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Wellesley council gets an earful about 14 per cent increase at town hall meeting



Wellesley Township resident John Rose speaks to council members at the town hall meeting at the Linwood Community Centre on Wednesday night, April 26.

By Veronica Reiner

About 100 Wellesley residents attended a town hall meeting about the 14 per cent tax increase during a town hall meeting at the Linwood Community Centre on Wednesday night, April 26.

The meeting lasted a little over two hours and was attended by Wellesley council members and staff. It was also livestreamed on the Township of Wellesley YouTube page. Some questions were submitted ahead of time, and there was also a question and answer period for attendees.

In January, Wellesley council approved a tax increase of 14 per cent. Homeowners face an increase of about \$180 to the township portion of their

property tax bill, based on an average home assessed at \$389,000. Staff cited inflation large increases in construction prices, greening measures and a service level adjustment as the reasons for the tax increase. The decision caused controversy among residents, some of whom felt the tax increase was too high.

At the meeting, topics addressed included the daytime timing of budget deliberations, lack of housing for seniors, a lack of transparency surrounding the process, the average income of Wellesley residents, long-term projections of the expenses and revenue of the recreation centre and Wellesley council's spending in general.

Several residents asked in a pre-written question as to why council members did not take the advice of a Monteith Brown consultant report that stated Wellesley Township could not afford the recreation centre, as well as why residents were not consulted about the recreation complex.

Councillor Shelley Wagner said that there were numerous council reports and public input opportunities related to the recreation complex. "The final decision to move forward with the project happened at a public meeting where a significant number of residents spoke to council, all in support of the project, knowing the maximum financial impact

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Area Resident Raises Safety Concerns at Hickson Public School

By Lee Griffi

A number of parents with children at Hickson Public School have taken to Facebook to raise safety concerns at the site. Last week the Gazette ran a story regarding what could be a potential issue with the septic system, but as one parent says, there are more issues top of his mind.

Bryan Weldrick, a former student in Hickson and an area farmer, says the septic system is what got him more involved. "I have had a hard time jumping on the overcrowded bandwagon that's been happening at the school because until this point, I have never thought our daughter's education has suffered, even with the school being so full. But when I heard that, it was like, okay, the education is taking a back seat to her safety now."

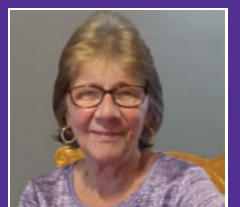
Enrolment has jumped from 395 students in 2012 to today's 667, something Weldrick, a former fire fighter, says creates another concern. "The other question I would like to ask, and it would be to (E.Z.T.) Fire Chief Scott Alexander, are there standards for evacuation times? I attended Hickson school, and there are no extra doors in that school to get all of these kids outside. I realize there are portables, but I also know there are rooms that weren't classrooms when I was there that are now being used as classrooms." Weldrick believes the library is now a classroom, and the librarian wheels books around from class to class to hand out books. He says the lack of planning for the extra population has led to this point. "The students don't have access to the actual library. It's insane. I truly understand there has been an influx of people to the area, but my thought process to all this is maybe the schooling situation should have been dealt with before the housing situation."

East Zorra-Tavistock Fire Prevention

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the debenture would have on taxes.”

Wellesley village resident John Rose, during the meeting, asked what staff did to project the financial performance of the arena. “What did staff do to project the revenue and the expenses that are associated? Why was there no projection, and to this date, still no projection on the potential revenue and expenses of this on a projected ongoing basis?”

Mayor Nowak said, “It was impossible to prepare a full, accurate operating budget for the new rec complex because of a number of variables in the operating and utilizing of the facilities.”

He said ice rental would be greater or current to the current arena, and that the degree of recreational programming offered is not known.

Utility costs were expected to be “very

similar” to the previous arena, because although the new arena is a much larger building, the HVAC and the electrical equipment are much higher efficiency than the older buildings, and the new arena will be insulated.

In response, Rose said, “My job is buying capital projects. And I’ll tell you right now - if I told my boss it was impossible to project anything, perhaps I could apply for a council position. Quite frankly, that’s inexcusable for a \$27-million project that there’s been no answer put to paper in terms of projections.”

A St. Clements woman asked how long the debenture would run. Mayor Nowak said it was a 20-year debenture. Another resident asked how much taxes have increased per month. Councillor Claude Herrgott said that the answer is \$32.02 per month.

A submitted question by a Heidelberg

woman said that the Region of Waterloo municipalities approved the following tax increases for 2023: Cambridge, 4.74%; Kitchener, 4.8%; Waterloo, 5.45%; Woolwich, 8.68%; Wilmot, 6.88%; North Dumfries, 5%; Region of Waterloo, 8.5%.

She added that the City of Toronto’s increase is half as much as Wellesley’s, and that the City of London approved a 3.1% increase. “All of these municipalities are facing the same inflationary pressures, total compensation challenges and economic headwinds as Wellesley. How can Wellesley justify an extraordinary property tax increase of 14%, when the rate of inflation is 6.6%?”

Councillor Herrgott said all municipalities face their own challenges and decide how they will handle them. “In Wellesley’s case, we managed to keep the inflationary costs of operating the municipality to 4.43 per cent. When you include the 0.75% greening levy and the

1% infrastructure levy, which we believe are critical to achieving our greenhouse gas reduction targets and infrastructure maintenance requirements, the combined increase was 6.18%.”

He added that there was an overall staffing increase was identified in June 2022, which increased that amount to 2.25%. Then, there was the rec centre debenture of 5.46%.

“You shouldn’t have put us in this position,” said township resident Denise Sutherland. “I feel that you haven’t really answered people’s questions. I feel that you have answers, and I’m hearing the same answers over and over and over again. ‘It was a public meeting. It was discussed. It was there, you should have been there.’”

Mayor Nowak said that council would review all of the questions that were put forward at the meeting.

Area Resident Raises Safety Concerns

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Office, Geoff Hayman, says he is involved with the representatives from the board and staff at the school to ensure that all students are safe and prepared to respond if there is ever an incident at any of the three schools in EZT. “This includes regular fire inspections at all schools to ensure compliance with the Ontario Fire Code, safety presentations for classes, and training for staff as requested.” He adds the fire code does not specify time limits, but the general goal is to ensure an orderly and timely evacuation and accountability for all students and staff. “The schools are also required to conduct regular drills, three in the fall, three in the spring, to guarantee everyone understands their role.”

Thames Valley District School Board spokesperson Cheryl Weedmark says the wait for another portable has resulted in a slight disruption in the library. “There was a delay in the delivery of a portable, and as a result, there is a class in the library. The library is used by every class regularly. The space is large and very amenable to space sharing.” She is also confident in the school’s fire drill performance. “We practice fire evacuations regularly throughout the school year. The process

is efficient and quick. The fire Marshall inspects our property regularly and provides recommendations as appropriate.”

One long-standing concern of parents comes twice during the school day – student drop-off and then pick-up for those who aren’t able to walk or be bused to school. “I am so glad my daughter rides the bus because I know she will get on it and get home safe. I had to pick her up one day, and it’s a three-ring circus around there.” Weldrick believes the biggest problem is that parents aren’t allowed to drive onto school property. “Parents have to park on the side of the road and then walk into the school to get their kids. There is a perfect circular driveway in front of the school. Why don’t parents park on the side of the road and one by one drive into the driveway, pick up their children, and then everyone can be safe.” He adds there are people who park at the ballpark down the street and walk up to avoid the chaos.

Weedmark says memos and reminders are sent regularly to parents and caregivers on traffic flow pre and post school. “The process is constantly being reviewed, and safety is always prioritized. Students are walking on school property as they load and disembark busses, arrive by foot or with guardians. Any vehicle traffic on the

property would compromise the safety of staff or students. We encourage bylaw and police to continue to work with us to address any infractions that are occurring off the property. When the new school opens in Woodstock, this will permanently alleviate most of these concerns. The county and board are working together on other options.”

The new school is slated to be built at the north end of Woodstock in 2026, but Weldrick says that isn’t etched in stone. “We are in the process of building a barn, and it doesn’t always go as planned. It could well be four years before it’s opened and there’s going to be that many more houses and that many more people.” He understands there is a cap on enrolment in Hickson, but he would like to see the number of students reduced and done fast.

Despite his concerns, Weldrick wants to make it very clear he believes the school itself has done a tremendous job. “From our perspective, the level of education hasn’t suffered. They have done a good job. Maybe some parents think differently, but for us, we are satisfied.”

Trustee and EZT Involvement

At the request of the two trustees who

represent the school, EZT Mayor Phil Schaefer and Deputy Mayor Brad Smith met with Dave Cripps and Leeanne Hopkins recently. After two emails over two weeks Hopkins did send a reply saying as an elected trustee, she is not allowed to talk to the media on behalf of the board. “As per our board policies, the chair of the board is our spokesperson, and we will be following those procedures. It would be best for you if you would like a comment for your story to reach out to the chair or again to Cheryl Weedmark. We as trustees are well aware of the concerns and are working through the proper channels and staff to have them addressed.” Smith echoed Hopkins’ comments saying he was asked not to provide details on the meeting.

Septic Inspection Update

The Thames Valley District School Board has been given an extension from East Zorra-Tavistock after receiving an order to produce a report on the condition of the school’s septic system. “They are in compliance with the order at this point, and we expect to have the lab results back by the end of the week,” says EZT building inspector John Scherer.

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COMMUNITY —

Oxford OPP says Hospital Transition Agreement a Success

By Lee Griffi

The Oxford Provincial Police say there has been a positive impact, improved communication and coordination among hospitals and police services in Oxford County. They say it is the result of signing the Police Hospital Transition Agreement on November 24 in 2021.

This has standardized processes leading to smoother transitions for patients apprehended by police under the Mental Health Act that require assessment in hospital emergency departments. The OPP say this protocol has also strengthened the working relationships between community partners. These community partners include Woodstock Police Service, the Oxford OPP Detachment, Woodstock Hospital, Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital, and Alexandra Hospital Ingersoll.

The responsibilities of each community partner are outlined in the agreement, with the overarching goal of safe and timely transitions of apprehended individuals in crisis. Oxford OPP Media Relations Officer Patti Cote says there have been several positive outcomes. "We have seen a decrease in police officer wait times in hospital emergency departments allowing for more efficient use of police resources along with a common approach to communication between police and hospital staff to ensure safe, effective decision making.



The community partners in the Oxford OPP's Hospital Transition Agreement. (Photo contributed by Oxford OPP)

"She adds the agreement has also helped to connect those requiring medical assessment and additional resources and offers a compassionate patient experience.

Cote adds the biggest roadblock from a policing perspective since the agreement kicked in was COVID. "Because of timing and implementing the actual parameters that are outlined in it, essentially, that was

the biggest challenge." She adds that on a positive each of the partners were able to better appreciate the roles played in dealing with people in a mental health crisis. "Putting them on to the appropriate care resource in the right place at the right time."

Police hospital transitions across Ontario have historically been a challenging

system issue. "A person's mental health crisis should never be about the system, but the person in crisis. The difference our services have seen since the implementation of this process has been a game changer for police, hospital staff and most importantly, the patient - whose care should always be at the center of our processes," Oxford OPP Detachment Commander and Oxford Police Hospital Committee Chair, Inspector Tony Hymers.

Community partners will continue to meet quarterly and review key performance indicators to ensure sustainability and improvement in processes and Cote is hopeful the agreement will be ongoing. "It is something that hopefully will remain in place for a long time. It was just a matter of getting all stakeholders on board, including paramedics and other peer and family service support services."

Cote says provincial police have other resources available to improve how officers respond to mental health situations. "The OPP has done their best to get as many officers trained in crisis intervention. I am sure you are aware we have our mobile crisis response members that are staffed through the Canadian Mental Health Association, and they are out with our officer. They have an impact on how we deal with calls for service that have a mental health component."

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FEATURE —

Where Are They Now? Jeff Gerber



Jeff Gerber at MacGregor Collegiate, Manitoba, in October 2022.

By Nancy Silcox

Retired Waterloo-Oxford teacher Jeff Gerber has always been a fan of school spirit and the benefits of student participation in the learning environment. As a W-O student himself, in the mid-1980, he was the quintessential participant: playing sports, making the Reach for the Top and Debating teams. He was, in turn, selected as his graduating year's Valedictorian.

"I loved my high school years," he admits fondly. "And I loved W-O!"

So after university and teacher-training, when he was hired to teach History at his alma-mater Jeff was beyond delighted. The chance to help guide students' learning experiences as he had experienced them himself was a dream come true.

"Guiding" at the front of a W-O classroom was supplemented by coaching sports: football, soccer, slow pitch and hockey. Student Council and Student Activities rounded out his mentor roles.

Outside the classroom, Jeff ran and was elected to Wilmot Council for the term 2000-2003 and later from 2010-2020. He says that one of his most rewarding achievements in that forum was being part of the municipal council that directed the purchase of land for the Wilmot Recreation Centre.

When staff retirements in 2011 gave Jeff the opportunity to move full-time from the classroom into Student Activities Council Advisor Director and Leadership teacher, he changed assignments. And did so, with an open heart.

"When I was a student myself, activities outside the classroom and forming strong relationships through them had been so crucial to my development. So I was honoured to be able to pass some of those ideas and philosophies on to the next generation."

Public speaking in front of groups—both with students and colleagues—played a large role in Jeff's new job. Team building, nurturing valued relationships and connections were his mantras. "I'd seen from my own perspectives as teacher, coach and in Student Activities how important they were to healthy growth of students."

But, the COVID pandemic over the years 2019 to 2021 turned many students' worlds upside-down. Schools shut down,

and isolation became a reality for many. And so the need for connection increased. "So many young people became lost during this time," says Jeff. "Many suffered terribly."

He believed he could help. So, as his own retirement approached in 2021, Jeff Gerber decided to step up his public speaking game. Connecting with the organization "Character Strong" out of Washington State in the U.S. was a firm stepping-off step. (<https://characterstrong.com>.)

Calling itself an organization that "assists to create a school which is focused on engagement, well-being and belonging" for students from Kindergarten to Grade 12, Character Strong programs have been offered in all 50 states and over 20 countries worldwide.

"I'd been at a Character Strong presentation in California," states Jeff, "and with the first slide shown saying: 'It's All about Relationships, I was captivated.'" He signed on for training, eventually being taken on as one of the organization's staff trainers.

After that, it was a no-brainer for the articulate, passionate and enthusiastic Jeff Gerber to represent the Character Strong philosophy as a guest speaker at school, community and civic presentations.

He was in his element, and it seems audiences loved him. Over the past two years, Jeff has presented over 50 workshops, assemblies and keynote addresses in the United States from St. Louis, Missouri to Los Angeles, California.

Subsequent membership in the Canadian Association of Professional Speakers and the Canadian Student Leadership Speaker Team has taken him across this country as well—from the Maritimes to the West Coast.

This writer (and Jeff Gerber's former W-O colleague) asks the in-demand public speaker: "And do your talks north and south of the border differ?"

"Not that much," Jeff replies, "but I like to throw to American audiences a few Canadian jokes like: 'did you know that in Canada we only have two seasons? Winter and July!'"

"They like hockey comments too," he laughs." Speaker Jeff Gerber is heartened by the reception he gets across the border. "Canadians have a good rep. in the U.S."



Jeff Gerber presenting at Clayton Heights Secondary School in Surrey, BC, in March 2023.

"And are Canadian kids different than those he comes in contact with from Colorado to Pennsylvania?" this writer asks.

"Not so much as you would think," he observes. "The desire for young people to know where they fit in is universal"

He's enjoyed the opportunity to travel, too, during his wide-ranging speaking gigs. One 12-day circuit in the southwestern U.S. allowed Jeff and his wife Julie to enjoy the scenery in several states. "We did Los Angeles, north to Wyoming, Yosemite Park. It was fantastic."

They are highly anticipating a speaking tour of the Maritimes provinces later this spring, as well.

And is retired teacher and New Hamburg resident Jeff Gerber having fun in his retirement project? "For sure," he responds good-naturedly. "But it does take a lot of energy. I'm always glad to get home."

Jeff Gerber's website is Jeff Gerber Presents: www.jeffgerber.ca. Its opening words state: "The love you give is the life you live."

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COMMUNITY —

Stacked townhouse proposed on Queen's Bush Road in Wellesley

By Veronica Reiner

A 12-unit stacked townhouse residential building is being proposed on 1060 Queen's Bush Road in Wellesley Township.

A zoning bylaw amendment application is being put forward, and the applicant is listed as Bradley & Company. The proposed building would be two stories (nine metres) high. An off-street parking area is intended to be provided to residents on the east side of the property, aiming to provide 18 spaces for the 12 units.

Some township residents have already taken issue with the proposal - a change.org position has been started by Wellesley resident Sofia Gorenc to stop the proposed townhouse. As of press time, it had garnered more than 220 signatures.

"What may seem like an overall beneficial thing at first glance, is actually something that will be detrimental to such a small town like Wellesley," wrote Sofia "Having this townhouse built will result in the

degradation of residential homes, as well as the community as a whole."

Other concerns brought up include increased traffic, decreased property values, and noise associated with the construction.

The property is 0.185 hectares in size and currently includes a single detached, one storey dwelling, a detached two car garage and a small shed.

A public meeting to discuss the application will be held on May 16 at 5:45 p.m. at the township council chambers on 4805 William Hastings Line in Crosshill. Arrangements for electronic participation will also be made available on the township website at least 48 hours before the meeting. A final decision will not be made at this meeting.

Anyone is welcome to attend the meeting and make written or verbal representation either in support of or opposing the proposed amendment. For more details, call the township clerk at 519-699-3946.



A photo of the subject property, looking south from Queen's Bush Road as of February 1. It is located across from Wellesley Public School. (Photo credit: Arcadis IBI Group)

GRT bus service cancelled due to strike

By Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette Staff

As of Monday, May 1, Grand River Transit (GRT) bus services have been cancelled due to a strike. The conventional bus, MobilityPLUS and busPLUS services will not operate, but ION train service will continue. Customer service centres will be closed.

Both the Waterloo Region District School Board (WRDSB) and Waterloo Catholic District School Board (WCDSB) have

issued separate news releases about the strike.

"We encourage any affected students to try to find alternate means of transportation to school, but those who are unable to attend will not be penalized," wrote the WRDSB in a release. "Students who miss school due to the GRT strike will be marked absent for safety reasons, but the absence(s) will not count towards their report card."

A tentative agreement was reached on Saturday, April 29. Shortly before 10 p.m., both the Region of Waterloo and Unifor Local 4304 announced that the agreement was not ratified and workers were now in a legal strike position

Unifor Local 4304 represents about 650 transit operators and almost 90 skilled tradespeople, including GRT drivers, mechanics, service attendants, fleet mechanics and dispatchers.

"The Region is committed to reaching an agreement and we remain open to discussions with the union," said the region in a release. "We appreciate that customers rely on transit on a daily basis and we will continue to update customers and residents with information as soon as it becomes available."

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New Hamburg man wins \$1.6-million lotto jackpot



John Kip of New Hamburg won \$1.6-million. (Photo credit: OLG)

By Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette Staff

New Hamburg's John Kip won \$1,666,666.70 in the Lotto 6/49 Classic Jackpot on March 11, after playing the lottery for 35 years.

His winning ticket shared the \$5-million jackpot with two other winning tickets, one from Ontario and another from western Canada.

"The ticket was sitting in my pocket for six weeks," said the 53-year-old in an Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLG) news release. "I went to the store to get gas and decided to check my tickets instead of waiting in line. I was in shock when I saw

the prize amount."

The father of two added he surprised his daughters, writing each a cheque to clear debt incurred from their education. "They had tears in their eyes," said Kip. "They were so emotional. It feels good to be able to do this for them."

He plans to go on a safari in Africa, take a family trip to Costa Rica, buy a new car and complete some home renovations. "it feels surreal. This win will make such a difference in my family's lives," said Kip.

The winning ticket was bought at the CNC Variety & Gas Station on Waterloo Street in New Hamburg.

Smile cookies at Tim Hortons in Tavistock



It's "smile" cookie week all across Ontario until May 7, and the Tavistock Tim Hortons women are smiling all the way through. Money raised in Tavistock goes to support the Tavistock Assistance Program (TAP), with 100% of all smile cookie sales going to the program. Pictured from left to right, smiling with a smile cookie at Tavistock's Tim Hortons are Randeep, Ella and Rissa. (Photo credit: Gary West)

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COMMUNITY —

Wellesley Township seeking name for its street sweeper



The street sweeper to be named.

By Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette Staff

The Township of Wellesley is looking for a name for its street sweeper that was taken to the streets earlier in April.

They have created a Name our Street Sweeper Contest to see who can sweep staff off their feet with the best and most creative name.

The winner will receive a small prize as well as the new name will be proudly displayed on the street sweeper. More than one entry per person is allowed, and if the same name is submitted more than once, the first person to submit will receive the credit.

Residents are encouraged to submit names until May 10 until 11:59 p.m. The winner will be announced on Wednesday May 24.

The streets in Wellesley Township are swept once in the spring when all snow and ice have melted to remove winter sand accumulated on the roads. You may have seen it out in April, reaching a top operating speed of eight kilometres an hour. The streets are also swept again in the fall before the snow comes.

The street sweeper truck sprays water in front of brooms to help control dust, while the three brooms collect the debris. The Wellesley street sweeper also has the ability to be used as a hydrovac. A hydrovac uses high pressure water to cut through and soften the ground followed by a large suction hose that collects the mud and water mix into a holding tank on the truck.

Names can be submitted on the township website at www.wellesley.ca.

A beautiful day for pulling garlic mustard



This Nith Valley EcoBoosters (NVEB) team pulled garlic, dug some burdock, and removed coltsfoot seed heads on the trails of the east end of Schmidt Woods on Thursday, April 27. Left to right: Yvonne Zyma, Patty Clarke, Marlene Knezevich, Linda Lackey, Tom Knezevich. (Photo contributed)

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COMMUNITY —

Road cleanup in Wellesley



Members of the Wellesley & District Lions Club, along with volunteers, participated in an annual road cleanup around the village on Monday night, April 24. About 25 participants showed up, including Lions members, their family and friends. It took about two hours for cleanup. "This is a yearly event that we always try to plan around Earth Day," said the Wellesley & District Lions Club. "It was great to see all our younger helpers out doing their part to make Wellesley a beautiful place to live." (Photo credit: Wellesley & District Lions Club)

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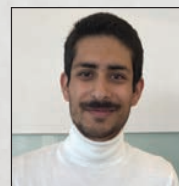
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COMMUNITY —

Local Oxford County Farmer, reading and reminiscing with the "Farmer's Advocate" paper from the mid 1920's

By Gary West

It was an interesting visit with a farmer last week, who farmed all his life in East Zorra township of Oxford County, who came across three editions of a paper (magazine) known as the "Farmer's Advocate" while doing some housecleaning.

Ralph Schwartzenruber found it interesting that the three editions were from the years 1924, 1925, and 1926, and still in very good condition.

He felt the Farmer's Advocate was probably a forerunner to what farmers read today as the Country Guide.

Published in London, Ontario once a month, the magazine covered various topics about agriculture that included dairy, poultry, pigs and sheep among others, and included advertising from farmers and companies selling what they produced, whether it was purebred breeding stock or animal products used on the farm.

It was interesting to note the advertisements that featured local Oxford, Perth and Waterloo County breeders of registered dairy herds.

A couple ads from 1926, that were interesting included "Silver Stream Holsteins", owned by John Mogk and son of Tavistock, who were advertising registered service age bulls for sale by Silver Stream K. C. King.



Retired dairy and hog farmer, Ralph Schwartzenruber, shown reading the interesting articles and advertisements that appeared in the "Farmer's Advocate" magazine from 1924-1926.

Brian Mogk and family are still on the farm, as the fourth generation, whose father was Wilfred, and grandfather was Bill, leading back to the fully accredited Holstein dairy herd of J. Mogk and Son.

In the same edition of 1926, William

Waldie south of Stratford in Perth County, was advertising their Browndale registered Shorthorn bulls from their fully accredited herd. There were many more ads for milking Shorthorns and dual-purpose Shorthorns than any other dairy breeds

at that time.

If the prices were advertised most bulls sold in the \$200 range, back in the days when the dollar went a lot further than today.

Another one of the classified ads included registered Jerseys for sale from Prospect Farms of R. and A.H. Baird, south of New Hamburg.

There was also a classified ad. from E.K. Bock from R.R. 1 Petersburg, Ont., selling a six-year-old Clydesdale Stallion.

Some of the advertising included "binder twine" used in grain binders when "stooking" sheaves of oats, barley and wheat, and many ads for horse harness and draft horses for working field. There was even a column answering reader's questions as how to treat ringworm, white scours in young pigs and even a question from a dairy farmer asking if he grew alfalfa, would his "hay loader" still work satisfactorily.

The afternoon was a lesson in some of the local farm history and how farms operated in the early years, before the advent of tractors, cars, and modern machinery.

As Ralph Schwartzenruber reminisced, you could still see how intrigued he was in reading and sharing with this writer, about how farms in the area have advanced to where they are today, that all started from hard work and humble beginnings from years gone by.

NEWS BRIEFS

London resident charged in Perth East

A London resident was charged after they were allegedly found speeding more than double the speed limit in Perth East on April 23.

At about 8:02 p.m., police stopped a vehicle on Perth Road 119 in Perth East Township, after it was found to be travelling 121 kilometres per hour (km/h) in a 60 km/h limit zone.

As a result, a 27-year-old from London was charged with "drive motor vehicle - perform stunt - excessive speed."

Police initiated a 30-day driving suspension and 14 day vehicle impoundment. The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Stratford at a later date to answer to the charges.

Anyone with information about these incidents should contact Perth County OPP 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.

Intimate partner violence in Perth East

A Stratford resident was charged by the Perth County OPP in Perth East after an intimate partner occurrence on April 19.

At about 7:22 p.m., police responded to a domestic disturbance on Line 36 in Perth East. During the investigation, police determined that one person involved had assaulted the other with a weapon. The victim sustained minor injuries.

As a result, a 43-year-old Stratford resident was arrested and charged with "assault with a weapon - spousal," and "fail to comply with probation order."

The accused was held pending a bail hearing.

Victims of sexual assault/domestic violence are not alone. If you, or someone you know, needs support, there are local resources available to help. One organization available is Victim Services Bruce Grey Perth at 1-866-376-9852.

Stratford resident charged after two vehicle collision in Perth East

A Stratford resident was charged after colliding with a vehicle in Perth East on April 17.

At about 3:33 p.m., the Perth County OPP responded to a two vehicle collision on Line 34 in Perth East Township. Through the investigation, police determined that a vehicle was slowing down when another vehicle collided with the rear of the vehicle. No injuries were reported.

An 18-year-old from Durham was charged with "careless driving." The accused was issued a Provincial Notice for the offence.

Milverton resident charged after two vehicle collision in Perth East

One person was charged after failing to stop at a stop sign and colliding with another vehicle on April 17.

Just before 11:39 a.m., the Perth County OPP responded to a collision on Line 67 in Perth East Township.

Throughout the investigation, it was determined that a vehicle failed to stop at a stop sign on Line 67 at Road 121 in Perth East and collided with another vehicle. Both drivers were transported to a local hospital with minor injuries.

A 45-year-old Milverton resident was charged with "careless driving."

The accused was issued a Provincial Notice for the offence.



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COMMUNITY —

KWSP Humane Society rescues eight dogs in Perth County

By Veronica Reiner

The Kitchener-Waterloo Stratford Perth (KWSP) Humane Society rescued eight dogs that were found on the loose in Perth County.

On March 23, the organization responded to several reports of dogs running loose in and around Mitchell in Perth County. The KWSP Humane Society animal services officers attended and were able to secure four dogs safely. Over the course of the following week, four more dogs were reported, secured and brought into care.

“We suspect all eight dogs are from the same household as many have similar features and are roughly the same age,” said Amber Gaynor, KWSP Humane Society Stratford Perth animal centre manager. “All dogs came in with dirty coats, some had matted fur, one was suffering from an ear infection, another needed a dental cleaning, and all suffered from varying levels of being underweight.”

Almost all of the dogs have now been adopted, including dogs named Dream, Maddie and Glory, while another dog (Faith) is still under medical care. However, there is one more dog available for adoption named Hope.

“Hope is a gentle and loving dog who is always eager to please her humans,” said Nasreen, KWSP Humane Society spokesperson, in an interview with the Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette. “She can be shy and nervous at times, especially in new environments or around new people, but she warms up quickly with patience and gentle reassurance.”

Hope is one-year-old and costs \$400.

“We are urging people not to abandon their pets,” said Calla James, KWSP Humane Society director of community engagement and outreach. “We exist to support people and their furry family members in times of crisis and always encourage people to call us to discuss how we might be able to support them,

whether through our pet pantry program, low-cost spay neuter services, training opportunities or surrender services.”

The KWSP Humane Society confirmed that the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is investigating the incident. If you have information regarding this situation, please call OPP directly at 519-348-9700. If you’re experiencing a crisis and struggling to care for your pet, contact the Humane Society at 519-745-5615 (Kitchener) or 519-273-6600 (Stratford).

For those who are interested in helping out the KWSP Humane Society can do so in the following ways:

- The KWSP Humane Society is urgently looking for large-breed dog fosters in Stratford. Interested parties must live in Perth County or Wilmot Township and can fill out an application form online at kwsphumane.ca.

- “If you are looking for a rewarding experience, consider becoming a foster parent. Foster parents provide temporary homes to animals looking to find their forever home,” said Nasreen. “Our Humane Society provides everything, including food, litter, toys, training where necessary, and vet care. As a foster caregiver, all you do is provide love and care to the animals. We encourage community members to open their hearts and homes to an animal in need today.”

- With 50 dogs, 71 cats and 40 small animals available between both centres, the KWSP Humane Society strongly encourages community members to consider adopting. Please visit kwsphumane.ca to see all available animals or to submit an application.

- Community members can provide a donation towards the dogs’ cost of care, including medical bills. Donations are graciously accepted at www.kwsphumane.ca or in person at the Stratford Perth Animal Centre, 125 Griffith Road Stratford.



Hope is up for adoption at the KWSP Humane Society. She is a little over one-year-old and is described as sweet, shy and affectionate.

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Crow Shield Lodge receives \$200,000 from the Region of Waterloo

12 community organizations across the region receive funding

By Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette Staff

Crow Shield Lodge, an Indigenous land-based education and healing space located in New Hamburg, received \$200,000 in the form of a community capacity fund from the Region of Waterloo.

The funding will be used toward supporting the operational needs and growth of this Indigenous-led organization by employing staff and providing Indigenous community members with paid work for their gifts, knowledge and skills to provide teachings, programming and create pathways to culture for the Indigenous community and opportunities to connect for all nations.

It is part of the region's \$1.4-million investment in 12 community organizations, aimed at improving inclusion and belonging for racialized and other marginalized youth and adults. It is part of an overall \$4-million investment this year to improve community safety and well-being that includes the region's Upstream Fund and Community Capacity Building Fund.

"These leaders, organizations and groups work every day to foster inclusion and belonging in the community," said Regional Chair Karen Redman. "Investing in their work will create a better community for all."

These grassroots groups and organizations fill gaps in services to improve belonging in the community. Other organizations that received funding include:

- The African Family Revival Organization, who received \$95,000 as part of the upstream fund and \$30,000 as part of the community capacity fund.
- The Dope Content, who received \$60,000 as part of the community capacity fund.
- Gizaagi'in Healing, who received \$115,000 as part of the upstream fund and \$30,000 as part of the community capacity fund.
- Hamere-Noah Kidane Mihret Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahdo Church, who received \$60,000 as part of the upstream fund and \$30,000 as part of the community capacity fund.
- The Healing of Seven Generations, who received \$384,369 as part of the community capacity fund.
- Hope for Community Development, who received \$50,000 as part of the upstream fund.
- Independent Living Waterloo Region, who received \$45,000 as part of the upstream fund.
- Indigenous Poets Society, who received \$70,000 as part of the upstream fund.
- Kaleidoscope, who received \$20,000 as part of the upstream fund.
- Mel Brown Music Festival and Symposium, who received \$15,000 as part of the community capacity fund.
- Rhythm and Blues, who received \$110,000 as part of the upstream fund and \$94,483 as part of the community capacity fund.

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The Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette Weekly Quiz

- 1) Name the player whose name is on the Stanley Cup 5 times with 5 different spellings?
- 2) What is the capital of Sudan?
- 3) Which blood type is a universal donor?
- 4) Which globally-dreaded disease did the World Health Organization declare eradicated in 1980?
- 5) Who was the first American woman in space?
- 6) How many pounds are in a ton?
- 7) How many planets make up the solar system?
- 8) How many colors are in a rainbow?
- 9) Which astronomer is called out in "Bohemian Rhapsody"?
- 10) Who sang the song, "My Way"?

Answers found on page 22

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

May 4: Happy birthday to Drew Roth (14), Nicole Wilhelm (20), Bella Gingerich (21), Abigail Hallman (22), Jay Schurink (22), and Alyssa Habel.

May 5: Happy birthday to Alex Zehr (7), Tyler Bond (13), and Tatum Gaudun Gies (15) and anniversary for John and Joanne Gies (51st)

May 6: Happy birthday to Allison Wilker (16) and Gib Klein, and anniversary for Don and Carol Mordue.

May 7: Happy birthday to Amy Loggan (22) and Grant Bronson (91).

May 8: Happy birthday to Lucas Benbow (11) and anniversaries for Stewart and Laurie Grant (24th) and Joshua and Carolyn Zehr (13th).

May 9: Happy birthday to Callum Adamson (9) and Rosalie Bender, and anniversary for Kris and Christine Ferguson.

May 10: Happy birthday to Peyton Christie (13), Alyssa Lupton (21), Alexis Anonech (21), Max Kalbfleisch (23), and anniversaries for Lyle and Susan Rozendal (48th), and Daryl and Angie Bender (26th).

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

April 25-May 2, 2018 Edition (5 years ago)

Oxford County Public Health has received laboratory confirmation that processed deer meat is responsible for four cases of E. coli 0157 in Oxford County and a neighbouring County. Oxford County Public Health received the first report of E. coli in an Oxford County resident in mid-February, with a second report following one month later in March. A third and fourth case was identified in April.

Following the horrific bus accident on April 6, 2018, where 16 members of the Humboldt Broncos junior hockey team died, a plea went out from the Canadian Quilters' Association to Guilds across Canada to hold quilting marathons to send comforting quilts to first responders, victims, and their families. Locally, Deb Eddy of Country Patchworks Quilts and her son, Adam, of Eddycrest Sewing Furniture, along with Bonnie Wilson, Old School Line Machine Quilting, north of Woodstock, and many other volunteers have joined together to support the cause.

East Zorra-Tavistock Mayor Don McKay announced last Tuesday that on Friday, April 20, 2018, Jeff Carswell submitted to Council his resignation as Chief Administrative Officer

of the Township of East Zorra-Tavistock. "Mr. Carswell brought leadership, stability and vision to our municipality, and those who have had the pleasure of working with him will be saddened by his departure," the Mayor said in his release.

April 23-30, 2008 Edition (15 years ago)

Karl Bergen has reached the 100 units milestone in donations with Canadian Blood Services. He was one of a dedicated group of donors honoured at the Eighth Annual Donor Recognition Ceremony held in London on April 3, 2008. Among this year's honourees were four other donors from Tavistock who have given 50 or more units of blood or blood products in their lifetime to date. They include Thomas Currah, Darlene Nicklas, Eric Ruby, and Gregory Schwass.

A rededication ceremony was held on April 23 for the new gymnasium addition at Hickson Central Public School. The \$1.2 million construction project includes an additional 3,200 sq. ft. of gymnasium space for a total of 4,700 sq. ft.

April 29-May 6, 1998 Edition (25 years ago)

Their sixteenth wedding anniversary will be a memorable one for a Tavistock area couple who won \$250,000 on a lottery ticket purchased that day. David and Alison Johnston of RR 2 Tavistock were the big winners in the March 28th Encore draw from the Ontario Lottery Corporation.

A public meeting was held Monday night, May 4th at the Tavistock Memorial Hall where officials outlined the proposed Amalgamated Police Service for the County of Oxford. East Zorra-Tavistock Mayor Dave Oliphant chaired the session with Woodstock policeman Ron Fraser.

A special guest book character came alive on the weekend to welcome everyone to The Book Shelf's grand opening. Clifford, the Big Red Dog, along with Brenda Bowman and her family, were pleasantly surprised at the support of the community and residents of the surrounding countryside when she opened her new store at 24 Hope Street West in Tavistock.

April 25-May 9, 1973 Edition (50 years ago)

The provincial government has approved the formation of an Ontario Started Pullets Marketing Board which will operate on a quota system. The new boards aim is to stabilize started pullet production in Ontario and will be headed by William Ducklow of Tavistock. There are currently about 450 started pullet producers in Ontario who annually sell nine million started pullets for egg production.

The Shakespeare Optimist Club was officially formed on Saturday, May 5, 1973 at the Stratford Coliseum when the past president of Optimist International, Norm Shipley, presented the International charter to the president of the Shakespeare Club, Gil McNeil.

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COMMUNITY —

A new "chocolate studio" in Shakespeare

By Gary West

Shakespeare is getting a little sweeter with the opening of CHOC Fine Chocolates, a new self-described "chocolate studio," specializing in artisan bonbons featuring beautiful designs.

The business began as a side hustle for owner, Stephen Beaumont. He started experimenting with making chocolates as part of his previous role managing an ultra high net worth estate near Windsor, Ontario.

He explained that he wanted to do dinner parties and started producing these chocolates as an after-dinner nibble. He said that people loved them so much, they advised him to make more and try to sell them on his own.

Although Beaumont already had a background in the culinary arts, he soon began studying chocolate making, completing training with notable Michigan chocolatier Luis Amado. He also teaches hospitality courses at Conestoga College.

Beaumont then launched CHOK in early 2020 operating out of a certified kitchen in the basement of his Windsor home and selling to customers via online orders. Stephen took possession of the Chok studio in January 2023, and spent the first two-and-a-half months installing the kitchen and small retail area, getting it inspected, and more.

After several years, living between Windsor and Stratford, Beaumont recently made a full-time move to the festival city and brought CHOK fine chocolates, along with him, giving the business not only a new home in Shakespeare, but its first

dedicated production space.

Beaumont's goal is to create chocolates that don't just taste delicious, but also serve as pieces of edible art. He says "we eat with our eyes first so I like to create something that's visually appealing." He said "it gives me an opportunity to be creative both with what it looks like and also what it tastes like."

He achieves his rainbow-hued chocolate designs using a combination of coloured cocoa butter, and Swiss chocolate, which encase ganache, caramel, praline, and other sweet filling.

He says he "makes his own filling, to be sure that he doesn't use any preservatives or other artificial colours or flavours." Everything is natural, according to Beaumont.

Future plans include holding workshops, demonstrations and pairings at the studio this coming season. The first workshop is on Sunday, June 4, limited to 8 people. Participants will make their own bonbons with Stephen in a hands-on class that lasts two-and-a-half hours. The cost is \$99 per person and makes a great Mother's Day gift.

Customers can order chocolate on the website for pickup at the studio and also book for the workshop online. The website is www.chokfinechocolates.ca.

The studio is currently open on Saturdays and Tuesdays. Whenever Stephen is there, he will put the open sign out, and customers are welcome to come in at any time to chat or buy bonbons.



Stephen Beaumont in front of his new chocolate studio named CHOK on 7&8 Highway in Shakespeare. He can be reached at stephen@mychok.com.

Wilmot Township looking to update its noise bylaw

Two engagement events to take place at the Wilmot Recreation Complex next week

By Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette Staff

The Township of Wilmot is looking to modernize its current noise bylaw, and is holding public consultation events to get feedback from the community.

"In the past five years the municipality has received over 300 complaints and

inquiries related to noise in the Township of Wilmot. The current by-law should be updated to better reflect the needs of the community," said Erin Merritt, Manager of Municipal Law Enforcement.

"I'm hopeful that through these engagement opportunities we will receive feedback that will help guide staff and ensure

meaningful changes are proposed to Council."

Residents also have the opportunity to provide their feedback through an online survey beginning Monday, May 1 until Friday, June 9 at 4:30 p.m.

Two in person engagement events will

take place next week, including one at the Active Living Centre inside the Wilmot Recreation Complex (1291 Nafziger Road) on Thursday, May 11 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. The second will take place on Saturday, May 13, also at the Wilmot Recreation Complex, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Stay Cool in the Face of Summer Safety Risks

By Canada Safety Council

Though the seasonal warmth of summer isn't yet being felt everywhere in the country, there's certainly no better time to become acquainted – or re-acquainted – with tips to keep you and your family safe during the dog days of summer.

National Summer Safety Week is May 1 – 7, and the Canada Safety Council is calling attention to two potentially fatal summer safety concerns, with risks that can have serious consequences if left unaddressed.

Heat-Related Illnesses

Heat-related illnesses, including heat exhaustion and heat stroke, are silent killers. According to the British Columbia Coroners Service, an estimated 619 heat-related fatalities occurred in summer 2021 in British Columbia alone, the result of what we now know as the

western heat dome – the deadliest weather event in Canada as of writing.

As temperatures rise, and even more so in the context of the steady increase climate change continues to bring to our temperatures, it's essential to take precautions to stay cool and hydrated. This includes avoiding outdoor activities during the hottest part of the day, wearing lightweight and loose-fitting clothing, and drinking plenty of water.

Staying cool could also involve taking a dip in a pool, but beware...

Water-Related Fatalities

The second summer safety issue of note is the risk of water-related injuries, particularly among children. Drowning is a substantial cause of death in Canada, with the Lifesaving Society of Canada reporting approximately 460 people fatally drowning every year. Many of these

incidents occur in lakes or ponds (34%), rivers (29%) and pools (9%).

Additionally, more than 9 in 10 drownings involving children occur during absent or distracted supervision. Parents and guardians should always supervise children near water with undivided attention, ensuring that they have appropriate flotation devices. In public swimming

areas, they should ensure the presence of a trained lifeguard.

By staying aware of these important summer safety issues, Canadians can enjoy a safe and enjoyable summer. Learn more about these risks this National Summer Safety Week and remember: safety should always be a top priority, no matter how much fun you're having in the sun.

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COMMUNITY —

Stratford-Perth Rotary Hospice Volunteers meet in Shakespeare during National Volunteer Week

By Gary West

With the national volunteer week held between April 16 and 22nd, Stratford-Perth Rotary Hospice volunteers were invited to meet at the Shakespeare Optimist hall for an education event and social gathering.

Mark Goden and Alex Allen, from Waterloo Region Hospice, joined the volunteers to talk about advance care planning (ACP) to explain the importance of having a power of attorney or “substitute decision-maker” to make healthcare decisions for anyone in the event that they cannot speak for themselves.

Hospice Waterloo Region, operates the “Gies Family Centre”, an 11-bed residence located in North Waterloo and offers palliative support services in the Waterloo Region. They have a team of volunteer ambassadors that offer education sessions on advance care planning, as well as other topics, as it relates to palliative care.

The large number of volunteers in attendance, represented every corner of Rotary hospice-including reception, direct support, kitchen, garden, and the one-to-one community visiting program. Officials stated the volunteers, who support the hospice residence, are imperative to the comfort and care the residents and their loved ones receive during their stay.

The visiting Hospice program support clients living at home with a life, limiting illness and volunteers' journey alongside them, navigating the ups and downs of living with a terminal illness.

The one-to-one volunteer will follow the client wherever their journey takes them, including hospital, or Hospice and support the family with bereavement. The volunteer is introduced at such a vulnerable and personal time making the relationship they form with their client almost indescribable.

Rotary-Hospice, Stratford-Perth in their new facility, is available to those seeking end-of-life care and their loved ones at no cost to them. They rely on surrounding communities and generous donors to support the fundraising required to cover 50% of operational costs.

Rotary Hospice could not provide the same level of support, comfort, and care they do, without the community support and their 150 dedicated and compassionate volunteers.

For more information about Rotary Hospice Stratford-Perth and the volunteer program, or the visiting hospice program, contact Katie Jervis at katie@rotaryhospice.ca or 519-508-4900 extension 730.



Volunteers at Shakespeare Optimist Hall recently, learning about advanced care planning and how it is an important part of programs offered by Rotary Hospice Stratford-Perth.

WRPS seeking ‘Chief for a Day’

By Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette Staff

The Waterloo Regional Police Service (WRPS) is seeking a new junior chief for its annual ‘Chief for a Day’ contest.

The contest, which launches April 25, is open to all students in the Waterloo Region from Grade 5 to Grade 7. Students are asked to write a short essay describing what they would do to make a positive

contribution in their community if they were chief for a day.

A winner will be announced on May 19 during Police Week in Ontario.

“The police service looks forward to receiving essays from our youth and hearing their ideas about how we can all work together to make Waterloo Region a better place to live, grow, and enjoy,” said Police

Chief Mark Crowell.

Once chosen, the junior chief will have the opportunity to get fitted in a police uniform, tour police headquarters, check out the inside of a police cruiser, visit the WRPS canine unit, interact with police officers throughout the day, and participate in a media conference.

Essays can be submitted to police

headquarters, located at 200 Maple Grove Road in Cambridge, through the WRPS social media accounts (including Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram), or by e-mail to publicinfo@wrps.on.ca.

Essays must be submitted by May 15 and include a name and contact information.

EZT council meeting highlights

By Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette Staff

The East Zorra-Tavistock council held a meeting yesterday morning on Wednesday, May 3 at the Innerkip Community Centre, 695566 17th Line in Innerkip. Here are some of the agenda highlights:

Council received information about ERTH Corporations’ Annual General Meeting.

Staff reports were presented. Some highlights were:

Roadside tree planting is underway in the township. There have been 197 trees planted to date. An additional 400 trees will be planted at the Innerkip Meadows storm pond.

Road grading and gravel application has started. Dust suppressant is also

scheduled to start. Staff will be experimenting with spraying techniques.

Arena ice will go in the week of July 24.

The firefighters breakfast at the Innerkip Fire Station will take place on May 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The 2023 proposed draft operating and capital budget is in development, with a

proposed tax rate change of 4.55 per cent, subject to change.

For more information, visit the township website or contact municipal clerk Will Jaques at 519-462-2697 extension 7825.

The next East Zorra-Tavistock meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 17.

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COMMUNITY —

WEFI donates \$30,000 to support student nutrition

By Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette Staff

The Waterloo Education Foundation Inc. (WEFI) renewed their funding to local organizations that support student nutrition programs. On Tuesday, January 17, the WEFI Board of Directors passed a motion to provide \$30,000, which will be distributed equally to community partners, including Food4Kids Waterloo Region,, the May Court Club of Kitchener-Waterloo and Nutrition for Learning.

"The ongoing impact of food price inflation impacts the lives of all in Waterloo Region. We are proud, once again, to support the work of these essential organizations and their efforts to address food

insecurity," said Jeewan Chanicka, president of WEFI. "Thank you to all of those from Food4Kids, the May Court Club and Nutrition for Learning who support our students and their families every day."

These organizations will receive an equal portion of the funding. The services they provide to students and their families is instrumental in combating food insecurity in Waterloo Region.

"It is our honour to support the incredible work that Food4Kids, the May Court Club and Nutrition for Learning do in our schools every day," said Joanne Weston, a member of the WEFI Board of Directors and Chair of the Board of Trustees for the

Waterloo Region District School Board (WRDSB).

"Thank you to everyone who chose to Give the Gift of WEFI this past year, and helped us to continue to support these important community organizations."

Food4Kids, the May Court Club and Nutrition for Learning will be able to continue supplying students with direct nutritional support. For our students, this means they will continue to be able to focus on their learning, without having to worry about whether or not food for their lunch was available at home.

"With the support of various community partners, such as Food4Kids, the May

Court Club and Nutrition for Learning, WEFI continues to make a positive impact in the lives of students and families across Waterloo Region," said Nick Landry, treasurer and secretary of WEFI.

"We believe that these funds will support student nutrition programs across our Region and help reduce the impact of food insecurity that many of our students and families face on a daily basis."

Sir Adam Public School in Baden thanked the organization for the donation.

WEFI is a registered charitable foundation that operates through the Waterloo Region District School Board and is managed by a Board of Directors.

Township of Wilmot organizes events for national youth week

By Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette Staff

National Youth week is an annual celebration that takes place from May 1 to 7. It recognizes and promotes the positive contributions of young people in communities across Canada while also providing opportunities for youth to participate in various events, activities, and community service projects.

Youth week helps to foster a sense of belonging and empowerment among young people, as well as encourages them to become active and engaged members of the community while also building a stronger, more vibrant Wilmot.

"Celebrating our amazing youth is something that should be done every day, but Promoting National Youth Week and

providing some extra special fun opportunities for the young people in Wilmot Township is something we are very proud of," said Community Services Director Sandy Jackson in a release.

"Thank you to our dedicated group of local young people on the Youth Action Council and our recreation staff team who are providing opportunities for healthy social interaction and fun!"

The Township Wilmot's Youth Action Council, together with Township staff, have organized the following week of events.

Monday, May 1 - Launch Party

Tuesday, May 2 and Wednesday, May 3 - Laser Tag (registration required)

Thursday, May 4 - Extreme Makeover: Youth Edition

Friday, May 5 - Family Movie Night

Saturday, May 7 - Outdoor Painting in the

Park (registration required)

For more information about youth week events, please visit wilmot.ca/YouthWeek.

Pull behind trailer in Tavistock



Noah Zehr wanted to show the Gazette his pull behind trailer that he takes everywhere behind his bike in Tavistock last Thursday, April 27. Although Noah wasn't the original designer of the trailer, he is very proud of it and uses it to tow lots of cargo. (Photo credit: Wendy Lamond)

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- Inform management and compile reports/summaries on activity in all areas of accounting
- Other administration tasks that will arise from time to time/reception
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Requirements

- Proven accounting experience, preferably as an Accounts Receivable or Accounts Payable/bookkeeper position
- Familiarity with bookkeeping and GAAP accounting principles/procedures
- Competency in MS Office, databases and JONAS
- Hands-on experience with spreadsheets (intermediate/advanced)
- Accuracy and attention to detail
- Possess analytical thinking/skills
- Ability to perform filing and record keeping tasks
- Data entry and word processing skills, well versed in English language (written/verbal)
- Well organized and fast learner

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- Post-secondary degree/diploma, accounting or adjacent field
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- Intermediate/advanced Excel experience (Adobe, Microsoft Outlook, Word/Excel experience)

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COMMUNITY —

Karaoke at Morningside in New Hamburg



Over 120 Morningside villagers came out on the evening of Saturday, April 30th to enjoy all the village could offer in singing talent. It was their first karaoke evening in over three years due to the rise of the pandemic. A fun time was had by all! Over 12 people were in the rotation and there were some serious "pipes" right here in our midst! Martin Chambers booked the host and co-ordinated the event. Afterwards he said "Where else can you have so much for \$5?!" (Photo credit: Scott Dunstall)

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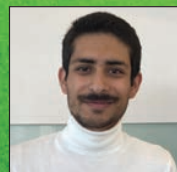
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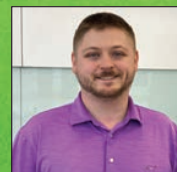
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SPORTS —

Applejacks win Southern Conference Championship to reach PJHL Final Four

By Lee Griffi

For the first time in team history, the Wellesley Applejacks are headed to the Schmaltz Cup. The final four of the Provincial Junior Hockey League starts this weekend, with the last few games in Woodstock from May 12 to 14. The Doherty Division champions finished off Glanbrook in five games with a 4-2 road victory.

Jake Clemmer scored the game-winning goal, his second of the playoffs, with just under seven minutes remaining in the third period. Before that, the Applejacks took a pair of four-minute penalties, one to Adam Hoff at the end of the second for head contact and the other to Austin Stemler in the third for kneeling, but they were able to weather the storm. Head coach Ryan Gerber says killing off the pair of double-minors was huge. "It was very big. After that, we regained momentum and got back on course." As for Clemmer and some other players stepping up their game and scoring key goals, Gerber says he wasn't surprised. "Our depth has been our strong point in these playoffs, and as in any playoff series, it's not always the top scorers; it's the other guys contributing that is key. They aren't always on the scoresheet but in all aspects of the game from blocking shots, getting pucks out, the penalty kills, all the unsung things."

Dimitri Eleftheriadis gave the Applejacks a 1-0 lead with his first of the playoffs before the Rangers took a 2-1 lead at the midway point of the second period. Alexandr Sutchin's shorthanded goal and first of the postseason with just 35 seconds left in the third tied the game at two, setting the stage

for Clemmer's heroics. Chris Butler added an empty-net powerplay goal late in the third, his third of the playoffs. "I can't say enough amazing things about this group of players. The heart, passion and competing night in and night out is what has gotten us to this point. We are very proud of this bunch," adds Gerber. Wellesley outshot Glanbrook 32-21.

Now the Applejacks attention turns to the remaining three teams in the PJHL final four. Wellesley is joined by the Clarington Eagles, who haven't lost a single playoff game, the Lakeshore Canadiens, and the Stayner Siskins.

Gerber says the remaining teams really don't know much about each other. "That's the exciting part. We don't know any of these teams and they don't know us. Two weeks is a pretty short timeline to try and get film on the other three teams, and video shows only so much. It doesn't show the speed, how quickly plays develop. We use it the best we can and just try to get the guys focused and also to tell them to enjoy the moment." The Applejacks have been on a tremendous roll to get to unknown territory, but overall, Gerber says the break since winning the Southern Division title is a positive. "It's hard to say. I think it was good for us to have a little break here; we have been going pretty much every other night for almost two months now. It is also nice for the guys to get some personal time in there. There has been some pretty intense and emotional hockey they have played. It'll be nice to refocus and keep this awesome journey going."

The one negative for Wellesley and their dedicated fan base is that this season's final

home game and likely the last game ever played in the old barn won't actually be at home but rather in Elmira this Friday night. "It is just really unfortunate we couldn't finish at home. Firstly, I think we play so well in our barn, and secondly that it's most likely the last game that would have been played in that arena. Also, the arena is so small compared to many newer rinks in our league and the atmosphere in there is just unbelievable. I am going to miss that rink, that room, so many amazing memories in there. All of the coaching staff played for the Lacks in that barn, and Brock (Gerber, Head of Hockey Operations) and I played one year together as Jacks. We are going to miss it."

Dan Roth is the Director of Recreation at Wellesley Township and says it was a difficult decision for the township to take the ice out. "When the Ontario Hockey Federation changed their schedules to have playoffs not start until early March rather than early February, it put all these small municipalities in challenging situations. This year's structure allowed for two playoff series to be done before the beginning of April. These changes were made without a great deal of consultation with the municipalities who own and operate the facilities. For this season, we were able to come to an agreement with The Wellesley Applejacks to keep the ice in for an additional two weeks until April 15, and that decision was made in October, so we were able to put our Spring work plan together and budget accordingly for the extra two weeks of running the refrigeration system." He adds an issue with the ice system led to further complications. "In late March, a brine leak was discovered in the refrigeration system in

Wellesley. So, when the Applejacks won the Doherty Division, it put everyone in a difficult situation. The municipality did not want to see the Applejacks not play the conference finals in another facility, but we also had to consider the cost of keeping the ice in for one group and the potential impact on our spring operations. We also had to monitor the brine leak to ensure it was not getting worse. We were able to come to an agreement with the Applejacks that did not put an extra burden on our spring operations or our operating budget, but it was understood that we could not go past this round of the playoffs. The last game the Applejacks played was very likely that the last game in the Wellesley Arena and it was sure nice that it was a victory," he adds.

Wellesley Applejacks Schmaltz Cup Schedule

Friday May 5 Clarington vs. Wellesley (in Elmira) 8:30 p.m.

Saturday May 6 Wellesley at Lakeshore 4 p.m.

Friday May 12 Stayner vs. Wellesley (in Woodstock) 5 p.m.

The four teams are then seeded with 1 playing 4 and 2 playing 3 in Woodstock on Saturday, May 13, with the championship game on Sunday.

Notes... while the game against Clarington in Elmira may not be a home game, four Applejacks call it their hometown - Isiah Katsube, Jake Clemmer, Connor Bradley, and Owen O'Donnell... Katsube leads Wellesley in playoff scoring with 14 goals and 27 points. He was second in team scoring during the regular season behind Kyle Baker.

OPINION —

EXPERT ADVICE: *How long will it take to heal?*



By Melissa Hamilton

The worst part about enduring an injury or having a surgical procedure is the waiting game for your body to heal. This is a common question that patients ask when they are eager to get back to work, sport or general activities of daily living without pain. There are many factors that affect tissue healing time, such as; type of tissue, blood supply to the affected area, extent of the damage, health status of the individual, medications and rehabilitation. Here is a general guideline on tissue healing times:

Muscle: healing timeline 2 weeks -

6 months

- A muscle strain is categorized from Grade one to three based on how severe the damage to the tissue is

- Minor injuries may heal quickly, while severe injuries will take more time. At times surgery may be required which will also delay healing.

- No matter the severity, when muscle tissue is healing it needs to be properly rehabilitated to remodel the muscle tissue back to proper function. This will prevent re-injury and improve outcomes.

Tendon: healing timeline 3 weeks to a year

- Tendons are what connect muscles to bones.

- Tendon injuries are also categorized based on time the injury has been present.

- o Tendonitis is the earliest form of injury (acute), where there is inflammation of the tissue but no damage, this will take approximately 3 weeks to 7 weeks to heal.

- o Tendinosis is when the injury

was not addressed early enough, and is now considered chronic persisting injury, where there is now microscopic damage to the tissue. This can take 3 months to 6 months to heal.

- o Laceration of a tendon is when a tendon is cut - this may require surgical intervention and can take 5 weeks to 6 months to heal completely.

- For tendon damage, proper rehabilitation is crucial so that optimal stress and motion can be restored.

Ligaments: healing timeline 2 weeks to a year

- Ligaments are similar structures to tendons; these connect bones to bones.

- Similar to muscle and tendons, ligament healing time will depend on severity.

- Mild (Grade 1) ligament sprains can take 2-4 weeks to heal, moderate (Grade 2) sprains can take more than 10 weeks. Severe (Grade 3) sprains are when the ligament is completely torn and may need surgical intervention, these can take 6 months to a year to heal.

Bones: healing timeline 6 weeks to 3 months

- The healing time of bones can depend on which bone was injured due to size and blood supply; most will heal in about 6-8 weeks.

- A fracture that happens in larger bones can take up to 12 weeks to heal, and will still be remodeling and getting stronger for up to a year.

- A fracture in the hand or wrist often heals in 4-6 weeks, but should be monitored due to blood supply issues for certain smaller bones.

- There are three stages of healing for fractures: Inflammatory phase (1-2 weeks), Repair phase (the next 2-3 weeks), and the remodeling phase, which goes on for months after the fracture is no longer painful and appears healed on x-rays.

How can you optimize healing and decrease the healing time?

- 1) Seek guidance - the sooner, the better. The common response to a minor injury is watchful waiting, which is actually doing your body a disfavor. Even for the smallest

of injuries, the sooner you seek care from a professional, the better your outcomes are. Injuries in the acute phase, meaning as soon as they happen, are significantly easier to treat and get back to normal function. The longer you wait, the greater the chance that the injury will be recurrent and chronic. Chronic injuries are significantly harder to have optimal outcomes.

- 2) Follow your doctors' orders. This means your medical doctor, chiropractor or physical therapist. The annoying exercises that you dislike doing are going to prevent you from dealing with this injury for a long time. The exercise prescription is the MOST important part of any injury healing process. More important than medication and more important than manual therapy.

- 3) Maintain a well-balanced diet. Getting the proper amount of protein and vitamins are all essential for healing.

- 4) If you smoke, consider stopping. Smoking inhibits fine capillary blood flow, which is essential to healing.

SPORTS —

A successful season is over for the U-18 Tavistock Titans



The 2022- 2023 U-18 Rep Tavistock Titans. Front left to right, Alex VanKlaveren, Ethan Dam, Carter Otto, Connor Readman, Carter Roth, Nathan Brenneman, Owen Polisak, Zac Roth. Middle left to right, Assistant Coach Brodie Oliver, Head Coach Zac Berg, Asst. Coach Jensen VanBoekel, Anderson Allan, Logan Rose, Morgan Brenneman, Jake Haus, Sam Owen, Cam Munro, Trainer Jake Wiffen, Manager Paul Brenneman, trainer Derek Hyde. Back row left to right, Ayden Wilkins, Connor Roth, Sam Jeffrey, Dylan West, Blake Stere, Brady Rayer. Absent are Luc Dionne and Max Harvey. (Photo credit: J.L. Meyer)

By Gary West

With their season now over, it was exciting hockey for the U-18 Tavistock Titans Rep team this year.

In their final tournament in Barrie recently, the team beat one of the top teams, Minto, who they lost to earlier in the year, but they outscored them with a final of 2-1.

In game 2, they outscored and out-muscled Ilderton 4-1. They had also been beaten by them earlier in the year.

In game 3 the Titans were in the Quarterfinals and beat Kawartha by a score of 2-0.

The team then advanced to the semifinals and lost in a tough 4-2 battle to Clearview. They had scored the first goal, but had it called back. Their coach, Zac Berg, said "that killed their momentum along with a couple of tough bounces."

In summing up their season, coach Berg said he "was pleased with the amount their team improved throughout the year and impressed his coaching staff."

He said "it made his first year of coaching, very enjoyable and thanked the group of hard-working players, that really bought into the system that he and the other coaches had drawn up."

Pet of the Week



ECHO

Dogs that walk with their masters in Shakespeare are always friendly with the people they meet in the village's side streets. Such is the case with Echo, a smart female lab crossed with a border collie. She is 11 years old and the pride and joy of Alana Respondek, who takes her for a walk daily. Alana says she enjoys the exercise as much as Echo does.

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TRAVEL —

OH, THE PLACES WE'LL GO: Great gardens, spectacular sculptures, and more



By Paul Knowles

"Have you come to see the Rodins, or the azaleas?"

The good news was, we didn't have to choose. And the even better news – as wonderful as Rodin sculptures and exuberant azaleas might be, there was so much more to enjoy, as well, during our visit to the Brookgreen Gardens in Myrtle Beach.

When you think of Myrtle Beach, you probably have one of two ideas in your mind – the beautiful, 96-kilometer-long beach known as the "Grand Strand", or the 90 or so golf courses in the area.

But there is more – and one of the best of the "more" is Brookgreen Gardens.

Full disclosure – the Rodin exhibition, featuring 46 of the sculptor's amazing works, was a temporary feature at the garden. However, although the Rodins may have moved on, that only leaves 1,400 sculptures, by 300 important sculptors, that are part of the permanent collection at Brookgreen. Five hundred and fifty are currently on display throughout the extensive gardens.

So whether you are a garden lover or an art aficionado, you will love it here. And probably emerge after many wonderful hours as a fan of both.

Brookgreen Gardens came into being in the 1930s, the project of Archer and Anna Hyatt Huntington. Archer had inherited significant wealth; Anna was a noted sculptor. Together, they purchased four former plantations in the Myrtle Beach area, and founded what has become the most significant sculpture garden in the world.

I know – "plantations" is a hot-button word, and it should be. But I was impressed that the property includes an area that was, in fact, a slave village, with all the appropriate information about that horrendous period in history. There is no ducking reality, here.

There are several elements to the gardens. The largest area open to the public is, in fact, the garden. There are also exhibition spaces, and the Lowcountry History and Wildlife Preserve, where the true story of the property is told, and where you can see native animals and birds – including a wonderful flock of Night Herons, one of my favourite southern birds. There are also excursions into the tidal creek wetland areas, via boat or ATV-style vehicles.

The gardens themselves echo the concept of British landscape gardens. There are perennial and annual beds, but the overall idea is big, really big, with large sculptures, trees, shrubs, and panoramic views.

While art might be seen as the primary focus here, the horticultural aspect is equally strong –

Brookgreen has been named one of the Top 10 Botanical Gardens in the U.S.

Guided tours are offered – our volunteer guide, Elaine Hakinson, was a wealth of information, and an enthusiastic fan of the gardens.

She told us that the reason for her unflagging delight is that Brookgreen is "ever-changing and amazing." In fact, over the next three years, the garden will add an enormous conservatory, yet one more reason to visit an already spectacular destination. On a smaller scale, the sculptures in the gardens change a bit, too – between five and 15 new sculptures are added each year.

Overall, the place is wildly impressive. But it is the sum of many wonderful, unique parts – like the "Live Oak Allee", a broad path under a canopy of those huge, quintessentially southern trees, well decorated with Spanish moss. Which, by the way, is neither Spanish moss – it's an air plant, a bromeliad. Tuck that fact away for your next trivia party.

In addition to so much art and such terrific gardens, there is also poetry throughout the garden. Archer Huntington was a poet, and works he wrote or chose are subtly displayed throughout the garden.

Some of the sculptures are beautifully decorative, but others flat out demand that visitors stop and contemplate the message. My favourite is called "Man Carving His Own Destiny", by sculptor Albin Polasek. It depicts a man chiseling his own figure from a



Pegasus, by Laura Gardin Fraser – a work of art weighing 60 tons! (All photos by Paul Knowles)

block of limestone – an image stating the need for us to carve out our own destiny. I was surprised to learn that the life-sized work was donated by the artist, to Brookgreen.

One of the most impressive sculptures is entitled "Pegasus", brought with considerably difficulty to Brookgreen in 1950. It's enormous – the granite sculpture had to be divided into three sections, each weighing 20 tons. It was created by artist Laura Gardin Fraser.

Elaine Hakinson is one of dozens of dedicated volunteers at Brookgreen, which also has a staff of 15 full-time horticulturalists, as well as professional art experts and curators.

There are a few intriguing twists, when it comes to visiting Brookgreen Gardens. First, admission is relatively inexpensive – \$20 adult, \$18 seniors, \$10 for kids 4-12. But here's the trick – your

ticket is good for seven days, and if you are visiting Myrtle Beach with your family, one day in the sculpture garden and another in the wildlife area would make for two great days out.

Second, although this is a garden – which might indicate that winter would be the down time – the biggest nights of the year come during the Christmas/New Year's season. The event is "Nights of a Thousand Candles" – and the nights sell out months ahead of time. That's even though it can, in fact, get pretty chilly in South Carolina.

But people flock to the event because, whatever time of year it may be, Brookgreen Gardens is simply a magical place to be.

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"Man Carving His Own Destiny", by sculptor Albin Polasek.



The Live Allee – Live Oaks and Spanish Moss.

COMMUNITY —

Taco Night in held in Shakespeare this past weekend



The large crowd that enjoyed tacos and all the fixings in the Optimist Hall Saturday evening for the ninth annual Shakespeare Men's Club all you can eat taco night.

By Gary West

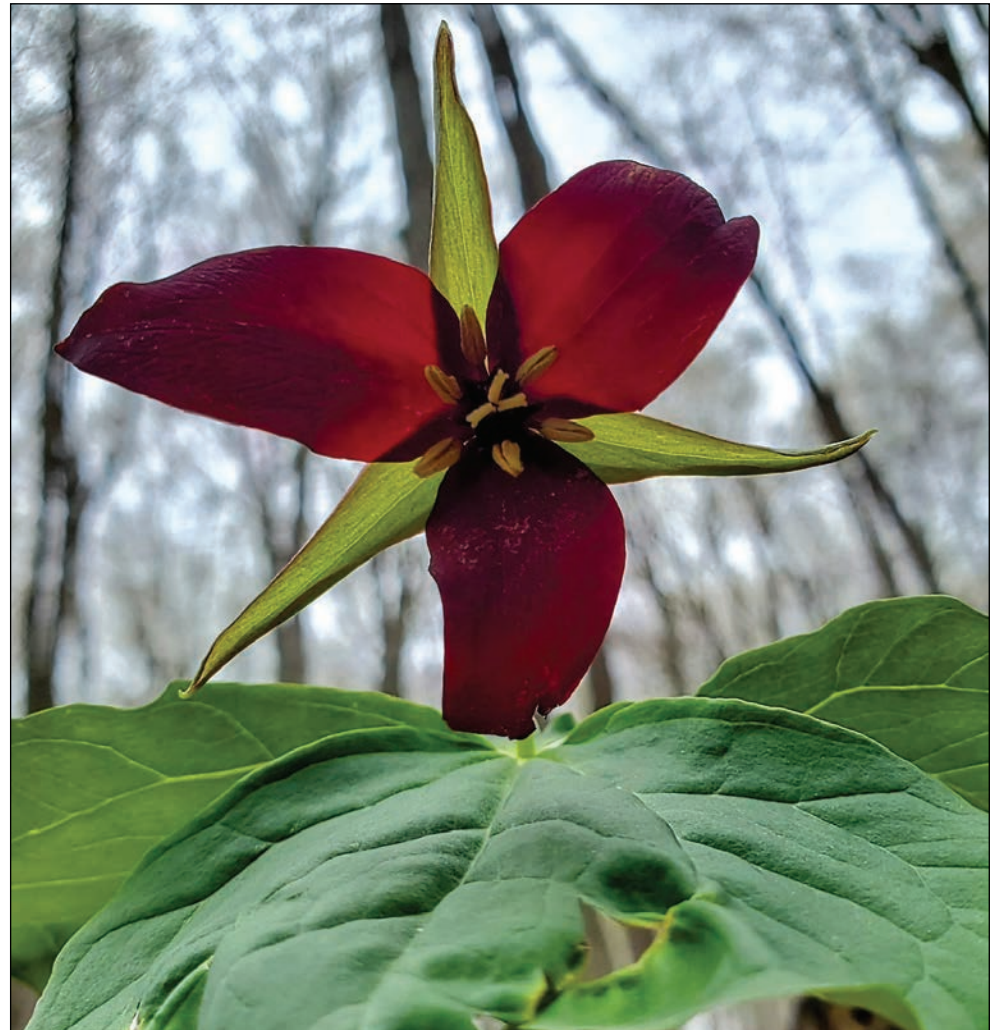
The Shakespeare Men's Club held their annual all you can eat taco night in the Shakespeare Optimist Hall on Saturday night, April 29.

It was the ninth year the men's club have held their annual fundraiser. Club President Barry Nowack was again overwhelmed by the community support where over 350 hungry Taco eaters enjoyed the Mexican themed evening.

Many businesses in the surrounding area also took part by donating gifts and prizes for draws throughout the night.

The men's club takes part in the annual field day parade in June, sponsors a Halloween haunted trail and food drive in October, and sponsors the Santa Claus parade in December along with working with other organizations in the village throughout the year.

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 one depicts a red Trillium along Walker Woods trail. (Photo credit: Darryl Gingerich)

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR - MAY 2023

<p>May 4th Community Hymn Sing Taking place at 7 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church at 1123 Henry Street in Wellesley. With elevator accessibility. Pianist Diane Peters will play familiar favourites. Refreshments and fellowship following hymn sing. Freewill cash donations to the Wellesley Food Cupboard.</p>	<p>115 Peel Street in New Hamburg from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Food and bottle drive, contest, lemonade sale, book sale, Beavertrail ice cream truck, games, obstacle course. Everyone welcome.</p>	<p>No experience necessary, but advance registration is requested. Instructions and refreshments will be provided. Register on EventBrite. Rain or shine event.</p>	<p>Taking place at the Wellesley Community Centre at 1,000 Maple Leaf Street in Wellesley. Booking times are available from about 3 p.m. until about 8 p.m. on www.blood.ca.</p>	<p>May 13th Living Below the Line Taking place at 2 p.m. at Crosshill Mennonite Church, hosted by Wellesley Mennonite Church at 2537 Hutchison Road, Millbank. Co-created and presented by individuals living in poverty. Living Below the Line is a stereotype-busting dramatic presentation celebrating resilience and hope. For more info, visit www.mcco.ca/events.</p>
<p>May 6th Tavistock Opti-Mrs Pub Night Featuring Crackerjack Palace band, who cover songs from the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, Steely Dan and the Eagles. Takes place at Tavistock Memorial Hall. Cost is \$20 a ticket. Tickets available at Tavistock IDA and Tavistock Shell gas station, or by emailing tavistockoptimrs@gmail.com.</p>	<p>May 6th Mannheim Community Garage Sale and Barbecue Hosted by the Optimist Club of Mannheim from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Optimist food booth will be located at 1506 Mannheim Road. Bacon burgers, sausages and refreshments will be available to purchase. Enjoy the hustle and bustle of the neighbourhood and shop for some special treasures. All proceeds from the barbecue go to the Mannheim Optimist Club to support local youth.</p>	<p>May 8th 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>May 12th Greenwood Rod & Gun Fish Fry Taking place at 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Greenwood Rod & Gun at 2596 Notre Dame Drive in St. Agatha. Fish, fries and coleslaw. Cost is \$20. Dine in or take out.</p>	<p>May 15th Blood Drive Taking place at the Steinmann Mennonite Church at 1316 Snyder's Road West in New Hamburg. Booking times are available from about 3 p.m. until about 8 p.m. on www.blood.ca.</p>
<p>May 6th Family Event Taking place at Zion United Church,</p>	<p>May 7th Catherine Street Park Tree Planting From 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Catherine Street Park. Join Let's Tree Wilmot as they plant trees in the neighbourhood park, then move onto a second location.</p>	<p>May 8th History of Tea Hosted by the Wilmot Horticulture Society. Taking place at the Wilmot Recreation Complex Meeting Room A at 7 p.m. Speaker for the evening is Bob Wildfong, Horticultural Specialist Teacher/Interpreter at the Ken Seiling Museum. He will talk about the history, tradition and flavours of tea.</p>	<p>May 13th Baden Hill Regional Forest Tree Planting From 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Baden Hill Regional Forest. This project is Let's Tree Wilmot's biggest to date - adding several acres to the Baden Hills Regional Forest. No experience necessary, but advance registration is requested. Instructions and refreshments will be provided. Register on EventBrite. Rain or shine event.</p>	<p>May 17th East Zorra-Tavistock Council Meeting In-person council meeting taking place at 695566 17th Line in Innerkip starting at 9 a.m.</p>
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- 3) O Negative
- 4) Smallpox
- 5) Sally Ride
- 6) 2,000
- 7) Eight
- 8) Seven
- 9) Galileo
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