavistock council meeting highlights

By Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette Staff

Check out what happened at this week's East Zorra-Tavistock council meeting, with a quick read of the meeting highlights below.

During the meeting:

- Council passed a resolution to support a motion by the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors regarding the opposition to Enbridge Gas's new utility locate fee.

- Council passed a resolution to support the City of Woodstock's resolution in favour of Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment by Local Leaders.

A delegation led by Frank McKay requesting hard surfacing of the 13th Line was presented to Council.

- A draft municipal alcohol policy for the township was discussed by council. The policy was developed to ensure a managed approach for alcohol consumption during events held on township property. Council requested staff to make some minor adjustments and return with the amended policy at a future meeting.

- Council adopted a new purchasing card policy (credit card owned by the township) for staff to make purchases on behalf of the township in a more efficient

and cost-effective way. Compared to other payment methods, the purchasing card policy has the potential to reduce the processing of paper invoices, consolidate small dollar purchases, reduce the need for staff reimbursement and petty cash.

- Council approved a new one year agreement with Innerkip Minor Ball regarding shared management facilities with the township for Innerkip Park and associated facilities.

Planning

Sitting as the committee of adjustment, council members approved the zone change application below:

- Application for a zone change on 615841 13th Line, Part Lot 14, Concession 12, to allow for an additional 3,000 m2 swine barn. Request to rezone the subject lands from 'General Agricultural Zone' to 'Special General Agricultural Zone' to reduce the required minimum distance.

The next East Zorra-Tavistock meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 3 at 9 a.m.

The full minutes of the meeting are available on the municipal website or by contacting municipal clerk Will Jaques at 519-462-2697 extension 7829.

# Region offering Upstream Fund to support a more equitable community

By Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette Staff

The Region of Waterloo is offering funding to grassroots organizations, groups and individuals working on projects that aim to create an equitable community.

Now in its second year, the Upstream Fund supports initiatives led by and serving Indigenous, Black, racialized and other communities that face discrimination and systemic barriers.

"The Upstream Fund is about removing red tape and de-colonizing the way we

work with the community," says Fauzia Baig, the region's Director of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. "We put decision-making and power into the hands of the community because they know best what they need to address root causes of harm."

Chosen projects for the fund improve well-being by removing barriers and providing support. The funding model also removes barriers for people who have historically, and continue to be, excluded from funding opportunities.

A committee made up of community members will allocate the funding based on priorities identified by the community.

Last year, there were 41 recipients that received funding to expand or continue work that focused on healing, building confidence and skills, and developing a sense of belonging among children, youth and adults facing discrimination.

The region paired the Upstream Fund with the Community Capacity Building Fund, offering a total of \$1.5 million in

2023. The remainder of the \$4.1 million was allocated in 2022 to multi-year projects.

Applications will be accepted until May 15.

Those interested in applying are invited to attend a Community Collaborative Event in person or virtually. These events are opportunities to make connections, and learn more about other funding and grant programs available.

## 2023 Large Item Collection

UPCOMING DATES IN OXFORD COUNTY	APRIL <b>24</b> TOWNSHIP OF ZORRA	MAY <b>8</b> EAST ZORRA- TAVISTOCK	MAY <b>15</b> TOWNSHIP OF NORWICH	MAY <b>29</b> BLANDFORD- BLENHEIM	JUNE <b>12</b> SOUTH-WEST OXFORD
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### THIS PROGRAM IS FOR LARGE ITEMS ONLY

It is NOT a spring clean-up

Non-program material will be left behind, and the homeowner will be responsible for removing it.

**Note:** automotive parts, glass, mirrors and items piled on trailers/wagons or loose in boxes will not be collected.

### If you miss large item collection

Visit the Waste Management Facility

384060 Salford Rd., Salford, ON  
**M-F:** 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. | **Sat:** 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
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<b>Town of Tillsonburg Transfer Station</b>		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓
<b>City of Woodstock EnviroDepot</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Note: The City of Woodstock provides large item disposal/collection services on behalf of Oxford County. Please check the City of Woodstock *City Services Calendar* for large item program information.

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Set out by 7 a.m. the Monday of your collection week. **Late set outs will not be collected.**
- Max weight for any item is 45 kg or 100 lbs.
- Bag tags are not required for large items.
- Place items no more than one metre from the curb.
- Items must be on your property, not across roads/ ditches, and easily visible (clear of tall grass).
- Do not place small items on top of larger items. **Inaccessible material will be left behind.**

### DOES YOUR ITEM QUALIFY?

- Does it weigh more than 45 kg (100 lbs)?
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COMMUNITY —

# EZT Issues Order at Hickson Public School

By Lee Griffi

A number of parents of students at Hickson Public School are concerned about something happening on the school grounds. Some believe there is a potential sewage problem, while others say poor drainage is the cause of the water but either way, the Thames Valley District School Board has been given an order by the township.

East Zorra-Tavistock Building Inspector John Scherer says they carry out routine inspections on the septic system every five years, and the last one was done in July of 2022. Scherer says there was an issue. "There appeared to be a bit of a blockage from overgrowth of the grass in that area." He believes he handed his inspection report to a school board official at that time, perhaps an operational employee. "We note the concerns, and they have to rectify it. I gave them nine months unofficially, and, in my notes, I mentioned I would revisit in April or May, whenever the frost lifts. It was checked on over the wintertime, and there didn't seem to be anything noticeable. The time came up towards the end of this month, and it's being dealt with." Scherer adds the order was issued to hopefully rule out a septic issue. "This is what I am trying to get to the bottom of. I have half of the individuals saying that it is septic and the other half saying no, it is a roof leader. The roof leader drains the roof of the school and perforates into the ground in that area. So, because I don't know which one it is, I did issue orders in order to comply just with the adequacy of the septic system as a whole, and it will be all encompassing to ensure the septic system is working properly. If it is the septic



The saturated area behind Hickson Public School that has been roped off for student safety.

system."

To say the situation is confusing would be an understatement because, as Scherer says there are a number of players involved. "This is just the scratching of the surface because ultimately, that septic system I believe would fall under the authority of the Ministry of Environment because its over 10,000 litres per day." He adds public health were the initial overseers for mandatory inspection of septic systems about six years ago, but it was downloaded to the township. "Any repairs and permitting must go through the ministry because (of the size of the septic system)." Scherer expects to have an answer by the end of the day on April 28 once a report is received by the engineering firm hired by the school board. "If I don't have an answer then obviously the order has

not been complied with, and then I do my thing after that, which is in the courts." Should there be a deficiency in the septic system, the ministry would then take over enforcement. "We are aware of it, and we are doing our due diligence to make sure it's not an issue. I did order (the school board) to take tests as well to make sure there is no fecal matter there. I'm 99 percent sure there is none there based on my last visit, which was (April 18). It's just really wet in that area, but it didn't really have that smell, but again, it is a large septic system that is outside of the building code in terms of design so that's why we asked for a qualified individual to do a review."

Cheryl Weedmark is a spokesperson for the school board and says they will find out what the exact issue is. "We are aware that there is a situation in the field close to Hickson Public School but can't confirm that is it's related to the septic system. It could be a lot of things. We are working with an engineering firm to understand what is happening so that it can be addressed as soon as possible." She adds last summer, there was a blockage in the septic piping and a section of piping was replaced to alleviate the blockage. "The

septic system has been operating properly ever since."

Some concerned parents believe the septic tank, which appears to be the original one, may be a problem due to the increase in the number of students. In 2012 there were 395, but that number has risen steadily and currently sits at 667.

Weedmark says they are aware of the enrollment pressure at the school and have proactively capped enrollment to Hickson from North Woodstock. "Hickson Public School is also part of an attendance area review that is currently underway to establish the boundary for the new Woodstock elementary school, which is expected to be opened in 2026." The septic system is scheduled for replacement in summer of 2024.

The school board did not make parents aware of the water issue. Weedmark says it didn't meet the threshold. "We only communicate to families if there is a concern, they need to be aware of. This 'puddling' or wet spot in the yard is a historical issue, and the principal has blocked it off so that the students aren't playing in the mud. That is not an issue we would communicate home to families.

Just before the press time, the Gazette did receive an email from a parent regarding an email from principal Dolly Fox. "There have been some questions about the fenced in area in the southeast section of the school yard. This section has historically been a 'wet' spot. In the fall, we had the section directly behind the east portables excavated, and some of the pipes for the sewage were replaced." She adds, "there has been regular check on the sewage system and the wet area, with additional pumping of the system to ensure that there is no sewage seeping into the lawn. The system is keeping up well with the volume of usage and is compliant with regulations. We will continue to look at options and monitor the area with the safety of students and staff as a priority." No mention was made of the septic system possibly being replaced next year.

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The program is expected to take place from May to October 2023.

Visit [www.cn.ca/vegetation](http://www.cn.ca/vegetation) to see the list of cities as well as the updated schedule.

For more information, contact the CN Public Inquiry Line at [contact@cn.ca](mailto:contact@cn.ca) or 1-888-888-5909.

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## Pet of the Week



### LOUIE

This week's pet of the week is Louie, a six year old French bulldog from Wellesley. He looks forward to many more walks in the village now that the weather is warming up. His birthday is coming up on May 13.

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# COMMUNITY —

## Bridge Street construction



Construction workers placing short girders on the east side of the Bridge Street bridge reconstruction project. The project was awarded to Sierra Bridge of Woodstock in June 2022 for \$4.8-million. (Photo credit: Anne Loeffler)

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COMMUNITY —

# Larvicide program to occur in Waterloo Region

**By Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette Staff**  
Municipalities in Waterloo Region are conducting a larvicide program to help prevent the development of mosquito larvae into vectors of West Nile Virus. This is occurring between June 1 and Au-

gust 31 this year, and larvicide is being applied to catch basins, sewage lagoons, ditches and standing water. Altosid pellets or VectoLex WSP will be placed by hand into catch basins of storm drains within the region. The larvicide VectoLex CG may be applied to sewage la-

goons, if larvae are present. The larvicides VectoBac 1200L or VectoBac 200G may be applied to standing water throughout the region, if larvae are present. All larvicide will be applied by licensed applicators or trained technicians employed by Pestalto Environmental Health

Services following Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks guidelines. For more information, call the Region of Waterloo Public Health, Health Protection and Investigation at 519-575-4400 or [publichealth@regionofwaterloo.ca](mailto:publichealth@regionofwaterloo.ca).

# WRPS launching Military Veterans Wellness Program

**By Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette Staff**  
The Waterloo Regional Police Service (WRPS) is proud to launch the Military Veterans Wellness Program (MVWP) aimed at connecting military veterans with the help and support they deserve. The MVWP, designed by the Toronto Police Service, aims to improve the well-being of veterans by providing law enforcement agencies with a better understanding of veterans and a streamlined referral

process to national support services. The program is available to all community residents who have served in the Canadian Armed Forces, were released with an honourable discharge, and successfully underwent basic training. The program is offered to veterans with or without a call for service from police. "Every military veteran deserves honour and respect for their service and dedication to Canada. Our service is a proud sup-

porter of the Military Veterans Wellness Program and is committed to standing in solidarity with all military veterans to ensure nobody fights alone," said WRPS Police Chief Mark Crowell in a release. WRPS is the first police service in Ontario to launch the program alongside the Toronto Police Service. The goal of the program is to roll it out across Canada and to ensure all members of a police service are able to identify a military veteran and

ensure support is offered. To date, WRPS has made 52 referrals to the program. WRPS is also working with other police services across Ontario to assist them in developing their MVWP to help ensure all veterans who need help, get help. If you are a military veteran and would like support, please contact the MVWP at [mvwp@wrps.on.ca](mailto:mvwp@wrps.on.ca).

# Wellesley township seeking resident feedback on recreation programs


**By Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette Staff**  
The Township of Wellesley is collecting feedback from residents about its recreation programs. A survey is available on the township website. "With the expected opening of


the Wellesley Township Recreation Complex, the township is actively investigating programming options for all residents," reads the survey intro. "This survey will provide us with a starting point and we look forward to reading your suggestions and value your feedback."

The survey asks where the participant resides in the township, whether they are completing the survey as an individual, their age range, how they receive news about township recreation programs and services, whether they or their family members participate in sports clubs or


leisure activities, how they would want to pay for township programs, what events they attend, and what events they would like to see. The survey is available on the township website.

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COMMUNITY —

# Tavistock Men's club host their annual roadside and ditch cleanup



Mark Roth and Kyle Wynette lead the charge. (Photo credit: Julie Wynette)



Drew Roth finds that some of the garbage is almost too big to handle! (Photo credit: Julie Wynette)



The cleanup crew and club past President, Walter Kropf, and family, hosted a time at their farm together, when the job was done, to thank everyone for their efforts.

By Gary West

As Oxford County residents and visitors travel along Highway 59 south of Tavistock, if the road sides look cleaner, give credit to Tavistock's Men's Club along with their neighbours and families.

Last Monday, the bright orange vests

were seen along the busy road as the old phrase "many hands make light work" was in effect.

The annual men's club ditch cleanup was underway, and thanks has to be given to the 25+ volunteers that showed up to keep the area roadway looking neat and tidy.

Pictures say a thousand words and the community thanks the many volunteers

and the Tavistock Men's Club for spearheading the cleanup every year.

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Golf Legend Gus Maue (below)  
Crokinole Champ Lorraine Proud (right)  
Charles, Castle Kilbride's bellhop doll (far right)

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# FAMILY MILESTONES —

## OBITUARY

### FERYN, Patrick



April 30th, 1956 - April 23rd, 2023

Patrick Feryn of Stratford, Ontario died peacefully surrounded by his loved ones on Sunday, April 23rd at the age of 66. Loving husband, partner and best friend to Jane, adoring Dad to Seana (Tyson) and Tessa (Corey) and dear Opie to Lily and Flynn. Proud son of Monique Feryn (nee DeBrabandere) and Louis Feryn (passed away in 2015), cher-

ished brother to Elisabeth (Stewart), Susan (Kim), Michael (Jacinta) and Caroline (Ron), uncle and a friend to many with his infectious smile and quiet humour.

A kind and compassionate individual, Pat lived fiercely, never taking a moment for granted even after his diagnosis of PSP (Progressive Supranuclear Palsy). He had a great love for adventure, travelling to many corners of the world with a particular fondness for travelling by paddle, bike, on skis or on foot. His family and friends were forever at the forefront of his mind and every choice or road taken was done so with them in his thoughts; even at the very end. It is worth noting that he was rare among people in that Pat was never heard to ever speak a bad word about anyone.

Pat enjoyed a productive 35-year career farming and supporting his clients as a consulting agronomist. He graduated from the University of Guelph (BSc.) He was active as a volunteer on many professional committees, including chair of the Soil and Water Sub Committee of the Soil and Water Management Research Corporation for several years, and a member of the Source Water Protection Committee since its inception in 2006 as the Agricultural Representative. Early on he participated in St.

Joseph's Church Mission Committee. He was an active member of Stratford Rotary Club and the recent recipient of a Paul Harris Award, especially for his work as chair of the International Committee. Pat always had a profound interest in international travel and concern for third world issues. He had a special interest in the work of COMMIT, working in Nicaragua with Dr. Doug Thompson and Janice Rauser.

In his younger years Pat was a BIG BROTHER, and taught Jack Rabbit's Cross Country Skiing at Wildwood. Pat took great pleasure coaching his daughters at Hoops for Fun and Summer Soccer throughout their youth. The family spent many canoe camping trips in the wilderness parks in Ontario and BC and Alberta. He loved his annual wilderness canoe trips with his best buddies every year for over 30 years, and kayak adventures in Mexico, Belize and Cuba with Jane.

Pat chose to use MAID (Medical Assistance In Dying) to end his struggle with PSP. He was surrounded by the love and support of his family and closest friends. He gave the greatest gift of all, by donating his liver, kidneys, lungs and eyes to organ recipients and his brain and pancreas for medical research.

His accomplishments and continued desire to better the planet is certain to carry on, an eternal fingerprint representing the impact he had on others.

Pat lived spectacularly and will be missed terribly by all who knew him.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, June 10th at the Feryn homestead with further details to come. If you are interested in joining us in this celebration, please RSVP to <https://pp.events/celebratingpatferyn>. and we will forward further details closer to the event.

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- 1) What does the acronym "NASA" stand for?
- 2) What is the name of the fairy in "Peter Pan"?
- 3) What does the acronym "SCUBA" stand for?
- 4) "Let them eat cake" is a famous misquote attributed to whom?
- 5) Pickles start out as which vegetable?
- 6) What does "GDP" stand for?
- 7) In what country could you find the Leaning Tower of Pisa?
- 8) Who in Greek mythology is the god of wine?
- 9) In which fictional city does Batman reside?
- 10) What type of animal is Eeyore from Winnie the Pooh?

Answers found on page 26

BIRTHDAYS &  
ANNIVERSARIES

**April 27:** Happy birthday to Liam McGregor (20), Joel Kalbfleisch (28) and anniversary for Frank and Rebecca DeWeerd (4th), and Ted and Marilyn Gaudun (55th).

**April 28:** Happy birthday to Elizabeth Vanstone (19) and Evan Heinbuch (20).

**April 29:** Happy birthday to Nash Hamilton (7), Brady Roth (21), Shirley Wilhelm (71), and Jean Houghton (102).

**April 30:** Happy birthday to Evan Nahrgang (13), Makenna Bartlett (19), Connor Shantz, Benjamin Albrecht, and Michael Johnson.

**May 1:** Happy birthday to Ty Brown (6), Chloe Hulcoop (6), Natalie Flach (19), and anniversary for Dave and Susan Wiffen.

**May 2:** Happy birthday to Simon Cressman (9), Jorja Hergott (12), and Jaxon Hergott (15).

**May 3:** Happy birthday to Nixon Stahlke (4), Alex Murray (21), and Lynda Mark.

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## 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.*

**April 17-24, 2013 Edition (10 years ago)**

In a successful demonstration that even established businesses can make effective changes in their work environment, peopleCare Tavistock has been awarded "Workplace of the Year" by the Ontario Long Term Care Association (OLTCA).

Recent talk around Tavistock asked the question, "When was the liquor store built?" It's been nearly forty years since the Tavistock LCBO store opened at the corner of William Street North and Hope Street West. The former woodworking shops and planing mill buildings were razed in the summer of 1974 to make way for the new government project. On January 11, 1975, the "Liquor Store" opened for the first time.

The results of the 117th annual Boston Marathon were tragically overshadowed by a senseless act of terrorism on Monday, April 15, 2013. Two improvised bombs went off in the crowd, killing three people and injuring and maiming hundreds of others. An MIT officer was later killed in the manhunt that followed.

**April 16-23, 2003 Edition (20 years ago)**

Keith Matresky has been a strong supporter of

minor hockey in Tavistock, both on and off the ice, for the past thirty-one years. His longevity and commitment to the game was recognized at the Grand Valley League meeting in Tavistock on Thursday evening. Keith was presented with the George Woolcott Award for "outstanding contribution of Minor Hockey." He noted that the first recipient of the award was Lorne Yausie (1981-82) under whom Keith got his start. Other local recipients include Harry Wilhelm (1996-97) and Jim Kalbfleisch (1998-99).

**April 20-27, 1983 Edition (40 years ago)**

Have you eligible men in East Zorra-Tavistock and South Easthope had this gut feeling for a long time that you've been short changed? When spring fever hits, do you look around for someone with blonde curly hair upon whom to direct your amorous advances, and find only woolly livestock? Well, the age old problem of too few females has reared its ugly head right here at home. Census Canada was kind enough to document this chronic problem in their latest best seller E 564 Ontario. Buried amid the flurry of numbers of page 1-198 and 1-218 is the disturbing truth. Of the 2,130 individuals in the 20-34 age group, there are 17% more men than women. No problem, you say. Sure, as long as you're not one of the 179 men walking around with furrowed brows and no one to call for Saturday night's dance. In fact, in South Easthope, in the 20-24 age group, there are 50% more men than women.

The Tavistock Braves are definitely Number

One. They proved that fact with no uncertain terms on Wednesday night in Tavistock by driving the St. George Lions back into their den. The Braves captured the Ontario Junior 'D' final series in the sixth game and their fourth win in the best of seven contest, 8-3. The win also was a first in the Tavistock Junior 'D's 14 year history. The All-Ontario Junior 'D' championship team is comprised of Jim Wilhelm, Scott Alexander, Kevin Reiger, Tom McIntosh, James Elliott, Kevin Albrecht, Brad Gerber, Larry Kropf, Greg Poetker, Terry Ross, Steve Hohl, Rob Froese, Alex Balazs, Brad Zehr, Maury Sauder, Jeff Kaufman, Steve Neeb, Steve Lange, Paul Albrecht, Terry Quehl, Ken Wettlaufer, and Reid Dundas. The team was coached by Ross Yantzi.

**April 17-24, 1963 Edition (60 years ago)**

Break-ins at the butcher shop of Weicker Brothers and the Arlington Hotel, as well as an attempted break-in at Les and Hap's, is being investigated by Police Chief Peter Grant.

Members of the Tavistock Mens Club and Board of Trade were initiated into the intricacies of the printing trade at the plant of the Tavistock Gazette following the dinner and business meeting last Thursday night. They were shown the operation of the linotype; several sizes of hand-set type; an automatic press in actual production of printed material; the power paper cutter; the stitcher, the jogger and other machines used in the trade, as well as paper stocks.

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COMMUNITY —

# Local residents receive free trees through Wilmot Roots program



Ed Penner with his free tree.

By Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette Staff

Ed Penner was one of hundreds of Wilmot residents to receive a free tree through the Wilmot Roots initiative.

“Can’t wait until it grows up,” said Penner in an online post. “Going to be a beautiful addition to our front yard.”

The township announced its first ever free tree giveaway this spring offering 370

free trees to Wilmot residents thanks to a donation from Enova Power Corporation. Trees offered included sugar maple, autumn blaze maple, white pine, multi-stem serviceberry and eastern white cedar.

All available trees were quickly sold out, so the township restocked more trees. For more information, visit [www.wilmot.ca/en/living-here/wilmotroots.aspx](http://www.wilmot.ca/en/living-here/wilmotroots.aspx).

# Oxford County Achieves staff enjoy a cup of tea with Braemar W.I.



Upper left Liz Dommasch, Archivist/Oxford County, Mary Walton, Bernice Marsland, Linda Howe, Megan Lockhart Archives Technician/Oxford County and Braemar W.I. president Anya Donaldson. (Photo credit: Laura Green)

By Laura Green

Braemar W.I. branch held a viewing of their latest volumes of their local Tweedsmuir Community History Books at the home of their Tweedsmuir Coordinator Bernice Marsland on April 19th. Following tradition, afternoon tea and cookies were served to viewers. Braemar’s earlier volumes had been digitized and can be

viewed on the FWIO website/virtual archives. Their first volume runs from pre-1945 to 1995 and the last volume to be digitized was 2016. The actual volumes are stored at the Oxford County Achieves 2nd Floor 82 Light St. Woodstock. An interesting read on the history behind the Tweedsmuir Community History Books can be read on the FWIO website.

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## COMMUNITY —

## The North Easthope Antique Tractor club are back



The group of local farmers, mostly retired "NEAT" enthusiasts, enjoying a breakfast together last week, served by members of the New Hamburg Legion.

By Gary West

Dozens of members of the N.E.A.T. (North Easthope Antique Tractor) club met at the New Hamburg Legion last week. During breakfast, they were brought up to date on the coming year's activities.

The group will get back to travelling to areas of Waterloo, Perth and Oxford counties

on their tractors. Their tractors come in many colours and worked the fields and soils growing crops for many years in the past.

Fundraising breakfasts are held every week during the spring, summer and fall with the first one scheduled for Schmidtsville Restaurant in Wellesley for Thursday, May 18.



The group that belong to the North Easthope Antique Tractor Club (N.E.A.T). In the centre background, the completely refurbished Massey Ferguson 65 that will be sold at this year's MCC sale at the end of May in New Hamburg, with 100% of all proceeds donated to the Mennonite organization.

Members also got a look at one of the two tractors that are being donated to the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Relief Sale in New Hamburg at the end of May.

One of the tractors is a Massey Ferguson 65 that has been completely refurbished. It looks and runs like new, and will be put up for sale, with all the proceeds going to

the MCC.

The second tractor is a John Deere 2120 in excellent condition. Both have been donated by area farmers, with the tractor club members volunteering their time and expertise to refurbish both. Again, they are proud to donate 100% of the proceeds.

## Parkinson's disease hitting home in Shakespeare

By Gary West and Barb Myers

*From time to time in life, as years go by, there are people in everyone's lives who encounter obstacles that can change the path of someone's life, along with family members and friends they are close to.*

*The following involves a story that hits home to a young couple in Shakespeare, who are encountering exactly that. The story involves Parkinson's disease, and this short column is written by Barb Myers who is helping her partner, Ron, cope with the disease and the challenges that lay ahead. The following is her story:*

I met Ron a bunch of years ago, and we've been together ever since. We've seen our kids move out, get married, and have kids... lots of exciting things happening.

But in the last three years, Ron has also experienced some big changes that aren't quite as exciting. It started with a small tremor in his right hand. It made his job as an automotive mechanic tough, as his fine motor skills started to decrease, so we started the journey into the medical world to see what was happening. Enter the pandemic.

Not only did it take months to get an appointment with a neurologist, but because of the pandemic, we couldn't see them in person. Everyone did their best through Zoom appointments, and the diagnosis was made for Parkinson's disease.



Ron Harrison and his partner, Barb Myers.

Now three years later, we have had several Zoom appointments, one in person appointment, and one coming up at the end of this month (April).

Ron does well to keep his mind strong to keep things at the stage they are now. Anxiety can also be a big part of this disease, which only makes his tremors worse,

so staying positive and being mindful are very important.

As his partner, I try to support in anyway I can. So, I've decided to be the lead for the "Walk for Parkinson's" this coming September. Did you know Parkinson's is leading the way for a neurological diagnosis in people of his age group? That's a

scary thought.

The walk is on September 9 at Upper Queens Park in Stratford. I'm sure you will see lots more from me as the summer progresses but for right now I'm looking for a couple more committee members to help me get the day planned. My brilliant daughter, Taylor Brodhagen, is also on board with me so you'll be working with some of the best. I'll also be looking for silent auction items, donations, and volunteers for the day, but if you have an extra few hours a month to share with me this summer, I'd most appreciate that too. Not that I am afraid to tackle this on my own but... a few more hands would be nice. I'd like to knock this event out of the park since it's one of the few things I can do for Ron or people in his situation. Anybody interested in joining me?

Finally, please don't feel sorry for Ron or me. Like a little bit you can - because that's natural. Life has thrown us a curveball, but there are worse things to have.

Lots of people are living with something or dying from something. We want your support and your positive vibes. No pity allowed.

We need strength and optimism and all of the good things those feelings bring. Feel that for Ron so that he can feel it too. "Thank you" from Shakespeare's Barb Myers.

## COMMUNITY —

## Tavi Chill holds draw for two new bikes

By Gary West

One of the newest downtown businesses in Tavistock held a draw recently to give away two bikes for kids in the area who put their name in a draw at the popular ice cream and "made to order" sandwich shop.

Tavi Chill owner Sheri Bell was excited to see the large number of young patrons, after eating their ice cream, putting their name in the draw over the last two months.

The first "razzle" bike was won by a young Sebringville girl, Avery Corey, who was excited to get the bike home and show it to all her family and friends.

The second "hot wheels" bike was won by a regular sandwich buyer at the store, Luke Danen, who after winning, donated it to Tavistock's Assistance Program (TAP). Program director, Linda Holst, says "a young Tavistock boy will now be able to live out his dream of having a new bike for the upcoming summer."

She thanked the local dairy farmer for being generous in giving the new bike to TAP and, in doing so, "making a young bike riding enthusiast very happy."

Tavi Chill will also be teaming up with TAP to help pay the registration fee from the "send a kid to camp program."

Director Holst said she couldn't be happier for the support and hopes that other shops and businesses in the area will follow the lead of the ice cream and sandwich shop.

She said that the program is definitely in need of help from area residents and you are asked to contact Linda Holst if you can help in any way at: [tapisforyou@outlook.com](mailto:tapisforyou@outlook.com).



Tavi Chill owner Sheri Bell, left, is pictured with TAP program director, Linda Holst. They are pictured with one of two bikes given to lucky winners who entered the draw at the ice cream and sandwich shop over the last two months.



Draw winner, Avery Corey, taking her new bike for a spin inside Tavi Chill last week.

## Earth Day tree planting



On Saturday afternoon, April 22, Let's Tree Wilmot and other volunteers planted 200 native trees near the Wilmot Recreation Complex. (Photo credit: Kathy Loree)

By Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette Staff

Forty-eight hardy volunteers showed up to a tree planting event near the Wilmot Recreation Complex, despite the rain and mud on Earth Day (April 22). A wide variety of people attended, including families, young and old.

There were 200 native trees planted near the Wilmot Recreation Complex, between Schmidt Woods and Highway 7&8, to complete that project. Tree species planted included sycamore, yellow birch, white

spruce, white pine, tulip tree, cottonwood, silver maple, red maple and honey locust.

The event was organized by Let's Tree Wilmot, (a project of Wilmot Horticultural Society) with support from Wilmot Township. Kitchener-Conestoga Member of Parliament Tim Louis attended, as well as Wilmot Mayor Natasha Salonen was out for her first tree planting.

Let's Tree Wilmot has planted trees at this site in May and October 2022, with 560 trees planted last year.

## New Hamburg Optimist Easter Egg Hunt



The New Hamburg Optimists held their annual Easter "Eggstravaganza" Hunt on April 8 at the New Hamburg Community Centre/Arena. The Wilmot Agricultural Society was back after a long absence with their petting zoo, Erick Traplin performing, plus the Magician this year was a big hit! Of course, The Easter Bunny made his appearance and while they were waiting, kids got their faces painted or coloured. It was New Hamburg Optimist's biggest year ever! More than 350 loot bags were handed out - at least 50 higher than any previous year. (Photo credit: Scott Dunstall)



COMMUNITY —

# Applejacks Take Momentum and a 3-1 Series Lead

By Lee Griffi

They may have dropped the first game in their Southern Conference Championship, but Wellesley roared back with three straight victories to move to within one win of eliminating Glanbrook. In game five the Applejacks managed just two powerplay goals on 14 opportunities at home but Justin McCombs' ninth of the playoffs

on the man advantage with less than five minutes remaining game Wellesley a 3-2 victory. The Rangers undisciplined play resulted in 68 penalty minutes while the Applejacks had 24 minutes on 12 minors. Wellesley opened the scoring in the first period as Tristian Huinink buried a feed from McCombs. After Glanbrook tied it, Isiah Katsube scored his fourteenth on an

unassisted powerplay marker.

Game four saw the Applejacks earn a 4-1 win after surrendering the first goal just two minutes into the first period. They bounced back with three straight markers in the third period including Jake Clemmer's game-winner, his first of the playoffs, from Adam Hoff and Eric Lacey. Tyler Baker added two goals, his sixth and sev-

enth of the post-season before Katsube's second period goal ended the scoring.

The Applejacks led game one 2-1 after scoring twice in the first three minutes of the second period and outshot the Rangers 38 to 28 but lost 4-2. The bounced back with a 3-2 overtime win thanks to Carson Wickie's second goal of the game from Curtis Butler and Adam Hoff.

## A.C.W April 2023 report

By Margaret Webber

The April Meeting of Christ Church Huntingford's A.C.W. (Anglican Church Women) was held at Quehl's Restaurant in Tavistock on Thursday, April 20th at 1 p.m. Thirteen ladies attended after having enjoyed a delicious lunch at Quehl's Restaurant in Tavistock.

President Barbara Bruce welcomed everyone, and the meeting was opened with Reverend Katherine Loynd saying a prayer.

Rev'd Katherine also gave a prayer of thanks for the life of Donna Wilson, who was a cherished member of our A.C.W. and had contributed greatly to the life of our church. Donna passed away on April 13, 2023.

The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and approved. Anita Ponsford was unable to attend but reported that cards had been sent to David Wright, Don Wilson and Frank Schaafsma.

We are planning to possibly make beef and

turkey pies towards the end of May. Donna Pullen has offered to provide and cook the beef for us. The group also discussed the possibility of holding a Strawberry Tea in June. We will make our final decision on these two events at the May meeting.

The final arrangements were made for the catering of the lunch for Donna Wilson's Funeral, which will be held Saturday, April 22nd at 11 a.m. It will be a family only funeral. There will be a Celebration of Life at the Innerkip Community Centre on Satur-

day, May 13th, from 1 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. for the wider community to pay their respects. Donna will be sadly missed by our whole church community.

A Celebration of New Ministry will be held at Christ Church on Sunday, May 21st, at 3 p.m. Coffee and cookies will be served afterwards. There will be no morning Service on that Sunday.

Our next meeting will be held at Christ Church on Thursday, May 18th, at 1:30 p.m.


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COMMUNITY —

# Waterloo Region gets increased funding from the province to help homelessness

By Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette Staff

The Ontario government is investing additional funding into the province's Homelessness Prevention Program and Indigenous Supporting Housing Program.

This includes a funding increase of \$17,817,500 for 2023-2024, up \$3,522,600, or 25%, from 2022-2023 for the Waterloo Region.

About \$202 million is being distributed to these programs province-wide. The move aims to help those experiencing or at risk of homelessness, and support community organizations delivering supportive

housing.

"This funding increase represents Ontario's commitment and focus on service delivery where our vulnerable communities need it most," said Mike Harris, Member of Provincial Parliament for Kitchener-Conestoga. "A 25% increase means the Region of Waterloo will be able to work with the province and our local service providers and offer much-needed assistance and wrap-around care to those who are at-risk of or experiencing homelessness."

"Thank you to the provincial government

for this important funding which will help to support the good work being done by so many service providers, volunteers and municipal staff across our region," said Karen Redman, Chair, Region of Waterloo. "The Region of Waterloo looks forward to further collaboration with the community and the government as we launch our Plan to End Chronic Homelessness and continue to implement our Interim Housing Solutions strategy."

The province said the increased amount is a result of a revised funding model that more accurately reflects the current needs of individuals facing homelessness

across Ontario, particularly during a time of rising inflation.

The changes address the recommendation in the Auditor General's 2021 value-for-money audit on homelessness, which called for a better funding model for homelessness programs that would target areas where funding is most needed.

In addition to reducing costs in other sectors, supportive housing provides people in Ontario with an opportunity to live happier, healthier and more fulfilling lives.

# Castle Kilbride grounds closed for a month starting May 1

By Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette Staff

Though Castle Kilbride in Baden will remain open during construction, the Castle grounds will be closed beginning Monday,

May 1, until around Friday, June 2, for exterior restoration and painting.

During this time, there will be no public access to the front or east porch, privy, or

the south, west, or east lawns/pathways.

Visitors can access the Castle through the Administration Complex entrance.

In an April 3rd meeting, Wilmot council

agreed to extend a construction contract with Homestead Woodworks of Hawkesville by \$112,232.23 plus harmonized sales tax to complete exterior porch repairs.

# Hickson 4H report

By Lexi Dill

The first meeting of the Hickson 4-H dog club started at 6:45 p.m. at Steph's Dog Groomers in Tavistock. We learned about grooming dogs and how it differs from

breed to breed.

Then, we went back to the Tavistock Men's Hall and talked about our dogs and ourselves. We did elections, then we went in groups and shared one thing interesting

about our dog(s). We had snacks and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, April 25th in Woodstock.

# Karaoke night in New Hamburg



Scran & Dram Scottish Public House in New Hamburg hosted a karaoke night on Saturday night, April 22. This group of ladies sang "Wannabe" by The Spice Girls. (Photo credit: Scott Dunstall)



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Multiple reel push mowers, neck yokes, whipple-trees, horse harnesses and collars, small wagon Gear on rubber,

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Large selection of T-posts (like new), chicken crates, 3 – goat milk stand, 2 6-goat stands,

Marweld creep feeder for sheep (new), Roll over hoof-trimming crate for sheep, 2 small feed mixers, Champion oat roller, bale chopper with motor, selection of gates and panels, selection of sheep and goat feeders, 800-gal. ss milk tank, Toledo 500kg platform scale, F.W. water pump, belt lacers, sap supplies, 2 smaller sap pans, selection of steel wheels, new v-belts.

\*\* Approximately 6 wagon loads of miscellaneous items too numerous to mention\*\*

#### HOUSEHOLD

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### Day 2 – Saturday May 6

#### TRAILERS

20' Steel car hauler with loading ramps and beavertail with electric winch,

18' aluminum landscaping trailer with aluminum sides and tool box, with ramp (like new),

12' aluminum trailer excellent condition,

18' enclosed aluminum tool trailer with ramp and side door with shelving inside 2 years old,

8' enclosed aluminum cargo trailer 2 years old,

8' steel landscaping trailers with ramps in excellent condition,

Gooseneck Before Silver star 4-horse aluminum slant load trailer with ramp, good condition,

Bumper hitch 2-horse trailer

\*\* All trailers have been safetied on a regular basis\*\*

#### CONSTRUCTION TOOLS

Several sections of scaffolding with braces and wheels and aluminum platforms, Bakers scaffolding,

Numerous aluminum extension ladders at various lengths,

Aluminum and fibreglass step ladders, selection of aluminum sawhorses, aluminum ladder horns,

2 Tapco pro19 aluminum 10' brakes with coil holder and cutters in excellent condition,

2 DeWalt sliding dual compound mitre saws with stand (1 electric only and 1 with battery or electric),

12" Rigid electric mitre saw with stand, DeWalt laser level and stand, Stihl concrete chain saw (like new),

Quantity of DeWalt battery drills, impacts, saws-all, skill saws.

Quantity of Max and Bostich air-roofing nailers.

Air hoses, shingle strippers, electric air compressors, roof jacks, Battery DeWalt, Metabo, Milwaukee Framing nailers, Battery DeWalt trim nailers. DeWalt battery tool, Battery caulking guns.

Selection of Makita battery drills & impacts. Milwaukee drills & impacts. 2 DeWalt SDS concrete drills.

DeWalt jigsaw & plainer. DeWalt grinder. Large selection of batteries & chargers. Bostich flooring nailer.

Rigid shop vac. 2500watt Ducar gen. 3500watt Powertech gen. 7500watt Generac gen. like new.

Walk behind battery forklift, electric fans & heaters, propane heater, air pegs, Bosch 10" table saw.

DeWalt blowers and fans. Echo back pack leaf blower, 2 Stihl leaf blowers. Safety harness etc.

Flack-Hill mechanical wood splitter, Selection of hand tools & shelving, DeWalt laser level, Brush mower with gas engine, DeWalt 60 volt battery powered table saw (like new), DeWalt table saw with wheeled stand, electric (like new), 2 DeWalt 20Volt 5000 Lumen work lights (new), DeWalt 1800 watt portable power station (new), DeWalt cordless roofing nailer, 2-DeWalt battery aircompressors (new), 2 Paslode cordless framing nailers (like new).

2-DeWalt battery aircompressors (new), 2 Paslode cordless framing nailers (like new).

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Jaco-Lite 7'x9' allum. Green house (nice)

S.S. Dog kennel 8' x 10', 2-DS circulator coal stoves, DS Anthra Max XV16 coal stove, S.S. Ashland water kettle.

3 S.S. Kettles, S.S. Water heater, Allum. Ice-saw with 13HP Honda, Apple chopper and cider press,

2 A Frame chain hoists, Trash Pump, 6" edger, power hacksaw, 26 school desks, 2 office desks,

Filing cabinets

#### HUNTING

Selection of rifles, and shot guns, crossbows, hunt blinds, decoys, tree stands, 12' aluminum boat,

Wood gun cabinets, many items not mentioned.

#### ANTIQUES

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#### HORSES

Approximately 6-8 well Broke Standard Bred Buggy Horses. From Local consignments, 5 year old Shetland pony stallion, A few more Local pony consignments expected.

\*\* Approximately 2 wagon loads of miscellaneous construction items\*\*

# COMMUNITY —

## Portion of Huron Street temporarily closed



A portion of Huron Street near the Waterloo Street intersection was closed to traffic Tuesday morning, April 25. (Photo credit: Veronica Reiner)

## Mini library installed at Zion Philipsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church



By Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette Staff

Now in its 180th year, the Zion Philipsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church said they decided it's time to give back to the community that has kept them going all this time.

The church is celebrating the big anniversary by building a mini library for Philipsburg residents to enjoy. It is located at the end of the driveway at 3357 Erbs Road, Baden.

Local residents are invited to take a book, read a book, share a book or add a book.

"You can also help us spread the news

by telling your friends and neighbours to take a walk up to church and find some good reading material at our little library," wrote the church in an online post. "The value of reading is important these days, especially when life seems to be so fast-paced. We all need to turn off the television, our computers and our phones and find a little peace and quiet, don't we?"

They added that there may be craft kits available to take in the coming weeks.

The church thanked Murray Ziegler for his work with the construction and installation of the mini library.

## 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 eagle was spotted along the Nith on Nafziger Road. (Photo credit: Lorrie MP)

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# COMMUNITY —

## Forest Glen PS hosts Earth Play for Earth Day



Forest Glen Public School hosted an “Earth Play for Earth Day” event on Wednesday, April 19. Students enjoyed extra time outside - going on a story walk, recycling obstacle course, chalk drawing, art on GOOS (good on one side) paper, soccer, football, skipping and use of their new creative playgrounds. (Photo credit: Forest Glen Public School)



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# Horsing around in the warm spring weather in Perth County



While the sun was setting east of Shakespeare last week, near Highway 7&8, these horses were enjoying a run on their spring pasture where temperatures reached record highs. It almost felt more like summer than spring, and these two animals were taking advantage of every minute of it! (Photo credit: Gary West)

# Castle Kilbride and admin building cleanup



On Friday, April 21, in celebration of Earth Day the next day, Mayor Natasha Salonen and township staff worked together to clean up garbage and debris from the administration office and Castle Kilbride in Baden. The group managed to fill several garbage bags worth of items. "We can all do our part to keep our communities clean and protect the Earth," wrote the township in an online post. (Photo credit: Township of Wilmot)

# Gazette Puzzles by Chris Ehrat

## Guitar Day



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| <b>ACTION</b>    | <b>GIBSON</b>    | <b>PULL OFF</b> |
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| <b>BODY</b>      | <b>LEAD</b>      | <b>STRINGS</b>  |
| <b>BRIDGE</b>    | <b>LICK</b>      | <b>TAB</b>      |
| <b>CHORD</b>     | <b>MARTIN</b>    | <b>TAKAMINE</b> |
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| <b>EPIPHONE</b>  | <b>NECK</b>      | <b>TREMOLO</b>  |
| <b>FENDER</b>    | <b>PEGS</b>      | <b>TUNING</b>   |
| <b>FOLK</b>      | <b>PICK</b>      | <b>WHAMMY</b>   |
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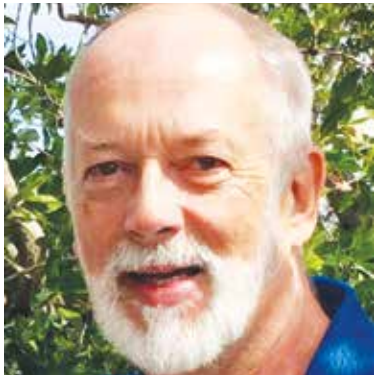
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## TRAVEL —

## OH, THE PLACES WE'LL GO: Philadelphia's art collections make a strong impression



By Paul Knowles

Let's be honest. It's probably true that the most well-known feature at the Philadelphia Museum of Art is the set of 72 steps leading up to the entrance. They're known as the Rocky Steps because of their appearance in the famed Sylvester Stallone movie, "Rocky" and there is even a statue of Rocky near the base of the steps.

And yes I succumbed, and on my Facebook page there is an embarrassing picture of me doing a very lame and unconvincing impression of Rocky at the top of the steps.

But anyone who thinks that this film location is the best thing about the Philadelphia Museum of Art is sadly mistaken. Because those who climb the steps and enter the state-ly building will find one of the two finest collections of Impressionist art I have ever encountered.

I say "one of the two" because, ironically, the other one is just

down the street – the Barnes Foundation, offering an equally amazing exhibition of Impressionist art all garnered by a private collector about a century ago.

Let's start where Rocky stopped and step inside the front doors of the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Like all great art galleries there is a mind-boggling selection of art on display and of course, that's only a sample of their total collection. There is a good sampling of Chinese art from many periods, captivating works from the medieval European period, and art from cultures ranging from Mexican to Korean.

But two collections captured my attention: Impressionist and Cubism. From the former group, works by Claude Monet, Vincent Van Gogh, Camille Pissaro and Pierre-Auguste Renoir for example. From the latter, some spectacular paintings by Pablo Picasso.

Walking through the rooms filled with such masterpieces is like experiencing a visual symphony. I probably missed dozens, perhaps hundreds of other great works of art in other galleries and on other floors of the museum, but I frankly could not tear myself away from the wonders in these two particular collections. (It's an interesting footnote that the Director and CEO of the Philadelphia Museum of Art is Sasha Suda, formerly CEO of the National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa, another of my favourite art

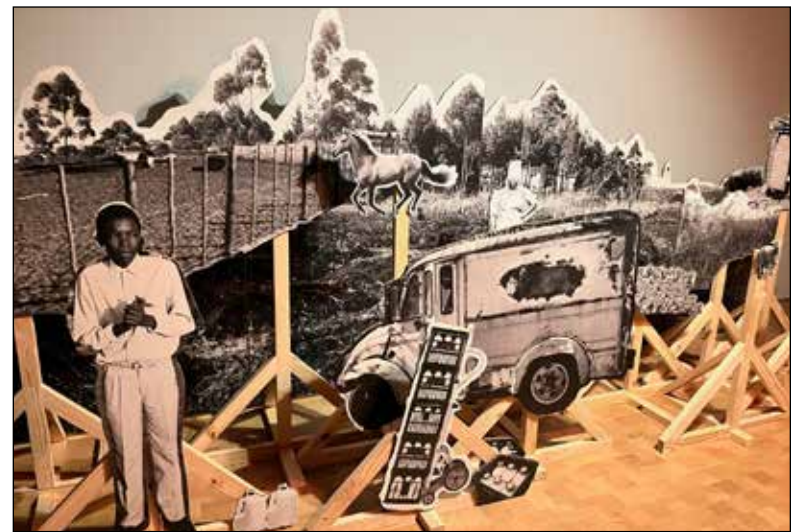
hang-outs).

As a devoted, if relatively unlearned, fan of Impressionist art, I thought it could not get much better than my experience at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. That impression – pun intended – lasted until the moment I walked into the Barnes Foundation.

The Barnes was founded by art collector and philanthropist, Dr. Albert C. Barnes (1872-1951). He amassed an astounding collection of art, focusing especially on impressionist, post-impressionist and modern art.

Today, the collection fills the walls of this Philadelphia treasure. And I do mean "fills". There are dozens of paintings on every wall of the two dozen or so galleries you visit. Some of them hold temporary exhibitions – during our visit, "Tell Me What You Remember", a powerful, emotional exhibition of works by South African artists Sue Williamson and Lebohang Kganye. That, in itself, was worth the visit.

But the permanent collection is nothing short of amazing. The central, two-storey gallery is highlighted by an enormous work by Henri Matisse. It was specially commissioned by Barnes and the story of the negotiations between the collector and the artist is outlined in an intriguing display in the foyer. And that's just one of 59 works by Matisse at the Barnes. Fifty-nine! And if that sounds impressive, the artist most represented in the collection is Pierre-Au-



A diorama at the Barnes, part of the temporary exhibition by Lebohang Kganye. (All photos by Paul Knowles)

guste Renoir. The Barnes holds 180 paintings by Renoir and one of his sculptures. It's the largest collection of Renoir's work in the world.

We stood before works by van Gogh, Monet, Picasso, El Greco, Degas, Cézanne... virtually every master of Impressionism. All represented many times over in the seemingly never-ending display.

If you are not sated by amazing art after visits to the Barnes and the Philadelphia Museum of Art, there are other options in the artistic heart of the city as well. The Moore College of Art and Design is nearby – a school with a mandate to welcome female art students. Much of the building doubles as a gallery of the students' work and it's worth your time to check out what young, talented, often digitally-focused artists are creating.

Also in this district is the Ro-

din Museum containing one of the largest collections of Rodin sculptures outside Paris, France. And if you like sculpture, Philadelphia has the most public statues per capita of any city in the United States. Bronze effigies of former citizens are everywhere including of course, Benjamin Franklin, whose image and name seem ubiquitous throughout the city.

Philly is a city of art. And it made me wonder if Rocky had actually kept going and entered the art museum, instead of leaping about at the top of the steps, would inspiration have struck, resulting in a movie about a struggling artist instead of a struggling boxer? Rocky Van Gogh instead of Rocky Balboa? I'd go to see that.

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The Barnes foundation includes dozens of art-covered walls, just like this one. Each artist is named in a small plaque on the frame.



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- 2) Tinker Bell
- 3) Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus
- 4) Marie Antoinette
- 5) Cucumber
- 6) Gross domestic product
- 7) Italy
- 8) Dionysus
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