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## Santa Claus to make an appearance at Wilmot Aquatics Centre



Santa takes a moment to relax as his busy season kicks into full gear. Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 23, when he will be making a special stop at the Wilmot Recreation Complex and the kids won't want to miss this fun family event. (Photo contributed)

**By Veronica Reiner**  
 It's that time of the year again - when the bearded guy in red shows up at malls, parties and even swimming pools.  
 Wilmot Township has invited Santa Claus to lead two one-hour Swimming with Santa sessions - one at 3:30 p.m. and one at 4:30 p.m. - on Saturday, December 23 at the Aquatics Centre at the Wilmot Recreation Complex.  
 Admission for those 17 and under is \$20.

Up to two adults can attend with each child, with each adult paying the regular admission price - or bringing a non-perishable item for the Wilmot Family Resource Centre to the event.  
 "We're honoured that Santa has time to pop in and swim off those extra cookies this holiday season," said Wilmot Mayor Natasha Salonen. "For gifts that Santa isn't bringing, Wilmot's local businesses have some great choices."  
 The swim sessions also include a small

gift from Santa, along with a photo with Santa that will be sent digitally after the event by email. Participants can register at Wilmot recWeb (activecommunities.com) and details are available on the township website.  
 The swimming events are at both pools at the Wilmot Recreation Complex at 1291 Nafziger Road, There is a capacity of 100 people for the leisure pool, which is a warm pool. Register early to avoid missing out.

## Wilmot Township budget discussions delayed

**Potential double-digit hike in tax levy**  
 By Lee Griffi, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Many municipalities across the province are seeing higher than normal increases to the tax levy when draft budgets are released, including Oxford County. Members of council there are working with a document that had an initial increase of over 15 per cent.  
 A source has told the Gazette the draft budget in Wilmot Township is expected to be tabled with a double-digit increase, but members of council will have opportunities to potentially whittle that hike down. The budget will also be tabled later than usual this time around.  
 The township's interim Chief Financial Officer wouldn't discuss numbers but did offer an explanation. The top two financial staffers resigned from the township earlier this year, something Dan Elliott said is responsible for the delay in getting the document prepared. "I'm still working on a financial report, sort of a state of the union type report for council in December, and I am expecting to table a draft budget in early January." A presentation is expected to make it on the agenda at the December 11 regular Wilmot Township council meeting. "Both of those will be considered by council in a public, open, and transparent process. Senior staff nor members of council will be equipped to talk about any content until those are on the public agenda."  
 Elliott added that his financial experience is the reason why he is in his seat, and he is confident members of council will be better informed this time around. "I've been in the municipal business for 27 years. I was brought in by (Chief Administrative Officer Sharon Chambers) specifically knowing it

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# Wilmot budget talks delayed

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was going to be a challenging budget cycle. Council last year was a little dissatisfied with the format and information that was presented to the answers to the questions they asked." He explained that the council expected a redo of the process and development of the presentation format of the budget itself. "I'm bringing some of my experience to bear on that, and I have had discussions with each member of council with respect to what was lacking last year and some of the specific things they would like to see. Not with respect to spending items, but rather the format, layout, content, to be included in the package to help them with their decisions." While there is no timeline for a municipality to pass a budget in the Municipal Act, Elliott said they can't get final tax bills completed without an approved budget.

There have been some concerns by members of the public that the town's finances haven't been handled properly over the years, something the Gazette put to Elliott to get

his thoughts on. "I was not there, so I can not comment on that question specifically. My colleague before is a CPA, a ten-year municipal treasurer, and every treasurer is a little different in their personality and how they provide advice to council. I don't know exactly how Patrick (Kelly) saw his role, but for me, in my experience, my role is to provide strong advice to council, particularly when it comes to budget and strategic financial decisions." He added that it includes the pros and cons of the options available in addition to short and long-term implications. "This approach ensures council has the information they need to make decisions. That's my mandate under the Municipal Act."

The Gazette reached out to each member of council for their thoughts on the budget situation and heard back from two by press time. Councillor Harvir Sidhu said while he can't respond to the information from the source, he does say council has some work to do. "I can't comment on the figures being reported

as we have yet to have our initial consultation. The upcoming budget will have some difficult questions about the state of Wilmot's finances. I encourage residents to tune in during the budget process to provide feedback and questions." Councillor Kris Wilkinson added he is ready to dig in and hear from constituents. "I think we have a tough budget ahead of us. We are going to have to do some real digging into what the numbers are and find some areas where we could potentially show themselves efficiencies or opportunities to cut and save some money." He added council needs to be cognizant of the cost-of-living challenges in the community. "I want to hear from constituents moving forward with what their thoughts are whether it be service level adjustments, or status quo. If that's what the community desires, we will certainly take that into consideration."

Last year's approved budget in Wilmot resulted in an increase of 6.9 per cent after being presented to council at over nine per cent.

# Local areas get the first taste of winter



Wilmot, Wellesley, East Zorra-Tavistock and surrounding areas got a blast of winter this past week. A snow squall warning is in effect for Waterloo Region, according to Environment Canada, and people are advised to postpone non-essential travel. This photo was taken by Carolyn Bentley of Highway 7/8 on Tuesday, November 28. (Photo credit: Carolyn Bentley)

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# A Merry Little Christmas Market hosted in St. Agatha



The Stitch by Stitch booth at the Merry Little Christmas Market in St. Agatha this past weekend. (Photo credit: Shelley Mackay)

By Veronica Reiner

A Merry Little Christmas Market took place this past weekend at the St. Agatha Community Centre on Friday, November 24 and Saturday, November 25.

The event was organized by Sweet Lights Company, a business based in Shakespeare that sells hand crafted soy candles, wax melts, and more. The business collected more than 100 pounds of food, feminine hygiene products, and more than \$250 in cash for the Wilmot Family Resource Centre, which was donated this week.

"It was a good market," said Nathan Becker and Kayla Mason, owners of Sweet Lights Company, to the Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette. "A reasonable turnout, last year was better but with the economy this was a positive market. This is our second year hosting it, and last year it was our first ever market we hosted.

"Our attendance numbers were estimated

at about 200 individuals or families based off of donations."

The pair added that they have been planning the event since June. There were 31 vendors, including Santa Claus himself, who collected money to help fight multiple sclerosis.

Vendors included Cards by Christina, Really B-Kreative Keepsakes, Windsong Designs, SJH Woodworks, Joyful Creations by Jenn, The Hobby Mommas, The Sweet Tree/Colour Me HAPPY, Tupperware, Repurposed by Ren, Cozy Cuddles by Susan, Dragonfire Creations, Moonflower Craft Boutique, Dark Moon Crystals, The Crafty Elephant, Amanda's Baked Goods, Yellow Door Flower Farm, Northern Knits, Knotty Cherry Creations, Little Leaf All Natural, Glitzysipsbyleaf, Handmadefromus, Stitch by Stitch, With Love and Grace, Toby's Trees & Sweets, O.W.L (Odendahl Woodworking Limited), SLK, Windy Valley Co., Gracey2go and Sweet Lights Company.

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## Tavistock's Annual Santa Claus Parade

By Gary West

Tavistock area parade goers were happy for the sunny blue skies and perfect temperatures to welcome Santa Claus to town on Saturday afternoon.

The Men's Club, along with their many helpers handing out candy canes, put on another fantastic show with support from

many area organizations and businesses who made Santa's journey into town a pleasant one.

There were a large number of the younger generation, glad to see the jolly good fellow, and some even passed notes to him during the day so he made sure to bring the gifts they want on Christmas morning.



The young, and not so young, are always glad to see the jolly parade marshal Santa Claus himself. He appears to spread joy of all those who came to watch this year's annual tradition in Tavistock. (All parade photos provided by Gary West)



The music from the New Hamburg concert band is always a hit wherever they go.



Tavistock's Optimist Club is always there for the community with programs, to help promote youth in the community.



The Tavistock Agriculture Society float with fair ambassador Nicole Danen and President Kaitlin Keller, along with the Hazeleger helpers.



The Tavistock Braves hockey team, without their skates and equipment, hope parade watchers come to watch them on Friday nights for their home games in the arena.

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Lots of work went into the Cressman Insulation Float with their homemade reindeer.



It wouldn't be a parade without the young Tavistock and District Skating club, Team Unity members.



A Tavistock family with a greeting of Christmas cheer, with whatever floats your boat.



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Watching the Santa Claus parade in Tavistock is a family affair as the Rusnak's Family from Tavistock stay comfy and warm, in the back of their hatchback as the parade marches by.



The members of the K.B.C (Key Bible Clubs) show off their interesting Christmas float.



The antique fire truck comes out of the showroom at South Easthope Mutual Insurance this time of year, to always motor with their mascot, in the Santa Parade.

Thank You 

Received a text from Santa, to thank everyone who welcomed him at The Parade in Tavistock on Nov 25.

Special thanks to Saputo (cheese sticks), Oxford county Milk Producers (chocolate milk), Tavistock Fire Dept., Police, trailers for Santa's Sleigh and New Hamburg Band, float entries, all participants and Community Support.

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## COMMUNITY —

# New Hamburg's Erb Group employee awarded for saving a young boy's life

By Veronica Reiner

A woman employed by New Hamburg's The Erb Group was recently awarded for saving the life of a young boy.

Dawna Jacobsen is a long-haul truck driver based out of The Erb Groups' Winnipeg, Manitoba terminal, where she was born and raised. During a run one night, a lot of things went wrong for Dawna to become a hero. But it was "divine intervention," she said, that kept disrupting her schedule and put her on a path to help save a life.

While preparing for a run on a cold, snowy afternoon last December, The Erb Groups' driver encountered "one delay after another." First, there was a setback at the yard, then a glitch with her fuel card, followed by an hour wait for her shower at a Flying J.

It was dark out by the time she got out of Kapuskasing, Ontario on Highway 11, when the Winnipeg based driver saw what appeared to be a large box sliding on the road towards her truck. As she neared closer, she realized it was, in fact, a moving snowmobile - with no one on it.

Dawna knew something was wrong immediately. She instinctively steered the truck away from the snowmobile, avoiding contact with it and carefully brought her truck to a full stop. Assuming there could be a defenceless accident victim somewhere on the road, she used her truck to block incoming traffic from driving through the area.

When she got out of her truck, she saw a small boy at the side of the highway, who was severely injured. Dawna jumped back in her truck and dialed 911. At that point, she noticed two men also stopped and began to attend to the boy. She then commu-



Dawna Jacobsen, a long-haul truck driver employed by New Hamburg's The Erb Group, tells the story of helping a young snowmobile accident victim.

nicated vital information back and forth between the dispatch and the other two attendants until emergency personnel arrived.

The boy survived because of Dawna's actions, as well as the other two men on scene. He was hit by a car as he attempted to cross the dark highway on the snowmobile.

"I was terrified for that poor child. I didn't want to look, but I had to. You just do it. You don't think about it. I knew someone needed help ASAP, so that's all that I cared about," recalled Dawna. "I honestly believe that everything that occurred to me that day leading up to this happened for a reason. I think it's something like divine intervention. Luck isn't involved. It's God grace; His mercy; His love; His protection."

For her heroic actions, Dawna was present-

ed with the 2023 Bridgestone-OTA Truck Hero Award at the OTA's annual executive conference in Toronto on November 16.

"Although Dawna insisted on driving her truck down to Toronto for the event and was even asked for a load to bring down with her," said The Erb Group spokesperson Briona Lahti.

"She was flown into Toronto from Winnipeg by The Erb Group, as a token of appreciation with her close friend to celebrate her courage and compassion over the road, specifically on that night in December."

Dawna has earned many other awards for her humble and professional manner, including one of The Erb Groups' internal employee awards, "The SupErb Award" on February 6 this year, recognizing her will-

ingness to go above and beyond for every interaction on the road, throughout the workplace, and community.

She also won Driver of the Month by Thank a Trucker Co. and NAL Insurance. With the money she received from the Driver of the Month award, Dawna went back home and distributed the money amongst local not for profit organizations.

"Dawna's actions reflect the values, the integrity, and all the aspects that we strive to have in a driver," says The Erb Group president, Wendell Erb. "We at Erb are so proud of her for her actions and quick thinking to make sure the incident didn't get any worse than it was and then immediately get help to the scene, which helped save this boy's life."

"I'm sure Dawna does not think she's a hero. She thinks she was just doing her job. But I would say she's definitely a hero and is very deserving of this award."

Dawna, who has helped her siblings raise several nieces and nephews and worked with marginalized Aboriginal children before becoming a truck driver, says that kindness and selflessness are enduring virtues she holds dear both on and off the road. If everyone would take a bit more time to consider others and be more vigilant, it would make driving safer for everyone, she explained.

"We as drivers, all of us - professional and personal - need to really hold back and understand that each life is precious, and each vehicle holds at least one soul and one life, and we need to be courteous," she said. "We need to share the road. We need to be kind."

## POLICE REPORTS

### One person charged after Perth East collision

One person was charged after a collision involving a passenger vehicle and farm tractor in Perth East Township on November 13.

At about 11 a.m., the Perth County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) along with the Perth County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) responded to a collision in the area of Road 135 and Line 44 in Perth East Township.

There were no serious injuries reported as a result. After

an OPP investigation, a 28-year-old Milton resident was charged with "fail to yield to traffic on a through highway."

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).

### Theft from construction area in Perth East

The Perth County OPP are investigating a break and enter to a construction site around Road 124, in Perth East township, after missing items were reported to police on November 10.

Unknown person(s) attended the address and gained en-

try to a construction site, and a trailer. Power tools and custom windows were reported as stolen. The total value of the removed items is estimated to be between \$500 to \$1,000.

Police are continuing to investigate and ask the public to report suspicious activity immediately, and to remember to lock doors to vehicles, houses, garages and sheds. Do not leave keys with vehicles.

Those who have private security cameras can consider joining the CAMSafe program at [www.camsafe.ca](http://www.camsafe.ca). CAM-Safe aims to create a database of private security cameras in communities and can be used as a resource for police when investigating offences/crimes.



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# Decorated home in New Hamburg shines bright



A house on Hamilton Road in New Hamburg decorated with candy canes, trees, and colourful lights to spread Christmas cheer throughout the community. The final product is the work of Karen and Stephen Auer. (Photo credit: Stephen Auer)

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## Christmas Trees are selling quickly at Meadow Acres Garden Centre



The weekend warriors, Laval and Mike, are working at cutting and wrapping Christmas trees last week at Meadow Acres Garden Centre.

By Gary West

They call themselves the “weekend warriors” working diligently at Meadow Acres Garden Centre, in Petersburg, getting this year’s Christmas trees bundled for shoppers interested in getting their pick of a tree early.

Laval Rossignol, left, and Mike Beetham, right, say they are kept busy throughout the Christmas season selling Fraser Fir (six to 12 feet), and Balsam Fir (seven to eight feet) along with some White Pine that are from farms all over Ontario.

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## COMMUNITY —

# Oxford County woman wins prestigious travel scholarship

By Lee Griffi, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A local agri-tourism guru has been awarded a \$15,000 scholarship from Nuffield Canada. Cheryl Haskett and her husband Greg own Udderly Ridiculous and Udderly Ridiculous Farm Life located near Bright. The travel scholarship is a prestigious rural leadership program available to anyone mid-career who is involved in agriculture in any capacity of primary production, industry, or governance.

Haskett said she felt a combination of emotions when she heard the news. "Shocked. Excited. Terrified. Pretty much every emotion." She added it is an incredible opportunity. "For me and hopefully for not only agriculture but tourism based on the project I am doing."

"Recipients research a topic of their choice and travel the world to find their answers. The scholarship lasts for 24 months, and they have to travel for at least 10 weeks in that time and six of those weeks have to be consecutive," said Teresa Whalen, Nuffield's Executive Director. "Part of the reason for it being consecutive is to take them out of their comfort zone and leave home, at home. They have to entrust the management of their farm or business to somebody else," she added.

While she doesn't yet know where the trip will take her, she is researching the best



Cheryl Haskett, owner of Udderly Ridiculous, received a \$15,000 scholarship from Nuffield Canada.

locations across the globe. "I haven't formalized that yet. Part of it is going through the orientation first and figuring out where the networks are to make sure I am going to places that are going to be the highest value. I have some ideas about where I want to be going but I want to do some research to make sure I've got the best of the best." Some potential destinations include

Costa Rica, and some of Europe including Italy, France, Spain, Scotland, and possibly London, England. Haskett added from there a trip to New Zealand could be in the cards.

Part of her voyage will be to bring home ideas, insights, and best practices from around the world that will enhance Udderly Ridiculous in the future, but Haskett explained the main reason she applied was to support agri-tourism businesses here. "My real aim is to look at what the best practices already in place, and how do we make Ontario and Canada really an agri-tourism destination. How do we enhance our standing in that? We have so much to offer geographically and in terms of different landscapes and people. There's a lot more to offer there." She added people want to get back to understanding food and agriculture and what better way to do that than educating the public through that tourism lens.

Haskett also believes that more tourism in the agricultural sector will go a long way in preserving the precious farmland we have and, unfortunately, are losing on a daily basis. "A lot of people domestically could be travelling within Canada having these amazing experiences in rural parts of the world and really helping diversify and protect those family farms that are leaving. We are losing, I think on the CBC it was 319 acres of farmland every day.

That's a shame." She added agri-tourism may be another avenue to diversify, educate, and to save and protect those areas while bringing joy to a variety of people.

Whalen explained why giving the award to Haskett was an easy decision for the Nuffield, including her leadership capabilities. "Cheryl's pretty outstanding. There is a lot of creativity, diversity, you can see the teamwork with her spouse and family, and they have strong roots at home. She's well spoken, well presented, and you can see and feel when you are in her presence that she is a leader, and we are going to fine tune those skills." She added she is confident that when Haskett sees what's going on elsewhere in the world she will be able to grow her skillset and come up with even more ideas.

Haskett's application was a combination of a written statement and a three-minute video answering a question she was provided. Once she has completed her traveling, she will be required to write a report between eight and 10 thousand words detailing what she learned and how she will be able to transfer that knowledge to her operation.

This isn't the first award for Haskett and Udderly Ridiculous. Her accolades include an Ontario Tourism Award of Excellence, and a number of Oxford Tourism awards.

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COMMUNITY —

# New funding program in Perth County launches tomorrow

By Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette Staff

A new funding program is about to launch in Perth County.

The Perth County Stewardship Program will support community groups and landowners with tree planting projects within Perth East, West Perth, Perth South and North Perth.

Grants are available for both private landowners and community organizations. Starting December 1, eligible applicants can apply through an online stewardship program intake form. Applicants are encouraged to read and review the program guide in order to prepare a strong application.

“These projects are essential to Perth County’s resiliency, restoration of natural areas and preservation of quality agricultural lands” said Hannah Cann, Perth County’s Resiliency and Stewardship Coordinator. “Often, the financial aspect

of tree planting projects is a barrier for landowners. The resources and grants offered through the Perth County Stewardship Program will encourage landowners to make their projects a reality in 2024.”

The first phase of the program helps offset the costs of tree planting and forest health monitoring surveys for individuals and organizations. Three grant streams geared towards new tree plots, forest rehabilitation, windbreaks, stream buffers and forest health check-ups will contribute to the naturalization and resiliency of dozens of properties across Perth County.

The grant opportunity for 2024 will open for applications on December 1, closing January 19, with successful applicants being notified by early February 2024.

For more information visit [www.perth-county.ca/Stewardship](http://www.perth-county.ca/Stewardship).

# Optimist Club of Petersburg donates \$3,000 to WFRC



The Optimist Club of Petersburg recently presented Wilmot Family Resource Centre (WFRC) with a cheque for \$3,000 for their Christmas Food Hamper program. Pictured is Trisha Robinson, Executive Director for the WFRC, and Jim Pipe, President of the Optimist Club of Petersburg. (Photo contributed)

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## OBITUARY

### GINGERICH, Louise Jeanette (nee. Jantzi)



Passed away peacefully at her home on Wednesday, November 22, 2023, surrounded by her family, in her 87th year.

Beloved wife of Ralph E. Gingerich for 67 years. Dear mother of Rick (Doreen), Perry (Karen), Randy (Val),

and Steven. Cherished grandma of Darryl (Carolle), Melanie (Rob), Tim (Mary), Terry (Rachel), Beth (Bart), and Katie (Scott). Special great grandma to Micah: James & Claire; Abby & Carter; Kate, Louise & Mary. Also remembered by sisters Ruth, MaryAnn (Ralph), and brother Bill and sister-in-law Reta.

Predeceased by her parents Simeon and MaryAnn Jantzi, brothers: Wesley, Kenneth and Simeon; sisters-in-law Gail, Margo, Marjorie, Lucille; brothers-in-law Alan and Anson and grand daughter-in-law Mary.

Louise enjoyed having tea parties with her cherished Royal Dalton china, often found baking her delicious Dutch apple pie, donuts, and coffee cake, sharing those with her beloved family and friends. Louise had a passion for the Monarchy and could tell you almost anything about Queen Elizabeth, she loved gardening, her little dog Charlie and her cat Snowball, who will miss her dearly and above all things, Louise loved her family, especially cherished time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The family is grateful for the all the supportive medical care given during Louise's illness in the last few months: Dr. Yu, especially for the last day; the nurses, and all the PSW's. A very special thank you to nurse Brenda Yantzi, a niece, who faithfully came to provide care to Louise every day.

Relatives and friends were invited to the Mark Jutzi Funeral Home, 291 Huron Street, New Hamburg, on Wednesday, November 29, 2023, from 2 - 4 & 6 - 8 p.m. The funeral service will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at Steinmann Mennonite Church, 1316 Snyders Road East. Reception to follow. A private family interment to take place at Steinmann Mennonite Church Cemetery.

As expressions of sympathy, donations would be accepted to Wilmot Family Resource Centre or the Wellesley Horticultural Society and can be done through the funeral home.

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



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## COMMUNITY —

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- 1) What was the first toy to be advertised on television?
- 2) What does a bat use to navigate and locate its prey?
- 3) What does the acronym "URL" stand for?
- 4) When was Hershey's founded?
- 5) What NHL team has won the most Stanley cups?
- 6) Kenny Loggins 'Danger Zone' featured in what 80s film?
- 7) What is Weird Al Yankovic's first name?
- 8) What is the tiny piece at the end of a shoelace called?
- 9) Originally, Amazon only sold what kind of product?
- 10) How many players are on each side of the net in beach volleyball?

Answers found on page 26

BIRTHDAYS &  
ANNIVERSARIES

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

*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.*

**December 1:** Happy birthday to Sophie Pullen (15).

**December 2:** Happy birthday to Rhoady Van Nes (3), Naomi Ropp (17) and Jillian Ross (29).

**December 3:** Happy birthday to Jake Lichti (12), Callie Brenneman (18), and Emily Kalbfleisch (22), and anniversary for John and Pauline Bender (52nd).

**December 4:** Happy birthday to Charlee Harvey (15) and Tess Gardiner (17).

**December 5:** Happy birthday to Matthew Sommers (22).

**December 6:** Happy anniversary to Greg and Kristene Ankenmann (26th).

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## The Old Gazettes

By Jake 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.*

**November 25 - December 2, 2013, Edition (10 years ago)**

In honour of Youth Appreciation Week skaters enjoyed free skating at the Tavistock and District Recreation Centre on Sunday afternoon, November 17th, courtesy of the Optimist Club of Tavistock. Youngsters also received a free hot dog and drink as part of their Youth Appreciation Week celebrations.

On Wednesday, November 13, the Waterloo-Oxford District Secondary School team brought home the first-ever senior Girls' WCSSAA basketball championship in the school's history. The Crusaders capped a perfect 15-0 WCSSAA season with a win over Jacob Hespler to capture the title.

The Me to We Citizen Group at Sprucedale Public School in Shakespeare recently held its annual food drive and smashed their donation goal. They hoped to collect 200 non-perishable food items, approximately 1 from each student. The students surpassed that goal and at the end of two weeks had donated 831 non-perishable items. All donations were given to the House of Blessing in Stratford.

**November 26 - December 3, 2003, Edition (20 years ago)**

Excitement has been building at the Tavistock Community Health Inc. clinic in anticipation of the first new doctor in 21 years

joining the practice. Dr. Stacey Snider will begin her work on December 8, 2003, joining Drs. Bartlett, Hook, Card, Caulfield and Hegde in caring for the more than 7,000 patients using the local medical centre.

This is an exciting time for the Ontario Division as we celebrate the Canadian Cancer Society's 65th anniversary and launch our revitalized branch. The 2003 leadership conference was held in Toronto for volunteers from Ontario and some from across Canada.

Co-convenor Bill Wettlaufer thanked all the members and the community at large for their help in making the Annual Roast Pork and Sauerkraut Supper a great success. The Memorial Hall hosted around 1,100 people and local restaurants and deliveries contributed the rest. The supper fed over 1,700 people, including more than 170 volunteers.

**November 23-30, 1983, Edition (40 years ago)**

Last week was Children's Book Festival Week and the students of Hickson Public School were treated to a visit from a local author. Mr. Robert Sutherland of Woodstock spent Thursday speaking to the Grade 4 to Grade 8 classes.

Santa Claus came to Tavistock on Saturday, November 26th and proved that Toronto or Kitchener has nothing on the small town. The crowd that viewed the parade which started on Jacob St. West and proceeded to the corner of William St. And Woodstock St. South was overwhelming. The streets were full, and spectators were pleased. There was a total of 23 floats in the parade including the Tavistock Citizens Band and the Wilmot

Twirlers who led the parade.

**November 27- December 4, 1963, Edition (60 years ago)**

John F. Kennedy, 36th president of the United States, was shot to death by a hidden assassin Friday as he was being driven along a street in Dallas, Texas. He lived for less than an hour after being struck by two bullets from a high-powered rifle. The alleged assassin was later apprehended, but he too was shot to death on Sunday as he was being transferred from one prison to another.

A milestone in the 155-year history of Tavistock was marked at the memorial hall Wednesday afternoon when the \$428,000 water pollution system was officially opened. Cutting the ribbon, symbolic of the opening of the system was Robert Rudy, clerk-treasurer, assisted by Reeve Harold A. Walker, and A. M. Snider, Waterloo, chairman of the Ontario Water Resources Commission.

If you have a driver's license, your name will soon be spelled out on a foot-long card by a high-speed printing machine in Toronto. This card will be your personal application form for your next driver's license, and it will be the first step in Ontario's new system of three-year driver's licenses.

There was a total attendance at the recent Well Baby Clinic, held at the Library Hall, of 24 infants, of which 21 were given immunizations. Dr. O. C. Powers was in charge, assisted by Miss M. Charlton, and the mothers present were conferenced by Miss G. De Haan and Miss E. Holden.

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COMMUNITY —

# Oxford County's 4-H Team placed third out of 48 at Royal



The Oxford County 4-H Royal Classic Team. Back left to right, Taylor Karn, Taylor Buckrell, Megan Atkinson, Amber Warboys, Emily Spek, Keeton Jones, Zach DaSilva. Front row is Jack Danen (chaperone), Nathan Wilker, Gavin DaSilva, Jamie Atkinson (chaperone). Absent was Bren Zeldenrijk.

By Gary West

It was another banner year for Oxford County 4-H members, who were excited to travel to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto.

There was a record number of dairy calves (371) who competed at the Royal

TD Classic during the first weekend of this year's 101st edition of the annual November event.

Overall, Oxford placed third Premier County out of 48 other counties and districts that were judged by a Royal committee.

# Perth county classis team at the Royal



Above: Perth County's 4-H TD Dairy Classic Team pictured at their exhibit at the Royal Winter Fair: Front left to right, Mark Knill, Meaghan Weitzel, Ella Knossen, Emily Danen and Jackson Kaufman. Back left to right, Justin Walker, Jordan Hawthorne, Seth Johnston and Jace Noom.

By Gary West

With the 101st Royal Agricultural Winter Fair now in the books, there were a record number of calves. Over 360 4-H members from across Canada competed in the TD 4-H Canadian Classic Dairy show, the largest in the country.

The nine members on the Perth County team, came home happy with their results:

Perth County placed second in the Best Exhibit competition, eighth in the group of three animals, and were also eighth in the Premier County competition. There were 48 teams in all.

In the junior showmanship, Jackson Kaufman (Mitchell Dairy) was 11th out of 120 entries, Jace Noom (Mitchell Dairy) placed 20th in that same class, while Jordan Hawthorne (Listowel Dairy) was fifth in Senior Showmanship out of 135 calves in that class.

When it came to the judging on confirmation:

Seth Johnston (Atwood Dairy), with Mapleview Crushbull McMuffin was fifth in the Holstein Summer Yearling class.

Mark Knill (Mitchell Dairy), with Up-Ridge Revere Dee Dee placed 8th in the Holstein Summer Yearling class.

Jackson Kaufman (Mitchell Dairy), with Paullor Downtown Nakita was 10th in the Jersey Junior Yearling class.

Team members, whose chaperones included leaders Andrea Cnossen, and Pete Kaufman, said "it was a very worthwhile learning experience." They were honoured to represent the county at this prestigious competition, and would encourage any 4-H dairy club member to strive to be on the team to compete at the Royal again in the future.

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COMMUNITY —

# Joanne Weston elected Chair and Maedith Radlein elected Vice-Chair

**By Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette Staff**  
 The Waterloo Region District School Board trustees re-elected Joanne Weston as Chair and Maedith Radlein as Vice-Chair at a recent inaugural board meeting.  
 Trustee Weston and Trustee Radlein, are in their second and first terms, respectively, as trustees. Trustee Weston served as Chair for the past year; this will be Trustee Radlein's first time serving as Vice-Chair.  
 "Thank you to my colleagues for your confidence in me to represent the WRDSB as chairperson. I look forward to working with Vice-Chair Radlein and all of the trustees in the

year ahead," said Weston. "Students, you are the reason why each of us is here at this table. We have the unifying goal to support your achievement and well-being and to ensure you get the best education and caring learning environment possible to help you succeed. How we do this might be the subject of respectful and constructive debate at this table, but I know that each of us is here with the goal of centering and improving student achievement and well-being, as well as supporting staff well-being."  
 "I take this responsibility as an opportunity to further student achievement and well-being, as well as to lift up and support the work of staff,

families and school community in this complex and vital work," said Trustee Radlein.  
 "With this transition in leadership on the Board of Trustees, I want to offer my thanks to outgoing Vice-Chair Woodcock for her commitment to helping students reach their full potential," said Director of Education jeewan chanicka. "As Chair Weston and Vice-Chair Radlein take on their new roles, I have no doubt that they will continue to support students, staff, parents, caregivers, families and community partners coming together to support all students in achieving their highest potential."



Joanne Weston, left, was elected as Chair and Maedith Radlein as Vice Chair, at a WRDSB meeting.

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COMMUNITY —

# Draft Horse awards (Belgian and Clydesdales) presented in Tavistock

By Gary West

Even though the draft horses weren't galloping into Tavistock on Saturday evening, a large number of draft horse owners were in the Tavistock Memorial Hall, celebrating two draft horse breeds - Clydesdales and Belgians.

Horse breeders from central and southern Ontario were in attendance for their annual awards banquet hosted by the Ontario Clydesdale Club and the Ontario Belgian Horse Association.

According to one of the organizers and Clydesdale breeder, Elizabeth Burrill from Hickson, this was the first time that the two draft breed associations celebrated their accomplishments at the same event, and were glad to be hosted in Tavistock.

Awards for Belgians included: Best Gelding Four Horse Hitch, which went to Rusty MacArthur from New Lowell; and best Mare Four Horse Hitch, which went to Manuel Tavares from Erin.

On the Clydesdale side, the Ontario born and bred yearling Filly champion for 2023 was Five Points Comet's Celeste for breeders and owners Paul and Donna Starr from Lindsay, Ontar-



Left to right, awards banquet organizers Kathy Nagtegaal-Yeadon, Elizabeth Burrill, Malcolm Yeadon, Brianna Hallinger, Jordan Mount. In front, Brooklyn and Addison Yeadon. Not pictured were committee members Heather Frank, and Joanne Douglas-Lane.

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COMMUNITY —

# Oxford approves Punkeydoodles Corners changes

By Lee Griffi, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Oxford County Council has approved a plan to make traffic improvements in Punkeydoodles Corners. As expected, many local residents are still not satisfied and are continuing to push for a roundabout, a reduction in speed, and other safety measures.

Frank Gross is the county's manager of transportation and said council passed the plan as presented. "The recommended improvements to close the two intersections and realign the intersection at 101A and Perth Road 101 were approved. On Perth 101 along the curve a left turn lane and a right turn lane have also been approved."

The next steps in the process involve approval by the other two municipalities involved. "It's going to Perth County Council on December 7 and then Wilmot Council on December 11. I believe Wilmot and the Region of Waterloo are discussing their third of the cost share."

Residents in the area have made it crystal clear they still want a roundabout, something Gross said didn't come as a surprise. "We understand from the public consultation that most of the residents generally agree that what we are proposing

is an improvement, but they also think it doesn't go far enough to address their concerns. They believe a roundabout is the ultimate solution there."

There were five delegations at the meeting who presented to council before the road improvements were approved. One of those was Heidi Yantzi Bailey who grew up on a family farm just west of the curve. Her family has farmed and lived there for over 100 years and while she doesn't live there anymore, she said she is there every day and made an emotional plea to council for more safety measures. "I go through the curves several times a day. I am your traffic study. I am here to advocate for speed reductions, better safety measures, and for...a roundabout." Bailey made her case for reduced speed through the area which was not a part of the approved plan. While she did say at times speeds have dropped due to volume, velocity is still a serious issue. "The rest of the time, traffic is racing through there. The answer is not to keep it fast. Slow it all down. Most of us are brutally aware of the potential dangers and I believe most drivers would be willing to accept a speed reduction. Now we need councils do what is required to make that happen." Bailey also suggested a community safety zone could be implemented to force drivers to

slow down, along with other measures. "Warning signs on the road such as slow down and curve ahead. More work can be done to improve the roads and our lives."

County staff and a consultant both agreed a roundabout was not warranted in what's called a 20-year study, but Gross said that doesn't mean it will never happen. "That's not to say traffic patterns won't change in that time frame. We will continue to monitor the performance there after we make those improvements." Gross explained that the resolution at Oxford County Council was amended to include that staff explore further refinements with Perth, Wilmot, and the Region of Waterloo.

The impression by area residents has been that the municipalities in the area had very little contact with each other in terms of discussing traffic concerns but Gross said that isn't the case. "We need to work together on this, and I wouldn't say it hasn't been happening. When there are boundary roads, we are continuously working together to make improvements. They can be driven by either road authority, in the case of Punkeydoodles it's more than two municipalities, it's four that have a state in it." The four regions involved in the decision-making process are Perth and Oxford Counties, Wilmot Township,

and the Region of Waterloo.

Bailey extended an open invitation to members of council and staff to spend some time in the area. "Share the anxiety of turning into our laneways and the panic and dread with every squealing of brakes. Stand with us in our yards, hear the noise, observe how terrifying it is to get to our mailboxes. Imagine sending your kids down these roads to school or work, experience being in a tractor pulling an implement from Oxford 5 onto the curve." She added that measurements and statistics don't tell the entire story of what is going on and pleaded with councillors to keep working. "We've got to do better at finding a unique solution. We've got to work harder and work together. Help us get our speed reduction and our traffic calming features."

Gross said he's pleased the project is moving forward. "We are looking forward to getting approval from the other municipalities and then we will proceed with design and construction in 2024." The work is expected to cost in the range of \$1 million, shared by three municipalities. It is expected the plan will be approved in December during Oxford County budget deliberations and go out for tender in the new year.

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This feature is inspired by the Show Us Your Wilmot Facebook page. This photo was taken by Harold Russell of a sunset in New Hamburg while he drove home from The Community Player's The Ideal Husband performance. (Photo credit: Harold Russell)

## First skaters on new Wellesley ice



By Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette Staff

The Wellesley Township Recreation Centre ice opened for the first time this past weekend, and the the first skaters on the ice were Terry Gerber, Wyatt Vandergaag and James Neeb.

"Terry and James were the first skaters to skate on the old Wellesley Arena rink, so they were asked to accompany a skater from the Wellesley Skating Club that was randomly selected by the skating club," said Recreation Director Danny Roth. "That skater was Wyatt."

Terry Gerber, Wyatt Vandergaag and James Neeb are the first to take the ice on the new Wellesley Township Recreation Centre ice. (Photo contributed)

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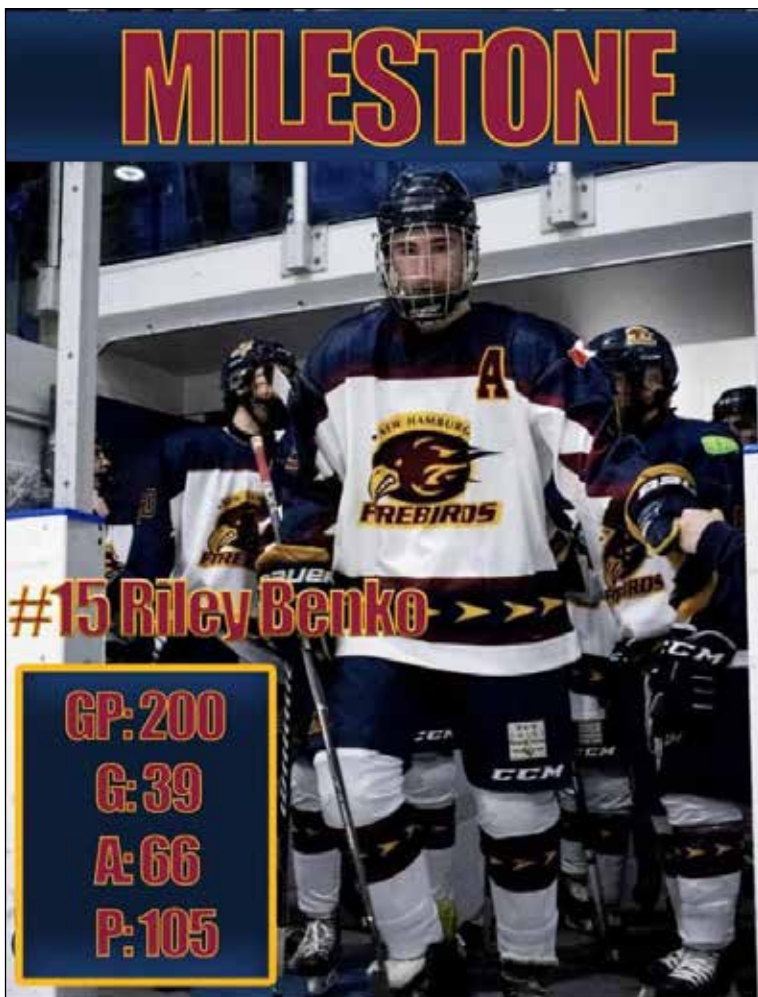
# Benko recognized for 200 games with the Firebirds

By Lee Griffi

Not many players can say they devoted five years of their life to their hometown junior hockey team, but Riley Benko can. Benko was recently recognized by the New Hamburg Firebirds in the dressing room before a game for his incredible commitment to the team both on and off the ice.

The left-winger played AAA in Kitchener, following in his brother Austin's footsteps, before making the commitment to New Hamburg as a 16-year-old. "I stayed in Kitchener up until my (Ontario Hockey League) draft year in minor midget. After that, I was figuring out what I wanted to do, and I had a few options for Junior B. The Stratford Warriors, Kitchener Dutchmen, and Listowel Cyclones all would have taken me as their 16-year-old. I was going to be working full-time eventually, and going to the rink six times a week while working was not in the cards for me. I wanted to be able to focus on work and still be able to play hockey at the same time but balance both. Balance is everything." He decided to attend New Hamburg's camp, and his long career began and played a pair of games with the Waterloo Siskins in the 2019-20 season.

Riley's brother Austin also played AAA in Kitchener, then took the ice for 46 games over three seasons in New Hamburg with the Firebirds. The pair were teammates during the 2018-19 campaign and Riley said his older brother played a role in his first junior goal. "Oh man, where do I start? Being able to play my first year of junior with my brother was very special for both of us. We drove each other to be the best we could be. Funny enough, my first-ever goal was assisted by my brother. I will be keeping that puck for the rest of my life." He added that goal may not be his best hockey memory, but it's close. "Oh, he makes sure that I will never forget he assisted on my first goal. It is definitely up there, but two seasons ago, beating Tavistock overtime in game six at home in front of our roaring crowd to win the division was easily the best moment of my hockey career. Lifting that trophy and having the crowd go crazy is something I will carry close to my heart for the rest of my life. Nothing like having a team full of brothers all buying in and doing whatever it takes to win. I get chills just thinking about it."



Riley Benko stats. (Photo contributed by the New Hamburg Firebirds)

Long-time Firebirds coach and general manager Shane Gerber said Riley has been nothing but a positive influence on the team over his career. "Any time we bring in new players, he's the guy who welcomes them. He makes everyone feel welcome and has taken on a real leadership role." On the ice, Gerber said he's embraced a role of a defensive specialist. "He's good at faceoffs so we use him in key situations. He's always on the defensive side of the puck. Every 16-year-old has lots to learn but he's really taken on the defensive side of the game." He added everyone likes to score goals, but a good team needs players that are willing to play those roles to be successful.

Off the ice, Benko has always been willing to donate his time to help in the community, something Gerber said sets a great example for his teammates. "He's at the forefront in all that stuff and doesn't miss many team events outside of hockey. The parade is coming, and the Christmas hampers. We've been to schools for certain events, and he takes leadership in that, too. It's nice to have a local guy contribute

not just on the ice but off the ice as well." Riley said for him, having a presence in the community was something that has come easy to him and something he owes. "You come out to games such as when we have the teddy bear toss, you've got the whole town involved. They are all supporting the team so it's only right you give back. That's been one of my favourite parts about being on this team. At the end of the day, it helps us become who we are as an organization."

Any member of the team's on and off-ice staff along with the executive and volunteers are quick to praise Benko's contributions over the last six seasons, he is just as thankful for the atmosphere provided to him. "Don't even get me started. It's a family. Don't get me wrong, it would have been great to play Junior B and showcase my skills and see where I could have gone with it. Looking back on it now, I can say I got to play my full junior career from 16 years old up to my overage year in my hometown where I grew up watching the Firebirds." He added he was once just like the kids now who come up to him asking for an au-

tograph or his stick. "They just love us, and that's honestly one of the best parts, seeing the support we have from the community. The love and support we get is one of the best feelings of being a part of this team. I still have a stick at home signed by all the Firebirds when I was 12 or 13.

Benko shared a story when he was young watching a Firebirds playoff game involving Al Denison who has been one of the team's equipment managers for years, one he won't ever forget. "I was 11 or 12, maybe a bit younger, and was at a playoff game sitting in the far corner. A puck went out of play over the netting and hit me right in the nose. I had a bloody nose and next thing I know, Al comes running up with a towel and brought me down to ice level and walked me into the dressing room and got me all cleaned up. I will never forget that moment." He added things have come full circle and he couldn't be happier the way things played out. "I joined the team at 16, playing with grown men. All the older guys on the team made sure I was feeling good about myself, feeling good about the team, making sure I was comfortable. That has helped turn me into the person I am today. Whether it's a new guy on the team or a young guy, I am always making sure they have someone to talk to. I always make sure they're comfortable and get to know them and that makes a difference on the ice, keeping that team comradery." He added he's learned a great deal from not only his teammates but also his coaches who he hopes to keep relationships with for a lifetime.

Benko is working at a warehouse in Waterloo for his brother in the shipping and receiving department. Next school year he plans on attending Conestoga College to take an insurance course. As for his hockey future, he said he couldn't see life without it after this season. "I definitely still want to be playing competitive hockey and plan on playing senior, without a doubt, 100 percent. I don't want to stop building relationships and hope I can keep doing that." Riley hasn't ruled out attending the Tavistock Royals camp next season and added he might consider getting involved in coaching at some point. Whatever he does decide to do on or off the ice, odds are he'll make a lot of new friends doing it.

## W.O.A.A. Senior "AA" Hockey Regular Season Standings

	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS
Ripley Wolves	11	7	4	3	17
Saugeen Shores Winterhawks	10	7	3	0	14
Creemore Coyotes	9	6	3	1	13
Durham Thundercats	9	6	3	1	13
Seaforth Centenaires	9	6	3	0	12
Minto 81's	9	5	4	1	11
<b>Tavistock Royals</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>
Erin Outlaws	9	3	6	1	7
Georgian Bay Applekings	8	3	5	0	6
Milverton Four Wheel Drivers	10	2	8	0	4
Lucknow Lancers	8	1	7	1	3

## Tavistock Royals 2023-24 Point Leaders

PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS
Sean Kienapple	F	8	10	6	16
Drew Gerth	F	9	3	4	7
Sean Leslie	F	10	3	4	7
Jeremy Munro	F	10	4	2	6
Lucas Bast	D	9	2	4	6
Erik Robichaud	F	3	2	3	5
Mitch Facey	F	7	0	5	5
Phil Edgar	F	6	3	1	4
Mike Noyes	D	6	2	2	4
Trevor Sauder	F	9	2	2	4
Greg Noyes	D	8	1	3	4
Cam Leslie	D	10	0	4	4
Deven Kropf	F	8	1	2	3
Callan Christner	F	8	2	0	2
Collin Hartwick	F	3	1	1	2
Matt Zilke	F	7	1	1	2
Geoff Killing	D	2	0	1	1
Tristan Hohl	D	7	0	1	1
Reid Ramseyer	D	7	0	1	1
Adam Barr	F	8	0	1	1
Ted Anstett	F	5	0	1	1

## PJHL STANDINGS South Doherty Division

	GP	W	L	OTL	T	PTS
Woodstock Navy Vets	21	18	2	1	0	37
<b>New Hamburg Firebirds</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Tavistock Braves</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>23</b>
Hespeler Shamrocks	18	7	11	0	0	14
Norwich Merchants	19	5	10	3	1	14
<b>Wellesley Applejacks</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>
Paris Titans	20	4	15	1	0	9

## PJHL - South Doherty Division 2023-24 Point Leaders

Team	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS
WNV	Davin Gray	F	21	9	33	42
WNV	Nolan Brett	F	21	18	17	35
<b>NHF</b>	<b>Owen Fischer</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>25</b>
WNV	Ethan Szabo	F	17	7	17	24
<b>NHF</b>	<b>Tyler Reid</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>23</b>
WNV	Chris Coulter	D	20	10	12	22
<b>NHF</b>	<b>Owen Bruder</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>21</b>
NOR	Brandon Balazs	F	18	9	10	19
HES	Boden White	F	14	7	12	19
<b>NHF</b>	<b>Jake Thompson</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>
NOR	Joel Storoschuk	F	19	8	10	18
HES	Jack Restauri	F	18	5	13	18
<b>TAV</b>	<b>Stephen Peppas</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>TAV</b>	<b>Nicolas Thibodeau</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>TAV</b>	<b>Ian Glendinning</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>NHF</b>	<b>Antonio Pasqualino</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>
WNV	Brodie Kearns	F	15	4	12	16
WNV	Nolan Burnside	F	20	6	9	15
WNV	Tyler Smeda	D	21	6	9	15
<b>NHF</b>	<b>Owen Sculthorp</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>NHF</b>	<b>Aidan Reid</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>
HES	Andrew Harris	F	17	8	6	14
<b>NHF</b>	<b>Carter Niall</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>TAV</b>	<b>Jacob Reid-Brant</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>



# SPORTS —

## PJHL Roundup

By Lee Griffi

The Tavistock Braves win streak has reached four games as they earned a pair of wins over the weekend, including a 4-2 win in New Hamburg Sunday afternoon.

The teams were tied at two after two periods until Carson Bernhardt scored the game winning goal just over nine minutes into the third on the power play, his fifth of the season, with assists going to Ethan Sharpe and Ian Glendinning. Just over a minute later at the Braves added an insurance marker by Ryan Suljak, his seventh. Each team scored twice in the second following a scoreless first, Antonio Pasqualino and Owen Fischer for New Hamburg and Marc Dionne and Nicholas Thibodeau for Tavistock. Liam O'Leary stopped 27 of 29 shots to earn the win while Graeme Noye took the loss stopping 22 of 26 shots he faced.

The top three teams in the Doherty Division are creeping a little closer together as third-place Tavistock trails second place New Hamburg by eight points who trails first place Woodstock by six points. The Navy Vets only losses have come against the Braves and the Firebirds. New Hamburg coach and general manager Shane Gerber said things are tightening up as the seasons goes on. "I think there is a lot of parody between us. It's a long season and every team goes through some peaks and valleys, and we are in a bit of a, I wouldn't call it a slump, but I don't think we're playing to the level we expect as a group." He added through the

course of 42 regular season games teams are going to go through stretches like that. "I know what's in there. More consistency is what we need to bring." Gerber said they have been in every game they have lost this season, and he isn't one to panic. At the same time, he is open to adding a new player or two before the January 10 deadline. "You always want to get better and if you feel you can add pieces to get you there, that's end goal. Although we are happy where we are at, we are still looking to get better." The Firebirds battle the Navy Vets on Friday night in New Hamburg at 7:30 and a huge crowd is expected to be in attendance from the top two teams in the division in terms of seats in the stands.

The Braves hosted the Hespeler Shamrocks last Friday and earned a 3-1 win. Defenceman Christian Bergmann led the offense with two assists, his seventh and eighth of the season. Jacob Roach, Tyler Brezynskie, and Thibodeau scored for Tavistock. James Hopper got the start in net for Tavistock and stopped 23 of the 24 shots he faced.

New Hamburg did manage to split their weekend games thanks to a 3-2 win at home on Friday over Wellesley. Connor Doerbecker gave the Applejacks a 1-0 lead, but Tyler Reid scored his eighth and ninth of the season to give the Firebirds a 2-1 lead after twenty minutes. After a scoreless second, Pasqualino gave New Hamburg a 3-1 lead before Owen O'Donnell scored his first of the season for Wellesley to round out the scoring.

## Big third pushes Royals over Four Wheel Drives

By Lee Griffi

Milverton skated into Tavistock Saturday night and had a chance to head home with their third win of the season but were denied by a six-goal third period explosion from the Royals.

The Four Wheel Drives led 3-2 after 40 minutes but the Royals exploded for six third-period goals and an 8-4 win. Sean Kienapple opened the scoring with his seventh of the season, but the Drives would score the next two before Greg Noyes tied it at two. In the third, Kienapple and Lucas Bast scored in the first six and a half minutes before

Milverton added one to tie it at four. It was all Tavistock after that as Kienapple scored his third followed by goals from Collin Hartwick, Jeremy Munro, and another from Kienapple who had a four-goal performance. He also added an assist and leads the team with scoring with 16 points in eight games.

Jensen Van Boekel stopped 26 of 28 shots to earn the win in net. The Royals improved to five wins and five losses while the Four Wheel Drives have two wins in 10 games. Next action for Tavistock is Saturday as they host the Creemore Coyotes.

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OPINION —

**EXPERT ADVICE:** *Looking for a recipe to warm you up this winter? Try body boosting bone broth*



**By Mercedes Kay Gold**

Chilled to the bone? Warm up with body-boosting bone broth. Soup stock and bone broth are often used interchangeably, but the truth is, there's a nutritional difference. With winter on the way, bone broth's longer cooking time is worth the wealth of health benefits inside and out.

Bone broth can be made with your choice of animal bones, marrow and connective tissue. It all begins with quality ingredients. This holistic nutritionist is on team beef, favoring bones from grass-fed or-

ganic cows. Luckily, Vibrant Farms is located in Baden. Bone broth can be used as a base in soups and stews but also in place of water when cooking rice or quinoa. On its own, a mug of broth is an incredibly nutrient-dense way to warm up this winter instead of tea or coffee. Feeling adventurous? Try instead of milk in hot chocolate.

Typically, you will see bone broth made from chicken or beef bones. The power is in the preparation, and the longer bones simmer, the more beneficial the broth. Beef bones are denser than chicken, yielding a higher concentration of collagen and minerals. Beef also has a more balanced ratio of omega-3 to omega-6 healthy fats. When preparing beef, ask the butcher to include vertically cut spine, hip or thigh bones. Roast the bones before simmering to reap the rewards of the spongy tissue concentrated in the center. Bone marrow contains adiponectin, a hormone linked to breaking down fats in the body. The marrow also appears to help lower the risk of diabetes and cardiovascular disease. Savor the flavor with a spoonful or swap out butter for a taste sensation.

The heaps of health advantages for roasting all poultry, beef and even bison bones are worth the extra step pre-simmering. All types of bone broth provide healthy fats, a bevy of B vitamins as well as and vitamin A, D and E. Slow-cooking bones provides calcium, linked to bone building; iron for energy, selenium supports the thyroid, copper helps make red blood cells, and zinc is awesome for immunity. However, beef broth ranks the highest in vital trace minerals. Across the board, connective tissue is a go-to for glucosamine and chondroitin, A1 for addressing arthritis and joint pain.

As a holistic nutritionist, bone broth is an integral part of many meal and health promoting protocols I write. Bone broth is keto diet friendly, an amazingly nutritious substitute to kick coffee, and a great way for intermittent fasters to break their fasting window. Bone broth is a powerhouse

of protein, containing approximately 4 to 9 grams per cup, depending on the simmering time. Protein is comprised of amino acids, and broth provides gads of glycine, gelatin and glutamine. All three amino acids are great for gut healing and a super way to sip your way to supple skin. Glycine may also stomp stress and support sleep. A cup of broth before bed is a cozy way to slip into slumber.

Whipping up a batch of bone broth is easy, albeit time-consuming. Cooking a big batch of broth and freezing extra in mason jars or ice cube trays is a meal prep lifesaver.

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If using leftover poultry or beef bones from meals, follow the recipe below for soup stock.

**Ingredients:**

- Remains of leftover carcass bones
- Kosher salt
- 3 Tbsp unpasteurized apple cider vinegar
- 3 cloves garlic peeled
- Himalayan pink salt, Kosher salt or Fleurs de Sel
- 3 sprigs fresh rosemary or herb (s) of choice
- 1 onion
- 1 large carrot
- 1 large potato
- 3 stalks of celery

**Directions:**

Combine all ingredients in the pot or



crockpot.

On the stovetop simmer for a minimum of 12 hours. Using the crockpot method, add the bones, remaining ingredients and water to the top. Cook on low for at least 12 hours.

Cool and strain. Discard the veggies but reserve the meat to eat or use if prepping soup.

Refrigerate overnight. By morning, the broth should take on a gelatinous texture. This is highly nutritious.

Scrape any fat off and discard.

Pour into mason jars and ice cube trays.

Bone broth and stock can be stored in the freezer for up to a year.

*\*Available at Vibrant Farms 2669 Carmel-Koch Road Baden, Ontario Follow on social @vibrantfarms*

*Mercedes Kay Gold is a Certified Holistic Nutritionist, Certified Personal Trainer and published writer who loves helping others live their best life when not spending time with her children and grandson Theodore.*



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COMMUNITY —

# Construction project wrapped up in Wilmot



Township Engineering Technologist Curtis Schaerer, Chris Saraiva with Sousa Concrete, Gordan Glavovic with WalterFedy, and daycare centre operator Jen Krampien, with children from her centre.

By Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette Staff

The Township of Wilmot recently finished road and sewer improvements in the Greenwood Drive, New Hamburg neighbourhood.

Children at the nearby daycare centre were interested in the project - they seemed to like their new safety vests from the project team.

# Gazette Puzzles

## Preparing for Christmas



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|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Pick a tree    | Invite guests | Bake cookies |
| Decorate       | Mail cards    | Houseclean   |
| Hang garland   | Shop          | Wrap gifts   |
| Make a list    | Plan a menu   |              |
| Prepare budget | Order turkey  |              |

## Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002

### Notice of Decision Township of Wilmot

TAKE NOTICE that on May 31, 2023 the Township of Wilmot approved the increase of the cemetery at Steinmann Cemetery at 1317 Snyder's Road West to permit expansion of the cemetery area by 5874m<sup>2</sup> (1.45 acres).

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the applicant, Registrar or any person with an interest therein may, within 15 days after publications of this notice refer the decisions to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal for a hearing.

Further information may be obtained from **Lori Balcerek, Landscape Architecture Manager, GSP Group: lbalcerek@gspgroup.ca**

Dated at Kitchener this 30th day of October, 2023

Specifics of what approved:

A cemetery expansion was approved by the township of Wilmot containing 267 burial lots and 34 green burial lots. Furthermore, the township of Wilmot approved future 1 scattering garden and 1 future columbarium containing 60 niches.

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## Pet of the Week

### RUBY

This week's pet of the week is Ruby. While walking on trails with the Lockie family, she is always on the lookout for moving wildlife of any sort.

Nominate your Pet of the Week by emailing [info@wilmotpost.ca](mailto:info@wilmotpost.ca)



## LOCAL MATTERS.



Remember that time when Amazon sponsored your church fundraiser?



Remember when Facebook bought a case of Girl Guide cookies to support your daughter?



Remember when Google provided free pizza to your child's soccer team when they won the championship?





## TRAVEL —

## OH, THE PLACES WE'LL GO: A beautiful Irish location for a domestic tragedy



By Paul Knowles

The story of Kylemore Castle comes straight out of a gothic romance. It is, indeed, a castle, but not one built for military or defensive purposes, nor a castle that has a long history of restoration and renewal. No, Kylemore Castle, situated in the beautiful Connemara district of Ireland, was built in the Victorian age, in 1868, by a rich English doctor, Mitchell Henry.

Both the castle and its grounds are enormous – the place includes 33 bedrooms, four bathrooms, four sitting rooms, a ballroom, billiard room, library study, school room, smoking room, gun room, and sundry offices and quarters for domestic staff.

You might think it was already a tragedy to have 33 bedrooms and only four bathrooms, but there is a bigger tragedy here, and that's where the gothic, romantic bits come in. Mitchell built Kylemore as a home for his beloved spouse, Margaret – but she died only seven years after her dream castle was built. It is amazing how many elaborate, palatial homes – Boldt Castle in the Thousand Islands comes to mind, as does Toronto's own Casa Loma – were built to celebrate love stories that ended in tragedy.

And thus, it was at Kylemore. But Margaret's death led to the construction of yet another beautiful structure – the chapel at Kylemore. And eventually, to one more, smaller, but still ornate, building – the Mausoleum, where both Margaret and Mitchell are entombed. Mitchell had long since left Kylemore, but when

he died in 1910 – having lost most of his fortune – his body was returned to the estate to lie beside his beloved.

Mitchell's fortune came by way of inheritance from his wealthy, industrialist father. Instead of stepping up and running the family business, when he inherited his father's wealth, Mitchell stopped practicing medicine and entered politics, which proved a costly enterprise.

The property changed hands. From 1903 to 1913, the Duke and Duchess of Manchester made Kylemore their home. But in 1920, the 33-bedroom castle became the home of a group of Benedictine nuns, and their successors own and manage the estate to this day.

All of which makes Kylemore one of the most interesting destinations I have visited.

First, there is the stunning setting; the entire region of Connemara is breathtakingly beautiful. Mountains, moors, lakes and free-range sheep (including some ranging in the middle of the roadways) make this drive a highlight of any trip. And Kylemore's own lakeside setting, backed by craggy mountains, is right out of a storybook.

What makes Kylemore even more special, though, is the diversity of attractions throughout the large property. The Castle, of course, is worthy of a lengthy visit. And the nuns – or whoever is running the attraction on their behalf – have come up with clever, state-of-the-art interpretive features. Holograms of the period characters tell the story of Kylemore. Visitors are not dependent on written guidebooks, or the necessity to download a tour on their phones – instead, we meet helpful, if virtual, characters, eager to share their story.

The property's features are located all around the lake – actually, two lakes, linked by a stream – and the walks are very enjoyable. From the main entrance, you can choose to turn right and visit, in turn, the Abbey (which is the castle), then the Gothic Church and finally (appropriately enough), the Mausoleum.

Turn left after the main entrance, and you can walk, or take a trolley, to one of the finest, and largest, Victorian walled



Kylemore Abbey, set in the beautiful Connemara district of Ireland.

gardens I have ever visited. And I love visiting Victorian walled gardens.

At the same time the castle was built, Mitchell Henry ordered that a six-acre bogland be converted into an impressive walled garden. Today, you can wander through the beds and plantings, talk with gardeners, and visit the glasshouses (two of an original 21 have been restored), the head gardener's house, the pigsty, and all manner of individual gardens – kitchen garden, formal flower garden, rockery, nuttery, herb garden, herbaceous borders, and more.

The entire Kylemore estate covers 1,000 acres, and while you won't visit the property in its entirety, there are several walks and trails, carefully identified, that will take you through woodland, along rivers, and even to a waterfall.

All of this at a place where Benedictine nuns continue to "live, work and pray." In fact, visitors are welcome to join the sisters for daily mass and vespers, in the modern, newly-constructed Monastic Church, located near the entrance to

Kylemore (and quite close to the restaurant and gift shop). By the way, when the nuns aren't praying, they spend their time making chocolate – and of course, the hand-made Kylemore Abbey Chocolates are on sale in the gift shop.

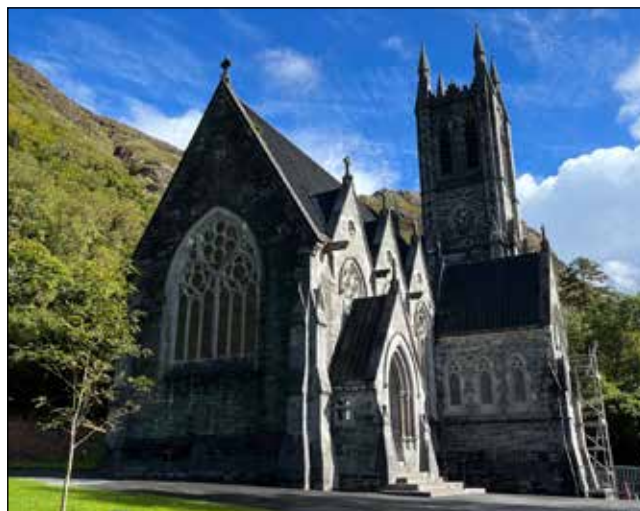
Kylemore Abbey has become a national leader in sustainable tourism in Ireland. The vehicle fleet is being electrified, hundreds of native trees are planted on the property each year, and the attraction is developing a full "biodiversity plan," working with the National University of Ireland in Galway (about an hour and a half south-east of Kylemore).

There are plenty of destinations worth an hour or two of your time. Kylemore is not one of them – you'll want to schedule a full day at this dramatic, romantic, stunningly beautiful place.

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](mailto:pknowles@golden.net).



Kylemore boasts a six-acre, walled Victorian garden.



The gothic chapel at Kylemore.



A parade of sheep, along a lake backed by mountains, in Connemara.



OPINION —

EXPERT ADVICE: *A Body at Rest*



**By Chip Bender  
RP(q)**

Newton's First Law of Motion states that a body at rest will remain at rest unless an outside force acts on it. In my experience, there are not many outside forces

strong enough to push my body out of rest. Maybe it's because I am naturally lazy, but there seem to be forces at work keeping my body at rest. First thing in the morning, it is my warm, comfortable bed and last thing in the evening, it is a comfortable couch mixed with an enthralling sports competition.

Not that there is anything inherently wrong with enjoying my bed or my sports viewing. However, as I discovered, some enjoyable activities can crowd out other activities, which may create a higher quality of life. For instance, I have learned starting my day with some physical exercise and/or meditation tends to increase my overall enjoyment of

the day. The problem is, for me, and for many people with whom I have talked, knowing what to do and actually doing it are two completely different things. The force keeping me at rest was greater than the force setting my body into motion.

Fortunately, I have also discovered two small manageable ways to counteract the forces keeping me at rest. The first is making my bed every morning, which may seem like a pointless task, considering it is going to get messed up that night again. However, for the minimal effort required, making my bed yields two benefits that have proven to improve my day. The first benefit is that it gives me a sense of accomplish-

ment, which is often the gateway to building momentum to accomplish more tasks throughout the day. The second benefit is it creates a semblance of orderliness, which contributes to a sense of calm. Considering it only takes me 15 seconds to make my bed (though I have never officially timed it), it has an excellent pay-back in benefits.

The second small step that has helped counteract the force of inertia and move me from a good intention to action is going to bed marginally earlier. Often, what gets in the way of a good intention is another habit creating a barrier, which keeps us from engaging in the desired activity. By shrinking the barrier, the desired

activity becomes easier to do. For me, the barrier to getting out of bed earlier was being too tired. Getting to bed slightly earlier meant the barrier to getting out of bed was more manageable.

Many of us encounter barriers that keep our intentions from turning into actions that we know will improve our quality of life. Hopefully, these two examples will generate some of your own creative ideas to push your body into a state of motion. Sometimes, speaking with a therapist will help you to discover possible alternative actions.

*(Chip Bender is a counsellor at the Interfaith Counselling Centre in New Hamburg. Opinions expressed are those of the author.)*

**Letter to the Editor:**

Everyone is talking about the price of groceries these days. I understand that government members have recently met with some grocers' officials to discuss how to reduce the cost of groceries.

I do not know the results of their discussions, but there is something that really disturbs me and that is "multi-buying" of items. Not all stores partake in "multi-buying" but some do.

With "multi-buying" you must buy all

four items if you want the sale price of 4/\$10 otherwise the item is \$2.97 each. Another example is 3/\$10 or \$3.97 each. Another tactic is \$3.99 when you buy more than two, otherwise it is \$5.49 each. These items and prices came from recent grocers' fliers.

Many more families have only so much money to spend on food and if they do buy a "multi-deal," they may not have enough to purchase food from other food groups - bread/cereal, meat/alternatives,

fruit/vegetables and dairy products. Yes, milk is still a valuable food which provides valuable vitamins and minerals to complete a healthy diet. Not everyone has storage for "multi-buying."

Many people live alone, especially seniors who live alone in small living spaces with less storage space and they may not want or need four of one item. Please, grocers, give all people the option of buying only ONE item at a fair price, that is, 4/\$10 is \$2.50 each, 3/\$10

is \$3.33 each and \$3.99 for one item as previously mentioned. Why not make it a fair playing field for all? Don't make people read the fine print on the signs and then be surprised at the cashier. Most people like to shop at their local grocery store, so why not keep them loyal to you.

**Anya Donaldson**

*Advocacy Co-ordinator, Oxford District Womens' Institute*

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**COMMUNITY —**

**Maid's Memories from Castle Kilbride**

By Castle Kilbride Staff

*Information provided by the diary entries of Dorothy Catherine Bean who was a maid at C.K. from 1936-37*

At Castle Kilbride, during the first and second generations, the Livingston family employed several young local women to work in the home as maids/ domestics; cleaning and cooking for the family. During the second generation under J.P. and Laura Livingston, one such maid was Dorothy Catherine Bean, who worked for the family from October 1936 to September 1937.

During her time at Castle Kilbride, Bean assisted in cleaning the home and making delicious meals and treats for the family and their friends to enjoy. Through her personal diary from her time spent at the Castle, Bean recounts some of the larger, more elaborate meals she had to orchestrate!

On October 28th, 1936, only ten days into her employment, Bean helped clean and prepare 40 chickens for the chicken supper that was being held at the Livingston Presbyterian Church. On the following day, the 29th, Bean then assisted in stuffing ten chickens with all the fixings suitable for a chicken dinner.

Bean's first recorded full dinner spread was on November 29th, 1936, where she prepared a fruit cocktail and soup for an appetizer. Roast duck, asparagus and taters were the main course, which was followed by pumpkin pie for dessert. One month later, in mid-December, Bean helped prepare and clean for Doris, the other maid of



Sisters Esther & Alice Dorsch at Castle Kilbride c. 1920s.

the home who made a staggering 80 dozen cookies for the holidays!

In late June and July of 1937, Bean was busy again, this time with fresh finds from the Livingston Garden and prepping meals for the Livingston church camp. On June 22nd and July 6, Bean had made nearly 40 jars of strawberry jam as well as pickling and canning beans, and peas. On July 13th she then made 200 sandwiches and prepared ice cream and ginger ale to be enjoyed by the 33 Jr. girls church campers. Bean more than doubled her sandwich count a few days after when she made 500 on July 22nd for the senior church camp girls and Kitchener Boys' Band.

When Bean was not filling her works days with cooking larger meals for groups, she could be found making delectable desserts. During her time at the Castle, she made countless pies, including Boston cream pie and graham wafer pie as well as many cakes, such as banana cake, strawberry shortcake and sunshine cake. Bean's desserts didn't stop there, she also wrote about the apple pudding and snow puddings she made!

Although Dorothy Catherine Bean's time at Castle Kilbride was short, her mark on the home, along with the many other young women who worked for the family, is still present.

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**GRT's new plan for severe weather events**



By Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette

Grand River Transit (GRT), a bus service that runs through local areas in Wilmot, is implementing a new severe weather plan this winter season.

If there is heavy snowfall or icy conditions, the GRT may declare a severe weather event. When this happens, some bus routes will go on detour and some stops will be closed.

"The aim is to minimize service disruptions by routing buses around problem areas can get stuck in snow or icy conditions," said the GRT in an online post.

The GRT will be installing blue severe weather signs at affected stops over the next few weeks. Severe weather events will be posted at [www.grt.ca/alerts](http://www.grt.ca/alerts) and @alerts-GRT on Twitter (X).



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