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## Increased student spaces at future Woodstock school good news for Hickson



By Lee Griffi, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A new elementary school planned for Woodstock's north end is good news for families with children going to Hickson Public School, although the scheduled opening date is three years away.

As part of the province's ongoing efforts to build and improve local schools, they have given the Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB) approval to

change the new Woodstock elementary school to create more student spaces. This is supported by an investment of \$25.6 million. Once completed, this expanded project will deliver 856 elementary spaces and 88 licensed childcare spaces for local families.

"The funding for additional student spaces at the new north Woodstock elementary school is great news for our community," said Ernie Hardeman, MPP for Oxford. "This investment will ensure

families and students have access to a quality learning environment in the years ahead." The new project includes 196 additional student spaces and five new childcare rooms increasing that number to 88.

"I'm thrilled that this funding will enable us to increase the size of the future Woodstock elementary school from 660 to 856 students," said TVDSB Director of Education Mark Fisher. "Thames Valley

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## Wellesley Home Centre changes ownership

Grand opening event to be held from September 7-9

By Veronica Reiner

Wellesley Home Centre has officially changed ownership - John and Miriam Kuepfer have sold it to Jamie Kuepfer, but are still involved in the organization.

Jamie explained that while he had been an owner of the hardware store, located at 2196 Gerber Road, he is now the majority shareholder of the organization as of May 1.

"We're really excited to see the business grow from here," said Jamie.

"We're very excited to be involved and a part of this community - it's a great place to do business and a great place to live. We're really thankful for the community around us that has been so supportive of the business over the many years that we've been here."

The store offers everything including building supplies, plumbing, hardware, electrical, paint and decor. They also have a design centre, where they sell materials as well as install kitchens, bathrooms, and flooring. In addition, they offer window repair, colour match, home and cottage design, screen repair, key cutting, and more.

A rental division also rents out power tools and small equipment to those who need it, as well as their pro contractor services. "We service contractors for a wide area around us, and we offer material takeoffs, and job site support to our contractor customers, as well as delivery. We have a delivery fleet of about 12 vehicles," said Jamie.

"So we're able to service contractors and homeowners with that."

The store has about 70 employees total, broken up into specialized divisions.

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## COMMUNITY —

# Wellesley Home Centre changes ownership



The grand opening will take place from September 7 to 9.

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Jamie has been working at Wellesley Home Centre since 2012. "I started as the lumber and building materials sales manager, and I was in that role until 2017, when I became an owner," he said. "I'm pretty familiar with the construction industry, and all of the aspects of our business."

Before that, he worked in sales support at Fastenal and in agriculture as a teenager.

Jamie studied marketing at Conestoga

College from 2009 and 2012. "I actually started being involved with this business in college," he explained. "I did a market research study for the store, and as a result of doing that, as a part of my college course, it turned into being offered a job after I graduated. And everything happened from there."

John and Miriam have been running Wellesley Home Centre since 2001. Despite having the same last name, there is no relation between them and Jamie.



Jamie Kuepfer now officially owns the Wellesley Home Centre.

"The customer experience will remain the same," said Jamie. "We've definitely built our reputation on providing exceptional customer service to our community, so nothing will change as far as that goes."

"We've been very blessed to have substantial growth in the last few years, and we are looking forward to growing the business further of course. But in the interim, it will be business as usual."

The store sees a mix of regular customers

who come in every day or every other day, as well as visitors who come in from the city.

A grand opening to celebrate will be held on Thursday, September 7, Friday, September 8 and Saturday, September 9. It will include lots of giveaways, door prizes, as well as a free barbecue lunch and a bouncy castle on Saturday September 9. The free barbecue is being put on by the Petersburg Optimist Club to support their programs.

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looks forward to enhancing our ability to support Oxford County students and families." The new Woodstock elementary school will be located at Block 195 Sobeski Avenue.

The Gazette asked the TVDSB if the announcement was positive for students and parents at Hickson Public School. Cheryl Weedmark, Communications Manager at TVDSB, said Woodstock residents will benefit. "This is great news for Oxford as students in Woodstock will be able to be accommodated at a proximal school in their home community." Weedmark did say the hike in Woodstock's population led to the move. "The level of development activity has been increasing, with a number of new projects being planned in north Woodstock since the business case was first submitted. We are thrilled to receive this additional funding to support

the growth in Oxford." She added anyone interested can follow the new school's progress. "We are currently working towards a September 2026 opening. As we move through the process, we will have a better idea of the construction start date." The website at <https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/our-board/new-woodstock-school.aspx> will provide updates.

Many parents have expressed concerns about the school's septic system, an issue that came to light during the last school year when E-coli and fecal matter were found in pooled water in the yard and a report from East Zorra-Tavistock said the septic bed was failing. Several orders were issued to rectify the problem as daily pumping was ordered and continues to be done. "We have engaged with an engineering consulting firm to assist with the upgrades to the system. Geotechnical investigation and review are ongoing to inform

next steps at this time," said Weedmark. There is no word on when the septic system will be replaced.

The Gazette also asked Weedmark regarding the portable situation for the opening week of school in Hickson and what the enrolment numbers will be but didn't receive an answer. "We won't have official enrolment numbers available until mid-November. New families in North Woodstock are attending Zorra Highland Park which has created some enrolment pressure relief at Hickson." Enrolment at Hickson Public School jumped from 395 students in 2012 to 667 last year resulting in multiple portables being installed over the years.

Minister of Education Steven Lecce said Ontario is taking action to ensure that school board capital assets are used effectively and efficiently to meet the needs of growing communities, support

student learning, and ensure value for taxpayer dollars. "The Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act will empower decision-makers to build modern schools faster by better utilizing school capacity, reducing barriers for school boards to facilitate agreements for schools in multi-use buildings such as condo towers, and shortening planning time by requiring school boards to use certain designs or plans when constructing, renovating, or making additions to schools." He added that the province is determined to build schools and expansions faster, part of the commitment to modernize schools in fast-growing communities. "We are proud to deliver this critical expansion to the capacity of the new Woodstock elementary school for local families, along with increasing funding, staffing, and tutoring to help ensure students graduate with confidence that they can succeed in good-paying careers."

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# EZT fire department urges residents to maintain smoke and carbon monoxide alarms

By Lee Griffi, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Ontario experienced more deadly fires than in the past 20 years in 2022, claiming the lives of 133 people. As part of a new province-wide initiative, the Ontario Fire Marshal is promoting Ontario's first "Test Your Smoke Alarm Day" on Thursday, September 28, to increase public safety awareness.

East Zorra-Tavistock has decided to join the Fire Marshal's program, and Fire Chief Scott Alexander is urging residents to conduct regular maintenance on their existing life safety devices, which are engineered to notify occupants of a fire or carbon monoxide hazards. Alexander is also calling attention to a need for increased safety knowledge and home escape planning in people's residences. "Checking your smoke and carbon monoxide alarm takes only minutes, but this simple action can have a lasting impact. Residents need to ensure that these essential devices are functional at all times and remember to follow the manufacturer's recommendations for keeping their alarms working reliably."

Smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms are the first line of defense in every home by notifying those inside of a hazardous situation. While recent changes to Building and Fire Codes have enhanced the built-in detection fire and smoke technology in newer homes, existing residences must still provide a robust detection capability to remain in compliance with the Ontario Fire Code.

According to EZT Fire Prevention Officer Geoff Hayman, the responsibility to provide safe rental properties falls to the landlord or owner. "They are always responsible for the maintenance of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in rental properties." The Ontario Fire Code states that unless otherwise specified, the owner is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the code. "These references apply for smoke and



CO in rental units. In my experience, the best solution for a landlord is to possess valid documentation that indicates working alarms were tested annually and after every change of tenant. The tenant has the responsibility of notifying the landlord if there is a non-functioning smoke and carbon monoxide alarm in their unit," added Hayman.

"Regular monthly cleaning of your alarm will help remove dust and accumulations that hinder the operation of the alarm and that sometimes create conditions that lead to false alarms. Vacuum your alarm regularly using a soft bristle attachment on the outer surfaces to remove materials such as dust, insects, and spider webs. Pressurized air can also provide an effective method of cleaning the sensors," added Alexander.

Smoke and CO alarm manufacturers provide installation, operational, and maintenance instructions with each alarm, with replacement alarms sold in stores and online. For more information, contact the East Zorra-Tavistock Township Fire Department at 519-462-2697, ext.7829.



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# Mental wellness workshop taking place at Quehl's restaurant in Tavistock

By Veronica Reiner

East Zorra Mennonite Church and Interfaith Counselling Centre (ICC) are holding a workshop aimed at helping attendees better understand mental health among children and young adults. Proceeds raised from the event will go to the Tavistock Assistance Program (TAP), as well as cover expenses to put on the event.

The event will be held at Quehl's Banquet Hall in Tavistock on Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 16, and include a continental breakfast and a presentation at 9 a.m. by guest speaker Cathi Watson, RSW, MDiv Counsellor with ICC.

"She's going to talk about some of the signs and symptoms to watch for, give us some information on how you can get a diagnosis, if there is a formal diagnosis there, and where to go for help," said Heidi Wagler, Faith Community Nurse at East Zorra Mennonite Church, who has helped to organize the event.

Other attendees include TAP Director, Linda Holst, along with Vicki Weibe and Ingrid Heide, representatives from Wellkin, the Oxford County Child and Youth Mental Health Agency.

"We felt that after the pandemic, and knowing the stress that young people are experiencing these days, we wanted to have some sort of avenue that we could help subside some of the stigma around mental health and how it specifically relates to young people, and the effect on families," said Heidi. "We want it to be feasible for people to attend, so we're not charging anything."

According to the Canadian Mental Health Association, one in five children and youth in the province will experience some form of a mental health problem. At least 70 per cent of mental illnesses start in childhood/adolescence.

Further, 62 per cent of Ontario's youth report concerns about anxiety, and Canada's youth suicide rate is the third highest in the industrialized world.

"I think they'll talk a lot about how symptoms can exhibit - it can be emotional as far as mood swings or irritability, but watching for behavioural changes too," said Heidi.

A lot of the conversations will revolve around symptoms associated with mental health issues, which may include changes in behaviour and mood.

Specific examples of this include stomach aches or headaches due to excessive worry, persistent nightmares and/or a lack of sleep, avoidance of formerly enjoyable activities, including spending time with friends, being unusually quiet, sad, preoccupied or reserved, and a change in appetite, whether that means eating considerably less or more.

"I wish that we could say it as mental wellness, rather than mental illness," said Heidi. "We all have a level - even those who don't have a specific diagnosis - we all have good days and bad days. We can fluctuate in our mental wellness depending what situations we're in."

"I just think that kids these days are going through different stressors than even myself growing up, such as with social media. I think there's a real need for families to be open and talking."

Heidi said that her family has a personal connection to mental illness, having lost two family members to suicide this past spring.

"Our hope is that there could maybe be a support group formed throughout this just from some of the connections made," said Heidi. "We want to keep in contact with any of the participants after the fact too, and we're excited to see where things could move on from here, from getting the conversation started."

To register for this free event, please call Heidi at 519-274-4822 or heidi@ezmennonite.ca.

Donations are accepted via e-transfer to treasurer@ezmennonite.ca, or cash or cheque made payable to East Zorra Mennonite Church, with the subject: Community Breakfast Workshop.

## Region of Waterloo approve new 2023-2027 strategic plan

By Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette Staff

Waterloo regional council members have approved a new strategic plan, with input from thousands of community members, as the region prepares to grow to one million people in the coming decades.

The 2023-2027 strategic plan prioritizes the region's work in four key areas to: address the housing and homelessness crisis; grow sustainably while adapting to a changing climate; make services and opportunities more equitable for all; and cultivate an organization that supports staff well-being and service to better support residents.

"This strategic plan sets out a path to make our community more sustainable, resilient and livable," said Regional Chair

Karen Redman. "We need to be intentional about our future and how we grow, as well as how this impacts affordability and quality of life."

The plan priorities are:

**Homes for all:** The region aims to increase equitable access to affordable homes that cost less than 30 per cent of household income across the region, as well as eliminate chronic homelessness, invest in upstream solutions to reduce housing and economic precarity.

**Climate aligned growth:** The region plans to use a climate adaptation lens to reimagine infrastructure, land and services for growth; foster car alternative options through complete streets and extended alternative transportation networks;

and steward the natural environment and shared resources.

**Equitable services and opportunities:** The region plans to design equitable regional services that meet local community needs and explore new models of service through community collaboration and partnerships.

**Resilient and future ready organization:** The region plans to foster an "empowered people-centred" culture, reconcile past injustices to advance the future together, and explore new service models and partnerships to achieve fiscal resilience and better service.

"As our community continues to grow and change, we must be able to adapt to deliver the critical services residents depend

on daily," said Region of Waterloo Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Lauckner.

"From childcare to paramedic services, waste collection and water treatment, support and outreach workers, Region of Waterloo staff are committed to delivering services to support all residents across the region. This new strategic plan provides the roadmap for intentional growth and service delivery now and in decades to come."

The strategic plan will be shared broadly in the fall, and will guide investments and decisions made through the region's 2024 budget process.

More information about the plan is available on the region's website.

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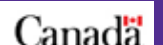
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COMMUNITY —

# ICC celebrates 40 years

By Veronica Reiner

Interfaith Counselling Centre (ICC) is celebrating 40 years of service to Wilmot and surrounding rural communities.

"In my role as Executive Director, it is a privilege to review the history and observe how ICC emerged as an internal community movement, a coming together of citizens and a broad spectrum of community leaders who recognized the need for affordable, professional mental health support within the local rural community," said Matthew Isert Bender, Executive Director of the ICC. "These core values remain at the heart of who ICC is to this day."

Currently, there are 15 employees at ICC, ranging from full time, five days a week, down to two counsellors who provide four hours of counselling per week. The staff consist of highly skilled counselling professionals, all registered with the College of Social Workers or the College of Registered Psychotherapist of Ontario.

In addition, the ICC provides at least one Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) and one Master of Social Work (MSW) internship each year. There are 4,000 hours of direct counselling (individual, couple and group) delivered in 2022, out of the 23B Church Street office. All ages are served, ranging from age six to 90 years of age.

"I believe we offer a professional, skilled and caring counselling service which is accessible within our rural community," said Matthew. "It is local and we are committed to provide the service regardless of the person's ability to pay."

The ICC thanks the generous community, from the very beginning local churches, service clubs, businesses and individuals that have donated to their work. About 20 to 25 per cent of the ICC's revenue is from the community.

"We are a community that cares for each other, that believes that mental health is a part of health and that all citizens should have access to mental health support," said Matthew. "It is an honour and a deep joy to steward this vision of ICC."



ICC Executive Director Matthew Isert Bender.

Some key dates in ICC's early history include:

May 12, 1982 - a group formed, and they began using the name New Hamburg and Area Counselling Society. ICC started to form an entity.

July 11, 1983 - New Hamburg and Area Interfaith Counselling Society was incorporated as a not-for-profit charitable organization.

November 1, 1983 - doors opened and counselling began, with the first counsellor being Earlla Phegan.

November 15, 1983 - community open house to celebrate the beginning of ICC in Wilmot and surrounding rural communities.

The group of leaders met in 1982, and then became the Founding Directors of ICC in 1983. They consisted of two local high school guidance counsellors, a local elementary school principal, Anglican, Lutheran and Mennonite Pastors (one from Tavistock, one from Wellesley and 4 from Wilmot), a medical doctor, naturopathic doctor and a few dedicated community members. The ICC developed through the passion, hard work and coming together of

many caring individuals.

The organization began as an independent counselling agency, but in connection with other community based Interfaith Counselling Centre's in the region, in Kitchener, Cambridge and Woolwich. The names and structures have changed, but the organizations continue to work together as Family Service of Ontario, community based counselling agencies in the Waterloo Region.

The ICC is a member of the Counselling Collaborative of Waterloo Region (CCWR) which consists of Camino Wellbeing and Mental Health, Shalom Counselling, Woolwich Counselling Centre, Porchlight Counselling and Addiction Services and Interfaith Counselling Centre.

During the early years executive leadership and oversight was provided by the Board of Directors with the first Executive Director hired in 1992.

The Executive Directors at ICC have been:

Janine Maine - 1992 to November 2001

Ruth Martin - November 2001 to January 2010

Christine Bruder - January 2010 to October 2011

Lisa Akey - October 2011 to April 2020

Matthew Isert Bender - April 2020 to present

"It is a privilege as Executive Director and to steward the history of ICC, guide the current work we do and to lead into who we are becoming as we partner with others seeking to meet the needs of our community," said Matthew.

The current Board of Directors will be hosting a Founders Tea on Wednesday, October 4 at the New Dundee Community Centre. This will provide an opportunity to celebrate with the founders and board of directors, past and present - as well as launch 40th anniversary initiatives.

ICC 40th anniversary celebrations will wrap up on Friday, April 19, 2024, with a community gala dinner event, with more details to come.

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# 150-year-old New Hamburg tree is a finalist for Tree of the Year

By Veronica Reiner

A 150-year-old bur oak tree, located on a private property along Peel Street near Church Street in New Hamburg, was nominated as the 2023 Tree of the Year.

The Tree of the Year is a new legacy tree contest, established by Reep Green Solutions in collaboration with Tree Trust and the Echo Foundation. Yvonne Zyma, a member of Let's Tree Wilmot and Heritage Wilmot, was the one who nominated the tree.

"I walk by this tree almost every day, so I see it all the time," said Yvonne. "Once you've seen it once, and you realize how big the tree is, you can't ever unsee it."

The tree's height is estimated at 27.5 to 30.5 metres (90 to 100 feet), with a 136 centimetre (53.5 inch) diameter at breast height.

Bur oak is one of the province's 11 native oaks. They typically grow tall, with a straight trunk, and have thick, dark bark with furrows. The trees have large leaves (15 to 25 centimetres long) with shiny green on top, and pale and hairy underneath. Their deep roots help them tolerate drought, and their very thick bark can help them survive forest fires.



Let's Tree Wilmot member Yvonne Zyma with the giant, 150-year-old bur oak tree. The tree is a finalist for Tree of the Year.

There are five total finalists for the 2023 Tree of the Year, including a bur oak tree located in Waterloo, a weeping willow tree

in Kitchener, a white oak in Cambridge, and a white elm in Woolwich.

"These trees are part of history, and I think we really need to start recognizing that. It gives it more value in people's minds," said Yvonne. "It's more than just a tree, as far as I'm concerned - it's an emblem, it's a symbol of how we need to appreciate what we have."

Historical research indicates there were once buildings where the tree currently stands, until 1875, when they were torn down and the current house was built. The tree is thought to have started growing around that time. It sits on the residential property of Marcus Beau.

The Beau family maintains the tree, and have hired an arborist to check it out. A split, higher up on the trunk, was reinforced.

"The aim, really, for the Tree of the Year, is for people to start recognizing these really impressive, historic legacy trees," said Yvonne. "And really, get actively engaged and maybe go out and look at them."

Let's Tree Wilmot provides volunteers the education and expertise to enhance the trees, forest and ecosystems in Wilmot. The group is a recent recipient of a grant from the 2 Billion Trees program, a federal initiative that aims to plant two billion trees over 10 years.

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# Wilmot Township raises orange Survivor's Flag



**By Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette Staff**  
The orange Survivors' flag will fly at the Wilmot Administration Complex throughout September, leading up to the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on

September 30th to recognize and commemorate the tragic history of residential schools. Wilmot Township Mayor Natasha Salonen, Councillor Steve Martin and Councillor



Stewart Cressman, along with Clarence Cachagee, the visionary behind Crow Shield Lodge, and Sacred Firekeeper Ben, led a flag raising ceremony on Friday, September 1. A smudging ceremony and

a song took place before the flag raising. Crow Shield Lodge is an Indigenous land based education and healing space in New Hamburg.

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#### Guest Speaker: Cathi Watson RSW, MDiv Counsellor with ICC

Come join us for breakfast and learn more about the mental health challenges facing children and young adults and what supports are available in our community. Cathi Watson, a therapeutic counsellor at Interfaith Counselling Centre, will provide information and facilitate conversation about signs and symptoms of some mental health issues which affect children, adolescents, and young adults; who can diagnose these illnesses; and where to go for help. Additionally, we will talk about the impact of mental health illness on parents, siblings, and the extended family and the importance of families also getting support."



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# Meet Wilmot Agricultural Society Ambassador contestants



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Kianna Mordue

**By Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette Staff**

The Wilmot Agricultural Society is proud to present this year's participants for their Ambassador Program. This year is the 50th Anniversary of the Ambassador Program, all of the past Queens and Ambassadors are invited back to celebrate the rich heritage of 50 years of representing the fair to our community and beyond. The night of the program will be held at the New Hamburg Community Centre at 6:45 p.m. on September 15th, 2023. Please come join the Wilmot Agricultural Society as they celebrate the past and cheer on this year's participants.

Olivia Batte is 17 years old and just graduated from WODSS. She has a lifelong passion for dance, her community and leaving places better than she found them. This coming year, she is taking a gap year

and working full time at Herrles Country Farm Market with hopes to travel abroad. Her future career aspirations surround the healthcare field with a focus on helping children. Olivia has enjoyed going to the fair ever since she was a child, and she appreciates that there is something for all demographics and that it is a place to celebrate the people and places in our community.

Maddy Henhoeffler is 18 years old and going to University of Toronto for Kinesiology. After school, she hoping to either be a high school teacher and teach Biology and Kinesiology or a Sport Medicine doctor and work with athletes. Maddy has many interests, including dancing and being outside and with her family. Her favourite memory of the fair is watching the horse pull with her family.

Kianna Mordue is 17 years old and is going into grade 12. She is currently working in the welding and ironwork field and hopes to pursue this career industry after high school. She also hopes to improve her rodeo skills. Kianna lives on a farm with her family, and her interests surround her home life: barrel racing, pole bending, chute dogging, bull riding, anything to do with animals, and being outdoors. She has several favourite memories at the fair, including Mutton Busting, overseeing the animals, working down by the derby pit and volunteering alongside friends.

Emma Johson is 17 years old and is going into grade 12 at WODSS. She enjoys being an active member of student council as well as the music department at W-O, she also enjoys reading, crafts and making the world a more inclusive place! Emma has aspirations for the future are

to attend university for nursing as well as spend some time travelling the world. Her favourite fair memory was when she got the opportunity to partake in the alumni choir last year and sing with generations of other music lovers!

Megan Pilkey is 17 years old and is going into grade 12 at WODSS with future aspirations to attend university for Business. She grew up in New Hamburg and is very passionate about sports and being involved in her community! She currently works at the Wilmot Recreation Complex during the school year and Camp Alliwannado during the summer. Her favourite memory of the fair is when she got to show her calf in the 4-H dairy show and won some incredible achievements. She also loves how the fair makes people feel included and supported by fellow peers.

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COMMUNITY —

# Local Tavistock firefighters collecting cash for Muscular Dystrophy



Motorists approaching Tavistock's main corner from Woodstock Street South, are greeted with open firemen boots by, left, Captain Nick Henry, Vicky Eickhardt (Scotiabank), and firefighter Brent Lange.

By Gary West

Tavistock Fire Station firefighters were kept busy on Friday afternoon, with no fire or smoke in sight, but offered an open boot for their annual "fill the boot" campaign for Muscular Dystrophy.

The local firemen and women from the fire department and Scotiabank, teamed up in welcoming motorists at the town's five corners, to pay what they could for a donation to muscular dystrophy at the start of the Labour Day weekend.

The volunteers said the motoring public were very generous. The always congenial firefighters thanked the travelling public for their help, and presented them with a

windshield sticker in appreciation.

While the four hour collection ended with loads of silver and cash, the staff at Tavistock's Scotiabank worked overtime rolling coin and stacking 5's, 10's, 20's and even \$50 notes.

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**Friday, September 8**

- 5:00pm - Silent Auction begins (Arena)
- 5:00pm - Book Sales (Arena)
- 5:00pm - 11:00pm - Midway
- 5:30pm - 8pm - Bubble Soccer
- 7:30pm - Official Opening & Fair Ambassador Competition (Memorial Hall)
- Dusk - Movie Night

**Saturday, September 9**

- All Day - Silent Auction, continues (Arena) Book Sales, continues (Arena)
- 9:30am - Hunter Jumper Show
- 10am - 12pm - Midway in operation
- 10am - 4pm - Chainsaw Carvers - Kane Sibley
- 10am - Heavy Horse Show
- 11am - Parade along Woodstock Street
- 11am - Cattle Show, Goat Display
- 11am - Lovin' Spoonfuls - Soup competition (Memorial Hall)
- 12pm - 4pm - Armband at Midway
- 1:15pm - Power Paws (Dog Show)
- 2:30pm - 4:30pm - Egg Drop Registration
- 3:15pm - Power Paws (Dog Show)
- 4pm - 11pm - Midway (Regular Prices)
- 5pm - Egg Drop Competition
- 6:30pm - 8:30pm - Airband Competition
- 9pm - Band - Whiskey Sun Set (Pavilion)

**Sunday, September 10**

- 10am - 4pm - Historic Wheels
- 12pm - 3pm - Touch A Truck
- 12pm - 3pm - Jr. Farmers Kid Zone
- 12pm - Children's Pet Show
- 12pm - 5pm - Midway in operation
- 1pm - Silent Auction bidding ends
- 1pm - Baby Show (Memorial Hall)
- 1pm - 3pm - Little Hobby Hill Farm Petting Zoo
- 1:30pm - 3:00pm - Bike Rally Fun - Outside Memorial Hall
- 1:30pm - Lawn Tractor Races
- 2pm - Book Sales end, Pick up Silent Auction items
- 3:30pm - Exhibits Close/Pickup Exhibits

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## COMMUNITY —

# 170th edition of the Wellesley Fall Fair taking place next week

By Veronica Reiner

The 170th edition of the Wellesley Fall Fair is coming up next week on Tuesday, September 12th and Wednesday, September 13th. The fair is back to a full, two day event this year at the Wellesley Community Centre/Arena - in 2022, the fair was held as a one day event due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Mary Lichty-Neeb, who is on the fair board, said there is plenty on offer at the event.

On Tuesday at 9:30 a.m., there will be about 160 Grade 3 students attending the dairy education program. Attendees will get the chance to meet a local dairy farmer, as well as a veterinarian and dairy educators, who will teach them about how milk gets from the farm to the grocery store, learn what a cow eats in a day, and more.

In the evening, the fair ambassador competition will take place - contestants include Anas Alsakani, Katelyn Bartlett and Katie Musselman. Entertainment will be by Wellesley based musician Allister Bradley.

There will also be presentations made in the evening to celebrate Wellesley's Citizens of the Year - the winners were announced in August. They include Lisa Weiler Haskins and Richard Hamming as the Citizen of the Year, Alexis Boyd-Koudys as Wellesley Junior Citizen of the Year, and Bob Reid achieving the Lifetime Citizen Award.

"Our midway is running Tuesday night and Wednesday - they're back again, it's Townsend Amusements, which we've had for a number of years," said Mary.

Representatives from the Canadian



The Wellesley Fall Fair in 2014. (Photo credit: Wellesley Fall Fair)

Raptor Conservancy will be coming from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and doing two shows - one in the morning, and one in the afternoon. The organization is 20+ years old and provides education about the country's various species of birds of prey.

A baby contest will take place in the morning - registration will take place at 11:15 a.m., and the show will take place at 11:30 a.m. Outside on the ball diamond, you'll find livestock and horse shows.

"We're also running a fundraiser at the fair - it's an ice cream fundraiser, running Tuesday and Wednesday. Wellesley

Township firefighters will be the ice cream scoopers," explained Mary.

"When we approached the firefighters about helping us, they believed it was a good idea, because there have been a lot of new firefighters that have started over the last few years. We thought this was a great way they could meet the community."

At 3:15 p.m., there will be a stuffy pet show. "That's for kids who either can't have live pets, which is either because of allergies or other things in the household that they're not allowed to have real pets, so they bring their stuffy," explained Mary.

At 3:30 p.m., there will be pets coming for the pet show. At the same time, axe throwing will be starting and going until 7:30 p.m.

"This is new this year - we have changed our parade to 6 p.m., so we're excited about that, it'll give people more opportunity to see it," said Mary.

"We are a midweek fair, so we are very aware that people do work, and we want people more involved in our parade, so we moved it to 6 o'clock on Wednesday evening."

After that, on the ball diamond, a new equestrian drill team, Cutting Edge Cowgirls, will perform. The night will end with a celebration of the 170th with fireworks at 8:45 p.m.

This event took months and months of planning, said Mary.

"We started planning back in October of last year. We keep throwing out ideas, and you always pray that we're not going to have an uprising in COVID again," she said. "We really started more in February, getting the plans in place to do everything."

There are about 100 to 150 volunteers that help out throughout the days, which includes setting up the venue, helping with judging, helping with the dairy education program, helping with the gates, and cleaning up afterward.

"As with any organization these days, we need volunteers. It takes a lot of volunteers to put on an event like this," explained Mary. "We can always use more volunteers if people are interested in helping us."

Those who are interested in volunteering can reach out to Mary at 519-504-6761 or email [mlichty@execulink.com](mailto:mlichty@execulink.com).

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COMMUNITY —

# Hickson sisters donate proceeds to charity



From left to right, Hickson sisters Emma (11) and Chloe (8) happily sit at their lemonade stand eager for customers. The girls have made a habit of donating their proceeds to those less fortunate.

By Lee Griffi

The girls' mother Julie said her oldest Emma is always looking for ways to make extra money. "They decided to make bracelets and artwork to sell, and we usually do a lemonade stand every summer (time got away from us last Summer so we didn't do it). They have been busy all summer building up their inventory." The two

previous summers that the girls did their stand, and some of the money to buy groceries and donate to a cause in Woodstock. "We felt it was important for them to see the cost of food, what a dollar can buy, and that there is always someone who needs a little extra help. This year we decided to give back to something local and closer to home so chose the Tavistock Assistance Program," added Julie.

# Wilmot Splash Pad to remain open until September 10



By Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette Staff

High temperatures are in the forecast for the next week, so the Wilmot Splash Pad will remain open past Labour Day.

The official date of closing listed on Wilmot Township's website is September 10, but this will be weather dependent.

Located at the Wilmot Recreation Complex

(1291 Nafziger Road Baden), the splash pad is 2800 square foot outdoor water play area. The splash pad offers several different types of water features for children 0 to 12 years of age to enjoy and is wheelchair accessible.

It is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day of the week.

# Injured great horned owl rescued in Baden



By Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette Staff

This great horned owl was found in a subdivision on the road Baden and unable to fly in late August. Members of the public put up a barricade and called the Kitchener Waterloo Stratford Perth (KWSP) Humane Society to attend and pick up the owl.

The owl was picked up and subsequently took it to Hobbitstee Wildlife Refuge, based in Nanticoke, Ontario, to be treated. Anyone who sees any sick or injured

wildlife should know it is best to call the KWSP Humane Society or local wildlife rescue.

The KWSP Humane Society supports sick and injured wildlife in their contracted service areas, which includes Wilmot Township and Wellesley Township. The organization works with licensed wildlife rescues in the province to assess and triage, and transfer to their facilities.

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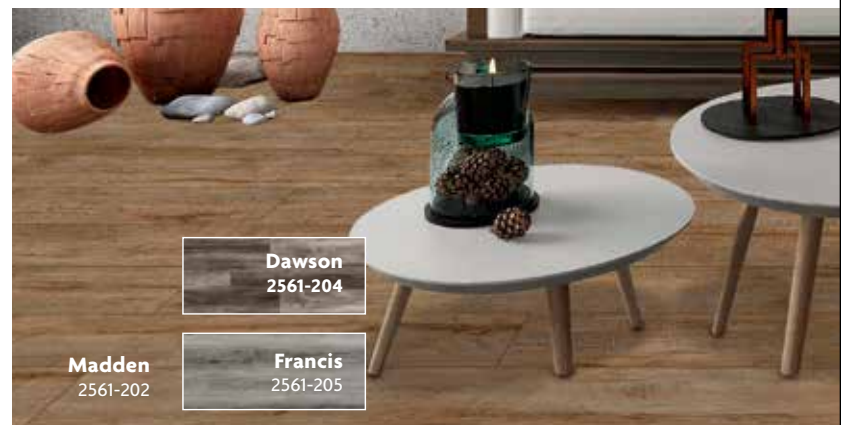
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## OBITUARY

### GERBER, Howard Emanuel



Passed away peacefully surrounded by his loved ones on Wednesday, August 30, 2023, at his residence in New Hamburg, Ontario. Howard Gerber of New Hamburg at the age of 88.

Loving wife of Ada (Schlegel) Gerber whom he cherished 66 years of marriage with. Loving father of Myron and Joanne

Gerber, Shirley and John Brenneman and Paul and Monique Gerber. Proud and devoted grandfather and great-grandfather of Dan (Meghan) Gerber, Holly (Ben) Parks and their children Warren and Isaac; Kathy (Jay) Cochran and their children Kacey and Kip; Andrea (Kyle) McFarlane and their children (Charlotte, Ruby, Violet, and April; Russell Brenneman, Natalie (Matt) Jantzi and their children Hazel and Hailey; Zac Halliday. Dearly missed by siblings Audrey (Harold) Bender, Carol (Irvin) Wagler, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Velma Schlegel, Merv (Karen) Schlegel, Sam Wagler, Raymond Ruby (Shirley Roth), special friends Sue and Rick Erb and by many nieces and nephews.

Howard is predeceased by his parents Emanuel and Clara Ann Gerber, mother and father-in-law Ezra and Violet Schlegel, siblings Calvin (Marion) Gerber, Willard (Gladys) Gerber, Beulah (Henry) Ruby, Margaret (Roy) Ruby, Inez (Oliver) Ramseyer, Ellen (Elton) Leis, Helen (Lester) Yantzi and Nancy, great-granddaughter Noelle Parks and by sisters-in-law Elda Wagler and Norma Ruby.

Howard was a very active member of Cassel Mennonite Church. He enjoyed singing and sang in 2 quartets. Howard's passion was farming. He farmed for many years on the farm located in RR#1 Bright. Howard loved spending time with his family and cherished those times.

Relatives and friends were invited to the Mark Jutzi Funeral Home, 291 Huron Street, New Hamburg, on Sunday, September 3, 2023, from 2 – 4 & 6 – 8. The funeral service took place on Monday, September 4, 2023, at 16th line East Zorra Mennonite Church at 2:00 p.m. with interment prior in the church yard cemetery at 1:30 p.m. Pastor Wanda Amstutz officiated.

A special thank you to Roxie Sword, Dr. Dawn Yew and the nurses from Paramed for their wonderful care and compassion.

As expressions of sympathy, donations would be accepted to Cassel Mennonite Church or Kidney Foundation and can be done through the funeral home website.

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- 1) What is the longest river in Europe?
- 2) Samuel Morse was the inventor of what revolutionary device?
- 3) What is the shortest complete sentence in the English language?
- 4) How many legs does a lobster have?
- 5) What is England's National flower?
- 6) In a game of chess, who makes the first move?
- 7) True or False? Squash has been featured as an Olympic sport.
- 8) The song "Over the Rainbow" was written for what film?
- 9) What was the best-selling Nintendo Wii videogame?
- 10) What is the only sea without any coasts?

Answers found on page 26

BIRTHDAYS &  
ANNIVERSARIES

**September 7:** Happy Birthday to Benjamin Stolk.

**September 8:** Happy Birthday to Logan Nahrgang (12), and anniversary for Joel and Angela Blom (16th).

**September 9:** Happy Birthday to Cade Munro (10), Violet Bender (14), and Michelle Roth.

**September 10:** Happy birthday to Kira Chemerys (14), Adriana Danen (20), and Victoria Steinacker (23).

**September 11:** Happy Birthday to Tade Ankenman, and anniversary to Greg and Lynda Barker (30th), and John and Agnes King (69th).

**September 12:** Happy Birthday to Ava Ross (10), Hannah Campbell (19), and Sam Patton (20).

**September 13:** Happy Birthday to Oliver Kropf (9), Emily Danen (22), and Marie Brodrecht, and anniversaries for John and Judy Yausie (55th), and Shayne and Charmaye Rivest.

*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.*

**September 5-12, 2018 Edition (5 years ago)**

Zehr Home Hardware has been sold. It is now part of the Yantzi Home Building Centre family business operated by Dealer-Owners, Darlene Yantzi, Jim Yantzi, and Joyce Ropp.

New Tavistock Public School teachers include Cathy Smythe, Nikkole Mogk, Natalie Kelterborn, Teri McCoppen, Music Teacher Sara Gallant and Librarian Jenna Sparks.

Sarah Danen earned the 2018-19 Fair Ambassador title on Friday evening, September 7th, during the well-attended competition at the Tavistock Memorial Hall.

**September 3-10, 2008 Edition (15 years ago)**

This year's Doors Open Oxford event features twelve sites to provide residents and visitors the opportunity to explore Oxford County's diverse history and architectural heritage. Two Tavistock locations on the tour this year include St. Paul's Lutheran Church and the Tavistock Masonic Temple.

The 156th Annual Tavistock Agricultural Society Fall Fair had a little bit of everything, from old reliable events in the show ring and on the stage to new attractions such as a climbing wall and magician show. The weekend also had its ups and downs in the weather department. Tori Smythe was named the 2008-09 Ambassador of the Fair with Iain McMillan as runner-up.

**September 2-9, 1998 Edition (25 years ago)**

12-year-old Katie Roth placed second in the Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) country singing contest this past weekend. On Tuesday night Katie sang "Golden Rings" by Tammy Wynette and at Saturday's show she performed Deanna Carter's "If This Is Love".

Ten years in the video rental business have taught the new Tavistock Videos owners what they believe will bring a new standard to video rental in the area. Dave and Jody Berdan took over the local store at 16 Hope Street West on July 31, 1998 from Ed and Colleen Tiemens.

The Tavistock Royals Senior "AA" Hockey Club announced last week that Mr. Gerry Seguin of St. Marys has been named head coach while Mr. Lyle Rozendal of Tavistock is team manager.

The South Easthope Tug-of-War team

placed fourth in the Men's Catchweight class at the Tug-of-War World Championships in Rochester, Minnesota last week. Members of the team include Mike Cook, Darryl Herlick, Greg Lundrigan, Matt Lindner, Murray Schlotzhauer, Adam Wilhelm, Brian Riehl, Tim Trachsel, Steve Mohr, Jim Stevenson, Pat Vlasman, and Peter Kreyger.

Tavistock Public School students and teachers are back this week. Mark Seaton and Marian Brown are the two new faces at the front of the room this school year.

**September 5-12, 1973 Edition (50 years ago)**

The Shakespeare Optimist Club have passed their first six months of operation and President Gil McNeil said that if the first six months are any indication of what to expect in the coming year, that their Service Club will be second to none in the area.

Heather Innes, 20, is the first Oxford County girl to be crowned Ontario Dairy Princess. Heather got the honours Friday night at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto.

The Tavistock Fall Fair had another good year with the weatherman giving the Society a bright sunny day. This was the 122nd Fair held, and the admissions were up to 3,000 people compared to 2,400 for 1972.

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## COMMUNITY —

# Stupendous Sea Buckthorn Berries

By Mercedes Kay Gold

Eating a rainbow of produce is powerful. Plants are fundamental in creating and maintaining overall whole-body wellness inside and out. As a certified holistic nutritionist, seven to nine cups of veggies a day is a tough sell to clients, but fruit, the original grab-and-go, is always smile worthy!

After the pleasure of sampling a decadent ganache berry filled bonbon at Chok. for an upcoming piece I was writing, the berry farm was revealed. Local family fruit growers, Dietmar and Nadia Walch, started their journey in 2002, the name, TNT, a nod to their three children, Tillo, Natasha and Tobias. TNT Berries is best known for their baby bundles of blueberry love and ravishing red raspberries. Both berries are low sugar, high fiber and beautiful brightness bring boatloads of benefits, but TNT Berries grows what just might be the best kept nutritional secret in the area.

September is set to begin, and let's get ready, set and go with health-supporting Sea Buckthorn berries. The plant may be native to cold northern seaside climates growing throughout Europe and Asia, but in 2015, the Walch family embarked on a new botanical adventure. With the addition of 100 Latvian plants, a one to eight ratio of wind-driven pollinating males and berry producing females, Sea Buckthorn berries soon flourished.

Sea Buckthorn berries are happy holistic health helpers inside and out, dating back centuries. Both the seeds and berries are well-known superstars in the natural skin care industry. Sea Buckthorn oil is widely used in loads of leading anti-aging serums. Due to powerful vitamins, minerals, an array

of antioxidants, and fabulous fatty acids, the berries are a natural skin remedy, helping repair, regenerate and reduce redness.

As a nutritionist, I believe in eating healthy whole foods. Feeding the body Sea Buckthorn berries floods cells with nutrients, supporting the inside, as well as a glow on the outside. Sea Buckthorn is a small bright orange berry with a dark yellow or orange flesh. Their taste is a touch acidic, astringent, tangy, and a tad tart, but if you love granny smith apples, this berry is heavenly without adding sugar. They are rich in essential omega fatty acids and eye-health-helping carotenoids.

Sea Buckthorn berries are full of flavonoids, providing medicinal benefits and helping the orange super berry step straight into the spotlight. A small study in China linked a five-week consumption of the fruit to a decrease in fasting blood sugar in pre-diabetic participants. The awesome antioxidants may lower blood sugar and combined with anti-inflammatory properties; the outrageously orange berries are also thought to have anti-cancer properties.

Sea Buckthorn berries are a body-boosting bonanza, and I am hooked! Brighten your breakfast bowl, step up your smoothie and make muffins magical with a tried-and-true nutritional powerhouse on the daily menu.

Local grown will have you glowing! Sea buckthorn berries are not easy to find, and we are blessed to have them growing alongside a regional dirt road. TNT Berries has frozen berries available to purchase while quantities last.

Follow @TNTberries.



## Perth County Paramedic Services hiring, looking to add 20 new members to the team

By Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette Staff

As of September 5, up until September 25, Perth County's Paramedic Services Department is accepting applications for new primary care paramedics to join the team. The organization is looking to add 20 members to the team.

"Perth County Paramedic Services is a talented service with an incredible group of people," said Mike Adair, Chief of Perth County Paramedic Services. "We are a progressive service offering a lot of unique opportunities to grow in the field of paramedicine."

"Staff at Perth County Paramedics get to be involved in some exciting programs and development opportunities," said Tristan Barter, assistant deputy chief, performance and development for Perth County Paramedics.

"We have our community paramedicine program, our field training paramedics, as well as opportunities for future leadership growth as an acting commander."

New to this recruitment are two streamlined pathways for current paramedics and new graduates. Current paramedics who are certified under an Ontario Base Hospital Group (OBHG) will be able to fast-track through a three-day in-class orientation.

Both current and new paramedics are also eligible for their certain expenses to be reimbursed, such as Southwest Ontario Regional Base Hospital Program testing. AIV Certification and OPPAT testing will be reimbursed upon successfully completing the orientation process.

Those who want to learn more can visit [www.perthcounty.ca/paramedics](http://www.perthcounty.ca/paramedics). From there, candidates can read more about being a Primary Care Paramedic in Perth County as well as review the requirements to apply for a position.

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COMMUNITY —

# Ag Society plans a return of the Soup Cookoff at Fall Fair

By Janet Heinbuch

'Autumn Treasures' is the theme of the Tavistock Fair this year, and thoughts of warm soup to ward off the Autumn chill come to mind. You can get some delicious warm soup at the Fair this year, as the competition for 'People's Choice Award' returns after a three-year hiatus.

The 'Lovin Spoonfuls' event takes place on Saturday, September 9th, beginning at 11:00 a.m., in the Memorial Hall.

We are still looking for volunteer businesses, groups, families or individuals to make their favourite recipe of homemade soup and serve it to fair-goers, who purchase tickets for the samples. This is a fun fundraiser for the Fair. Each soup will be enjoyed by all, and a 'People's Choice Award' will be presented to the soup maker who gets the most favourite votes.

Call Julie at (519) 590-1617 if you or your group are interested in participating.



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- Friday 6:45 pm Ambassador Program.....Arena Stage
- Friday 7 pm Tractor Pull.....Grandstand
- Saturday 7 pm Demolition Derby.....Grandstand
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#### Thursday

Home Craft Registration and Drop-off	Arena	4:00 pm
Draft Horse Pull	Grandstand	7:00 pm

#### Friday

Opening Ceremonies	Arena	6:45 pm
Citizen of the Year	Arena	6:45 pm
Ambassador Program	Arena	6:45 pm
Tractor Pull	Grandstand	7:00 pm

#### Saturday

Hunter and Jumper Show	Infield	8:00 am
Home Craft Exhibits	Arena	9:00 am
Baby Show	Arena	9:00 am
Jr. Pet Show	Arena	10:00 am
Draft Horse Show	Infield	10:00 am
Waterloo 4-H Rabbit Club Show	Infield	10:00 am
Wilmot Wellesley 4-H Dairy Show	Infield	10:30 am
Light Horse and Pony Show	Infield	10:30 am
Waterloo 4-H Beef Show	Infield	10:30 am
Ultimutts Dog Show	Barnyard Children's Area	11:00 am
Tiny Farmer Cattle Show	Infield	12:00 pm
Stuffed Pet Show	Arena Stage	12:15 pm
Open 4-H Dairy Show	Infield	12:30 pm
Open 4-H Beef Show	Infield	12:30 pm
Ultimutts Dog Show	Barnyard Children's Area	1:30 pm
Reptile Kingdom Interactive Show	Barnyard Children's Area	til 2:00 pm
4-H Presentation	Grandstand	3:00 pm
Ultimutts Dog Show	Barnyard Children's Area	3:00 pm
Farmer's Walk	Grandstand	6:00 pm
Demolition Derby 4 cylinder	Grandstand	7:00 pm
Toilet Seat Races	Grandstand	Approx 9:00 pm

#### Sunday

Church Service	Arena	9:30 am
Demolition Derby 8 cylinder	Grandstand	2:00 pm
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COMMUNITY —

# Laverne Gingerich - travelling two hours for breakfast on a 1945 Allis Chalmers tractor



New Hamburg's Laverne Gingerich, starting his trip on his 1945 Allis Chalmers, to Morningside, in New Hamburg, after having breakfast at the Monkton Diner with his fellow tractor club members.

By Gary West

It's not every day that you see a retired farmer from the New Hamburg area set off on a two hour tractor trek to enjoy breakfast with his friends. They went to a country restaurant to the northwest in Monkton, Ontario.

For Laverne Gingerich, who has now lived for 11 years in the Morningside retirement village, it seemed like just "another day at the office, so to speak." He also spent over 40 years working for Ontario Hydro as a lineman.

The 83-year-old, driving his 1945 W C Allis Chalmers, said the journey took him



Left to right, Denise Straeten, Jackie Rockey, Lauren De Haan, Michelle Straeten, of the Monkton Diner, who prepared breakfast for a large contingent of members of the North Easthope Tractor (N.E.A.T.) club.

approximately two hours, but he enjoyed every minute of it, viewing the picturesque countryside as he went.

His destination was the Monkton Diner, where members of the North Easthope Antique Tractor Club (N.E.A.T.), were invited to enjoy a homemade bacon and egg breakfast, on behalf of owners Howard

and Gloria Bauman and their staff.

There were a number of owners of antique tractors who made the trip, from Waterloo and Perth County. But if there was a prize for someone who travelled the furthest on the oldest tractor, Gingerich, would in all likelihood, be the recipient of such a prize.

## OPP urges drivers to be cautious among rise in road deaths

By Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette Staff

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is urging the public to drive safely among a rise in road deaths across the province.

"With 239 lives already lost on OPP-patrolled roads this year, now is as critical a time as ever for drivers to recognize the direct link between the loss of a life on our roads and a driver who makes

poor decisions and takes careless actions behind the wheel," wrote the OPP in a release.

Nearly 50 per cent of this year's road fatalities were attributed to drivers who were speeding, inattentive, drug/alcohol impaired or not wearing their seatbelt (which includes unbuckled passengers).

These poor behaviours, known as "Big

Four" factors in road deaths led to similar consequences for drivers and passengers year after year. Over the last full five year period (2018 to 2022) more than half of the fatalities were attributed to the Big Four, accounting for 946 deaths among those that were "completely preventable."

Motorists are urged to exercise caution when driving near school buses and busy pedestrian crossovers and school

crossings this year. Pedestrians and cyclists should keep the roads safe by maintaining a heightened sense of awareness.

"OPP officers hope to see nothing but safe, smart decisions and behaviours on the part of all drivers and other road users they observe while conducting robust enforcement and education around traffic laws over the Labour Day long weekend," said the OPP.

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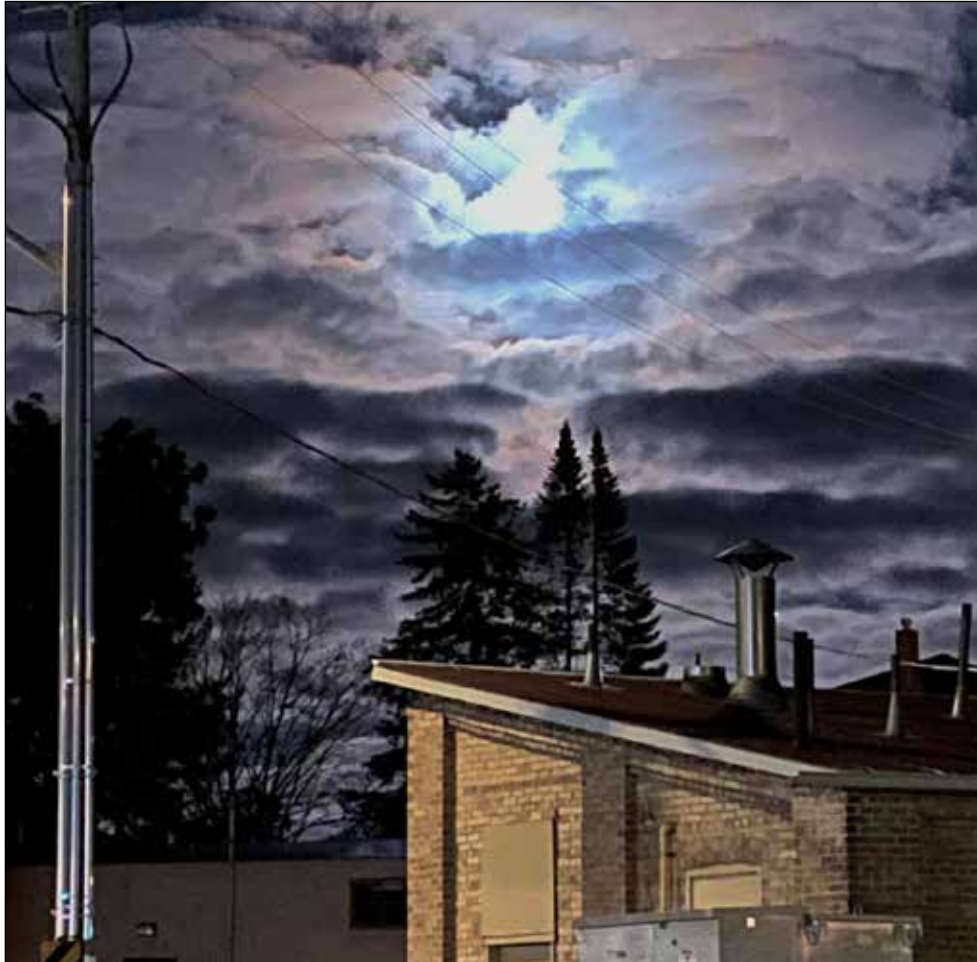
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COMMUNITY —

# Show Us Your Wilmot



Each week, the Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette will publish interesting photos from around the community. The inspiration for this came from the Show Us Your Wilmot Facebook group. This photo, taken by Kristen Hahn, shows a super blue moon the night of August 30. A super blue moon is a celestial event where the moon appears closest to the earth. Because of the way the various particles refract the light, it can appear blue in the sky. The next one will occur in 2037. (Photo credit: Kristen Hahn)

# Parachuting in Baden



This person was spotted in parachuting in the air in Baden by local resident Perry White, and posted to a local Facebook group on Sunday evening, August 27. "Don't see this every-day," said Perry. (Photo credit: Perry White)

# Gazette Puzzles

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# Pet of the Week



These three friendly pouches were strolling on Hope Street East in Tavistock last weekend, and seemed to be enjoying their new found town. From right to left, Macy and Mango are female miniature Yorkshire Terriers, while Mickey their male companion is half Yorkshire Terrier and half Shih-Tzu. Owners Jordan and Emily LaBelle had just moved to Tavistock from Kitchener the day before, and were enjoying their afternoon walk, on a beautiful, sunny afternoon at the start of the Labour Day long weekend.

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SPORTS —

# Christner leads Canada to first-game win at U18 Pan-American championships

By Lee Griffi

A dominating performance on the mound and at the plate by New Hamburg's Cohen Christner led Canada to a 4-0 win against host Columbia on Monday night.

The U18 Men's National Team was led by Christner who threw a perfect game, striking out 16 while allowing no hits, walks, or runs. "I actually had no idea I was throwing a perfect game until I was told by my team after the last batter at the end of the game," explained Christner. "I had had a couple of no-hitters in my career but never a perfect game. It felt amazing. It's always been a dream of mine to throw one while representing my country," he added. The hurler throws a rise, drop ball, and a changeup, but said he didn't do it alone. "It really came down to the command of my pitches and the trust in my catcher, Mike Walker (from Simcoe)."

Team Canada opened the scoring in the second inning after Nolan Bultena (Arthur, Ont.) singled, scoring two runs. Camden Weatherbee (Brookfield, N.S.) homered to center field, scoring two runs in the top of the seventh. Christner also led Canada with two hits in four at-bats. Weatherbee went one-for-four at the plate as the second baseman led the team with two runs batted in.

Tavistock's Justin Roth didn't start but did see action in a pinch-runner role late in the game. "I wasn't nervous, more excited. We definitely had an energetic bench that fuelled the excitement." Canada, ranked fourth in the world, will battle the eighth-ranked

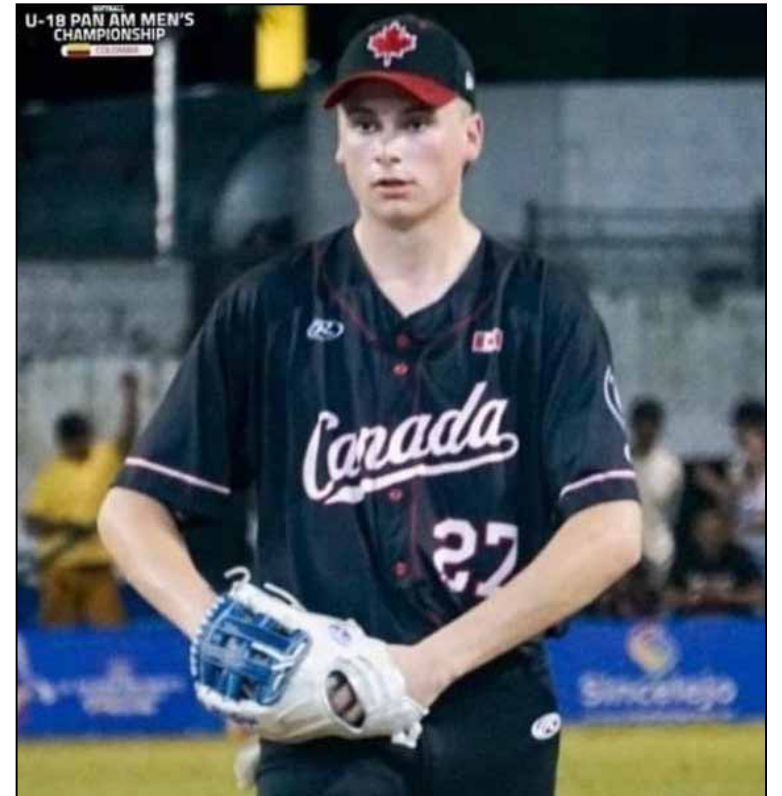
team Tuesday evening and Roth said wins will be harder to come by going forward. "For sure. We shift our focus from yesterday to today's game against Venezuela and build on the momentum from the win." The Canadians had a strong eye at the plate as Columbian pitchers walked eight batters. They were also perfect defensively, not committing a single error.

**Game two**

The Canadian team had a much different experience against Venezuela, dropping an 8-1 decision. They trailed 4-0 after two innings and 8-0 after the fourth. Canada committed six errors during the game and were out-hit eight to three. Christner didn't start the game but made an appearance in relief. He pitched two-thirds of an inning giving up three runs one hit with a strikeout. Stratford's Daniel Scott earned an RBI on the team's lone run. The Canadians played Peru on Wednesday.

**Columbia**

Neither Christner nor Roth has ever been to Columbia and didn't really know what to expect in terms of what the trip would be like off the field, but the heat has been a factor so far. "The weather has been a big adjustment for me, and I would assume the rest of the team. And the food has been surprisingly good so far," said Justin. Cohen echoed Roth's comments on the weather. "No one feels the heat down here. It's very hot and everyone is wearing heavy clothes. Except for us."



New Hamburg's Cohen Christner readies to throw a pitch in Columbia during his perfect game against the host team.

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**SPORTS —**

# Ice installed at Wilmot Recreation Complex



The ice, logos and painting have officially been installed at the Wilmot Recreation Complex as of late August. (Photo credit: Township of Wilmot)

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Come one, Come all -

## Celebrating 170th Wellesley Township Fall Fair

September 12th (evening) and 13th

Wellesley Community Centre/Arena

1000 Maple Leaf Drive Wellesley

#### Tuesday Evening

Admission \$6 for Adults, elementary school age children free

Gates open at 5 pm

- 7 pm - Arena Official opening and Ambassador competition

Citizens of the Year presentation

Music by Wellesley own Allister Bradley

Exhibits in community centre and arena

#### Wednesday Morning

Gates open at 10 am

Admission \$6 for Adults, elementary school age children free

- 10 - 4 pm Canadian Raptor Conservancy in arena
- 10:30 am "Canadian Raptor Conservancy" on arena stage
- 11: 15 am Baby Show registration with baby show starting at 11:30

#### Wednesday Afternoon

Admission \$6 for Adults, elementary school age children free

- 1:30 p, Sheep shearing by arena
- 2:00 pm Canadian Raptor conservancy in arena
- 2 pm Horse and 4-H shows on ball diamond
- 3:15 pm Stuffy pet and live pet show in arena
- 3:30 - 7:30 pm Axe throwing booth
- 4 pm Exhibits to be removed from community centre and arena

#### Wednesday evening - free admission

- 6 pm Parade (new time for 2023)
- 7 pm Cutting Edge Cowgirls on the ball diamond
- 8 pm Tug of War - come, watch and join in
- 8:45 pm Fireworks to close out the fair

Ice cream booth in the arena on Tuesday and Wednesday - Fundraiser for the fair

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Midway on grounds for the fair

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COMMUNITY —

# Antique tractor club visits Tavistock



North Easthope's Paul Neeb with his two cylinder John Deere 630 (one of the biggest tractors working on area farms in the 50's and 60's), followed by son-in-law Tyler Harper on the farms 2140 John Deere.



Antique tractors of every colour toured by the Maples, as the tractor owners gave the farmer wave to residents of the home as they went slowly by.

By Gary West

Antique tractors of every size, shape, and colour travelled to Tavistock last Thursday.

After a full breakfast at Quehl's restaurant, they toured their machines by the entrance to the Maples Home for Seniors

on William Street South.

Most of the retired farmers at the Maples say the tractors of yesteryear always stir

up great and happy memories for them from the past.

# Back to school safety types from Perth County OPP

By Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette Staff

As of Tuesday, September 5, children and teens across the Waterloo Region, as well as Perth and Oxford counties, have gone back to school. Some will be walking; some will be riding bikes and many others will be riding on school buses.

The return of school buses and student pedestrians means the roads will be busier. Allow additional time to get where you're going and be aware and observant of children on or near roadways, particularly near school zones.

Crossing Guard Locations:

The Perth County OPP want to remind drivers of their obligations involving crossing guard locations. Vehicles must be stopped until the crosswalk is clear.

Where a school crossing guard displays a school crossing stop sign, the driver of any vehicle or streetcar approaching the school crossing guard must stop before reaching the crossing and shall remain stopped until all persons, including the school crossing guard, have cleared the roadway and it is safe to proceed.

Motorists that fail to stop for a school crossing guard stop sign face a fine of \$365 and 4 demerit points.

School Buses:

Perth County OPP is reminding drivers to watch for school buses stopped on the roadway with alternating red lights flashing. Obligations for drivers include:

- Every driver or streetcar operator, when meeting on a highway (other than a

highway with a median strip), a stopped school bus that has its overhead red signal-lights flashing, must stop before reaching the bus and not proceed until the bus moves or the overhead lights have stopped flashing.

- When approaching a school bus from the rear that has its overhead signal-lights flashing shall stop at least 20 metres before reaching the bus and not proceed until the bus moves or the overhead lights have stopped flashing.


Motorists that fail to stop for a stopped school bus face stiff penalties upon conviction. For the first offence, the maximum fine is \$2,000 and six demerit points. For each subsequent offence, the maximum fine is \$4,000, or imprisonment, or both, and six demerit points.

If the driver can't be identified, the registered owner of the vehicle observed in violation of the law may be charged with failing to stop for a stopped school bus.

Perth County OPP encourages all parents and caregivers to take some time this weekend to talk to their children on the importance of being safe when travelling to and from school.

The Perth County OPP will have enhanced high visibility patrols around school zones throughout the coming weeks to ensure drivers and students are following the rules of the road and are exercising the appropriate level of caution and care.

Everyone using the roads needs to exercise vigilance, patience and understanding as our students' head back to school.



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COMMUNITY —

# As the school year begins, the WRDSB provides update about safety measures

By Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette Staff

As they prepare to welcome students back for the 2023-2024 school year, The Waterloo Region District School Board (WRDSB) shared an update about health and safety measures in local schools.

The Ministry of Education provided funding to school boards for the purpose of improving ventilation in schools. The WRDSB, in alignment with the direction of the Ministry, has prioritized this funding for:

- Installation of the highest-grade filters possible in all HVAC systems, specifically MERV 13 filters.
- Replacement of HVAC filters on a more frequent basis. There is an increase from

three times per year to five times per year.

- Operation of HVAC systems at least two hours before and after school occupancy.
- Maximizing air flow and fresh air intake in all HVAC systems.
- Completion of various ventilation projects to improve ventilation in schools.

Placement of HEPA units in:

- Kindergarten classrooms,
- ACE classrooms,
- Portables,

Rooms with no or poor mechanical ventilation, including:

- Classrooms

- Gyms
- Libraries
- Lunchrooms
- Child care spaces
- Administrative spaces

Throughout the summer, Facility Services has been replacing the filters of HEPA units ahead of the upcoming school year.

Measures to prevent and control the spread of illness remain in place in all occupied learning spaces, including:

- Cleaning high-touch surfaces daily
  - Encouraging screening, masking, proper respiratory etiquette and hand hygiene
- Public Health continues to recommend

masking in crowded, indoor spaces, especially for those at higher risk. Staff are encouraged to open windows when appropriate.

As we have throughout the last few years, the WRDSB will continue to follow the direction of:

- The Ministry of Education
- The Ministry of Health
- Region of Waterloo Public Health

The WRDSB encourages parents and caregivers to take precautions to prevent illness and reduce the risk of spreading germs and viruses. The organization will continue to work closely with the Region of Waterloo Public Health.

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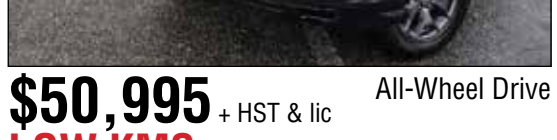
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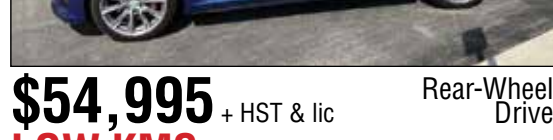
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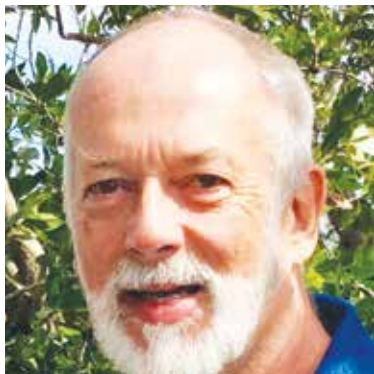
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## TRAVEL —

## OH, THE PLACES WE'LL GO: Having a fine, wine time in the Eastern Townships



By Paul Knowles

Let's start with two obvious truths. First, (as you know if you read this feature on a regular basis), I like wine. Second, it is unlikely that you will be able to choose from a broad selection of Canadian wines in your local LCBO unless you opt for wines from Ontario. Occasionally, something from another province may appear on the shelves, but in general you are much more likely to find wine from South Africa, California, Australia, France or even Hungary than from Nova Scotia or Québec.

In fact, when the federal government eliminated rules that limited importing wine from province to province, Ontario passed new legislation making such wine-sharing more difficult.

This annoys me.

In the past year or so, I have visited wine districts in Nova Scotia and in Québec. And as fond as I am of Ontario wines, I was delighted to find some really great wines being produced in these other provinces. And less de-

lighted that I cannot arrange to get them once I am back home.

But at least on our visit to l'Orpailleur Vinyard in the Dunham valley, in Québec's beautiful Eastern Townships, we got to taste a lot of great wines and better still, to buy a case which, now in my wine rack, will last... a little while.

So if you are a wine lover, don't completely despair. Instead, when you plan your travels, make sure you devote some time – quite a bit of time if you can – to discovering the Canadian wine regions the LCBO doesn't seem to want you to know about.

l'Orpailleur was a revelation to me. I knew nothing about Québec wines. But spending an hour or so with Wine Tourism Manager Lucie Bilodeau was like taking a quick graduate course in Québec wines followed by a luscious tasting of their excellent products.

I never would have guessed that the history of small, independent wineries in Québec goes back almost as far as it does here in Ontario. Here, Inniskillin Winery was the pioneer, in 1975 receiving the first winery license issued in Ontario since before prohibition. l'Orpailleur planted its first vines only seven years later in 1982.

The winery was founded by four partners, two who came to Canada from France, to be joined in their brave new enterprise by two Québec partners. The four remain involved in the winery to this day. They were not only committed to making wine, they also have invested heavily in re-

search and development to identify or hybridize the best grape varieties for the area.

The folks at l'Orpailleur are proud of their history and they tell their story on a display of interpretive panels. This makes a visit by any newcomer from Ontario a much more meaningful experience as you learn the story behind the wines you are about to enjoy.

And the story has its dramatic elements. Lucie told us that 1985 brought the first highlight, the production of the first wines. But 1986 was a disaster since frost destroyed the entire crop.

The conclusion this engendered from the patient vineyard owners? "You have to believe!" explains Lucie. They did and their faith paid off. It took until 1996 for them to sell wine through the SAQ, the Québec equivalent of the LCBO, but they persevered.

And the l'Orpailleur pioneers helped spark a burgeoning industry in the province. Today there are about 130 wineries in Québec.

Lucie loves telling these stories and one of the most intriguing involves the name of the winery and the branding of one of their most popular wines, Cuvée Nastashquan.

It's all because one of Québec's most distinguished poets, songwriters and thinkers has been a friend of the winery since its inception. Gilles Vigneault is the singer-songwriter who produced the iconic song, "Mon pays," often considered an unofficial anthem of Québec.



l'Orpailleur vinyard was founded in 1982, in Dunham, Québec. (All photos by Paul Knowles)

When the owners were debating a name for their winery, Vigneault suggested "l'Orpailleur," (in English, "gold panner") which he argued was what the pioneer winemakers were trying to do.

"Nastashquan" is named for Vigneault's home village, situated on the north shore of the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

The stories are great and so we discovered, are the wines. Lucie brought out four bottles for us to taste and presented me with a taste test, which I accidentally passed. The second tasting was a wine fairly new to the winery; I, with great good luck, correctly identified it as a Chardonnay and the number of bottles opened for tasting magically morphed into seven!

And LCBO, pay attention!

All seven were excellent wines, from the basic l'Orpailleur blanc

(a blend of Seyval, Vidal and Frontenac) through the Nastashquan, the sparkling brut and the gently flowery Gewurztraminer, a wine variety that can be overpoweringly cloying or beautifully balanced. They managed the latter very nicely.

So the moral of the story is – lobby your MPP for more inter-provincial wine cooperation, but in the meantime make your way to the Eastern Townships to tour the amazing Wine Route and many, many more attractions.

Santé!

Paul Knowles is an author and travel writer, and President of the Travel Media Association of Canada. To contact Paul about travel, his books, or speaking engagements, email pknowles@golden.net.



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OPINION —

**EXPERT ADVICE:** *Get the jump on the other guy for fall/winter (shut up about fall/winter Scott!)*



**By Scott Dunstall**

This is the time of the year when you should be keeping an eye on local clearance stores (like Winners and Marshalls), department stores (like The Bay) for not only end of season clearance items (yes, clearance stores have clearance aisles) but also for the first wave of fall/winter.

I know, I hear you. Please shut up about fall/winter, Scott. Please shut up about pumpkin spice. And please knock it off with every single ad showing blowing leaves starting the Tuesday after Labour Day. I am a summer person. I don't like the cold, snow, ice and now that the Leafs have

just signed a guy for another four years that couldn't get us to the promised land in the last seven, I don't like them either. Sure, Scott. Fast forward to me yelling at the TV next April for what seems like the last four centuries.

Now that we have dealt with that trauma, on with the show.

Coats. Go get 'em now at Winners and Marshalls. This is when the best selections are available. I just picked up a Kenneth Cole (good brand) red puffer jacket for 49 bucks, regular \$110. That's a steal for this coat, in my opinion. These are the brands I would immediately trust as good quality in coats. Tommy Hilfiger, Michael Kors, Kenneth Cole, Jack & Jones, Only & Sons, HUGO, Ben Sherman, GUESS, Buffalo David Bitton, Calvin Klein, Lauren Ralph Lauren. If you're not sure, send me an email: everydaystylebyscott@gmail.com. I check it every day.

Catching these brands, particularly in coats and at a sharp price in your size, is happenstance at these stores unless you visit several on a regular basis. Like,

who does that? I just received 16 texts saying—"You Do." When I grew up in Scarberia, there was a guy in Toronto that owned a clothing store called Korrys on The Danforth. His name was Saul Korman and when he was promoting a sale on the radio he would always end it with "And if you miss it.... you miss it". Dave Connolly can verify that story. That's the story at Winners and Marshall's, and now is the time to get out there for Fall/Winter (shut up ABOUT fall/winter Scott!)

You should also be looking at these items when you're there. Boots—unfortunately, only in Marshall's stores. Winners doesn't carry men's shoes. And even at that, the men's shoe section in Marshall's is about 10% of the women's. Which is a reflection of a much bigger burr in my butt and that is how the fashion industry woefully underserves men. Another article. Also, start looking for a flush of long sleeve shirt options and save yourself a lot of searching aggravation and get to know your size by memory. It just takes trial and error. Usually anything from Europe is

a size smaller...for me anyhow. Or maybe that was the Big Mac combo with Shake I had before trying them on. Just kidding. But seriously, don't eat before you try on clothes,

ALSO, now appearing at your local WINShall's (see what I did there) is sweaters. For those of you who have been following this column (I prefer to call it that than the rambling nonsense that it is) since its inception, you will know that I am a big fan of collared shirts under quarter zip sweaters. Get them while they're hot.....cuz you know.... they keep you hot. Gent's.. Now is a great time to get a white shirt and pop a Navy quarter zip sweater over it, wash your jeans and shine up your best dress shoes. That'll get her motor running. If mama is happy everybody gets happy.

A quick word about the Bay, stores are kind of skinny on inventory and it has been so since the pandemic. The optics are terrible, quite frankly, from the times when the shelves were flush. So go to their online store now and click on the SALE tab

at the top to find their clearance items. And if you don't find anything tickling your fancy, wait until BAY DAYS in October.

Finally, if you don't want to do all this schlepping around and want to kick it up a notch with a Fall/Winter (Shut Up Scott!) classic killer coat, go see Jimmy at Star's Men Stores in the Conestoga Mall. He's got a knockout Cashmere and Wool Walking Coat by Hart Schaffer out of Montreal. It's a beautiful Navy plaid with a solid Navy collared insert. It's an investment piece, but it's signature, and I believe every guy should have something like this hanging in their closet. It's classic, and if you look after it, will last a lifetime. Enjoy the rest of summer (we still have three weeks!!), and in the meantime, my name is Scott, and I'm about to shut up about fall/winter.

*"Style is just fashion filtered through your personality"*

*Scott Dunstall is a local writer who has been on a stylistic journey for more than 10 years. His belief is that every guy has a style of their own.*

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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR - SEPTEMBER 2023**

<b>September 8th, 9th, 10th</b>	Wilmot YouTube page.	Gardeners. They will receive their awards for their gardens, and competing at the annual conference against Ontario. The speaker is Jeff Grant, a local 20 year old who is dedicated to the conservation of butterflies and moths, helping protect and improve butterfly populations in Waterloo Region. 7:00 pm at the Wilmot Recreation Complex, Mt Room A. All welcome, free event.	<b>dren and Young Adults</b>	<b>September 19th</b>
<b>Tavistock Fall Fair</b>	<b>September 12th and 13th</b>	<b>September 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th</b>	Taking place at 8:30 a.m. at Quehl's Banquet Hall in Tavistock. Hosted by the East Zorra Mennonite Church and Interfaith Counselling Centre (ICC) in New Hamburg. Event will finish by 11 a.m. Guest speaker is Cathi Watson, RSW, MDiv Counsellor with ICC. Come join for breakfast and learn more. To register for this free event, please call or email Heidi Wagler, faith community nurse at 519-274-4822 or heidi@ezmennonite.ca.	<b>Wellesley Council Meeting</b>
<p>Taking place at Queens Park at 1 Adam Street in Tavistock. Features silent auction, book sales, midway, bubble soccer, beer tent, fair ambassador competition, hunter jumper show, chainsaw carvers, parade, cattle show, goat display, touch a truck, airband competition, and more.</p>	<p><b>Wellesley Fall Fair</b></p> <p>Come one, come all, to the 170th Wellesley Fall Fair. Exhibits, midways, scarecrow contest and more. For all general inquiries, email Mary Lichty-Neeb at 519-504-6781 or email mlichty@execulink.com.</p>	<p><b>New Hamburg Fall Fair</b></p> <p>Features a heavy horse pull, ambassador program, big creek tractor pulls, vendor village, horse shows, dog show, silent auction, toilet seat races, farmers walk, demolition derby, and church service. Takes place at the New Hamburg fairgrounds at 251 Jacob Street.</p>	<p>Members of the Easthope Historical Group are planning a special event at the Brocksden School Museum on Sunday, September 17th, celebrating the 170th anniversary of the school. It will run from 1:30 p.m. until 4 p.m., followed by refreshments and a short annual meeting.</p>	<p>Hybrid council meeting taking place at 4805 William Hastings Line in Crosshill at 6:45 p.m. Also streamed on the Township of Wellesley YouTube page.</p>
<b>September 9th</b>	<b>September 13th</b>	<b>September 16th</b>	<b>September 17th</b>	<b>September 28th</b>
<b>Explore Schimidt Woods</b>	<b>CCC Lunch</b>	<b>September 16th</b>	<b>Brocksden School Museum Anniversary</b>	<b>Mission Possible: Launch Your Waste Reduction Journey</b>
<p>Taking place from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Wilmot Recreation Complex. Take a walk with Louis Silcox and learn about the emerald ash borer. Bug spray and proper footwear is a good idea.</p>	<p>Taking place at Wellesley Mennonite Church, 157 David Street, at 12 p.m. Community Care Concepts invites you to join us for lunch and fellowship. Cost is \$14. Must register by noon on September 8 by calling 519-664-1900 or toll free: 1-855-664-1900.</p>	<p><b>Community Breakfast Workshop Better Understanding Mental Health Issues for Children and Young Adults</b></p>	<p>Members of the Easthope Historical Group are planning a special event at the Brocksden School Museum on Sunday, September 17th, celebrating the 170th anniversary of the school. It will run from 1:30 p.m. until 4 p.m., followed by refreshments and a short annual meeting.</p>	<p>Taking place from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Learn about specific steps that we can take to reduce waste in our lives and also discuss what corporations and governments need to do to reduce waste. The program will feature a guest speaker plus a panel of community members. A question and answer period will follow the presentations. For more information go to <a href="http://www.nvecoboosters.com">www.nvecoboosters.com</a> or contact <a href="mailto:nvecoboosters@gmail.com">nvecoboosters@gmail.com</a>.</p>
<b>September 11th</b>	<b>September 13</b>	<b>September 16th</b>		
<b>Wilmot Council Meeting</b>	<b>Wilmot Horticultural Society celebrating Junior Gardeners</b>	<b>September 16th</b>		
<p>Hybrid council meeting taking place at 60 Snyder's Road West in Baden at 6:45 p.m. Also streamed on the Township of</p>	<p>Wilmot Horticultural Society will be celebrating their Junior</p>	<b>Community Breakfast Workshop Better Understanding Mental Health Issues for Children and Young Adults</b>		

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| 4) 10 legs         | 9) Wii Sports        |
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