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## George Gilvesy added to Oxford ag hall of fame

JEFF HELSDON

Editor

Tillsonburg-area resident George Gilvesy has been named as the 2025 Agriculture Hall of Fame recipient by the Oxford County Federation of Agriculture.

The Agricultural Hall of Fame Award honours an individual who demonstrates outstanding leadership and an unwavering dedication to strengthening the rural community and the broader agricultural industry.

Gilvesy was shocked to be named to the Oxford County Agricultural Hall of Fame.

"I was really surprised," he said. "So much of my work, especially the last 20 years, was outside of the county. It's interesting folks in the county recognized what I contributed to broader agriculture."

He paid heed to others who have contributed to agriculture in Oxford, saying, "Oxford County has had a long history of farm leadership, and to be associated with those folks is quite humbling."

Gilvesy has spent over 46 years elevating Canadian agriculture on the global stage across a variety of roles with agricultural groups. As a tobacco grower, his initial involvement was with the Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board. He was elected to the board as a director in fall 1986.

"Originally, it was things weren't looking good in the tobacco industry in the mid-1980s. I felt the only way to deal with it productively was to get involved," he said of his original reason for becoming a director.

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(JEFF HELSDON PHOTO)

### ONE STEP CLOSER

The Participark Trail reopening on May 12 brought completion of the Kinsmen Bridge one step closer. Crews from Lancoa Contracting, the contractor undertaking the work, were securing the grate to the bridge last week, but work still remains on Veteran's Memorial Trail that is expected to take until later into June. In the meantime, the public is reminded the bridge and adjacent trail are closed.

## Gooding named Citizen of the Year

JEFF HELSDON

Editor

Tillsonburg's 2026 Citizen of the Year Scott Gooding is carrying on a family tradition by volunteering.

While most people don't have a Citizen of the Year in their immediate family, Gooding has several. His mother was Citizen of the Year in Delhi, as were his two nieces.

His sister-in-law, Lynne DePlancke, was Citizen of the Year in Norwich.

"The original trendsetter as far as volunteering was my mother," he said. "She was involved in her church, the hospital in Simcoe, and all kinds of things."

He was also quick to point out that his wife Kathy is a committed volunteer and was president of the Tillsonburg Figure Skating Club.

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# Gooding carries on family tradition by volunteering

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Volunteering started young for Gooding, as he coached a five-year-old soccer team when he was 12.

“That started the whole thing,” he said. “I loved it, and coached both in the community and at school.”

Gooding was surprised and humbled when he heard he had won. He was aware that Samantha Helsdon had had nominated him last year, as she asked if it was okay to do so.

“Even last year, it was surprising because there’s so many amazing people who do so much,” he said.

When Gooding came to Glendale High School as a teacher, he spent the next 34 years there, making positive impressions on students as a physical education, history, cooperative education, civics, and careers teacher, and as a guidance counselor providing future direction to students. He also provided English and math instruction for special education students for more than 20 years.

Gooding coached at Glendale for nearly 30 years, at the helm of boys’ and girls’ soccer, hockey, and ringette. He was the staff advisor for House Council, supported graduating students through the Green and Gold Council, participated in the COPE committee in its early years to support struggling students, and helped strengthen staff connections through the social committee. His impact was so meaningful that the

Scott Gooding Spirit Award was established in his name to honour his exceptional commitment and positivity.

Outside of the school, Gooding coached minor soccer in Tillsonburg for 25 years, adult women’s soccer, ringette, and minor hockey, and volunteered with the Tillsonburg Skating Club for more than a decade. He currently serves on the Tillsonburg Youth Advisory Council and the Recreation and Sports Advisory Committee, where he continues to advocate for opportunities that support youth engagement and active living. He also lends his time and experience to the Tillsonburg Wall of Fame Committee.

But Gooding is more than just a coach to many. He proudly states that he attended the weddings of six of the girls on the U-18 soccer team he coached.

“You gain so much from being involved in the community,” he stated.

Gooding lives by these words, pointing out, “There’s so many people who complain about things in the community, but don’t step up to do anything. I think it’s important to make change in your community in whatever way you can.”

His involvement in the Great Cycle Challenge is an example of that. He takes part in the annual event to raise money for SickKids Hospi-

tal’s childhood cancer research, and has a personal fundraising goal of \$50,000. He said that the effort came about after his retirement, with his love of cycling and his mother’s passing away from cancer.

“My wife mentioned you’re biking all the time, why don’t you do something good with it,” he recalled.

Being a volunteer canvasser for the Heart and Stroke Foundation is also on his volunteer resume.

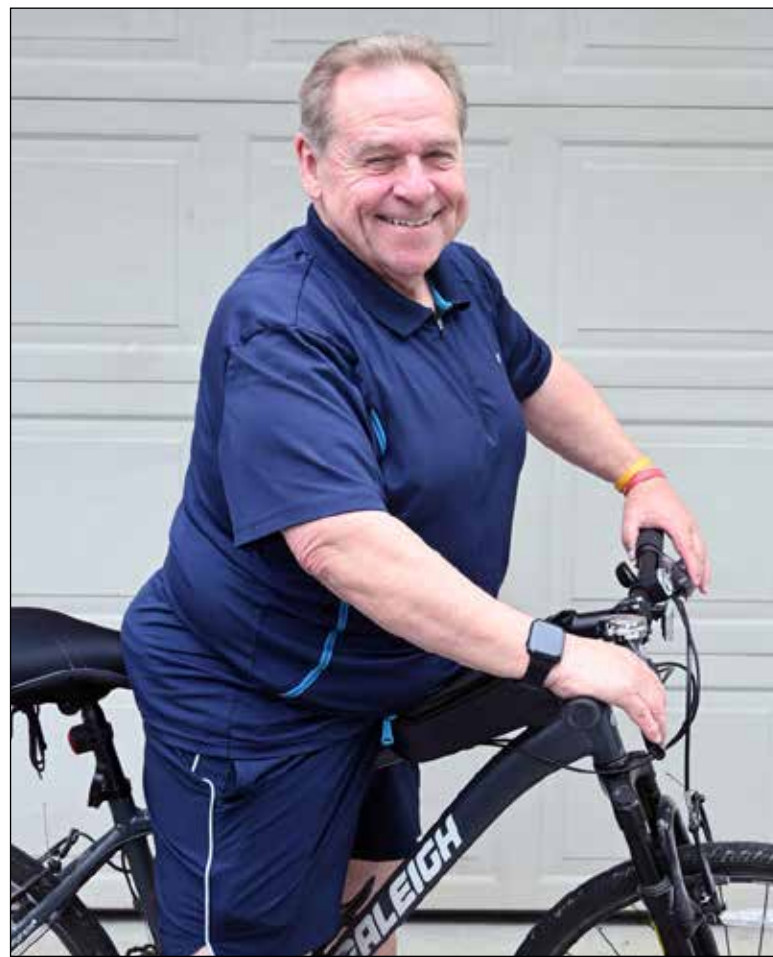
Seeing the skyrocketing cost of sports equipment for high school sports, combined with decreasing funding, Gooding came up with a solution, starting Friends of Glendale to cover the shortfalls in athletics, support field trips and clubs, and more. Emily Sage, Rebecca Hailey, Sydney Lauszus, and Miranda Davis worked with him on this, and they started the For Our Gems golf tournament to raise money for it.

This year’s tournament will be Sept. 26 at the Bridges of Tillsonburg golf course.

Although he has been retired for six years, Gooding said volunteering keeps him busy.

“It’s something that takes up the time in my life,” he said.

Gooding will be presented with the Citizen of the Year award the evening of June 9 at the Lion’s Den in the Tillsonburg Community Centre.



(JEFF HELSDON PHOTO)

When Tillsonburg Citizen of the Year Scott Gooding decided to take part in the Great Cycle Challenge to raise money for childhood cancer research, he did it in a big way, setting a personal goal of \$50,000. A life-long volunteer, Gooding is being recognized as Citizen of the Year for coaching and his selfless giving.

## Two people registered for fall’s municipal election

JEFF HELSDON

Editor

And they’re off!

To borrow a horse-racing term, the race to fill six councillor seats and the mayor’s position for Tillsonburg council officially started on May 1.

Dave Beres, who is currently deputy mayor, was the first to register, filing his papers to run as a councillor on May 3. It should be noted that although he serves as deputy mayor, that position

is chosen by councillors after the election.

Beres has been on council eight terms – five as councillor, three as deputy mayor. He also served as mayor for six months after a past mayor stepped down. It’s his goal to be elected as a councillor, and again be appointed as deputy mayor.

During his stint on council, Beres has served on many committees representing the town. He was chair of Long Point Region Conservation Authority and the former physician recruitment

committee (now the health committee). His other past and present committee memberships include Tillsonburg Hydro, police services board, museum, non-profit housing, and Oxford County council.

Outside of council, Beres is a long-time Lions Club member and is also a member of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Key issues for the future for this long-time councillor are: attracting more doctors, more sports fields, and properly-equipped playgrounds,

and homelessness prevention. Beres believes Tillsonburg needs a boundary adjustment, not just for more homes, but also for industry and commercial space. He is also an advocate of Tillsonburg having a second seat on Oxford County council.

He also weighed in on tax rates, saying, “For the future, I can’t promise a zero-tax increase, but I can commit to targeting within inflation as I have in the past. If fuel cost and labour costs increase, we have to keep up. If you don’t, sacrifices must be made.”

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## EDITORIAL

# Change is in the air

Readers will notice on the next page that Laurel Beechey is retiring from her column *The Stage is the World* after this issue.

This is a big change for Laurel after 45 years of writing columns in Tillsonburg, and also to those who look forward to her weekly musings. It's also a big change for the Tillsonburg Post. Laurel has been with the Post since the first issue and has been the paper's unofficial cheerleader and advocate since day one. She graciously agreed to continue promoting the Post, but her absence from the paper's pages will be a huge loss.

Replacing her wasn't easy, and it will take several writers.

Starting next week, the staff of Annan-

dale National Historic Site will be penning a bi-weekly column titled *Museum Musings*. This column will cover several different historical topics and some upcoming museum events.

In the weeks between, Tillsonburg author Jason Pankratz will be telling stories about Tillsonburg and the area that connect with people, places, and events from the past. Lastly, former Tillsonburg resident Wayne Hutchison is sure to bring back memories for people as he will be writing *Past Imperfect* once a month about growing up in Tillsonburg in the 1970s.

Again, Laurel's retirement will leave a gap, but it's hoped the new columnists will inform and entertain Tillsonburg Post-readers.



Spring pear blossoms.

(STACIE EDEN PHOTO)

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## A quiet retirement after 37 years with the CNR



**EVERYONE  
HAS A  
STORY  
TO TELL**

ROBIN KRAFFT

*Tillsonburg Post Columnist*

Bob Ryder and his wife Beverly moved to Tillsonburg six years ago from Halton Hills, settling in at Hickory Hills during the pandemic.

They brought with them their Belgian Shepherd rescue dog, Ellie Myrtle. Odd couple Ellie and Louis Vuitton (his daughter's miniature poodle) have been a great way to meet people. At the dog park, the dogs get to run around while he gets to socialize. The local parks, trails, and nearby beaches are also favourite destinations, but they meet people closer to home, too.

"There's always something going on at Hickory Hills," Ryder said. "We met a couple at the last dance, and she was the sister of a yard master I used to work with. It's a small world."

Bob started working for CN in 1964, starting out as an apprentice car person. He was responsible for repairing freight and passenger cars until 1977 when the Canadian government bought out the passenger service and called it VIA. After that, CN and CP had only freight trains.

Bob grew up in Toronto, and he witnessed many changes over the years. He was there when they built the CN Tower, and his family

was one of the first to go up the 1776 stairs.

They also watched the construction of Canada's Wonderland, and CN employees were the first to visit the now iconic amusement park and the first to ride *The Mighty Canadian Minebuster*.

At the railyard, repairs to the rail cars varied and could involve changing wheels, replacing air lines, steam lines, brake lines, upholstery and whatever other maintenance was required. Bob remembers how hazardous it could be.

"We had to start wearing hard hats down in the pit in the late '60s," Ryder said. "I remember one guy trying to knock a pin out of a lever with the long grippy pliers we used, and another guy using a sledgehammer and he got hit on the head."

Bob was also part of the derailment team. He described it as a puzzle, determining the arrangement of cars and engines as they put the functional pieces back on the track and loaded the rest onto flat cars.

"The derailment trains had a crane, tool car, diner, and sleeper," Ryder said. "Sometimes we had a crew at each end. We would hook up a one-and-a-half-inch steel rope cable and draw it tight with the crane. If it broke, it could snap like a whip - you don't want to be standing in the way when that happens."

The biggest derailment Bob recalls cleaning up was 52 cars. Bridge derailments were particularly challenging. In Niagara Falls, the engine is still there from a derailment, pushed so deep in the water they couldn't get it out.

"An engine weighed 400 to 600 tons," Ryder said. "And it might take three of those to power the train down the track at up to 100 miles an hour. There could be 100 cars on the train, so that's a few thousand tons rolling down the track and it can't stop."

If the train hit something, everything accorndioned, with the engineer and the conductor in the front engine. Passenger derailments were not nice, Ryder added. The coroner would be there as they pulled the cars apart, stopping frequently at his instruction.

He remembers a derailment at Sioux Lookout, when two engines went into the water, and being shot at when they arrived at a derailment near Sudbury as the train was being looted. As they worked on a site near Grimsby, crews arrived in heavy protective gear, and the CN Police cleared the area as they were told about the deadly chemicals in the tankers they were dealing with. Ryder said it could take days or weeks to clear a derailment.

"We might have to go from one to the next; that happened quite often," Ryder said. "We'd climb up the pole to connect to the phone line and take turns calling home. I remember climbing up and calling my wife and saying I'm going to be (about a week) late for dinner."

After retiring, Bob became quite the handy man. "My honey-do list became more like a book", he added with a laugh, but he always makes it home for dinner.

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# Retirement after 45 years of writing columns



**THE  
STAGE  
IS THE  
WORLD**

**LAUREL A. BEECHEY**

*Tillsonburg Post Columnist*

Thank you! Yes you, for reading my column, even if this is your first time. Unfortunately, it will be your last as well, as it is time for me to retire after writing in the local Tillsonburg papers a total of for 45 years!

I didn't train to be a writer, originally taking my schooling in nursing, which was silly considering the number of surgeries I had on my feet and knees. However, I managed to work about three or four years at a chronic care hospital in Windsor.

Then, I went to college and became a travel agent, sure that I would get a job in Windsor, where I lived. Nope, in 1976, I ended up getting a job in this little hick town called Tillsonburg at T & S Travel. I figured I'd work a couple of years and go to Britain, from whence by grandparents had immigrated. There, I would become a world-famous travel agent, tour Europe and live in a castle. I wanted out of here!

Evidently, I did not take into consideration that God had entirely different plans, which I kept thwarting. I worked a few years before having more medical problems and surgery, but I never left, as I met the handsome cable guy in town, Peter Beechey in 1978. Granted it took more than a couple years of dating to land him, but my boss Mabel Ravin told me he would be worth it. She was right!

I was already a life member of Windsor Light Opera [light opera is a musical], and addicted to theatre. Fortunately for me, Tillsonburg Little Theatre, which started in 1950, was still running. The Tillsonburg News, via Bill Pratt, thought it would help the fading group if there was a theatre column. I was one of three who wrote the columns. The long-running Rotary Minstrel Shows

metamorphosed into Rotary Club musicals, big Broadway musicals.

Yes, I stayed! Alas, in 1978 Tillsonburg Little Theatre pulled their final curtain. In 1981, Theatre Tillsonburg was born. We rehearsed at Till-Cable studio and performed on the complex stage, and because of you, in 1989 bought the old Hungarian Home on Potter's Road, and renovated it into a fine, 150-seat theatre. This fall will be our 45th season, 36 years in our Otter Valley Playhouse and total of 173 shows/events. Thank you to all the supporters.

As my life in Tillsonburg expanded, so did what I could write about. On my way to rehearsal, I saw two little furry black things on the road - two baby squirrels. I couldn't leave them there, so I put them in my bra, went back for milk, eye dropper, box and a rag and went to rehearsal. Who knew cow's milk was wrong? I kept them alive and released them in Participark. Over the decades I rescued squirrels, raccoons, opossums, but specialized in skunks. The Internet was a miracle that allowed us to share and learn. That is where the articles on wildlife, ecology, pollution, climate change etc. came from.

Unfortunately, I required more surgeries and working became a problem afterwards. I had to stay busy, so Peter's mom Kay got me involved in some local fundraisers, like the Hospital Extravaganza

and painting ceramics, for the local association, and I had a great time.

The third and final addition to my life was helping to save Annandale House from the wrecking ball and researching the Tillsons, the house and the town. And, oh yes, in 1983. Peter and I were married. That added writing about my bad cooking to the mix - trying to burn the house down with orphaned wildlife in it, with a cottage roll on the stove while attending Queen Victoria's tea.

Theatre and Annandale House satisfied my need for art, history, and crazy fun people. Rehabilitating brought me peace, and a wider purpose to help our planet through ecology, climate change and warming planet. What I learned I shared with you. Alas, once again, my eclectic array of health problems now causes a lot of pain, confusion, and memory problems, which has curtailed caring for wildlife, theatre and research and writing.

It has been a great privilege over the decades, sharing what I learned, with you. Allow me to give special thanks to the Tillsonburg Post for bring back a community newspaper and taking me on, and editor Jeff, for all the corrections.

Thank you all for your support and suggestions. See you June 20, with Slider the skunk, at Turtlefest, on Annandale House Lawn.



(JEFF HELSDON PHOTO)

## THAT'S A LOT OF COOKIES

Tillsonburg and area residents set a new record for Tim Hortons' Smile Cookie fundraising, consuming more than 38,000 cookies to raise \$77,581 for the Tillsonburg Helping Hand Food Bank. Left to right are: Kaila Van der Jagt, owner north Broadway Tims; Drew Van der Jagt, owner north Broadway Tims; Doug Cooper, food bank president; Sara Dekeyser, food bank director; Amberleigh Lannoo, food bank director; Samantha Hamilton, food bank coordinator; Christina Gazley, owner Oxford Street, Simcoe Street and Tillsonburg Town Centre Tims; Austin Gazley, district manager for Oxford Street, Simcoe Street and Tillsonburg Town Centre Tims and Mike Gazley, owner Oxford Street, Simcoe Street and Tillsonburg Town Centre Tims. The previous record for Tillsonburg Smile cookie fundraising was \$73,050 for Tillsonburg Special Olympics.

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# Council expands RZone policy to cover councillors

JEFF HELSDON

Editor

Tillsonburg council approved expanding its RZone policy to protect council members from harassment and inappropriate behaviour.

The town's existing RZone policy is in place to protect staff from inappropriate behaviour while working. It sets out guidelines for unacceptable conduct and provides responses to such actions, including a last measure of banning access to town property.

Council previously requested a review of the policy or the creation of a new policy that includes council members as well as staff.

"Rather than creating a standalone policy, staff is recommending to continue use of the RZone framework with provisions to explicitly include members of council to improve clarity and transparency," said Acting Deputy Clerk Laura Pickersgill.

Coun. Kelly Spencer asked for more clarity on what she should do if she is being harassed by a town resident.

"If staff or council are getting harassing letters or e-mails, sometimes repetitive, do we fill in the form?" she asked. "Let's say I got an e-mail that someone wasn't happy with a decision I made, and they called me all kinds of names, do I fill in a form, send it to HR?"

Spencer explained that she would like the policy to outline that she can't respond to the message because it violates the policy. Pickersgill advised filling out the form for a policy violation and then following the process to see what action will be taken.

Citing the example of a phone call where she was called "colourful names", Spencer asked if she should just not respond.

"I find it confusing. Do we respond to

them as a citizen with their inquiry, even though we are being insulted, or do we not reply to them and they think we haven't replied, fill out the form and send it to HR?"

Clerk Trish McKibbin recommended that if there was any behaviour in contravention of the policy, to stop the interaction and initiate the process.

"As an elected member, it's up to you individually what you choose to do," explained Mayor Deb Gilvesy. "There's a policy you can fall back on, but I don't think it's a blanket for everyone."

The mayor added that it's not a law that council can't respond to inappropriate behaviour, but there is a policy to fall back on if necessary.

"That leaves a lot of room for interpretation, where some people will put up with something, and it goes to another person, and they don't," Spencer responded. "The point of having a municipal civility and anti-harassment policy is to have these clear policies where you know what to do in certain situations."

Gilvesy told Spencer she could suggest amendments to what was before council.

Pickersgill said it's a case-by-case basis for how to deal with a situation.

When Spencer brought up how the policy is used at the arena, Director of Culture, Recreation and Parks Andrea Greenway said this is the town department that uses the policy the most, but agreed it is situational.

"Staff members deal with it differently. It really depends on the comfort level," Greenway said.

Coun. Pete Luciani pointed out that the policy is flexible and if it doesn't cover what council wants, something could be added later.

Council passed the revised RZone policy, with provisions to refer to council.



## GLENDALE PLANT SALE

(JEFF HELSDON PHOTO)

Glendale High School's annual plant sale was held in the school greenhouse on May 9. Students were busy here rearranging the plants after a busy morning. The plants are grown as part of the school's horticultural programs.

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# Two people registered for fall's municipal election

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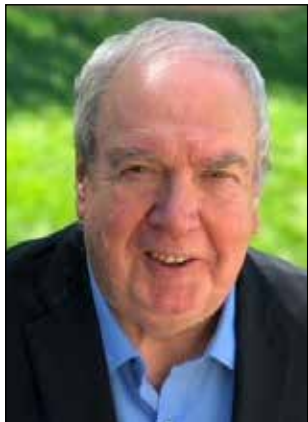
Ambrus Mejaski the first newcomer to register

Lindsey Ambrus Mejaski was the first person to register who isn't a current member of council. The 38-year-old mother of three was born and raised in Tillsonburg.

Currently a member of the Tillsonburg Minor Soccer board, Ambrus Mejaski is the treasurer, runs the Timbits soccer leagues, is a coach, and was the co-founder of the women's recreational soccer league.

Ambrus Mejaski is a member of the Kinettes and the St. Joseph's School Parent Council. She works at St. Joseph's as a noon-hour supervisor and is a small business owner. In the latter role, she is a member of the Tillsonburg District Chamber of Commerce.

"Through all of these experiences, I've had the chance to connect with so many people in the community and hear what matters most to residents," she said. "I care deeply about keeping Tillsonburg a welcoming, active, and family-oriented community while continuing to support responsible growth and strong local programs."



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

**Dave Beres.**

She decided to run for council because she feels there is a gap in representation for young families on council. She believes her experiences give her a perspective on what's important to families, and Ambrus Mejaski wants to be a strong voice for these residents.

Over the next four years, this council hopeful sees managing growth in a responsible way while maintaining the small-town feel and strong sense of community as one of the biggest challenges. She also sees affordability as a concern, whether it's housing, recreation costs, or everyday living expenses, such as taxes.

Ambrus Mejaski believes



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

**Lindsey Ambrus Mejaski.**

in supporting small businesses, and making the downtown a welcoming and safe space. She is also a believer in investing in recreation.

Since she first considered running more than six months ago, Ambrus Mejaski has attended some council meetings and follows what happens at all.

She believes she is a good listener, would listen to residents and would take the responsibility of councillor seriously.

"I'm not afraid to ask questions, learn from others, and take the time to understand different viewpoints before making decisions," Ambrus Mejaski said.

# Gilvesy inducted into Oxford County Agriculture Hall of Fame

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Over the next 18 years, he served on the board, holding a variety of roles, including as chairman and vice-chairman.

He stepped down from the tobacco board in 2004 and was asked by the Ontario Farm Marketing Commission to assist with the Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers. (OGVG)

"They had lost their management quite abruptly," he recounted. "The commission knew I had just stepped down from the tobacco board."

He was with the OGVG from 2009 to 2024, first as general manager, and then as chairman. The announcement on Gilvesy's appointment credits him for "tireless work in international trade, labour reform, and climate policy that has safeguarded the livelihoods of countless farmers across the nation."

Although he stepped away from his role at OGVG, and was replaced by former Elgin-Middle-



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

**George Gilvesy, right, was recently named as the 2025 inductee into the Oxford County Agriculture Hall of Fame. He is congratulated by Warden Marcus Ryan.**

sex-London MPP Steve Peters, Gilvesy is still working part-time. He is presently chair of the Greenhouse Produce Alliance of Canada, acting on behalf of OGVG.

"The greenhouse sector needed a bigger presence in Ottawa, so they asked me to chair," he said shortly after returning from Ottawa.

In recognition of his

lifetime of service, Gilvesy's picture will be permanently displayed in the Oxford County council building along with previous Agricultural Hall of Fame inductees.

The Oxford County Federation of Agriculture also named the Doan family, who have been farming in the Norwich area since 1919, as the winners of the Family Farm Award.



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# MSC Trail Walk and Run planned for June 7



(FILE PHOTO)

Participants took off in a mass start from last year's MSC Trail Walk and Run. This year, the event will be at Memorial Park on June 7.

JEFF HELSDON

Editor

The 13th annual MSC Trail Walk and Run is planned for Sunday, June 7, at Memorial Park.

The location is a change from last year, when the event was held in Coronation Park, but it will return to the traditional location.

Participants will have the option of a 2.5 or five-kilometre route for their walk or run. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m., and the event takes place at 10:30 a.m.

The event will go ahead rain or shine, having only been canceled once in 13 years.

"Essentially, we will run it rain or shine as long as it's safe to do it," said Kathryn Leatherland, Tillsonburg Multi-Service Centre executive director.

Although there's some exercise and fundraising involved, the emphasis of the event is on ensuring all participants, including youth, have a no-charge walk.

"The focus is fun for the group. This year, we're including swag bags for the first 100 participants, there's a barbecue and fun activities," Leatherland said.

There will be a bouncy castle, face paint-

ing with Dotsy the Clown, and a barbecue, with Zehr's providing the food.

"Even if you want to bring your dog for the jog, people will do that," Leatherland said.

Those wanting to participate can register through the multi-service centre's website or the event Facebook page.

"Once registered, they can send out fundraising emails to friends and family or in person with their fundraising envelope," said organizer Jen Olcsvary.

The event is the Tillsonburg Multi-Service Centre's largest fundraiser of the year, usually attracting about 100 participants. Besides participants finding sponsorship, event sponsors also help raise funds for the event.

Last year's event raised \$19,000 to go towards centre programming. This includes volunteer recruitment, literacy materials and tenology, employment support, and senior subsidies for Meals on Wheels and seniors' transportation programs.

"Over the past year, we're proud to support more than 5,000 individuals through our employment, literacy, and home support programs. All the funds stay local," Leatherland said.

# Councillor raises concern about investigation costs

JEFF HELSDON

Editor

A Tillsonburg councillor raised concerns about the cost of integrity commissioner investigations.

Coun. Chris Rosehart asked for the total expenses for the integrity commissioner investigation and whether these were expected to increase in the second quarter during discussions on the first-quarter finances. She was told there were eight code of conduct investigations totaling \$74,227 and three conflict of interest investigations totaling \$35,500. The amounts were all paid to Aird Berlis, the town's integrity commissioner.

"Where did that money come from? In all the years I've sat here, never have I seen a report like this," Rosehart stated.

She was told by Trish McKibbin, Clerk/Manager of Legislative Affairs, that there have been no complaints to date in 2026, as all of these were filed in 2025. However, some work is continuing this year and will still have associated expenses.

Reno Pullia, Treasurer and Director of Finance, explained that that this will create a budget deficit, which will be offset by a surplus in another area.

Although it wasn't discussed in the meeting on May 11, details of the investigations were reported in previous editions of the Post. The initial complaint, against Mayor Deb Gilvesy and Coun. Chris Parker, was in relation to a

debate in closed session, and was filed by three fellow councillors. When surveyed by the Post, Rosehart said she did not file the complaint, while Couns. Kelly Spencer, Bob Parsons, Pete Luciani, and Deputy Mayor Dave Beres did not respond. Complaints were also filed against Parsons and Beres, and Marcel Rosehart filed conflict-of-interest complaints against the BIA. The investigator found no wrongdoing in any of the investigations.

Although the names of complainants can't be released for code of conduct investigations, the names were released for the conflict of interest investigations against the BIA.

When asked why the complainant's identity was not released in the code of conduct investigations, and it was in the conflict of interest complaint, Karen Oliveira of Aird Berlis, answered, "The respondent is entitled to know who the applicant is in order to possibly be able to challenge their standing. Accordingly, the identity of an applicant is not necessarily confidential, and the integrity commissioner has discretion as to what they include in their reports. Moreover, in this particular instance, it appeared obvious that the applicant was the person who had requested the sponsorship from the BIA."

In other matters related to the financial update, Pullia said the updates are done in a new format that should identify any emerging trends earlier. As of the end of the first quarter, total expenditures were an average 19 per cent of the annual budget.

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## TILLSONBURG COUNCIL BRIEFS

### Community strategic plan update

An update on the town's community strategic plan showed 43 per cent of the initiatives identified in the planning document are complete and 47 per cent are underway. It lays out growth initiatives across several pillars – lifestyle and amenities; customer service, communication and engagement; business attraction, retention and expansion; and community growth – from 2021 to 2030.

### Tillson Family Parkette

The parkette at the intersection of Oxford and Broadway Streets will have not only a new name, but an updated look.

To be renamed the Tillson Family Parkette, community volunteers Shane Curtis and Jesse Goossens have volunteered to make some updates to the parkette, with approval from town staff. These include: removing existing plants from park and reusing elsewhere, power wash-

ing interlocking stones and fountain, replanting of gardens, fixing existing pillar and fencing and tree pruning. The BIA will continue to maintain the park.

An opening of the park will take place on June 19.

### Traffic hazards

Two members of Tillsonburg council raised concerns about driving and traffic hazards in

town.

Coun. Chrissy Rosehart asked pedestrians to look both ways before crossing and for drivers to be aware of the pedestrians in the downtown.

Mayor Deb Gilvesy cautioned drivers about the number of reports of deer being seen on Concession Street lately. She also warned drivers to watch out for turtles crossing the road.

"Please live in harmony, we've taken over their space," she said.

## Three-hour parking to be allowed on Saturdays

JEFF HELSDON

Editor

A long-standing tradition of two-hour parking in downtown Tillsonburg will change for Saturdays only.

Town council approved three-hour parking on Saturdays after requesting a report on the matter last fall. A petition signed by downtown business owners from the Tillsonburg District Chamber of Commerce prompted the council decision.

Chief building official Geno Vanhaelwyn told council that municipal staff monitored traffic on Saturdays, and consulted with other municipalities and the Downtown Tillsonburg BIA for input.

"There doesn't seem to be a whole lot of pressure on Saturday on parking," he said.

The report presented three options, including changing parking to three hours on Saturdays.

Coun. Kelly Spencer noted that there are municipal parking lots off the main street, with many of the lots unrestricted, and many visitors may not know they are there. She asked if it was an option to put signs on Broadway indicating there are parking lots.

"There are some signs with a P and directional arrows, and I think after you lived here a while, you don't see those anymore," Vanhaelwyn said.

Deputy Mayor Dave Beres suggested trying the three-hour limit for a year, raising a concern that people may be confused, as it differs during the week. Council passed a motion to amend the two-hour parking on Saturdays between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. to three hours, and to report back to council in 12 months.

## Council defers apartment decision due to water capacity

JEFF HELSDON

Editor

Tillsonburg council deferred approval of a zoning change and recommendation for an official plan amendment for a planned apartment building due to concerns over available water capacity.

A 1.5-story 16-unit, stacked townhouse at 1 Walnut Drive and 1 and 3 Chestnut Drive, near Concession Street West, is planned by Sycamore Holdings Inc. Planner Amy Hartley recommended approval of the application, but noted it will use the remainder of Tillsonburg's available water capacity. There were two letters of concern from adjacent residents regarding the removal of existing trees, garbage, and noise, but she said

planning staff were working on a resolution.

Coun. Kelly Spencer, Deputy Mayor Dave Beres, and Mayor Deb Gilvesy all raised concerns about an ongoing study that will assess the town's available water capacity. Hartley said the study should be completed later this month or early next month.

Coun. Bob Parsons asked for reassurance the neighbours' concerns would be addressed, and received it.

Spencer, who was reading the motion, changed it to defer the application until the water capacity study is complete.

"I would like to defer until that report is provided to council and we have a more wholesome understanding of water capacity," she said.

All of council supported the motion.

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# SWOX NEWS



## SWOX council endorses operator for childcare centre within proposed new municipal office

DEBBIE KASMAN

Post Correspondent

At its regular council meeting on May 5, South West Oxford (SWOX) council endorsed Oxford Community Child Care Inc. (OCCC) for the operation of a childcare centre within the proposed new municipal office, library, and childcare facility in Mount Elgin.

Four expressions of interest were received from qualified childcare operators: Canturberry (based out of Alberta), Oxford Community Child Care, Tillsonburg Little School, and Today's Family.

The chief administrative officer, treasurer, and clerk reviewed and scored the submissions following the criteria outlined in the Request for Proposal (RFP). Based on the evaluation process, OCCC was identified as the highest ranked proponent.

OCCC is a well-established, non-profit organization formed in 1987 and governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. The organization provides a range of services across Oxford County, including licensed centre-based care, home child care, preschool, and school-age programming.

The evaluation team identified key strengths in OCCC's proposal such as extensive experience delivering licensed child care services within Oxford County and surrounding rural communities, strong organizational governance, sound

financial practices, a demonstrated stable financial position, a qualified and experienced staff team with appropriate certifications and ongoing professional development practices, demonstrated commitment to high-quality early learning environments and positive outcomes for children and families.

OCCC's proposal includes the provision of licensed childcare spaces for infants, toddlers, preschool-aged children, kindergarten-aged children, and school-age children (before and after school care).

OCCC has proposed an annual rent payment to the township of \$69,000, inclusive of utilities, to be indexed annually. The proposed parent fee structure is based on anticipated funding through the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) program, reflecting reduced daily rates ranging from approximately \$20.77 to \$22.00 per day, with before and after school care ranging from \$12.00 to \$24.75 per day, and \$42.00 per day for school-age children on non-instructional days.

OCCC has advised that in the event CWELCC funding is not available, the proposed child care centre would remain viable; however, adjustments to the financial structure and fee model would be required to align with market rates, which could impact affordability and initial enrolment.

OCCC has also confirmed a willingness

to explore an arrangement to provide priority access to childcare spaces for township staff, consistent with similar arrangements in other municipalities.

Staff will now proceed with negotiations to develop a Memorandum of Understanding with OCCC. Any final agreement is subject to future council approval.

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### MOMMY AND ME TEA

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As an ongoing tradition, Annandale National Historic Site held its Mommy and Me Tea on Mother's Day. Joining in the fun, which included activities for both youth and mothers, was Jane Moore and her granddaughter Kelsey Pickersgill.



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# Lester hopes to reach milestone in MS fundraising

CHRIS ABBOTT

Grant Haven Media

Tillsonburg's Nancy Lester has participated in MS Walks for the last 27 years. This year her goal is to raise \$10,000 in MS Walk donations by May 31st, which would surpass the \$250,000 fundraising mark.

"I'm going to get on the phone and get around the next couple of weeks and work on it pretty hard," said Nancy, who will be walking 2 km with husband Larry Lester in the 26th Simcoe-Norfolk Walk this year.

Nancy acknowledges that her fundraising success is a result of the generosity of the Tillsonburg community and local businesses that have supported her over the years.

## KELSEY'S FUNDRAISER

To celebrate her achievement, as well as to say thanks, Kelsey's Roadhouse in Tillsonburg will be hosting an event Thursday, May 27 from 4-10 p.m. On the 27th, Kelsey's will be contrib-

uting 20 per cent of all sales toward the MS cause. There will be live music by Fred Hodgson along with draws and prizes. Everyone is invited to join the fun.

"I think the event at Kelsey's will be good for me," said Nancy, who plans to be there the full six hours. "A lot of people who usually donate to me, have not yet. So I'm pretty confident I'll be able to make it."

Nancy has been joining Simcoe's MS Walk the last three-four years.

"I just think it's nice to meet people on a common ground. Either they are fighting MS or somebody they love. So you meet a lot of people and I enjoy that. That's what I like about it the most."

Nancy, who will soon be 75, was first diagnosed with multiple sclerosis at the age of 47.

"I was in really bad shape at that time. Then, of course, they've got a lot of medication you can take – they've been making strides. It certainly

helped me. My reasoning (to join her first MS Walk in London) was to fight back... and hope that there are medications, and eventually a cure. Canada has one of the highest rates of MS in the world."

Multiple sclerosis (MS) is an autoimmune disease that affects the central nervous system, resulting in physical and cognitive symptoms. Nancy has relapse-remitting MS.

"It can be up and down. You can have a bad spell and sometimes you get over it, or it progresses."

If she reaches the \$250,000 mark this year - and she is truly hopeful - Nancy says she will 'retire' from her annual fundraising. It should be noted, however, donations can still be accepted up to one month after the walk.

"To be clear, I'm not stopping in MS Walks, I'm just not going to reach out to a lot of people (for donations)," she laughed. "I'm 75, so I think I'll calm down a bit."



(CHRIS ABBOTT PHOTO)

Dave Horton, organizer of the Simcoe-Norfolk MS Walk, is cheering on Nancy Lester, right, who hopes to reach the \$250,000 mark in MS Walk fundraising this year. The Simcoe-Norfolk MS Walk will be held in Simcoe on Sunday, May 31.

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"Ice cream is my passion project. It was a childhood dream to have an ice cream truck."

It wasn't just about selling ice

cream; he says it was about 'creating an adventure, a moment of pure bliss in the everyday routine.'

"I just thought it was a happy place. I just wanted to have some fun."

He envisioned a mobile ice cream parlour that would roll through the streets, its familiar jingle echoing through the air, invoking a sense of nostalgia and excitement.

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## SPORTS

# Oatway proves he can hit the long ball, play the long romantic game

JEFF TRIBE

Post Correspondent

Tillsonburg Gemini first baseman Odin Oatway proved he could both hit the long ball and play the long romantic game through a 5-0 Thames Valley Regional Athletics baseball shutout victory over St. Thomas Parkside Monday, May 11 at Tillsonburg's Sam Lamb Park.

Going 'yard' twice was impressive enough on its own for the Grade 12 power hitter, but his curtain call revealed a side reaching well beyond slugging ability. In the game's immediate aftermath, he pulled a bouquet of peonies which had been sitting in a vase on a shelf, and a homemade sign out of the dugout, surprising Brooklyn Diaz with an over-the-top, over the fence-inspired proposal.

"She was very surprised," said Oatway, happy that her excitement was backed up with a 'yes.'

Oatway was in part inspired by assistant coach Brett Ferguson's recounting of Gemini tennis player Cole Toth's 'tennis champions make the best prom dates' sign of years previous. Toth had finished it before competing, backing its prediction up with a victory and

successful promposal to Sydney Moore. Similarly, Oatway's sign inspired his performance, resulting in the first two home runs of his baseball career. He's hit the fence 'probably eight times' and parked a half-dozen long balls foul last year with the London Badgers, but never cleared the fence in fair territory.

"To do it twice in one game, they (his teammates) went pretty crazy."

His home runs were no-doubters according to coach Derek Partlo, the proposal less certain perhaps, although its odds helped along by the fact Oatway and Diaz are dating.

"I had a good feeling," Oatway said, "especially after that game. How could you say no?"

Oatway planned on pulling out the sign and flowers, regardless of his performance. Admittedly, the two dingers and Diaz' reaction made the experience much more satisfying than if he'd gone 0-3 with a couple of strikeouts.

"It was probably one of the best days of my life, to be honest."

The proposal is not the first Partlo has been associated with as a coach.

"It's much more effective when you hit two monstrous home runs," he observed.

It is however the first time any Gemini baseball player has done that in a game Partlo continued, a fitting milestone for a season-long team leader.

"He's a gamer and a big part of why we finished in first place."

The Gemini closed out their regular season Tuesday, May 12 with a 4-3 win over Woodstock Huron Park, finishing at 5-2 with those same Huskies, but taking first place on head-to-head record. Tillsonburg was scheduled to open playoff quarter-finals Tuesday, May 19 at Dorchester against the Woodstock CI Red Devils.

"We have set ourselves up for a nice playoff run, but it will not be an easy task," Partlo concluded. "Overall, the league is much more competitive this year.

"Not to be cliche, but we will take it one game at a time and leave it all out on the field."

TVRA Southeast Boys' Soccer semi-final

College Avenue 3, Gemini 1  
The Tillsonburg Gemini faced two opponents in their TVRA Southeast Tier II semi-final Thursday, May 14 at Woodstock's Cowan Soccer Park.

First, a solid Woodstock College Avenue Knights opponent, and secondly, a powerful wind in their faces during the decisive second half.

"The wind was really against us," said forward Marshal Delaere. "We really

tried to power through it."

The Gemini were able to do that at least partially, Delaere capitalizing on a beautiful set-up after the ball was worked down the right side of the pitch by Stephen Araoye. The leading Gemini scorer on the season was confronted by defender Owen Procenko and the Knights keeper, but managed to get the ball through to Delaere directly in front of the open net. The latter made no mistake, squaring accounts at one early in the second half.

"It was a really nice pass," Delaere credited.

College Avenue counter-punched shortly after however. Grade 9 Gemini keeper Ethan Gazley made an initial diving save on a curling shot from the right wing, but the Knights' Nathan Ugar was there to tap in what would stand as the game-winner. Kaleb Krupp headed home a Santiago Marroquin corner at the back post, rounding the 3-1 final.

"It was a little disappointing," Delaere admitted. "But we really worked hard."

"A good season," added Gazley, busy on the day with an additional half-dozen quality saves. "I think we grew.

"Started with a loss but came back and won a couple."



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

Gemini first basemen Odin Oatway's (right) proposal to Brooklyn Diaz was helped along by a pair of no-doubter home runs Monday, May 11 at Sam Lamb Park. Although arguably less of a 100 per cent certainty, Diaz' 'yes' rounded a great experience for both.



(JEFF TRIBE PHOTO)

Grade 10 Gemini forward Stephen Araoye (centre) picked up the assist on Tillsonburg's goal following this play during a 3-1 TVRA semi-final loss to CASS.

## GEMINI TVRA SCOREBOARD

## BASEBALL

TUESDAY, MAY 12

GEMINI	4
WOODSTOCK HURON PARK	3

MONDAY, MAY 11

GEMINI	5
ST. THOMAS PARKSIDE	0

## GIRLS RUGBY

THURSDAY, MAY 21

GEMINI AT PARKSIDE, 12 NOON

## GIRLS SOCCER

MONDAY, MAY 11

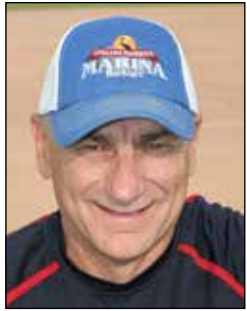
GEMINI	0
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## BOYS SOCCER

TVRA SOUTHEAST SEMI-FINAL

WOODSTOCK COLLEGE AVENUE	3
GEMINI	1

# Slo-pitch off to a cold start



**EYE  
ON  
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PITCH**

DAVE WEAVER

Post Columnist

Brrr, it definitely was not ideal slo-pitch weather for their opening week of league play. I commend the players, coaches and spectators who braved the elements to come out participate and support those on the field.

## Ladies' Division

All seven teams will play a balanced schedule of 24 games, before splitting into two divisions for playoffs.

Cooks Concrete Jays won their two games easily over Queen Bees and Sunspace/Bill Klyn Carpentry.

Foldens Machine Works also mercied Queen Bees and held on for an opening night victory over Resting Pitch Face.

Simmonds Mortgages mercied the Wildcats in their first game, but held on for a three run win over SunSpace in their next match

Resting Pitch Face had a shutout mercy over Wildcats to even their record.

**Simmonds Mortgages-18, Sunspace/Bill Klyn Carpentry-15**

Simmonds- Katy Wilkinson 5-5; Brooklyn Carrol 2-2.

Sunspace- Nicole Morgan 5-5; Missy Falkins 4-5.

Game Synopsis-It was a close game throughout until the sixth and seventh when Simmonds plated eleven runs. Katy Wilkinson led the winners with a pair of doubles and four runs batted in.

**Simmonds Mortgages-23, Wildcats-5**

Simmonds - Tracey Carruthers 4-4; Maggy Beer 4-4.

Wildcats - Ashley Anderson 2-3; Ling Wong 2-2.

Game Synopsis-Everyone in the winner's order reached base at least three times, Tracey Carruthers and Connie White each reached base four times and scored four runs.

**Resting Pitch Face-13, Wildcats-0**

Resting - Michelle Socholotiuk 3-4; Katie Pittock 3-3; Mariah Mackinnon 3-3.

Wildcats - Ashley Anderson 1-2; Shirley Simmons 1-2.

Game Synopsis - Resting allowed just three runners in the five run mercy, a six-run first is all the winners needed.

**Foldens Machine Works-13, Resting Pitch Face-8**

Foldens - Monica Barnes 3-3; Lisa Howey 3-3.

Resting - Katie Depew 3-3; Mariah Mackinnon 3-4.

Game Synopsis - Mandi Vickers and Monica

Barnes each scored three runs for the winners.

**Cooks Concrete Jays-24, Queen Bees-1**

Cooks-Maddi Obar 4-4; Sara Dyck 4-4.

Queen - Kenzie Garton 2-2; Alyssa Berkeley 1-2.

Game Synopsis - Cooks scored six in consecutive innings in the win. Candi Obar scored four runs for the winners.

**Cooks Concrete Jays-19, Sunspace/Bill Klyn Carpentry-7**

Cooks - Brandi Cook 4-4; Elisha Duyvestijin 3-3; Maddi Obar Gr. Slam.

Sunspace - Amanda Stubbs 2-2; Terri Joesse 2-2.

Game Synopsis - Obar hit a grand slam for the winners and Brandi Cook had a bases-clearing triple and scored four runs.

**Foldens Machine Works-16, Queen Bees-5**

Foldens-Amber Woolgar 5-5 Jen Francis 5-5

Queen Bees-Nothing reported

Game Synopsis-The top two in Foldens order accounted for eight of their runs, Trisha McKenzie and Amber Woolgar each scored four.

## Men's Division 1

Leeswood Construction Dirty Mitts won a pair in the opening week over Cobra Chickens and a walk-off victory over SunSpace/Bill Klyn Carpentry. 1,2 Seal Insulation Hawks grabbed a win over SunSpace/Bill Klyn Carpentry. Cobra Chickens evened their record with a win over Hit N Run. The Mill had a come-from-behind walk-off win over Hit N Run.

**1,2 Seal Insulation Hawks-15, Sunspace/Bill Klyn Carpentry-8**

Hawks - Daniel Enns 5-5; Martin Klassen 4-4, 2 HR; Jesse Hiebert HR; Johnny Klassen HR.

SunSpace - Alex Dalby 3-4; Nathan Boldt 3-4, HR; Randy Miller HR.

Game Synopsis-A five-run fifth keyed the Hawks victory. Jesse Hiebert hit a two-run homer in the rally.

**Leeswood Construction Dirty Mitts-11, SunSpace/Bill Klyn Carpentry-10**

Leeswood-Thom Puhr 4-4; Trevor Stuyt 3-4; Kent Collings 2 HR.

SunSpace - Alex Dalby 4-4; Nathan Boldt 4-4; Kyle McDougall HR.

Game Synopsis - Thom Puhr celebrated his 37th year delivering the walk-off base hit as the Mitts scored four runs with two out in their final at-bat.

**Leeswood Construction Dirty Mitts-16, Cobra Chickens-10**

Leeswood - Trevor Stuyt 4-4, 2 HR; Cheyne Sarafinichin 3-3, Gr. Slam; Kent Collings HR; Cory Smith HR; Thom Puhr HR; Travis Nikin HR.

Cobra - Nick Blatz 3-3; Bryan Dyck 3-4 2HR Nathan Peters Hr

Game Synopsis-Leeswood rode the long ball to victory as they out homered the Cobra Chickens 7-3.

**Cobra Chickens-26, Hit N Run-18**

Cobra - Nathan Froese 5-5; Ethan Fehr 4-4; Nathan Peters 2 HR; Wyatt Blatz 3 HR; Jared

Froese HR; Marcus Peters HR.

Hit N Run - Peter Klassen 5-5, HR; Jacob Klassen 5-5, HR; Franky Klassen HR; John Wiebe HR; Daniel Unger HR.

Game Synopsis-A seven-run sixth keyed the winner's victory. Wyatt Blatz led with three round trippers in the game, and pitcher Marcus Peters helped his own cause by scoring four runs.

**The Mill-14, Hit N Run-13**

The Mill - Darren Pace 3-4; Jesse Miller 2-3; Josh Stubbs 2 HR.

Hit N Run - Peter Klassen 3-4; Martin Klassen 3-4; Daniel Unger 2 HR; Diedrich Klassen HR.

Game Synopsis-A three-run seventh by The Mill allowed them to steal the win away. Bob Evans had the walk-off base hit.

## Men's Division 2

The Pelicans and All Seasons Estate Care Bandits both won twice in week one of the schedule. Pelicans opened their season winning by six over Designated Drinkers and followed that up with a five-run decision over Papa's Auto Spa. The Bandits knocked off a pair of tough opponents beating last year's finalist, At My Playground, and held on for a one-run decision over Underhill Farm Supply on Friday night. Quackheads edged out Underhill Farm Supply to record their first franchise win. Sticky Bandits graduated to Division #2 winning their first game easily over Strike Force.

**All Seasons Estate Care Bandits-18, At My Playground-10**

All Seasons - Adam Klassen 4-4; Corney Sawatsky 3-4; Luke Neufeld HR.

A.M.P.-Landon Partlo 3-4; Logan Partlo 3-4; Brandon Balazs HR.

Game Synopsis-Adam Klassen doubled, tripled and scored three runs for the winners. Luke Neufeld homered, doubled and scored three runs.

**Sticky Bandits-18, Strike Force-2**

Bandits - Jordan Wiebe 3-3; Morgan Siemens 3-3.

Strike Force - Jake Enns 2-2; Jake Wall 2-2.

Game Synopsis-The Bandits first nine batters scored at least one run.

**Pelicans-12, Papa's Auto Spa-7**

Pelicans-Ryan Verbuyst 3-3; Andrew Dawson 2-3; T.J. Neville HR; Steve Leacock HR.

Papa's-Matt Galen 3-3; Shawn Brooks 2-3; Mitch McMullen HR.

Game Synopsis-Pelicans moved out to a 10-run lead after two and kept the lead the rest of the way. Ryan Verbuyst led with three doubles and three runs scored.

**All Seasons Estate Care Bandits-20, Underhill Farm Supply-19**

Bandits-William Loewen 4-4; Corney Sawatsky 4-5; Jake Sawatsky HR; Benny Neufeld HR.

Underhill-Troy Sebok 5-5, HR; Dave Phipps 4-6; Cole Williamson HR; Oscar Reddecopp HR.

Game Synopsis-Benny Neufeld 's two-run sixth-inning homer decided this one for the

Bandits. Luke Neufeld drove in four runs.

**Pelicans-14, Designated Drinkers-8**

Pelicans-Adam Jensen 4-4; Joe Kingsbury 3-3.

Drinkers-Gavin Haggith 3-3; Jan Hoeflaken 3-3; Johnny Abele HR; Kevin Postma HR.

Game Synopsis-Pelicans broke open a close game, scoring five over their final two at-bats, Ryan Verbuyst led the offence with four hits and three runs scored.

**Quackheads-15, Underhill Farm Supply-14**

Quackheads-Jim Long 4-5; Bob Long 4-5; Dawson McMillen HR.

Underhill-Dave Phipps 5-5; Chase Corbeil 4-5; Clay Thompson HR.

Game Synopsis-Bob Long scored four runs for the winners.

**Papa's Auto Spa-10, Mavericks-9**

Papa's-Dylan Denomy 4-4; Shawn Brooks 3-4, HR.

Mavericks-Lukas Wheeler 3-3; Kevin McDonald 3-4.

Game Synopsis-Zac Vanderhaeghe had the walk off hit as Papa's rallied for two runs in their last at-bat.

## Men's Division 3

Sluggers defeated new comer Beer Bombers in their first game in the only division games reported.

**Sluggers-22, Beer Bombers-14**

Sluggers-Tyler Rowe 6-6; Jake Superales 5-5.

Bombers-Brendon Vink 4-4; Cayden Mitchell 4-4.

Game Synopsis-Alex Barnes, Jake Superales and Gary Woolner each scored four runs for the winners.

## Men's Division 4

N.I.M. moved to the top of the group winning over Diamond Kings and Brickhouse Boys. Diamond Kings picked up the only other win defeating R.L.P. Melanie Luksys by five.

**Diamond Kings-22 R.L.P. Melanie Luksys-17**

Diamond Kings-Johnny Wall 4-4; George Hiebert 3-3; George Klassen HR.

R.L.P.-Dalton Cassidy 4-4, HR; Landon Boughner 3-4.

Game Synopsis-Everyone in the winner's order scored at least one run, George Klassen homered and drove in five.

**N.I.M.-22, Diamond Kings-18**

N.I.M.-Cory Chambers 6-6; Justin Dygos 4-5.

Diamond Kings-George Klassen 3-4; Pete Goertzen 3-4.

Game Synopsis-Lead-off batter Cory Chambers reached base and scored five times.

**N.I.M.-17, Brickhouse Boys-8**

N.I.M.-Jeff Wheeler 4-5; Jake Denobriga 4-4.

Brickhouse-Shawn Knelsen 3-3; Court Cronheimer 3-3.

Game Synopsis-Ten of the winner's 11 batters scored at least one run.

# Red Sox have even record through first two games

GRAHAM NICKERSON

Post Contributor

The Tillsonburg Red Sox kicked off their 2026 campaign with a 4-3 win on May 8 when they played host to the Simcoe Seniors at Sam Lamb Field. The game was a nail-biter for the full seven innings as the two teams see-sawed back and forth until the very last out.

Skip King was the opening day starter and proved that he can handle the ball and glove just as well as he does the rock and broom by going three innings of no-hit ball and striking out four. King also contributed at the plate with a single, run and RBI in three turns at bats.

Tillsonburg got the scoring going in the first with back-to-back singles to lead off the inning. An error moved the runners into scoring positions. Ground outs by Fish Verschueren and Three Finger Morris knocked in two runs.

After retiring seven batters in a row, King turned the ball over to Ky Miners who struggled to find the strike zone issuing six free passes in one and one third innings of work. Miners allowed Simcoe's only hit which came in the fourth, and was a squibber to third base which was legged out for an infield single.

Simcoe scored two runs in the top half of the fourth on a sacrifice fly followed one batter later by a bases-loaded walk. One more run came around to score for Simcoe in the fifth on a sacrifice to left field.

In the home half of the fifth, Kid Appleford led off with a walk then Iron Ring Rachar slapped a single to right. King proceeded to pop one high behind the plate in foul territory and the catcher squeezed it near the screen for the first out. On the play, Appleford daringly tagged up for third which drew an errant throw that ended up in center field. Appleford scored on the error and Rachar ended up on third. A deep fly to center by Verschueren was enough to score Rachar and give the Red Sox the lead.

Verschuren came on in the seventh and mowed down the Simcoe bats striking out the side to secure the victory.

Simcoe.....000 210 0 - 3 1 2  
Tillsonburg.....200 020 X - 4 5 0

## A road loss to Simcoe Juniors

Ragged pitching was on full display the evening of May 15 when the Red Sox got their first look at the Simcoe Juniors on the home diamond. Simcoe's young pitchers combined for 10 walks while Tillsonburg's twirlers issued nine free passes in the nearly three-hour affair. Wild pitches accounted for half of each team's high run total.

Both teams threatened with runners in scoring position in the first inning but nothing came of it. The Juniors exploded for five runs in the second on five hits and a hit batter. Aiden Littler uncorked a two RBI double to left field to round out the innings scoring.

The Red Sox would threaten with two outs in the third but Owen West was caught napping off second base and was gunned out by the catcher as he tried to scramble back to his bag.

Simcoe's starter Will Murphy was replaced by Alex Auld to start the third and allowed the first four Red Sox batters to reach base, three of them on walks. Auld was yanked after two more base on balls and Littler took up the pill. Tillsonburg had their 13th batter of the inning up when Cody Ferrel on third base attempted to take home on a wild pitch. He was easily tagged out to end the seven-run rally.

West replaced starter Paxton Bale in the fourth clinging to a two-run lead. Four walks over five batters was the hurler's undoing as he showed very little control over his fastball. Player/manager Alex Fishback had seen enough and brought himself in to finish off the inning but the damage had already been done with Simcoe taking the lead back, now 9-7.

The score would remain that way as Tillsonburg failed to muster any hits in the last four innings at bat.

The Red Sox had one bright spot however to cap off the seventh when Fish Verschueren pitched an immaculate inning. This rare and distinguished feat is when a pitcher strikes out three batters on the minimum nine pitches. The game was played in front of decent-sized crowd.

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Tillsonburg.....007 000 0 - 7 5 1

TILLSONBURG	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
RACHAR, SS	3	2	2	0	2	0
KING, P, 3B, LF	3	1	1	1	0	0
VERSCHUEREN, RF, P	3	0	0	0	0	0
MORRIS, 1B	3	0	1	7	0	0
VERHOEVE, LF, P	3	0	1	1	0	0
PROUSE, CF	2	0	0	1	0	0
VITIAS, C	2	0	0	11	0	0
SEITZ, 2B	3	0	0	0	2	0
MINERS, EH, P	1	0	0	0	0	0
APPLEFORD, 3B	1	1	0	0	3	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>

**Summary:** ER, Simcoe 3, Tillsonburg 3; LOB, Simcoe 8, Tillsonburg 6; 2B, Morris; RBI, Dunn, Boyd, Smith, King, Verschueren (2), Morris; W, Verhoeve; L, Shortt; BB, Boyd (1), Smith (1), Shortt (1), King (3), Miners (6), Verhoeve (1), Verschueren (1); K, Boyd (3), Smith (4), Shortt (1), Knelsen (4), King (4), Miners (3), Verhoeve (1), Verschueren (1); Time, 1:53

TILLSONBURG	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
RACHAR, SS	2	1	1	0	3	0
VERHOEVE, 3B	4	1	1	0	2	1
VERSCHUEREN, RF, P	4	1	2	1	0	0
MCPHERSON, EH	4	0	0	0	0	0
VITIAS, C	2	1	0	8	1	0
WEST, 2B, P	3	0	1	0	1	0
SEITZ, CF, 2B	2	1	0	0	1	0
MINERS, LF, CF	2	1	0	4	0	0
FERREL, 1B	1	0	0	8	0	0
BALE, P, LF	0	1	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>

**Summary:** ER, Simcoe 9, Tillsonburg 7; LOB, Simcoe 11, Tillsonburg 6; 2B, Littler; RBI, Vanryebroek, Nunn, Tre. Lamb, Powell, Littler (2), Rachar, Verhoeve (2), Verschueren, Bale; W, Littler; L, West; BB, Murphy (1), Al. Auld (4), Littler (4), An. Auld (1), Bale (1), West (4), Fishback (2), Verschueren (2); K, Murphy (2), Littler (3), An. Auld (4), Bale (1), Fishback (1), Verschueren (6); Time, 2:42

## WEEKEND QUIZ

by Jake Grant

1. What corporation is Canada's largest uranium supplier?
2. What major man-made waterway is in Egypt?
3. What is Drake's latest album (2026) called?
4. What does DEFCON stand for?
5. Who is Disney's tiny fairy introduced in 1953?
6. What type of dish is a Minestrone?
7. Billiard cloth on a pool table is commonly referred to as \_\_\_\_?
8. What celebrity launched a perfume called glow?
9. What are you to do if you happen to catch on fire?
10. What is the most dangerous level of Tornado?

This week's answers are found on pg. 22

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**SOUTH RIDGE TRACK AND FIELD**

(ALIYAH HELSDON PHOTO)

The ball throw was one of the many events during South Ridge Public School's track and field meet on May 6 at the school. Competitors also took part in long jump, high jump and running events. Zehrs donated snacks for the students during the event.

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# It's not only about the onions



**OH,  
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PLACES  
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**PAUL KNOWLES**

*Tillsonburg Post Columnist*

You could easily get the impression that, in Tropea, it's all about the onions. Well, that's not the whole story – but the onions do play a big role in this lovely Italian sea-side town.

We were in the southern tip of Italy – Calabria – on a Senior Discovery Tours visit. It was a great trip – so good, that we have arranged to repeat the tour next year, with a group of friends! So obviously, there were more attractions than just onions.

However, the Tropea onions are actually world-famous among foodies. We first learned about them in the Calabria episode of Stanley Tucci's television series about food in Italy. He visits Tropea, which is on the western, Terranean Sea coast of Calabria (his ancestral home), and among other taste delights, he eats a sweet, red, Tropea onion like an apple, and claims to enjoy it.

If that makes Tropea sound like a slightly quirky destination, so be it. But I would not have missed it for the world.

Let's leave the onion fields for a moment, and take in some other, also quirky, features of the town. The cathedral, for example.

I know: I can hear some of you jaded travellers moaning, "Not another cathedral!" And we all know the sentiment.

But the Cathedral of Saint Mary of Romania has at least one feature that I will admit, I have never encountered elsewhere. Mounted inside the main doors, one on each side, are unexploded World War II bombs. The fact that they landed near the cathedral, but did no damage, is credited as a miracle to the Madonna, and celebrated by the prominent presence of these devices (now disarmed, thank goodness) inside the cathedral.

The cathedral is genuinely ancient; it was built in 1160, and is dedicated to the Virgin of Romania, patron saint of Tropea. The church design shows Arab and Byzantine influence, and pride of place, behind the altar, is given to a 13th century Byzantine icon of the Virgin of Romania. Not only is the Madonna credited with the miracle of the unexploded bombs, she also is deemed responsible for saving Tropea from earthquakes, plagues, and other natural disasters.

The shops of Tropea have an ambience all their own. Several feature very large displays of miniature figures and buildings, showing life from ancient times, and illustrating crafts that have been lost to history. These displays fill the entire wall space in some shops, and there is no charge to see them

– although donation boxes may be in evidence.

Almost every store has a display, for sale this time, of bug-eyed, large-nosed ceramic faces guaranteed to ward off the evil eye. I don't know if they work; I do know they are guaranteed to make you smile. They're hilarious.

The town itself has its own unique beauty – narrow alleyways hung with flower baskets, ancient archways and doors, shops with their displays spilling out onto the street. In one such store, the shopkeeper spoke not a word of English – and I have no Italian past "vino" – but he still managed to sell me a jar of bruschetta spread, and another of a "mousse" made from – you guessed it – Tropea onions.

Better yet, as an inveterate collector of wildly coloured and patterned socks, I was thrilled to find a reddish-purple pair illustrated with – yep – onions. I wear them with pride.

Tropea is right on the sea, and the town offers some spectacular views of the Mediterranean (The Terranean Sea is just one section of that larger ocean). The view includes the sight of the active volcanic island, Stomboli, which rises as a nearly perfect triangle out of the sea.

Our day trip included an additional stop at Pizzo, another seaside town half an hour north of Tropea. There, while there is a castle with an intriguing history, and more beautiful views, the highlights were two culinary experiences.

First, we went to a pizzeria for a plethora of genuine Calabrian pizza. The servers just kept bringing pizzas to the table, one kind after



(PAUL KNOWLES PHOTO)

**Unexploded bombs hang near a statue of the Madonna in the Tropea Cathedral, making a miracle of deliverance from harm.**

another – a delicious, simple Margherita pizza, then ham and mushroom, followed by a veggie version with zucchini, eggplant and more. But the two signature choices were an 'nduja pizza ('nduja is a spicy, spreadable pork and chili pepper sausage unique to Calabria), and a tuna and Tropea onion pizza.

They were amazing. We were stuffed to the gills. And then they took us for tartuffo – two kinds of gelato moulded around a chocolate centre, covered with cocoa and nuts. Turned out, we weren't all that full, after all.

Tropea and Pizzo, like Calabria in general, is a very unspoiled part of Italy. Local customs, legends, and culinary traditions have sur-

vived here, largely intact.

But these are seafront communities, with lovely beaches, and our guide admitted that "In summer, Tropea is very, very crowded." But in the shoulder seasons – the long Spring and Fall of southern Italy – the tourists are largely absent, but the wonderful features remain, and are readily available to delight visitors like us.

And as I mentioned, we are going back.

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(PAUL KNOWLES PHOTO)

**The 13th century icon of the Virgin of Romania hangs over the altar.**



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**Tropea stores often have displays of miniature characters enacting historic crafts.**

**NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**pursuant to Section 34(12) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended**

**APPLICATION FOR ZONE CHANGE**  
**in the**  
**TOWNSHIP OF NORWICH**

Township of Norwich  
 285767 Airport Road  
 Norwich, ON N0J 1P0  
 Telephone: 519-667-2000

**DATE:** Thursday, May 21, 2026  
**FILE:** ZN 3-26-04 (Township of Norwich)

**Purpose and Effect of the Proposed Zone Change**

The purpose of the proposed zone change is to amend the Township Zoning By-law to permit an increased maximum permitted ground floor area and increased height for residential accessory structures.

The effect of the proposed zone change would be to implement the following amendments to Table 5.1.1.3 – Accessory Use Provisions:

Provision	RE and RR Zones	R1, R2, R3 Zones	A1, A2 Zones	All Other Zones
<b>Lot Coverage, Maximum for all accessory buildings and structures</b>	10% of the lot area or 250 m <sup>2</sup> (2,690.9 ft <sup>2</sup> ) ground floor area, whichever is the lesser	10% of the lot area or 100 m <sup>2</sup> (1,076.4 ft <sup>2</sup> ) ground floor area, whichever is the lesser	10% of the lot area or 225 m <sup>2</sup> (2,421.8 ft <sup>2</sup> ) ground floor area, whichever is the lesser	10% of the lot area or 225 m <sup>2</sup> (2,421.8 ft <sup>2</sup> ) ground floor area, whichever is the lesser
<b>Maximum Height</b>	6 m (19.6 ft)	5.5 m (18.0 ft)	5.5 m (18.0 ft)	4.5 m (18.0 ft)

This application pertains to all lands within the Township of Norwich.

**Public Meeting**

The Council of the Township of Norwich will hold a public meeting to consider the proposed Zone Change on:

**Date:** Tuesday, June 16, 2026  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m.  
**Place:** Council Chambers, Township Office, 285767 Airport Road, Norwich, ON, N0J 1P0

The specific time at which this application will be heard will depend on the progress of the meeting, as a number of applications may be on the agenda.

We welcome your comments and request that they be submitted in writing to [planning@oxfordcounty.ca](mailto:planning@oxfordcounty.ca). All written comments received will be provided to members of Council for the Council's consideration. Comments received may become part of the public agenda.

If you wish to speak as part of the public meeting, we suggest that you advise the Township office ahead of time by contacting the Clerk's office at 519-667-2000 or via email to [karmstrong@norwich.ca](mailto:karmstrong@norwich.ca). Written submissions must be provided no later than 4:30 p.m. the Wednesday preceding the meeting to be included on the agenda.

If you have any limitations affecting your ability to participate in this public meeting process, please contact the Township Clerk's Office prior to the meeting date.

**Other Planning Act Applications: None**

Please be advised that Council may approve, modify or refuse the requested application at the meeting. If you do not attend or are not represented at the meeting, the Council may proceed and may not advise you of any proposed modifications.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Township of Norwich on the proposed amendment, you must make a written request to the either the Clerk of Norwich Township or to [planning@oxfordcounty.ca](mailto:planning@oxfordcounty.ca).

In order to appeal a decision of the Township of Norwich to the Ontario Land Tribunal, eligibility requirements must be met as outlined in the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended. If a specified person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of Township of Norwich to the Ontario Land Tribunal but does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to Township of Norwich or the County of Oxford before the amendment is adopted, the specified person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision. Third party appeals of any decision are not permitted.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of Norwich or the County of Oxford before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Additional information relating to the proposed amendment is available for review at the County of Oxford Community Planning Office at the address below, Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or by visiting the Community Planning website at [www.oxfordcounty.ca/en/services-for-you/land-use-development.aspx](http://www.oxfordcounty.ca/en/services-for-you/land-use-development.aspx). If you have any questions regarding the above-noted application and how to preserve your appeal rights, please contact **Amy Hartley, Development Planner, Community Planning Office (519 539 9800 ext. 3204)**. Written comments may be forwarded to the address below or emailed to: [planning@oxfordcounty.ca](mailto:planning@oxfordcounty.ca). Please include the applicant's name and our File Number on all correspondence.

Yours truly,



Heather St.Clair, MCIP, RPP  
 Senior Development Planner  
 Community Planning Office  
 County of Oxford  
 21 Reeve Street  
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# Blackout brings the blitz rock party to Tillsonburg



## MUSIC CORNER

**BEN ADDRESS**

*Tillsonburg Post Columnist*

Formed from the ashes of several respected names in the Canadian punk and metal scene, Blackout is bringing a hard-hitting mix of punk attitude and rock 'n' roll swagger to audiences.

Based out of Guelph, the band features Jim Hare on bass, Keith Carman on guitar, Jeff Nadalin on guitar, Keaghan Nelson on drums and Jan Fiskvatn on vocals. Members of the band also have ties to acts such as The Essential Letdowns, The Rotten, The Nasties and Maximum RnR. That history, and everyone's different influences, have helped Blackout carve out a sound all their own and one that the band proudly calls 'Blitz Rock.'

Hare admits that the project began after he decided it was time for a new musical

direction.

"After I decided to leave the Nasties, I wanted to start a band with a mix of different styles. I talked to Keith, and wanted his Maximum RnR guitar sound and mix that with my dirty raw bass style. Then we wanted Jan from the Rotten to add his punk rock voice. Jeff adds his 1990's punk influence and chord progressions on rhythm, Keaghan brings old English-punk style drums to help shape the Blackout sound," Hare explains. "We are a bit punk and rock 'n' roll with a slice of metal. We call ourselves Blitz Rock."

For Fiskvatn, the chemistry between the band members is one of Blackout's biggest strengths.

"We all share a similar upbringing when it comes to music and there is a mutual trust when making musical decisions," Fishvatn says. "However, no matter how similar we all see things from a different perspective, I feel the proper use of those differing perspectives is what drives the life of the song forward. We might also share the same sense of humour."

That combination of backgrounds and personalities is evident in the band's abrasive riffs, intricate rhythms and energetic live performances. While Blackout embraces the chaos and fun of punk rock, the lyrics often come from real experiences

and observations.

"Social political and personal relationships tend to be my topics of choice," Fishvatn analyzes. "They say write what you know and we all know our personal lives and how they affect us. I feel that creates a better connection with the audience."

At the same time the band still aims to keep things loose and entertaining.

"We like to sing about partying, having fun and telling people not to be so serious. Let loose and have fun," Hare laughs. "We touch a bit here and there on serious topics but try not to"

The band is currently preparing for another run of shows with long-time friends Luicidal, a band featuring original members of the Vencie, Los Angeles band Suicidal Tendencies. This is something all the members of Blackout are especially excited about.

"We are super excited to go back out on tour with Luicidal. They are good friends and fun to tour with. We always learn a lot from those guys," Hare admits. "We love to play and engage with the crowd and have a great show. We want to party with you."

Touring and sharing the stage with scene legends is where a lot of upcoming bands learn best.

"I feel the performance has matured at

this point. The ferocity is still there but better controlled. We are still all nuts but with a hint of elegance," Fishvatn adds. "We have studio time in the near future and we are in discussions about tours coming up later in the year. I think the biggest thing overall is for us is to keep driving hard and keep writing at this point."

Fans can expect plenty of new material and tours from the band in the coming months with no signs of slowing down.

"Will be releasing a new seven-inch record with two new songs this fall, as well as two new music videos for these songs," Hare says. "We plan to go out to California this winter to play a few shows."

With new music on the horizon, tours lined up and a growing reputation for wild, crowd-driven performances, Blackout continues to prove that Canadian punk rock is alive and loud.

Catch Blackout and Luicidal next week in Tillsonburg with opening local band Pot Of Greed. The three bands takeover Paddy's Underground on Wednesday, May 27th with doors opening at 8 p.m. for this all ages/licensed concert. Tickets are \$25 and available at The Mill and online at [www.eventbrite.ca](http://www.eventbrite.ca). You can follow Blackout on their social media page at [www.facebook.com/Blackoutguelph](http://www.facebook.com/Blackoutguelph).

## UPCOMING SHOWS



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**MAY 23 - SUGAR KINGS**  
The Copper Mug  
Free Entry - 8:30 p.m.

**MAY 24 - ELVIS TRIBUTE W/ DOUG MACKENZIE**  
The Copper Mug  
Free Entry - 5 p.m.

**MAY 27 - LUICIDAL, BLACKOUT & POT OF GREED**  
Paddy's Underground  
\$25 - 8 p.m. - All Ages/Licensed

**MAY 31 - KARAOKE WITH GEORGE THE TURTLE**  
The Copper Mug  
Free Entry - 1 p.m.

**MAY 31 - TRIVIA NIGHT**  
The Copper Mug  
Free Entry - 5:30 p.m.

**AUGUST 7-9 - BUDDIES FEST**  
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*The dictionary.*

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*Darkness.*

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*Money.*

What breaks yet never falls, and what falls yet never breaks?  
*Day and night.*

What has many keys but can't open a single lock?  
*A piano.*

What goes through cities and towns, but never moves?  
*A road.*

What can you hold in your left hand but not in your right?  
*Your right elbow.*

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**JUNE 6 | 11 AM - 3 PM**  
**MULTICULTURAL FOOD FESTIVAL**  
 Delhi Tobacco Museum, 200 Talbot Rd., Delhi  
 Greek, Korean, Mexican, African, Filipino, Hungarian, Polish, German, Ukrainian, Indian. Adults 5\$ children 10 and under free. Debit and Cash, purchase tickets, redeem for food. ALL DAY MUSIC Delhi Legion, Multicultural 50/50 draw, cash sales only. 2,500 top prize.

## MAY

**MAY 22 | 1 - 4 PM**  
**KEN LIGHTHEART AND THE NORTSHORE RAMBLERS**  
 Tillsonburg Legion, 16 Durham Street, Tillsonburg  
 Doors open at noon. \$7 cash at the door. Cash bar available. No outside beverages allowed. All Welcome!

**MAY 22 | 5 - 6 PM**  
**HAM AND SCALLOPED POTATOES SUPPER**  
 Tillsonburg Legion, 16 Durham Street, Tillsonburg  
 While quantities last! Only \$18 cash per person includes HST. Enjoy ham, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, buns, homemade dessert, tea, and coffee all included.

**MAY 23 | 8 AM - NOON**  
**PLANT & BAKE SALE**  
 Delhi Tobacco Museum & Heritage Centre  
 Delhi & District Horticultural Society is having its annual Plant & Bake Sale. Great selection of perennials and home-baked goodies.

**MAY 26 | 7 PM**  
**PLATTSVILLE & DISTRICT HERITAGE SOCIETY GROWING STRONGER TOGETHER IN CELEBRATION OF PLATTSVILLE'S 175**  
 Peace United, 20 Samuel Street, Plattsville  
 Liz Dommasch from Oxford County Archives will share stories of Plattsville and the surrounding area. Free. Refreshments.

**MAY 30 | 9 AM - 12 PM**  
**BAKE, PLANTS, PURSES, JEWELLERY, AND ACCESSORIES EVENT**  
 St John's Anglican Church, 46 Ridout ST W

**MAY 29 | 4 - 8 PM**  
**MAY 30 | 8 AM - 1 PM**  
**HUGE INDOOR YARD SALE - 2 DAYS THIS YEAR!**  
 St Pauls United Church 88 Bidwell St., Tillsonburg  
 Something for everyone..toys, tools, antiques, plants, clothes, household & more! BONUS - Saturday BAKE SALE and hotdogs.

## JUNE

**JUNE 6 | 10 AM - NOON**  
**MESSY CHURCH: EASY PEASEY**  
 St.Paul's United Church 88 Bidwell St.Tillsonburg  
 Crafts, games, snacks, music a story and lunch  
 Children should be accompanied by an adult

**JUNE 6 | 9 AM - 5 PM**  
**CELEBRATING COMMUNITY AT EDISONFEST**  
 Vienna Memorial Park, 6226 Plank Rd., Vienna  
 Local Vendors, Bouncy Castles, Food Trucks, Blacksmith demonstrations, and featuring World Champion Arm Wrestler Mike Gould! Registration begins at 10 am for the arm wrestling competition! Email: bayhamhistoricalsociety@hotmail.com for further information!

**JUNE 6 | 11 AM - 12 PM**  
**BBQ FOR DASO (WOMAN'S SHELTER)**  
 Home Hardware parking lot  
 Cowards, Home Hardware, and the Tillsonburg Lions Club are hosting a fund-raising BBQ for DASO. Cheeseburgs(\$6), Hamburgs(\$5), Hot Dogs(\$4) and Cold Drinks(\$1) will be offer with all proceeds going to the shelter. Come join us, bring friends and support this worthy cause.

**JUNE 6 | 9 AM - 1 PM**  
**TASTE OF SUMMER**  
 Memorial Park, 46 Sanders St, Tillsonburg, ON  
 Presented by: 3E. Food trucks, vendor village, children's shows & activities! Entrance by donation to the TDMH Foundation.

**JUNE 6 | 1 - 3 PM**  
**ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION 100TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE**  
 Tillsonburg Legion, 16 Durham Street, Tillsonburg  
 Come on down to the Legion from 1pm-3pm to browse our memorabilia, artifacts, sports areas, and so much more we offer. Celebrate our 100th with cake and coffee! All Welcome!

**JUNE 6 | 1 - 3 PM**  
**DISCO DANCE**  
 Tillsonburg Legion, 16 Durham Street, Tillsonburg  
 Featuring live band The Groove from London Ontario on Saturday June 6 at 8 pm. Tickets \$15 or \$20 at the door available at the Legion. This is a 19+ event. For more info call 519-842-5281.

**JUNE 10 | 10 AM - 3 PM**  
**THE BROWNSVILLE ANNUAL SCHOOL REUNION**  
 Brownsville Community Centre  
 There will be a Potluck lunch, so please bring your favourite dish. All former students and spouses are welcome to attend. If you have any Historical information or pictures please bring

them with you. If you have any questions please contact Patty Meertens at [rpmeertens@gmail.com](mailto:rpmeertens@gmail.com).

**JUNE 13 | 8 AM - 1 PM**  
**GIANT YARD SALE, BAKE SALE AND BBQ TENT**  
 Springford Baptist Church, 422 Main St West, Springford Ont  
 Featuring Sausage on a Bun, Hot Dogs, Potato chips, Pop. Also on site will be Girl Guide Cookies for sale and free popcorn. **Fill a Bag for \$5** (we supply the bags) and stuff it full with items from the Yard Sale. Larger items will be priced singly. There will be no clothes or furniture at this event. Lots of parking on the street. Lots of homemade baking at the Bake Table. Stop by for all the deals and join us for a midmorning snack or lunch at the BBQ tent.

**JUNE 20 | 10 AM - 10 PM**  
**PLATTSVILLE'S 175 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**  
 Plattsville Park and Arena  
 10 am Firefighter Breakfast, Heritage Displays 10-4, Portraits of Honour, 12 noon Parade, 1pm Opening Ceremony, 1-4 Car & Tractor Show, 2 thru 10 pm Live Music & Entertainment, Kids Activities, Vendor Market, Lions BBQ and the grand finale, an 18 minute Drone Show at 9:45 pm. Free admission. Fun for all ages. Thanks to our Platinum Sponsors - Canadian Heritage and North Blenheim Mutual Insurance celebrating 165 years. [www.plattdistrictheritagesociety.com](http://www.plattdistrictheritagesociety.com)

## JULY

**JULY 10, 11 & 12**  
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**JULY 17 & 18**  
**BRANTFORD UKULELE FESTIVAL**  
 Tickets for the 2026 Brantford Ukulele Festival, set for July 17th and 18th are going fast! Register before April 17th to get in on the Early Bird special. Get details on performers, workshops and more at [brantfordukulelesociety.org](http://brantfordukulelesociety.org).

## ONGOING CLASSES, CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

**3<sup>RD</sup> TUE. OF MONTH | 6:30 - 8:30 PM**  
**CAREGIVER CONNECTION**  
 Revel Realty Woodstock, 111 Huron Street (Virtual/hybrid options available)  
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**2<sup>ND</sup> TUES. OF MONTH (SEPT. TO MAY) | 2 - 4 PM**  
**4<sup>TH</sup> TUES. OF MONTH (SEPT. TO MAY) | 7 - 9 PM**  
**OXFORD PHILATELIC SOCIETY**  
 Church of the Epiphany, 560 Dundas Street, Woodstock Ontario N4S 1C7  
 If you have never belonged to a stamp club, now's the time. Meet new friends, grow your knowledge and collection. Contact: Don Eaton [dhfe@silomail.com](mailto:dhfe@silomail.com). Website: <http://www.rpsc.org/chapters/oxford>

**3<sup>RD</sup> WED. OF MONTH | 10 AM - NOON**  
**LYNN RIVER PROBUS CLUB**  
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**TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS | 7 - 9 PM**

**SATURDAYS | 10 AM - 12 PM**

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**SATURDAYS, JUNE 6 - SEPT. 19 | 10 AM - 4 PM**

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**1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> TUES. OF MONTH**

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**1<sup>ST</sup> WED. OF MONTH | 7 PM**

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## OBITUARY

# JAMES REMY DONALDSON

**(MARCH 22, 1946 - MAY 7, 2026)**



With heavy hearts, but in faith, we announce the death, at Woodingford - Tillsonburg, of James "Jim" Remy Donaldson at the age of 80. Jim was born in Brussels, Belgium to the late Robert Muir Donaldson and the late Nellie Vandenberg. Much loved husband of Katherine (nee Nettleton); father of Carolyn (Pat Lush) of Bradford, Thomas (Marjorie Feuerstein) of London, and Remy (Katharine) of Long Beach, New York. Papa to Cody, Amber, Devon, Kyrra, Jeremy,

Katelyn, Drake, and Reid. Brother to the late Douglas of Hamilton and uncle to Rori-Jane and Robbie.

After graduating from Waterloo Lutheran University (now Wilfrid Laurier), Jim accepted a teaching position at Annandale High School in Tillsonburg teaching geography, history, law, and physical education. Thirty years later he moved to Glendale High School and retired as head of History after five years. One of his passions was teaching. Students were warned not to sit in the front row without an umbrella! Jim especially loved basketball, golf, and tennis. He played basketball for Waterloo Lutheran and for the duration of his career coached basketball, tennis and track and field (discus, javelin, and shot put). A highlight was winning the boys "A" OFSSA basketball championship in 1976. He developed a high school tennis program second to none and 5 of his athletes went to the United States on tennis scholarships. Taking this passion out of school, he was president of a very active Tillsonburg tennis club that peaked at 600 members. Jim himself continued to play golf and tennis right into his 70's, competing for the Holiday Park, North Port Florida club.

We arrived in Tillsonburg in 1968, fell in love with it, and stayed.

Initially reluctant to travel, but prodded by his wife, he caught the travel bug and was especially excited about visiting two Rotary exchange students and families: Laszlo Gal in Hungary, and Lieve Ramaekers in Belgium. He served as Rotary President, and his focus was the student exchange program, the book fair, and the grade 3 dictionary program. For a number of years, Florida became our winter destination creating wonderful memories and more new friends who quickly became old friends.

Of special note is the group of 10 friends that have stayed together for over 70 years. Camping trips, New Years get-togethers were annual musts. As the children grew older, this turned into a non-negotiable guys weekend plus at Andy's cottage in Muskoka. Great food, golf, fishing, cards.

Jim recently celebrated his 80th birthday at Woodingford. A joyous occasion with 17 family and close friends with good food, more sharing of memories. He did inquire about gifts!! And was pleased with the short bread, maple syrup and chocolate.

Our family is indebted to the lovingly efficient care Jim received at Victoria Hospital under the watch of Dr. Michelle McLean, at Elgin Manor and, majorly, the last 7 months at Woodingford under Mary Alice Barr and staff. Special thanks to Dr. Barry Roth. Many took extra time to walk with Jim through this journey. A special thanks to Ches Sulkowski and Andy Mulzer who said Jim was the brother he never had.

Friends, neighbours, and relatives are invited to attend a public visitation on Friday; May 22nd, in the Maurice J. Verhoeve Funeral Homes Chapel, 262 Broadway, Tillsonburg, from 3pm-5pm, followed by the funeral service led by Rayburn Lansdell from 5pm-6pm. Celebration of Life to be held at Tillsonburg Baldwin Place Recreation Centre, 142 Weston Drive from 6pm to 9pm. Everyone who knew Jim is invited to share favourite memories, photos, and express personal condolences.

Memorial contributions to "Woodingford Lodge" (cheques to "Oxford County" for the Tillsonburg resident activities fund) or the "Rotary Club of Tillsonburg" or to "World Vision" or the "Canadian Cancer Society" (for research) or the "Alzheimer Society Southwest Partners" would be appreciated by the family and can be made via Jim's online tribute page at [www.verhoevefuneralhomes.com](http://www.verhoevefuneralhomes.com) or by contacting the Maurice J. Verhoeve Funeral Homes (519)842-4238.



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7. Baize or felt
8. Jennifer Lopez
9. Stop, drop, and roll
10. EF5

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