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## U20 Tavistock Athletics - first time winners of Jamie Boyd Memorial Trophy



Jamie's mom, Muriel Boyd, along with his wife, Tracey Boyd, displaying the championship trophy that was presented to this years tournament champions the U20 Tavistock Athletics. (Photo credit: Gary West)

By Gary West

The U20 Tavistock Athletics have always felt that winning the Jamie Boyd Memorial tournament in Tavistock would be one goal they wanted to achieve - but until this year, the trophy had eluded them.

2023 was the year their goal was realized and the team captured the championship they had always hoped for at the end of June.

In the round-robin portion of the

tournament, Tavistock played Shallow Lake, Rostock, Haldimand and Wilmot, finishing with a record of 3 and 1.

Their performance placed the them in first and they were given a bye to Sunday afternoon's championship game.

In the final, Tavistock beat Rostock to become the first athletics team to win the Jamie Boyd Memorial Trophy.

For those ball fans that are new to the area, the Jamie Boyd memorial tournament was started by Tracey Boyd

in memory of her late husband, Jamie. Jamie passed away suddenly in 2018 at the young age of 41 as the result of an accident.

Jamie was a huge baseball fan, and also a dedicated player. Everyone who knew him said, "there was no one with a more fun demeanour and sense of humour than Jamie, and yet talented like no other."

For those players who had the privilege

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## Hickson Public School bus driver remembered

By Lee Griffi, Local Journalism Initiative reporter

Just before 7 a.m. on Monday, May 29, a bus driven by Dave Stewart and an unmarked Ontario Provincial Police vehicle driven by Det. Const. Steven Torangeau collided at the intersection of County Roads 59 and 33. Both perished as the investigation into what happened continues. That day impacted many people, including the teachers, parents, and students at Hickson Public School, where Stewart dropped off children with a smiling face each and every day.

School principal Dolly Fox says she and her vice-principal helped unload buses every day, and Dave was always the last bus to arrive. "We talked to him every day, and he was always wearing a bucket hat, he was smiling and just the nicest guy. He loved the kids, and he was easy to talk to."

Fox added she gave a lot of thought to doing something for the bus drivers who mean so much to the school community. "We do recognize them, and we see what they do every day. I was thinking of a baseball cap but one of my colleagues suggested a bucket hat, so I ordered green since it is the Hickson colour and bucket hats because Dave always wore one, and we had a hawk embroidered on the front of it for the bus drivers." Fox added the last day of school was a special moment to pay tribute to Stewart's memory. "I gave the drivers their hats, and then I got a call from the bus company, and they were all going to come five minutes early on the last day of school and wear their hats so I could get a picture. It was really lovely. It brought a tear to my eye."

Anyone who has children who are bused to school knows how much it can mean to a child and a family to have a connection with the driver, something Fox said is important

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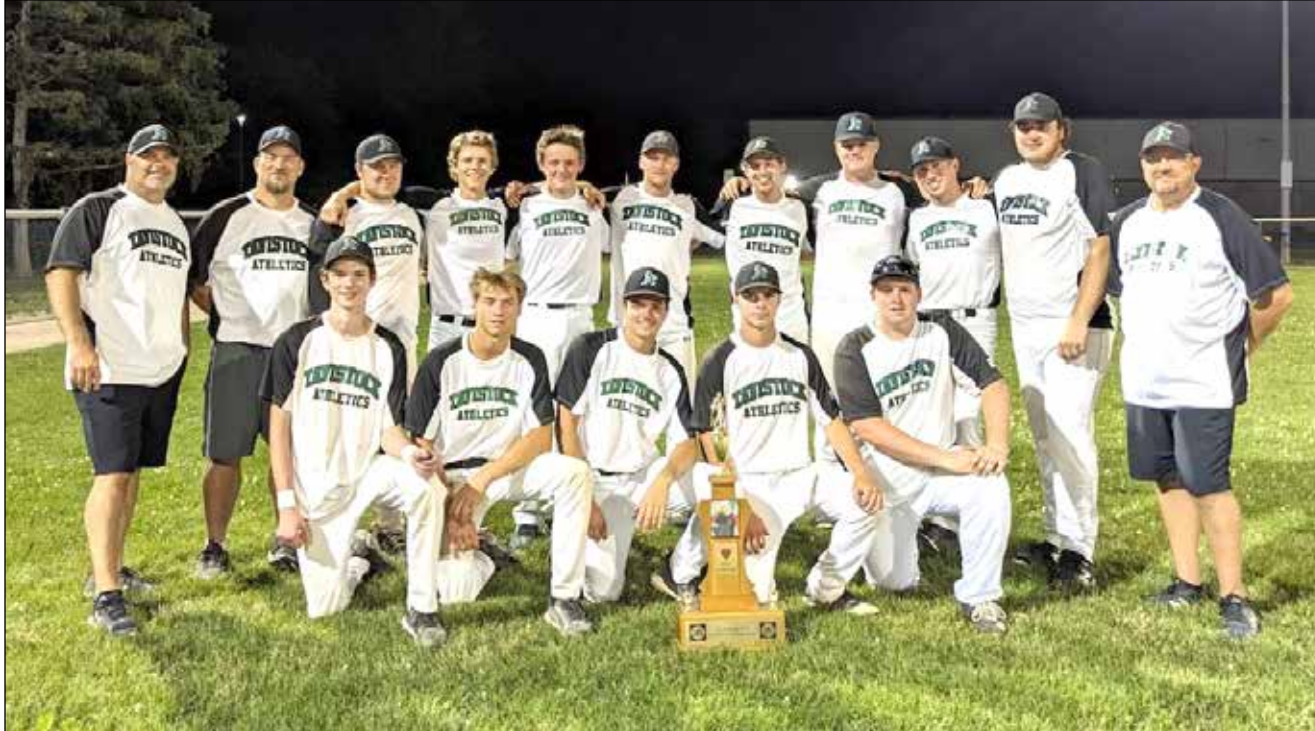
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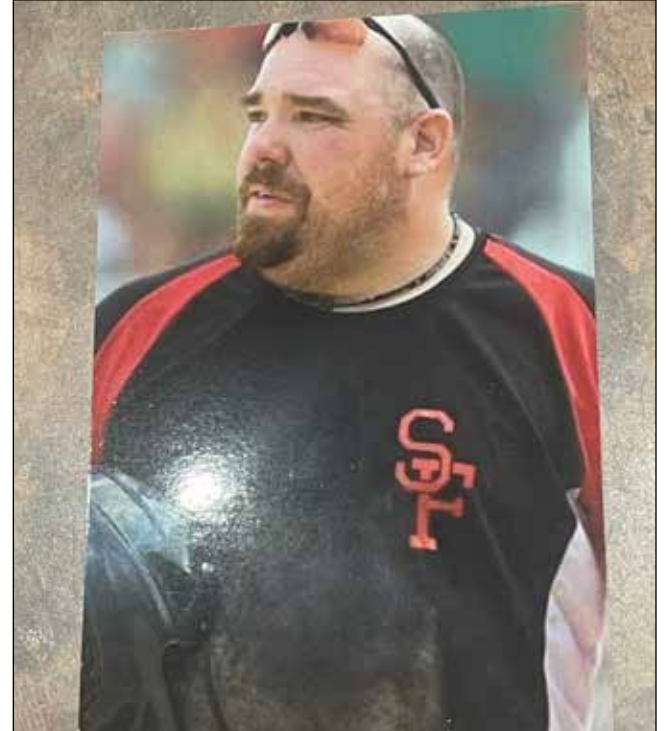


# NEWS —

## U20 Tavistock Athletics - first time winners of the Jamie Boyd Memorial Trophy



This year's Tavistock Athletic Champions with the Jamie Boyd Memorial Trophy. Front left to right: Brandon Gerber, Bo Schurink, Nathan Brenneman, Justin Roth, Aaron Waugh. Back left to right: Jeff Roth (coach), Dave Nahrgang (coach), Kyle Stock, Isaac Currah, Matthew Bartlett, Will Schlotzhauer, Brody Van Boekel, Carson Cadwell, Zach Thompson, Reid Forthhuber, Chad Harmer (coach). (Photo contributed)



Memories of Jamie Boyd in his Shakespeare Falcons uniform, whose memorial tournament draws ball teams from many parts of Ontario. (Photo contributed)

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of being coached by Jamie, will always say he taught them so much about the game. Jamie wasn't about focusing overly on fundamental skills, like how to catch and throw, or how to swing a bat.

Jamie's strength was his baseball I.Q. and his will to win. His players said they learned more about strategy, how to read and predict pitchers, and brought them to a new level of intensity and a drive to win. At the same time, he taught his players to hate losing.

In his playing days, he played with the Tavistock Merchants, the Shakespeare Falcons, and his talent won him the International Softball Congress (ISC) World Player of the Year. Jamie was very involved in Tavistock minor ball, and coached his own kids when they were

growing up.

As most players and fans knew, he wore #61 - his famous line was #61 on the sweater, but #1 in your heart.

True words he would always be remembered by.

## EZT Awards Spray Pad Tender



East Zorra-Tavistock Council has approved a staff recommendation that will see a company from the area construct a spray pad at Queen's Park in Tavistock. The Request for Proposals garnered five applications with the winning bid coming from Openspace Solutions Inc., a Wellesley-based operation. The total cost came in at \$248,900.00, just under the quarter of a million-dollar budget for the project. The spray pad was initially approved in 2020 contingent on the community reaching a \$100,000 fundraising goal which was met earlier this year. The rest of the money is coming from a Trillium grant of \$150,000. Construction is expected to begin following the Tavistock Fall Fair in September.

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**COMMUNITY —**

# Hickson Public School bus driver remembered



Bus drivers from Hickson Public School sport their bucket hats in memory of Dave Stewart, who died in an accident at the intersection of County Roads 59 and 33. (Photo credit Dolly Fox)

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in many ways. "It makes such a big difference, and our buses are so full, and we had so many junior kindergarteners. We had kids as young as three and a half, and our drivers take such good care of them. They don't let the kids off the bus until they see a family member or babysitter."

Fox added the school community has had a tough time dealing with Stewart's death but wants to do something to remember him. "The community wants to do something like a bench in Hickson Park. Dave's wife also drove the bus for us but has been off now, and his grandkids go to our school. I don't know if anything else has been done yet, but there has been a lot of talk about it." The Thames Valley District School Board sent in a trauma team to support the school following the accident. Fox added the children haven't forgotten Stewart. "The kids skipped the bus at first, but after a while, they came back on. They haven't stopped talking about him, which is lovely."

Stewart's first route in the morning as a driver was picking up high school students, but thankfully, no children were on his bus at the time of the collision. "When I heard about the location of the accident,

I just had a gut feeling it had to be one of ours, and at that hour, it had to be Dave. That was a terrible day," added Fox.

**An update on the investigation**

The London Police Service is investigating the crash and the intersection was recently closed for half a day for investigators to attend the scene, but no details have been released. The Gazette was able to reach Detective Inspector Ake Krygsman from the London Police Service, who said there is no timeline on results. "It all depends on when the technical examinations are complete, and the reports are submitted to me for my review. A witness told the Gazette the bus and cruiser involved in the accidents were taken back to the scene recently while the intersection was closed to further the investigation, something Krygsman would not comment on. "This is an ongoing investigation, sir. Media inquiries can go through our media office. All of what has occurred in the aftermath of the investigation forms part of the investigation, and when (that) is complete, I will receive all of the material. I will share those results with the families and then will determine the next steps with the families after that."

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# WRPS launches backpack challenge for the sixth year

The challenge is starting early this year due to increased demand

By Veronica Reiner

The Waterloo Regional Police Service (WRPS) is once again challenging the community to participate in its sixth annual Backpack Challenge, which benefits families in need in the Waterloo Region.

The challenge encourages residents to purchase new backpacks, lunch bags, school supplies, or gift cards to be donated to children and families in need. The campaign runs until August 18. After that, all donations will be delivered to community organizations and families throughout the region.

"We typically, in previous years, have had a pickup date at police headquarters where families come out, and the kids walk through and choose whatever backpack they want, and they fill it with school supplies, so it's like they get to go shopping. It's really such a fun day," said WRPS spokesperson Cherri Greeno.

More than 10,000 backpacks have been collected over the past five years, as well as thousands of dollars in gift cards and school supplies. Greeno said that gift cards had been received from various organizations - such as Walmart, Staples and Old Navy - where children can purchase back to school clothing and supplies.

Some specific items that would make good donations include backpacks, markers,



Some examples of back-to-school supplies, including pencils, markers, pencil crayons and scissors. Supplies like this will be donated to families in need through the WRPS. (Photo credit: Laura Rivera)

crayons, pencils, scribblers, compasses, and binders.

Greeno said the pickup date can be a really emotional event for children.

"I remember one little child saw a Paw Patrol backpack and almost started crying," she said. "He was just so excited he was able to get his hands on that

backpack. I would just think about his first day at school, and it would just make me smile knowing he was heading back to the classroom feeling really happy."

There is an increased demand for support this year for families throughout the Waterloo Region, so the backpack challenge is launching earlier than usual this year.

"We started receiving requests from families probably a few weeks ago, asking if we were doing it again, asking if they could put their name on the list," explained Greeno. "We just came together as a team and said, understandably, a lot of families are struggling with the rising cost of groceries."

"Receiving these requests before the 2023 school year is over is a big indication that there's a huge need this year. We're really hoping to surpass our other years so that we can meet that need, and ensure that every child who is in need who does contact us who does receive a backpack and all of the supplies that go with it."

Donations can be dropped off at any of the WRPS divisions, including: Headquarters, 200 Maple Grove Road, Cambridge; North Division, 45 Columbia Street East, Waterloo; Central Division, 134 Frederick Street, Kitchener; and South Division, 176 Hespeler Road, Cambridge.

There is no specific set of criteria for those who are in need of a backpack. "We just figure that the ones who are in need are the ones who approach us and ask, and we would certainly never question that," said Greeno. "It's based on the honour system."

If you would like to arrange to receive a backpack, visit <https://www.wrps.on.ca/en/backpack.aspx>.

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# \$4-million in government funding to improve internet connectivity in Wellesley Township

By Veronica Reiner

About 430 homes across Wellesley Township are among those benefitting from a recent round of federal and provincial funding to improve Internet connectivity in the area. About \$4-million will be given to Mornington Communications, a telecommunications service, who will conduct the fibre expansion.

Households on the list who will be benefitting include Wellesley, Crosshill, Dorking, Hawkesville, Millbank, Heidelberg, Linwood and St. Clements.

The announcement was made at the Wellesley library on Tuesday, June 27. In attendance were Wellesley Mayor Joe Nowak, Kitchener-Conestoga Member of Parliament Tim Louis, general manager of Mornington Communications Ken Naylor, Minister of Rural Economic Development Gudie Hutchings, and Parliamentary Assistant to Ontario's Minister of Infrastructure, Amarjot Sandhu.

"Once the cable is laid, and everything has been put into place by about 2025, every household in the township will have access to fibre," explained Mayor Nowak in an interview with the Gazette. He added that this funding will benefit students in those rural areas, who can access online school easier. "It's a big thing for Wellesley, and it sort of brings us into this century."

Nowak added it will benefit existing businesses, as well as attract new ones to the area.

"We have well over 300 businesses that we call farm shops - most of those are on country roads," he explained. "I know that the owners of those businesses are certainly going to be appreciating it. As far as attracting new businesses out here

- I think that's one of the first questions the business asks if you have access to internet."

Nowak said there has been a need among constituents for high speed internet, particularly after the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, when some work and schooling shifted online.

"We're all happy with the decision and looking forward to its implementation," said Nowak. "Hopefully it will happen sooner than later."

MP Louis added that a challenge of these rural areas is that some of the larger telecommunications companies, such as Bell and Rogers, did not see the business case for extending high speed internet into the small rural areas.

"They're saying that there's not enough houses for those big companies to make money right now," said Louis. "So we're subsidizing small local companies, saying you do the work, and we'll help you pay and make that business case worth it."

The project is scalable, so that down the road when Internet speeds get faster, there will be no need to dig up the roads again.

Mornington Communications applied for the funding, and MP Louis worked with the company for years to help make this happen.

In July 2021, the federal and provincial governments announced a Canada-Ontario broadband partnership to support large-scale, fibre-based projects that will provide high speed internet access to around 280,000 across the province. The partnership sees an equal investment of more than \$1.2-billion.



The funding announcement took place in the Wellesley library. Left to right, Kitchener-Conestoga MP Tim Louis, federal Minister of Economic Gudie Hutchings, Wellesley Mayor Joe Nowak, and Parliamentary Assistant to Ontario's Minister of Infrastructure Amarjot Sandhu. (Photo credit: Township of Wellesley)

## Progress on the Union Street plaza



The Union Street plaza construction is coming along, with the Dollarama sign being constructed. The Dollarama will be the largest sized business in the plaza, which will also include a City Pizza, BarBurrito and Tumeric. (Photo credit: Susan Hammer)

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## Let's Tree Wilmot update



Louis Silcox of Let's Tree Wilmot removing the burlap and wrap of the Mike Schout leftover trees for planting. Unwrapping took longer than the planting! (Photo contributed)



Filling the wheelbarrows in the background is Stephen Jantzi, and forefront, Dean Peachey, Project Chair of Let's Tree Wilmot. (Photo contributed)

By Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette Staff

In June, a number of Let's Tree Wilmot volunteers (LTW) used their muscle power to mulch the tree seedling nursery over a two week period, with two truckloads of mushroom/manure mulch. The mulch

feeds the soil, keeps moisture in and weeds out. A drip irrigation system waters the trees during the dry spell.

Deers and rabbits are unwelcome guests in this case - the area is fenced to keep deer out, but the gate was found open

and deer tracks appears. LTW members wondered if the deer were surveying the smorgasbord of maple and oak trees and others. The gate is now closed.

Over the last couple of years, there has been a shortage of native trees so LTW is

growing trees for their own projects. Their 2 Billion Tree Grant of Natural Resources Canada funded the trees and the extension of the drip water system.

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# Perth County's Annual Twilight Meeting attracts over 500 at a new Perth East dairy farm

By Gary West

Holstein Twilight meetings are occurring across many counties in Western Ontario this summer - Holstein breeders, along with their friends and neighbours, are glad to get together again to visit and socialize with barbecues and conversation.

It is also a night to recognize the production achievements of many of the quality milking herds - in this case, Perth County.

There were well over 500 dairy farmers with their families who attended this year's rural barbecue.

In the two year old production award category, Dennis and Nicole Noom from Moncton, with their New Morning herd took the top three production awards for their dairy farm's two year olds.

Their top two year old was New Morning K Royal Rachel 3578, who had a 305-day

production record of 13,349 kg of milk and 656 kg of butterfat, and 469 kg. of protein- her composite BCA was 1232.

For the award in the 80,000 lifetime class was the Squibb family dairy from Avonton with a cow named Squibbland Rita Windbrook, who also scored Excellent(4E) and had a lifetime total of 144,101 kg. of milk.

The Perth County Twilight BBQ was held this year at the newly constructed robotic milking barn of the Michael Reijnen and Janelle Gras family on Line 36 on the outskirts of Sebringville in the Ellice ward of Perth East.

Perth County pork producers were on hand to serve up their locally grown smoked pork chops.



Left to right, T.J. DeWit, Perth County Holstein Vice President, Janelle Gras and Michael Reijnen, hosts of this year's barbecue and awards event, and Geoff McMullen, Perth County Holstein Director.



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## Concept drawings of Mill Block Community



Conceptual drawings of the Mill Block Community created by Invizij Architects. The community will be a mixed income, intergenerational affordable housing building located in the heart of New Hamburg. Plans to develop the historical building came from Love Your Neighbours Communities (LYNC). (Photo credit: LYNC)

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# Every Day is an Adventure depicts life in New Dundee in the 1950s and 1960s

By Veronica Reiner

A Wilmot resident, Jean E. (Hallman) Morby has written a book depicting life in the delightful village of New Dundee during the 1950s and 1960s.

For the first time in print, readers can find out behind-the-scenes results of an incident where a baby was found in the Morby's car in an Elmira church parking lot.

The book may also provide readers with knowledge of fibromyalgia and other chronic health issues. Life is not always easy, but you are sure to enjoy reading about the adventures of this grandma in her 70s. She inherited a sense of humour, loved taking chances in order to help others and become stronger herself.

"I mention many people who had been an influence in my life as a child and teenager growing up in the delightful village of New Dundee as well as during college days and in married life in Elmira," said Morby.

"New Dundee held magical parades with many other special events on the Victoria Day holiday Monday. I'll never forget Earl Einwaechter leading the Little German Band. We swam – or learned to float – in the mill race as a summer pastime or as very young children we enjoyed splashing in the galvanized laundry tubs filled with cool water in the neighbour's backyard."

There is a chapter about her time spent every summer from age 13 to 17 (as well as two winter break weeks) on

a First Nations reserve in Northern Ontario.

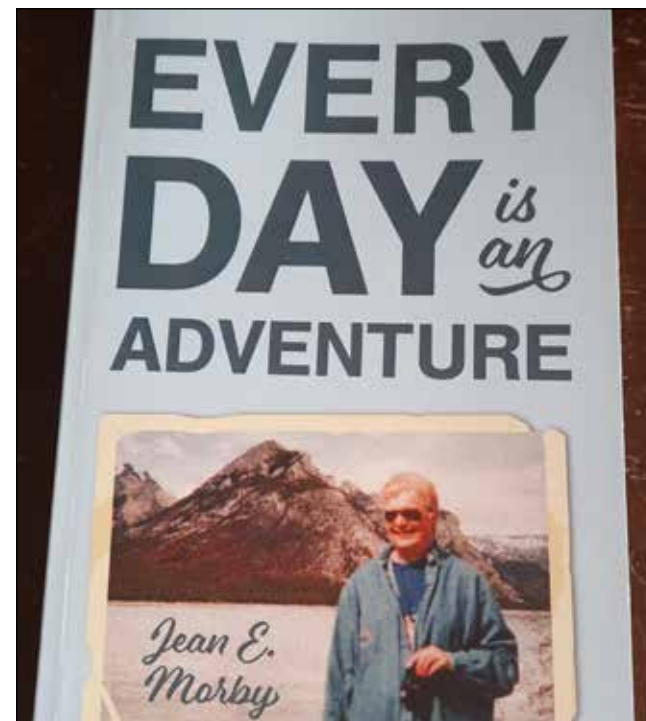
Morby said she chose the title because her family had many real life adventures that were more exciting and unusual than she could have ever imagined.

"This Christian-based labour of love took a year to write, but because I kept 35 journals, written since I was ten years old, I could informally document the events," said Morby.

The book, *Every Day is an Adventure - Herstory and Jeannieology* by Jean E. (Hallman) Morby is available at Dundee Pottery on Front Street in New Dundee, as of mid June, for \$20. The book is also available from Jean by contacting her at [jemorby@hotmail.com](mailto:jemorby@hotmail.com) or calling 519-893-7091. Jean asks that contact information is left in the message.

This marks Morby's third book - the first was called *Rainy Day Activities for Preschoolers*, a book filled with ideas compile by moms, nursery school and Sunday School teachers, as well as grandma, with proven ideas that worked for their preschooler.

The second book, *Hands of Gold: The Adventures of the Hallman Twins in Elmira*, was a novel for children ages eight to 11. Morby is close to completing her fourth book - a book of short stories with a subtitle of *Treasures, Adventures and Smiles Galore*. It is aimed for those ages eight to 108.



*Every Day is An Adventure - Herstory and Jeannieology* is available at Dundee Pottery, as well as from the author directly at [jemorby@hotmail.com](mailto:jemorby@hotmail.com) or by calling 519-893-7091.

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## COMMUNITY —

# OPP launches automated texting tool

By Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette Staff

As of July 10th, members of the public may receive automated text messages from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) through a new engagement tool implemented.

The OPP crafted a limited list of event types eligible for messages to be sent through the tool, the majority of which are events reported after the fact and events where no suspects are present.

When someone contacts the OPP through an SMS-enabled device, and their call is categorized as an eligible event type, the following sequence will occur:

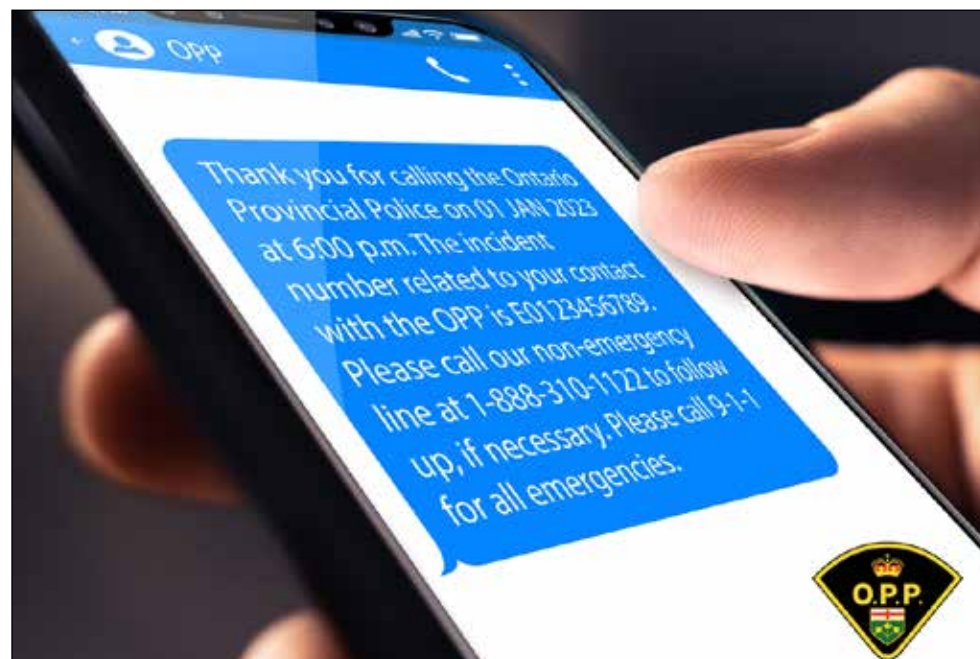
- The caller will get a text message with their event number - for example, E0123456789. Some messages may include additional information related to a specific call type. For example, messages sent in response to calls relating to some

vehicle collisions might include information on Collision Reporting Centres.

- After the call is cleared by the responding officer, if/as required, the initial caller will get an invitation to a brief voluntary survey to provide feedback on their experience with the OPP.

The information collected through the automated surveys will be used to assist the OPP in identifying opportunities to better serve the public and protect the citizens of Ontario. Messages are available in both English and French and recipients can easily opt out of receiving additional texts from the system.

For more information on the technology tool, please visit [www.opp.ca](http://www.opp.ca). If anyone is concerned that they have received a fraudulent message, please contact the OPP's non-emergency line at 1-888-310-1122.



At right, examples of messaging that may be sent to callers.

## WCDSB offer summer mental health support

By Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette Staff

The Waterloo Catholic District School Board (WCDSB) school social workers are providing short-term mental health and well-being supports to WCDSB students. School social workers are available to consult about concerns related to student

mental health, help navigate connections to mental health support in the community, and transition to school support for fall.

Those who wish to connect with a WCDSB school social worker can email [wcdsb-socialwork@wcdsb.ca](mailto:wcdsb-socialwork@wcdsb.ca). The email address

will be monitored Monday through Friday (excluding statutory holidays) from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A request for support will be responded to within 48 hours, excluding weekends.

It's important to note that this is not a crisis support service. If you, or a loved

one, are in crisis, call Here 24/7 at 1-844-437-3247, call 911, or go to your nearest hospital.

Summer mental health support will be available as of July 4, to August 30.

## Oxford County OPP's top call categories in June

By Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette Staff

Members of the Oxford detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to 3,120 occurrences in June, between the 1st and the 30th. The majority were related to traffic complaints, including but

not limited to the following:

911 call - 43; alarm - 54; animal complaint - 31; assault - 12; bail violations - 13; break and enter - 20; disputes - 77; domestic - 81; fire - 11; fraud - 50; impaired - 9; mental health act - 32; mischief - 30;

motor vehicle collision - 146; noise complaint - 24; property related - 48; RIDE - 73; sexual assault - 5; suspicious person/vehicle - 116; theft - 88; traffic complaint - 416; trouble with youth - 39; unwanted person - 41; warrant - 39; and well-being

check - 29.

Those who need to make a police report can call the Ontario Provincial Police at 1-888-310-1122. Those who need immediate assistance in an emergency can dial 911.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Stunt driver charged over Canada Day weekend

One person was charged with stunt driving in Perth County over the Canada Day weekend.

On July 1 at about 12:17 a.m., a Perth County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officer attempted to stop a vehicle travelling on Perth Road 119 in Perth East Township after it was found to be travelling at a high speed. The driver tried to evade police after pulling into a random driveway.

As a result, a 17-year-old Perth East resident was charged with "flight from peace officer," and "drive motor vehicle - perform stunt - excessive speed."

Police initiated a 30-day driving licence suspension and 14 day vehicle impoundment. The accused driver 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 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).

### Mapleton resident charged in Perth East

A Mapleton resident was charged in Perth East after allegedly going more than 50 kilometres an hour (km/h) over the posted speed limit on June 27.

An Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officer, on patrol in the area of Perth Road 121, just after 8 p.m., observed a vehicle travelling more than 130 km/h in a posted 80 km/h zone.

A 25-year-old Mapletown Township resident was charged with "drive motor vehicle - perform stunt - excessive speed," and "drive motor vehicle - no currently validated permit."

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

### Two stunt drivers charged in Perth East

Two people were charged with stunt driving in Perth East within 24 hours of each other.

On June 22 at around 7:04 p.m., a Perth County OPP officer stopped a vehicle travelling on Line 34 in Perth East township, after it was found to be travelling 140 km/h in an 80 km/h limit zone.

A 43-year-old resident of Stratford was charged with "drive motor vehicle - perform stunt - excessive speed."

On June 23 at about 8:34 p.m., a Perth County OPP officer stopped a vehicle travelling on Line 39 in Perth East township, after it was found to be travelling 131 km/h in an 80 km/h limit zone.

A 21-year-old resident of Morris-Turnberry was charged with "drive motor vehicle - perform stunt - excessive speed," and "fail to surrender insurance card."

In both incidents, a 30-day driving suspension and 14-day vehicle impoundment was initiated as per statute. The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Stratford at a later date to answer to the charges.

### Woodchipper stolen in Perth East

The Perth County OPP are investigating after a reported theft of a woodchipper from a residence located on Perth Line 72 in Perth East.

It was reported that sometime overnight around June 21, unknown(s) attended an address and removed a woodchipper, pole saw and three chainsaws totalling about \$19,000.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Perth County OPP at 1-888-310-1122.



COMMUNITY —

# Willow Lake Campground - from corporate Toronto to East Zorra-Tavistock

By Lee Griffi, Local Journalism Initiative reporter

The owners of a campground located in East Zorra-Tavistock just north of Woodstock may have taken a different path to Willow Lake, but they have embraced the opportunity after leaving the hustle and bustle of big business life in the GTA.

Mark Jaycock grew up in Burlington, and his wife Melanie was raised in Toronto, and the pair had been living in the big city for years. Mark said the pair have always enjoyed camping which played into their decision to purchase Willow Lake. "Like a lot of folks who camp, we thought wouldn't it be fun to own a campground? And it is. But you go into it a little oblivious, and once you finally own one, you say wow, this is a lot of work but a lot of fun."

Mark was the director of human resources for Lowes Canada, and Melanie was an executive at LinkedIn at their head office in downtown Toronto. He said the pair had always wanted to own a campground, but they don't come up for sale often. "They are often handed down generationally, and there are a few major corporate players in the industry who are snapping up campgrounds. This one came up for sale, and it was a few years earlier than we planned on in the fall of 2016. At that point, Toronto housing was at one of its highest points, so we said it's available, and it's a couple of bucks more than we had, but we said maybe we do it now. Let's sell our house, let's do it." Mark added it was a perfect fit for them and it is a labour of love. "We work harder, we work longer hours than we ever did in our corporate lives. We don't take a day off between April and November, and we are seven days a week throughout the season,



Willow Lake Campground and RV Park owners Mark (left) and Melanie (right) Jaycock proudly hold their new Unity Blaze Certified flag from Black Folks Camp Too.

but we enjoy it. We meet and get great people here. We have a family in from Texas today and a couple who dropped in from Quebec. We aren't experts, but we knew the things we liked from our years camping."

In their first year of owning Willow Lake, the Jaycock's won an award for having the best small campground in the province from the Ontario Private Campground Association and a year later took the honour of having the best customer service. "The fourth year, we again won best customer service, and the following year won best camp store in Ontario. We probably have one of the smallest stores, but we are very passionate about local. We carry Uncle Dad's pizzas, meat from JTK Farms, spices, and sauces from a variety of local folks. We even sell candles from the lady across the

road," added Mark. The awards are voted on by campers, and Mark said that makes it even more humbling."

The couple booked food trucks to come to the park every weekend in 2022, but after restrictions started lifting, they all started bailing in order to attend larger events. So, they decided to look around and do it themselves. "I guess we're buying a food truck. We aren't as busy enough as it is," laughed Mark. "It is often Melanie and I or one of our summer students making burgers or poutine." The couple has three seasonal employees to help out during the camping season.

"The park has such a long history. It's been around forever and pretty much everyone we have bumped into has told us they visited here as a kid. We are very fortunate to

be able to take over that legacy. It's a pretty little park with great stories."

### The very first Unity Blaze Certified Campground in Canada

Black Folks Camp Too has named Willow Lake as the very first Unity Blaze Certified Campground in Canada. It is a company headed by outdoor industry executives and its mission is to remove fear, add knowledge, and invite "more" Black folks to camp and enjoy the outdoor lifestyle with any and everyone. At the center of their logo is the Unity Blaze, which means "You are Invited and Welcomed." Your race, age, and gender do not matter. "We are changing the world, one campfire at a time."

Mark said the gentleman who founded it, Earl B. Hunter Jr., is from the Carolinas, and he traveled across the states with his son, and every time he pulled into an RV park, there weren't a lot of folks who looked like him. "The issue isn't that black people don't want to camp, but there are two factors he always talks about. One was generational fear because his great-grandmother witnessed lynchings, so she told grandma never to go in the forest. Grandma tells mom and so on." Mark added a lot of times, black people didn't feel invited, not that they weren't welcome. "We followed him on Facebook, and I really liked his messaging. He was talking about the idea of everybody camping together regardless of their background, their ethnicity, their heritage. We see more East Asian and Indian folks camping with us. We wanted people to know that everyone is welcome, and they should feel that way. That's why we started talking to him about his program." Mark said Earl does plan on visiting the campground this summer.

## CELEBRATION



### Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary

Gary & Tory Zehr on July 14th

*You are the root of our family...thanks for making it so strong. Congratulations and all our love. Jaime & Eric, Amanda, John, Logan & Ella, Courtney, Steve, Larson & Jensen*

## HAPPY 95TH BIRTHDAY TO DOROTHY KENNEDY



July 17th

With love from your family Tricia and Doug Wettlaufer, Penny Smith, Pam and Dave Graham, Paul Sexton and wife Ann Cornish, 7 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, friends, fellow residents at PeopleCare in Tavistock and Grace United Church.

## CELEBRATION



### Happy 70th Anniversary!

July 18, 2023

Lorne and Delphine Zehr are celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary on July 18, 2023! Best wishes and God's blessings as you celebrate this incredible milestone!

Much love from your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren!



# FAMILY MILESTONES —

## OBITUARY

### FRIED, Orville Lawrence



Passed away peacefully on Monday, July 3, 2023 at the St. Mary's Hospital, Kitchener. Orville Fried of RR#1 Plattsville was in his 87th year.

Beloved husband of Ruth (Coleman) Fried whom he married 65 years ago on June 7, 1958. Dear father of Brian (Nov 15, 2020) & wife Lori of RR#4

Bright, Kevin & wife Kim of Plattsville, Brad & wife Belinda of New Hamburg and Darrell & wife Lisa of RR#1 Plattsville. Cherished grandfather to Nathan & Shelby, Keenan, Jennifer & Trevor, Derrick & Nychelle, Ryan & Gillian, Jay & Shayna, Roslyn & Eric, Avery, and great grandfather of Sloane, Briar Mae, Sawyer, Sutton, Mason, Emma, Ellis, Maren, Senna, Asher and Auston. Survived by his sister Glenda & husband Ross Roth of New Hamburg and sister-in-law Bev Fried of RR#1 New Dundee. He will also be sadly missed by many nieces, nephews, cousins, church family and friends.

Predeceased by his parents Lawrence and Ethel (Becker) Fried, and by his brother Keith Fried (2019).

Orville was a lifelong progressive dairy farmer in Blenheim Township where he farmed alongside Ruth and their four boys as Clefthaven Farms. He loved his John Deere tractors, bulldozer, and "pet" deer.

Orv was always a very busy guy. He was involved in many clubs and organizations over his lifetime. The Blenheim Plowing Organization, being a judge for the International Plowing Match and local matches, and the Oxford County Milk Board just to name a few.

Orv enjoyed many sports including hockey, baseball, and curling. In his younger years, he played for the Junior B hockey club, the New Hamburg Canucks. Playing turned into coaching and being on executive boards for hockey clubs. This passion led to 25 years of season tickets for the Kitchener Rangers where he enjoyed many games with Ruth and family. He also enjoyed watching his beloved Toronto Blue Jays.

Orville and Ruth travelled to many parts of the world for International, Canadian, and World Plowing Matches. One of his favourite things to do when travelling was always stopping for ice cream. During winter they liked to travel to Cuba, Costa Rica, and his favourite the "Dominion" Republic, as well as many cruises.

Relatives and friends were received in the Roseville United Brethren Church, 2729 Fischer-Hallman Rd., Ayr (Roseville) on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 from 10am - 1pm, followed by the Memorial Service at 2pm. Reception followed. Private family interment will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Roseville United Brethren Church or the Cardiac Care unit of St. Mary's General Hospital would be greatly appreciated by the family. Personal condolences can be posted at [www.gffh.ca](http://www.gffh.ca)

## OBITUARY

### LUCIBELLO, Margherita (Anastasio)



Passed away peacefully, with her son by her side on Sunday, July 9, 2023, at Lanark Heights long term Care, Kitchener. Margherita was born 86 years ago in Amalfi, Italy. Margherita was a long time resident of New Hamburg.

Cherished mother of Ferdinando (Fred) Lucibello (Predeceased) and Salvatore (Sam) Lucibello. Dearly loved Nonna of Andrew Lucibello and Kristen Lucibello (Troy Larkin). Margherita will be forever missed and dearly remembered by her daughter-in-law Debbie Lucibello and niece Teresa and her husband Mario Avitabile.

Predeceased and now reunited with her beloved husband Giuseppe Lucibello who predeceased her March 3, 2021, by her parents and by her many siblings and inlaws.

Margherita was a hardworking woman, who put all others before herself. She was a kind natured simple woman who loved her neighbours, friends, and family. She enjoyed to host, her good food was shared by many and if you stopped by to say hello you were often told to stay for a coffee or even dinner.

Relatives and friends were invited to the Mark Jutzi Funeral Home, 291 Huron Street, New Hamburg, on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, from 7 - 9 p.m. Parish prayers were shared at 8:45. A Mass of Catholic burial took place on Thursday, July 13, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. with Interment followed in the Riverside Cemetery. Father Robert Love officiated. Following the interment all were welcome to the funeral home basement for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

As expressions of sympathy, donations would be accepted to the Heart & Stroke Foundation or the Alzheimer Society and can be made through the funeral home.

Personal condolences and donation information available at [www.markjutzifuneralhomes.ca](http://www.markjutzifuneralhomes.ca)

## OBITUARY

### BEYNON, Rosemary

Rosemary Muriel Beynon, 91, formerly of Tavistock, passed away on Saturday evening July 8, 2023 at her residence.

She was born on May 14, 1932 a daughter of the late Edgar and Muriel (Sims) Wright.

Rosemary worked with her husband, Carl, at Beynon's Jewelry Stores in Tavistock and New Hamburg. She was a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sebastopol-Tavistock and a member of the Lutheran Church Women (LCW). She loved music and was a member of the Church Choir and also a member of the Stratford Choir of several years. Family and friends were always important to her.

She married Carl M. Beynon at Oak Ridges, ON. on April 18, 1953. Carl died on November 16, 2007.

Rosemary is survived by three daughters and sons-in-law, Joanne and Brian Wilhelm, Susan and Brian Mohr, Sandra and Ray Entmaa; eight grandchildren, Barb Wilhelm, Chrissy Yantzi, Deb Wilhelm, Kyle Wilhelm (Nicola), Jeff Mohr, Julie Mosterman (Rob), Jason Entmaa, Kevin Entmaa (Haley); eight great grandchildren, Cooper and Leni Yantzi; Bodhi and Summer Wilhelm; Carl, Natalie, Bryce and Josie Mosterman; sister-in-law; Doris Patrick; brothers-in-law, Bob Sulphur and Ray Wideman.

She was predeceased by her brothers, Harold Wright, Jim Wright, Jack Wright (Nanette) and Glen Wright; sisters, Elaine Eyres (Chris) and Lois Wideman.

Relatives and friends will be received in the West Room of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sebastopol-Tavistock on Thursday, July 13, 2023 from 10 am to 10.45 am. The funeral service will be held in the church at 11 am. The Rev. Hans J.W. Borch will officiate. Interment in the church cemetery. Reception following.

As expressions of sympathy, donations to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church would be appreciated and may be made through the Francis Funeral Home, Tavistock by calling 519-655-2431 or at the church on Thursday.

Personal condolences can be posted at [www.francisfh.ca](http://www.francisfh.ca)

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Pastor Nancy Mann

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## The Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette Weekly Quiz

- 1) How many triangles are on a backgammon board? read?
- 2) The archaeological site of the ancient city of Troy is in which country?
- 3) What geographic term for a bay derives originally from the Greek word kolpos meaning bosom?
- 4) What condiment brand features the Palace of Westminster on its label?
- 5) The Hundred Years War, during the 13th and 14th centuries, was fought between which two countries?
- 6) The archaic name of the city of Venice?
- 7) What country's name derives from an Iroquois word for village?
- 8) Which Shakespeare character is known as The Moor of Venice?
- 9) What is the previous and common alternative name of the Indian city Mumbai?
- 10) In 1834 who invented raised point writing using a six dot system enabling the blind to read?

Answers found on page 22



## COMMUNITY —

## CELEBRATION



### Happy 80th Birthday, Don Myers! July 23, 2023

Friends and family are invited to join us to celebrate this milestone birthday. There will be an Open House on Sunday, July 23rd at the New Hamburg Legion 65 Boullee Street from 1:00 – 4:00

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**July 13:** Happy birthday to Neely Lange (11) and anniversary for Robert and Danielle McAuley (10th).

**July 14:** Happy birthday to Nicholas Mason (3), Jacob Mason (3), Brittany Himes (24), and anniversaries for Christopher and Teresa Riehl (22nd), Alanna and Joseph Upfield, and Ian and Jenny Christie (16th).

**July 15:** Happy birthday to Brittney Gruber (9), Jenna Croft (9), and anniversary for Robert and Jennifer Himes (23rd).

**July 16:** Happy birthday to Anika McKay (7), Robert Bartlett (21) and Samuel Leis (21), and anniversaries for David and Brienne Faulhafer (18th), and Luke and Deanne Gladding (18th).

**July 17:** Happy birthday to Sarah Roth (9) and Reverie Bender (11), and anniversary for Wayne and Krista Gummerson (30th).

**July 18:** Happy anniversary for Ben and Amy Eby (14th), John and Leanne Clark (14th), and Shane and Amanda Francois (14th).

**July 19:** Happy birthday to Blake Douglas (11) and Ravyn Wencel (12), and anniversaries for Ron and Joyce Hill (54th) and Jared and Allyson Richards (8th).

*Does someone in your family have a special day coming up? Let us know at [thewtgazette@gmail.com](mailto:thewtgazette@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.*

**July 4, 2018 Edition (5 years ago)**

The area has experienced hot, record setting temperatures over the past week.

At the Tavistock Public School year-end assembly, Kris Zehr, Youth Events Coordinator with the Tavistock Optimist Club, presented bicycles to Bike Rodeo winners Cameron Mueller and Jadalynn Yule. Zehr said that they had 169 entries in this year's event, the most ever recorded. A special tribute was also paid to Mrs. Janet Sheldon who taught at Tavistock for 28 of her 30 years.

Five graduating students at Tavistock Public School received Honors Awards: Nicole Danen, Amylea DeVouge, Brooklynn Lange, Gracie Locke and Nick Raymer.

**July 2-9, 2008 Edition (15 years ago)**

Thanks to generous support, the 7th Annual Raymer Financial Charity Golf Tournament raised \$4,600 towards the playground equipment at Queen's Park in Tavistock. This event has been an annual success over the past six years and the company has been able to raise \$23,000 for different local causes.

Official opening of the newly renovated diamond at Queen's Park will take place on July 17, 2008. A world-class double header will take place, as the Kitchener Riversharks Twins and South Perth Men's All Stars each take on Argentina's Men's Fastball Team.

**July 1-8, 1998 Edition (25 years ago)**

Yantzi's Feed & Seed Ltd. of Tavistock marked their 40th anniversary Saturday with an Open House and Barbecue lunch offering thanks to all those who have supported their business in the past. Steve and Gail Yantzi and staff, along with ShurGain representatives, entertained over four hundred guests on a typical bright and humid summer day. The feed and farm supply business

was started and operated by the late Laverne Yantzi at his resident at RR#1 Tavistock in 1958.

At the June 17 Council meeting of East Zorra-Tavistock, Keith McKay from McKay Bender Construction presented the Hickson office renovation/addition report. Council unanimously adopted the master plan for development with a proposed construction budget of \$128,100.

Both residences and businesses are preparing for Tavistock's 150th Anniversary with many people decorating their homes and establishments in readiness for the big occasion coming up from July 31st to August 3rd.

**July 11-18, 1973 Edition (50 years ago)**

Pen Pals Meet: Tomoyasu Kimura of Anjo, Japan was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Neeb and Beverley last Thursday and Friday. He has been a pen pal of Beverley for some time and was selected as one of 12 students from Japanese Universities to take a two month study tour of the various cities in the USA.

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COMMUNITY —

# Employees of South Easthope Mutual Donate to local charities



Jenn Kearsey (left) and Daryl Stevenson (right) of South Easthope Mutual, present a cheque to Louise Lepp (centre), Executive Director of Rotary Hospice Stratford Perth. Rotary Hospice Stratford Perth opened in Stratford in June 2019, providing end-of-life care, at no cost to the resident or their family. The 8-bed facility relies heavily on donations to cover approximately 50% of their operating costs. For more information on the hospice, visit [www.rotaryhospice.ca](http://www.rotaryhospice.ca).

The employees of South Easthope Mutual Insurance Company recently made donations to Rotary Hospice Stratford Perth and the Stratford General Hospital Foundation's 'In Our Hands' capital campaign.

Employees raised the funds as part of their Dress Down for Charity program. They also held bake & craft sales and raffles. Each year, employees select the charities to receive the donations.



Cheryl Hunt, Community Giving Manager of the Stratford General Hospital Foundation (centre) accepts a cheque from South Easthope Mutual employees, Marianne Ruby (left) and Kara Cahill (right). The "In Our Hands" Capital Campaign has a goal of \$30 million to purchase hospital equipment. "Every piece of patient care equipment at the hospital is because donors cared" says Cheryl Hunt, Community Giving Manager of the Stratford General Hospital Foundation.

There is an extensive list of equipment and initiatives the Stratford General Hospital needs with priorities including the chemotherapy and co-located pharmacy renovation, new fluoroscopy and mammography units, mental health initiatives, a new

MRI, new beds throughout the hospital and operating room equipment.

For more information on the Foundation, visit <https://sghfoundation.org/>.

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COMMUNITY —

# N.E.A.T. Club showcases vintage farm tractors in New Hamburg



Among the antique tractors and owners are Scran & Dram breakfast makers who include left to right, Caitlin Livingston, Ashley Shaw, David (Hutch) Hutchison, Lanaya Sherwood, and Keanna Marshall.

By Gary West

One of the most popular eating establishments, and a place to go for a drink with friends, has to be the ever popular Scran & Dram on Waterloo Street in New Hamburg.

The Scottish Public House has been a popular attraction in town for the past eight years and continues to be a go-to destination with the locals and also with many visiting tourists to the area.

Last Thursday, dozens of antique tractors with their owners, showed up and parked

in the lot of their favourite Wilmot township breakfast stop by 9 am.

The large entourage of hungry men with their farm machines from the past, sat down to enjoy their coffee and 1st meal of the day before the afternoon rains arrived.

The N.E.A.T. (North Easthope Antique Tractor) Club members, travel the roads of Waterloo, Perth and Oxford county throughout the summer, when the weather permits, to help raise money for fundraising groups and also promote good local eating establishments like the Scran & Dram in New Hamburg.

# Grand opening and ribbon cutting with new Window and Door company in Shakespeare



Ribbon cutting last week in Shakespeare included, left to right: Melissa Weber (marketing), Brandon Weber (President), Stratford Mayor Martin Ritsma, Jason Hill (sales associate), Jeff Witschi (sales manager), Perth County Warden Rhonda Ehgoetz, and Lindsay McKay (administrative assistant).

By Gary West

It was a day of celebration for a new business in Shakespeare, as owners held their ribbon cutting ceremony among dignitaries and great fanfare, and they're hoping for exciting things in their future as the village's newest employer.

Linton Window and Door were joined last week at their grand opening with Perth County Warden Rhonda Ehgoetz and Stratford Mayor Martin Ritsma, who together helped cut the ribbon to officially open the business.

The company has already invested in local initiatives by supporting the Shakespeare

Athletic Association's Field Day, donating to the newly constructed Optimist Walking Path and exercise area near the soccer field, and have agreed to be a Platinum Sponsor for the local School Egg program, that keeps local students eating healthy with hard boiled eggs at no cost to those area schools involved.

The company is new to Shakespeare, and continues to also operate in their Cambridge location, where the business began close to 50 years ago.

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# Show Us Your Wilmot



Each week, the Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette will publish interesting photos from around the community. The inspiration for this came from the Show Us Your Wilmot Facebook group. This photo of the moon was taken over Petersburg by Lorrie MP on July 3, using the “moon” feature on her Nikon camera. (Photo credit: Lorrie MP)

# Two suspicious people caught on camera entering cars on Galena Street



A Wellesley resident released security footage depicting two suspicious people on Galena Street. The shots captured the image at 3:03 a.m. on Thursday, July 6. The two in the video were seen using flashlights to peer into cars, and entered the white van. (Photo credit: Darlene Durnford)

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COMMUNITY —

# Local Perth County Farmer tours area townships to celebrate Canada Day



By Gary West

Dave Wilhelm, pictured, has farmed his whole life on the 5th Concession of North Easthope Township with his wife Shirley and three kids. He toured the village of Shakespeare on Canada Day, talking and waving his “farmer wave” to cheering residents.

His Farmall Super H, was the right ride

with the Canadian flags blowing in the wind as he visited with various family members throughout local townships in Perth and Oxford Counties.

Even though the weatherman called for rain and thunderstorms, July 1st turned out to be a gorgeous day and ideal on a tractor that was used extensively in the 1950’s on most mixed farms in Perth County.

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## SPORTS —

## New Hamburg Karate Club bounces back after COVID



Destiny Gull, Joe Gull, and Kayden Gull (left to right) in the adult class, performing the kata Ni-ju-hichi-ko.

By Veronica Reiner

The New Hamburg Karate Club is bouncing back and getting into competitions again after restrictions brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. "COVID-19 took a bit of the wind out of our sails when it came to competitions, obviously - we were shut down for 'x' number of months," described Sensei Richard Hesch. "Those (competitions) have just started to come back. We've gone to a few, but I think this coming year bodes much better for that aspect of karate." The Chito-Ryu Association of Ontario, which the New Hamburg Karate Club is a part of, will have its first provincial competition in the fall.

Richard Hesch has run the club since 2002. He is a Sensei who holds the ranks of Yondan (4th degree black belt), Shido-in, and is a certified NCCP Level 1 Theory and Level 1 Practical Coach. The New Hamburg Karate Club has on average, about 60 to 70 students. There are students as young as four years old, while the oldest member is 78 years old.

Different experience levels are represented by different coloured belts. At the New Hamburg Karate Club, this includes; white (beginner), going up to yellow, orange, green, blue, brown, and black. There are different levels of black belts as well, such as first degree, second degree, third degree and so on. "That is one of the great things about karate, you never stop learning," stated Hesch.

The sessions are split up into three month segments- fall, winter, spring and summer. "We're a part-time club offering three classes each night (according to age) twice a week," said Hesch. "I think, given we're a small community, we're pretty happy with 70 students, and everybody has a good time and works hard when they come to class."

Hesch is supported by a team of volunteer instructors, including Don Burnside, Paul Arsenault, Kurt Lowrick, Chad Spaulding, Joe Brenner, Paul Kroes, Ray Roth, Heidi Hesch and Jesse Buchanauer.

The New Hamburg Karate Club was



Elora Clarke, Emma Schwartzentruber, and Reislyn Clarke (left to right) in the adult class, performing the kata Zenshin Kotai.

started in 1979 by Sensei James Hammer. At that time, there were not many martial arts clubs. Hammer received most of his training from Sensei Shane Yukio Hagashi. Hagashi is a 10th degree black belt, owns a dojo in Toronto, and is chief Chito-Ryu instructor in Canada.

"On a regular basis, our black belts go and train at Hagashi's particular club," said Hesch. "So it's a great supportive organization - almost like a family. We have dojos all across Canada and we, on a regular basis, get together with the senior instructors at events."

When Hesch first took over the New Hamburg Karate Club, the program was mainly geared toward teens and adults. Throughout his tenure, Hesch looked at involving younger children as well.

"I think there's a real benefit to karate for young kids. Obviously, there's the physical components, such as coordination, balance, cardiovascular, and flexibility, but also, too, there's a mental component; things like discipline, focus, concentration,

manners, and the ability to stay calm under pressure," said Hesch. "Those are skills that I think everyone from any age benefits from." Besides the sport aspect of karate, the club also teaches traditional katas (forms), Kumite (sparring), self-defence/budo and weapons as part of their regular training.

Karate originated on the island of Okinawa, which is located south of Japan. It is theorized that martial arts were imported from China to the island, which can be traced back as early as the 7th century, where they developed into what is now known as karate.

Chito Ryu Karate-Do is the particular style of karate studied at the New Hamburg Karate Club. It is an Okinawan martial art based on anatomy and physiology that was started by O'Sensei Tsuyoshi Chitose. It blends the hard and soft styles of Naha-te and Shur-te (the styles of two of the cities in Okinawa where Karate was founded) to create a martial art that can be practiced by adults and children of all ages in a safe and effective manner.



Elora Clarke and Chris DiCarlo in the adult class, practicing freestyle kumite/sparring.



Paige Wagner and Joshua Grills in the senior kids class, practicing a punching targeting drill.



**SPORTS —**

# Tavistock minor hockey denied female team

By Lee Griffi, Local Journalism Initiative reporter

The idea of starting a girl's hockey program in Tavistock has been abruptly quashed by the sport's governing body. Tavistock and District Minor Hockey Association (TDMHA) had applied in January to start an Under-13 program but were denied in what appeared to be a form letter signed by no one from the Ontario Women's Hockey Association (OWHA).

What follows is a copy of the unsigned letter from the OWHA:

"Please be advised that the new membership application from Tavistock Titans has been reviewed. We are writing to inform you that your application to establish a U13 C Independent Team has been denied. The OWHA has established a process for the application and evaluation of requests for new team/association membership and name changes. Although, there are some areas of Ontario with limited opportunities for girls and women, there are also areas with established programs. New applications and name changes are reviewed based on the application submitted and current state of female hockey in the area. We encourage you to work with the established, female programs in your area. Based on the information presented on your application, this approval would negatively impact those female programs currently operating in this area. If you know of any players looking for a place to

play next season, please advise the OWHA office (registrar@owha.on.ca) and we will assist them with contact information. Thank you again for your interest in the Ontario Women's Hockey Association."

Jen McKee is a volunteer with TDMHA and made the application. "I was approached by a few parents of girls that were currently on the Under-13 local league and Under-13 additional entry boy's teams because they wanted a girl's team in Tavistock. These girls wanted to continue playing together in town as a girls-only team." She added the application was sent on January 24 of this year, but she heard nothing back for months. "After repeatedly phoning the office and emailing throughout March, I put some pressure on OWHA during the last week of March due to spring tryouts starting at some centres in April. On Thursday, March 30, I got an email from the OWHA's new membership committee, no name attached, that it was denied. I have since phoned and emailed repeatedly to try to get a further explanation or an appeal. I have not received any response," added McKee.

Along with the absence of any communication from the OWHA, McKee said the stakeholders had a hard time believing the decision. "Parents and girls were astonished that we were denied. They didn't see any drawback to an additional team in the area. We assumed this would be the start of many teams in Tavistock.

We had a lot of interest from Under-7 and Under-9 parents hoping there would be a girl's team in the future for them." McKee said she also received a call that there was interest in having an Under-18 team. "We were extremely surprised, especially since the Tavistock Jets, a female organization, was once a part of Tavistock. I have had a lot of interest since I sent the application, and I'm disappointed and upset to tell them that we were denied. Last year we had 345 players registered, as well as 45 in the First Shift program. Of all those registered, 58 were female."

McKee said Tavistock Minor Hockey is a great organization in a fantastic community and should be able to ice a program for girls. "We have a wonderful group of coaches, trainers, on-ice volunteers, and

executive members. The cost of registration is lower than other organizations in the area because we have great local sponsorship. We fundraise, and everything is divided equally among the players. Our girls like playing in Tavistock, and their siblings and friends play here too. Titan nation is strong, and we're upset that girls are forced to leave because they want to play on an all-girls hockey team. Girl's hockey is one of the fastest-growing sports in Canada, why would teams in Tavistock have a negative impact in our area?"

The Gazette reached out to OWHA President, Fran Rider, for more information but at press time had not received a response.

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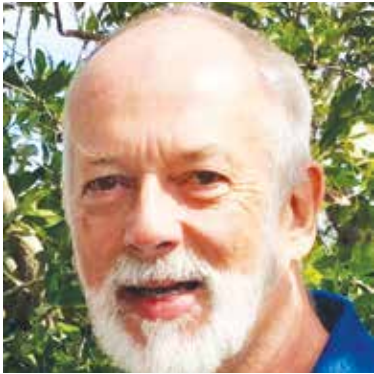
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TRAVEL —

OH, THE PLACES WE'LL GO: Philadelphia is a foodie paradise



By Paul Knowles

Since returning from my first-ever visit to Philadelphia, I have been asked several times to write about the culinary scene in that city. These articles, which have appeared in a variety of publications and websites, all focus on a new restaurant in Philly, just opened in May. The place is called "My Loup" and the hook, for a Canadian travel writer, is that the owner and chef is a Canadian, Alex Kemp. I have been happy to give Alex the exposure he deserves.

But here's the thing. "My Loup" is indeed terrific, booked up for the next two months. Alex is a great guy, and I have enjoyed all my interactions with him. And his partner, Amanda Shulman, is also an amazing chef in her own right. So, yes, they warranted the attention they got through my articles.

But the truth is, our dining and foodie experiences in Philadelphia went well beyond "My Loup" and my purpose this week is to tell all you foodies – or simply people who like to eat out –

that Philadelphia should be on your travel menu.

In just a few days in Philly, we experienced some incredible and widely varied cuisines. Starting only an hour or so after our arrival, we Ubered to a new Cambodian Noodle House called "Mawn", owned and operated by a young Philadelphia couple, Rachel and Phila Lorn.

"Phila", pronounced "Pee-la", was born in Philadelphia, but his parents are Cambodian immigrants who so fell in love with their adopted city that they named their son after it but got the pronunciation wrong. So "Phila" morphed into "Pee-la" and remains so.

The Lorns opened Mawn in March of this year; the night we were there, it was packed.

For those unfamiliar with southeast Asian cooking, the menu might be a bit intimidating but we plunged in. Phila told me that the menu is not strictly Cambodian recipes. "We incorporate many Asian cuisines" he said, encouraging me to try everything! I didn't regret a single choice.

Phila sent a few tasting bits to the table. I don't know what they were, other than... delicious. Then I ordered the squid special and khao soi off the noodle menu. It is a "noodle house," right?

It was great.

Our Philadelphia hosts were determined to keep our schedule busy and our stomachs full. The next evening, we were directed

to a place simply called "South". Turns out, the full name is "South Restaurant and Jazz Club" and we were there to eat and to enjoy some excellent jazz. The emcee for the jazz show had some important advice – "Order the catfish". So I did. We also sampled the Caribbean salmon and some incredible tasty cornbread.

The place was hopping, the music was fine, and we were stuffed.

Night three they sent us to a hole in the wall in the Italian market district, a restaurant called Alma Del Mar. The owners had forgotten we were coming but after that got sorted out, we were escorted to a table in what appeared to be a garage under construction, with a tarp overhead. It did not look promising.

Looks can deceive. Our terrific meal included a delicious squid and shrimp ceviche, really well prepared octopus, a fine chicken dish and great Italian desserts – tiramisu and chiros.

One thing I learned. Many Philadelphia restaurants have a bring-your-own-bottle policy, and that included Mawn and Alma Del Mar, although in both cases, they took pity on me and a bottle of nice wine magically appeared on the table.

After our encounters with these four unique and excellent eateries, it was becoming clear that Philadelphia is indeed a foodie destination. And two of our other experiences solidified that perception.

We wandered around the 74,000 square foot Reading Terminal



Dining while the jazz goes down at South. (Photos by Paul Knowles)

Market, a public market that first opened in 1893. Today, it is home to 80 family businesses and focuses on fresh produce. It is interesting, from a southwestern Ontario perspective, to note that the market is mandated to include a certain number of Mennonite vendors who come to the market from nearby Pennsylvania farms and smaller communities.

More surprising was a visit to Philadelphia's outdoor Asian Market, held every weekend from April through October in FDR Park. Our Uber driver had never heard of it but when we finally arrived, the area was busy with shoppers, browsers, tasters, merchants, and cooks. Our hosts told us, "We do get a lot of people". Yes, they do.

We sampled our way around the market, tasting jackfruit for

the first time, sipping freshly pressed sugarcane juice, enjoying deep fried bananas, munching on freshly made spring rolls, and much more.

And we learned that there is a direct connection between these fresh markets, with unique produce and food, and the restaurant scene in Philadelphia, because as we moved from booth to booth in the Asian market, we encountered some familiar faces – Phila and Rachel Lorn from Mawn, out with their baby to combine some family time with sourcing produce to serve to their next set of adventurous foodies.

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OPINION —

EXPERT ADVICE: *When And Why Do I Buy*



By Scott Dunstall

I always keep a little rotating file of things in my head that I either need to replace OR want to add to a current look OR want to experiment with. Let's first look at those reasons a little more closely.

**Need to replace:**

Things either wear out, spin out of style, OR I splort Ketchup on it, then try to take it out with Resolve carpet cleaner because I ran out of Stain Away and then have

the whole area turn permanently yellow. I mean, its white fabric, and I can't take that sucker out with bleach. I digress. I don't replace black shoes. I replace black oxfords that have gray broguing, or I replace my black cap toes. I am not using those terms to be a pompous idiot. I'm using them to indicate that they work as part of a particular flash (we decided to use flash instead of "outfit") and that the flash is out of circulation until that piece can be replaced. And you can rarely replace the identical piece so you need to compromise with a substitute which can be pretty traumatic until you get used to it. One hedge is to identify those favourite pieces early in their life and get two. But you have to figure that out early before it goes out of circulation. A simple lesson is that when you buy something, try to picture it with some of the things in your closet... that process will help you to be more analytical about put-

ting different flashes (outfits).

**Add to a current look:**

I may have a flash that I'm wearing that could use an infusion. Take it to a whole nuvah levahl, as Keegan-Michael Key famously coined. For example, I may have blue shoes in suede and a blue chino sports jacket—I would probably want to add a blue belt if I was wearing my shirt tucked in, and if I wasn't, maybe something like a blue pocket square for the jacket that played off the two shades of blue. Or socks. I'm always looking to add another piece to the puzzle... flash, I meant. It's like the stories I've read about the Beatles coming into the studio with a basic idea, and then it got built up with various layers of vocals, instruments, and sound effects to the song we know today. They were never happy with the status quo, always looking for something different and new. And it doesn't need to

be rocket science. Just have that list rotating in your head what you want to add next and prioritize them. And then, when you are walking or driving by a Bay, Winners, Marshalls, Stars Men's Shops or any one of the Trends for Men stores, you can pop in, check it out, pop out. Bob's your uncle. I want you to become a Style Builder. A fashion Ninja. A sartorial Knight. I want you to feel confident in the way you look.

**Want to Experiment with:**

Always look online at men's fashion retailers and designers to get an idea of what you like. And also, notice if someone is wearing a look that you would like to pull off and to study it to find out what specifically appeals to you. These exercises will continue to sharpen and inform your style acumen. I never tell guys to wear what I wear, but if you do want to feel better in your own skin

using fashion, then find out what you like personally. The only way to do that is to do some research and observing. I still do it all the time. I'm not only looking for something new to try out, but I also think it's important as a style advisor to keep current with changes in cut, colours, and fits. And not only does it keep me current on trends it also shows me what shifts are taking place at the retail level. Pre-pandemic, you could walk into any Bay and find a massive assortment of summer polos from Hilfiger or Ralph Lauren. Now there is nada. You have to get them online, and even then, the mix of offerings has changed. So, when someone says, what is the best summer polo to buy, I will always say Hilfiger for value. But get it from Amazon if you want to choose from the full selection of colours and size.

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<b>July 12th</b>	Thursday evenings, bring your lawn chair and enjoy unique music on the front lawn of Castle Kilbride from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Weather permitting. This day, Rescue Junction (Gospel/Bluegrass) will play.	<b>July 24th</b>	7 p.m.	<b>August 14th</b>
<b>Youth Summer Drop-In</b>	Takes place on Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Youth Centre at the Wilmot Recreation Complex, for ages 9 to 12.	<b>Wilmot Council Meeting</b>	<b>August 10th</b>	<b>Blood Drive</b>
<b>July 13th</b>	<b>July 16th</b>	<b>July 25th</b>	<b>Beef Barbecue at Tavistock Memorial Hall</b>	<b>August 19th to August 20th</b>
<b>Childhood Cancer Fundraising BBQ</b>	<b>Breakfast in the Park</b>	<b>Fifth Annual Tavistock Community Car Show &amp; Cruise</b>	<b>Good Eats &amp; Musical Beats</b>	<b>Moparfest</b>
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<b>Castle Kilbride Summer Concert Series</b>	<b>Crokinole</b>	<b>East Zorra-Tavistock Council Meeting</b>	<b>August 11th</b>	<b>Wellesley Council Meeting</b>
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