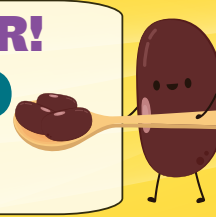


The Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette

Serving New Hamburg, Tavistock, Baden, Wellesley, New Dundee, St. Agatha, Shakespeare, Petersburg, Hickson, Punkeydoodle's Corner and area



IT'S HERE! THE WEEK YOU HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR!
COME ON DOWN THURSDAY AND
HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



Wilmot & Wellesley
Resource Centre

175 Waterloo St., New Hamburg, ON
 (519) 662-2731
 wilmotwellesleyrc.ca

SINCE 1895

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

FREE



(FARM BOY PRODUCTIONS PHOTO COURTESY OF THE NEW HAMBURG FALL FAIR FACEBOOK PAGE)

The six young women who competed in the 2026 New Hamburg Fall Fair Ambassador Competition received a warm welcome from the capacity crowd in the arena. From left: Ella Jones, Madeline (Maddie) Lichti, the fair's new ambassador, Lauren Holst-Bernard, Kaylyn McCallum, Ella Jones and Kaelynn Schlegel, runner-up. The three judges had a difficult decision selecting this year's ambassador. More coverage of the fair on page 12.

Khanna back in Ottawa as Parliament's fall sitting kicks off

Holding the government to account remains the opposition's top priority

LEE GRIFFI

Gazette Reporter

The 45th session of Parliament kicked off this week in Ottawa as the House of Commons resumed sitting, and the

Member of Parliament for Oxford said he's ready to hold the government to account.

Arpan Khanna said he and his fellow MPs spent the last few months meeting with businesses, families, farmers and

seniors, hearing their concerns. Now, he'll take those messages to the House of Commons.

"We had called for this to happen a lot sooner so we can get down to the

Continued on page A2

Wilmot groups team up for municipal election debates

AMANDA NELSON

Gazette Reporter

Local civic, environmental, agricultural and community organizations have come together to host the Wilmot Election Debate Series, giving residents a chance to hear directly from candidates seeking elected office in Wilmot Township.

Debates will take place in three different locations. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the debates will start promptly at 7 p.m. For dates and locations, see the scheduled on page 3.

The series is hosted by Wilmot Civic Action Network, Vision Waterloo Region, Nith Valley Eco Boosters, Citizens for Safe Ground Water, Waterloo Federation of Agriculture, Fight for Farmland and the Grand River Environmental Network.

Betsy Daub, organizer, says the focus will be on environmental issues affecting Wilmot Township but will offer insight on all topics related to the upcoming election.

"A lot has changed in the last four years, such as land expropriation and water issues; council just wasn't prepared for that," said Daub. "We want whoever gets in to be prepared for these challenges, be able to talk about them intelligently and make decisions with the community in mind."

Continued on page A3



GROUP TRAVEL PRESENTATION

Join us to learn more about our upcoming group trip:

CROATIA, SLOVENIA & THE ADRIATIC COAST
 September 11-22, 2027

PRESENTATION DATE: Wednesday, October 14

St. Marys Pyramid Recreation Centre at 2 p.m.

317 James St. S., St. Marys (The End Zone - upstairs)

Wilmot Recreation Centre at 6:30 p.m.

1291 Nafziger Rd., Baden (Wayne Roth Room)

To RSVP, email: stew@stonetowntravel.com or call one of our offices.

New Hamburg Branch: 210 Mill St., New Hamburg, ON N3A1P9 | 226-333-9939 | newhamburg@stonetowntravel.com | TICO #5003193

St. Marys Branch: 143 Queen St. E., St. Marys, ON N4X 1B4 | 519-284-2332 | agent@stonetowntravel.com | TICO #5003192

www.stonetowntravel.com

Khanna ready to take Oxford concerns back to Parliament

Continued from page 1

business of the day. Obviously, there is a lot of uncertainty in our country right now with what's happening south of us and talks of expanding trade with the European Union."

He added the Conservative priorities remain saving Canadians money, having safe streets, protecting Canadian jobs and fixing a broken immigration system.

"Also, to bring that Canadian promise back to life where it once was. That's been our mission for the last few months and it will be our message going into the fall session. We look forward to working with all parties to get results for Canadians."

Some media reports continue to portray the Conservative caucus as divided over Pierre Poilievre's leadership, citing unnamed MPs who expressed concerns during the party's recent caucus retreat in British Columbia. Khanna said the party remains united and strong, both locally and across the country.

"We had a rally in Woodstock with about 3,000 people. The only people going against Pierre right now are probably the

mainstream media and some of these so-called pundits who commentate. Our team is united, and we had a great retreat in B.C. where we discussed what we are hearing in our communities. We put forward solutions and strategies on how to fight for Canadians."

Khanna explained that serving as His Majesty's Loyal Opposition is a critical part of how the federal government functions, providing a means of holding the government to account.

"With the lack of transparency coming from Mark Carney and the Liberals, whether it's trade talks, the Gordie Howe Bridge, or talks about the European Union relationship, he can't treat this like a CEO in a boardroom. He is accountable to the people of Canada, and that's what we will be fighting for."

Despite the global issues facing the country, many Oxford County residents continue to place affordability and cost of living as their No. 1 worry. Khanna said people are also concerned about job losses and job creation.

"I can tell you we've had multiple people

calling our office who are struggling to put food on the table. I had someone text me the other day saying their hydro had been cut off because they fell behind on their payments. The husband and wife have decent jobs, and yet they can barely get by. The working poor have become a reality."

He added the Conservatives plan to introduce legislation focusing on ways to save Canadians money.

"That's the frustration. People are working their butts off but are barely getting by, and that's not the way it should be. The country has so much potential and could be the richest in the world. The government needs to focus its priorities on Canadians, not on giving fancy speeches abroad."

Khanna will serve as the Conservative shadow critic for justice, something he said is a huge responsibility to try and keep Canadians safe.

"I will be on the Justice Committee and could be the vice-chair depending on how things go. I have been doing the work on justice for some time with my Jail Not Bail bill and meeting victims across the country. I will keep the same relentless pressure on restoring safe streets for our country."

The average person doesn't have

first-hand knowledge of how Parliament functions behind the scenes and the critical work done at the committee level. Khanna sent out a parliamentary guide to his constituents in the summer, but he understands most Canadians don't have time to watch the Cable Public Affairs Channel, or CPAC, which is where committee meetings are broadcast. He added his passion for the job hasn't waned.

"It has been just over three years since I walked into the Chamber for the first time. That feeling and humility are still there for me, and I am ready to fight for Canadians. I want them to know I will always speak up and stand up for them. Far too often, politicians forget who they are fighting for and who the boss is."

Khanna said he remains passionate about sitting in the House of Commons and doing the work of the people.

"It's not my seat. I am holding it with the trust of Canadians and especially Oxford residents. That's the spirit I will take into the fall session, and people can get in touch with me at any time. My office doors are wide open and my cell number is public. My commitment to serve still exists three years later, and I am just getting started."



Oak Grove Cheese
Factory Limited
Since 1879

Factory Fresh To Your Table

Over 20 cheese varieties available in our factory

Cheese Trays for Entertaining
Homemade Cheese Balls

Monday to Friday 9 am to 3 pm • Saturday 9 am to 1 pm
Closed Sundays

www.oakgrovecheese.ca | 29 Bleams Road West, New Hamburg | 519-662-1212

**FULL MECHANICAL SERVICES
& TIRES FOR ALL VEHICLES**

ALIGNMENT	PASSENGER & LIGHT TRUCK
SUSPENSION	FARM TIRES
OIL CHANGES	HEAVY TRUCK
BRAKES	LAWN & GARDEN
LICENSED VEHICLE INSPECTION STATION	CAMPERS, RV'S, ATV'S & MORE

OKTIRE
Service, Repair and Tires.

1413 Gingerich Road, Baden
519.662.4990 | oktire.com



WE WANT YOU

TO PLANT A TREE

Plant a tree or shrub? Let us know:
LetsTreeWilmot.ca/Wilmot-Rooted-Together



Wilmot candidates to take part in debate series

Continued from page 1

The organizers say the goal is to provide residents with a fair, professional and accessible forum where candidates can discuss issues important to Wilmot residents and demonstrate how they think, respond and articulate their positions in real time.

"Voters deserve an opportunity to hear candidates answer important questions without knowing exactly what is coming," said Daub. "Municipal elected officials regularly face unexpected issues and complex decisions in council chambers. The public should have an opportunity to see how candidates respond thoughtfully and respectfully in real time."

A professional moderator will facilitate the debates. The moderator is well known for moderating federal and provincial election debates televised on Rogers TV, as well as major public debates. Their role will be to ensure the evenings are professional, balanced and respectful while giving candidates a meaningful opportunity to present their views.

Candidates will receive equal opportunities to respond, and the format allows residents to compare their positions and approaches to the issues facing Wilmot Township. The night will also include pre-submitted questions from residents that will be asked during the debate.

"We want people to be engaged so that they can make an informed decision and

decide what kind of council they want," said Daub. "We want a council that really considers the future of this community; that's the most important part."

All candidates have been invited to participate in the debates. One candidate from New Hamburg has declined.

"This election is about Wilmot's future. We want residents to have the opportunity to hear directly from the people asking for their vote," said Daub.

For residents unable to attend in person, the debates will also be broadcast live on YouTube through the Wilmot Civic Action Network at www.youtube.com/@WilmotCAN.

Debate Schedule

- **Wards 3 and 4 (Baden & New Hamburg)**
Sept. 28, 2026
New Hamburg Community Centre
251 Jacob St., New Hamburg
- **Wards 1 and 2 (New Dundee, Mannheim, St. Agatha & Petersburg)**
Oct. 1, 2026
Wilmot Rod & Gun Club
2607 Bleams Rd., Wilmot
- **Mayor's Debate**
Oct. 7, 2026
New Hamburg Community Centre
251 Jacob St., New Hamburg



Be election ready

What you need to know about the 2026 municipal election



Online voting

Oct 16, 10 am to Oct 26, 8 pm



In person voting

Oct 26, 8 am to 8 pm



Voter Information Letters

Voter Information Letters have been sent to all registered voters.

If you didn't receive your letter, visit us at 60 Snyder's Rd. W, Baden (Mon to Fri, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm), to update your information.

519-556-01351

wilmot.ca/election

elections@wilmot.ca

SOURCE FLOORING

FALL SAVINGS EVENT

—EVERY SCRATCH REVEALS A DEAL!—

SCRATCH AND SAVE

STOREWIDE

SAVE UP TO

75%

OFF YOUR ENTIRE PURCHASE*

3 DAYS ONLY!

SEPTEMBER

FRIDAY 25TH	8AM – 9PM
SATURDAY 26TH	9AM – 6PM
SUNDAY 27TH	10AM – 5PM

*VALID SEPTEMBER 25TH, 26TH, & 27TH 2026. 1 COUPON PER CUSTOMER. IN-STORE ONLY. MAXIMUM SAVING \$5000. DISCOUNT CAN ONLY BE APPLIED TO ONE TRANSACTION. OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS MAY APPLY.

SOURCE FLOORING

Dunstall on the ballot for Wilmot's Ward 4

LEE GRIFFI

Gazette Reporter

Scott Dunstall and his wife Lillianne have been married for 28 years, and New Hamburg is their home.

"My professional career has centred on business development, marketing, contract negotiation and building productive relationships. At Nielsen, I worked on proposals valued at more than \$18 million and helped secure approximately \$5 million in revenue. Today, I own Community Connect Neighbourhood Marketing," he explained.

Dunstall is heavily involved in the community as Past President of the New Hamburg Optimist Club, founder of the Junior Optimist Club of Wilmot, chair of the 28-team Spring Thaw Local League hockey tournament, Public Relations Officer for the New Hamburg Legion, and sitting executive member of the New Hamburg Board of Trade, to name a few.

"These experiences have connected me with young people, families, seniors, veterans, businesses and community organizations throughout Wilmot."

Dunstall said he is running because Wilmot is at an important turning point.

"Residents are worried about rising taxes, water security, the loss of farmland, growth and a lack of trust in government. These issues cannot be addressed separately; they require practical leadership and a councillor who will do the homework, ask difficult questions and explain decisions clearly."

He added his business experience and community knowledge would bring a valuable perspective to council.

"My goal is straightforward: grow Wilmot without losing Wilmot."

Dunstall said through door knocking he

has heard from residents who are concerned about broken sidewalks and e-scooters, but the biggest issue is affordability, which is closely tied to tax pressure and a distrust of our local government.

"Our commercial and industrial tax base is too small, leaving homeowners to carry too much of the tax burden. I believe our immediate concern should be revenue generation with economic development lifting off in parallel. The current council requested a staff report on the cost/return of each township asset with the final and most important step coming this fall in the form of a community engagement piece. Those results may yield some immediate relief."

He said he would also advocate for the implementation of an economic development officer.

"I will work closely with them to explore various initiatives. In the short-term, examine the idea of Vendor Cards introduced by this current council, and accelerate the Business Forum program introduced by the New Hamburg Board of Trade. Members and non-members met under a moderated, guided session that included several entities there to address business issues. The cross-pollination of experiences and issues between business owners in itself was outstanding."

Dunstall added there are many things that could be done to address transparency and distrust issues, something he will elaborate on at the three upcoming All Candidates Meetings.

"I think one of the first things we need to do is review the process of disseminating information from a staff, mayoral and councillor perspective. I will continue my newsletter that I started on the campaign trail and will review the process of how staff bring data and information to constituents."

He added he would examine timing and delivery of staff initiatives already underway, including mandatory financial training for new councillors and taking it a step further to include taxpayers.

"I will also drill down on staff's work with KPMG in developing a financial planning app that will greatly empower and accelerate timing for councillors (in unison) in examining line-by-line capital expenditures into the next 10 years."

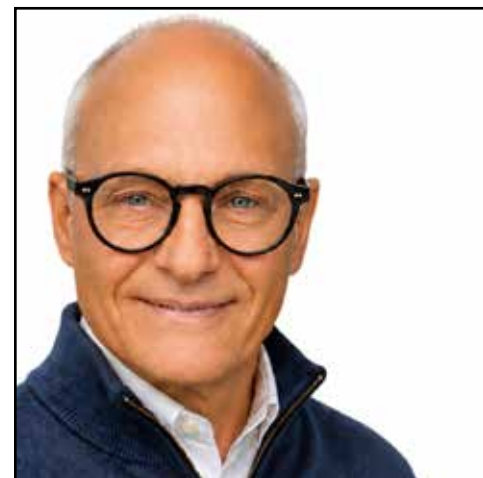
Dunstall said water security is an equally critical issue and economic development is secondary until it is known how this natural resource can support it.

"I have recently met with Citizens for Safe Groundwater and will be attending two seminars conducted by the University of Waterloo and Green Waterloo Region to learn more. I will be sharing those learnings in an upcoming Weekly Newsletter entitled TAILS FROM THE TRAIL. A play on the number of dogs that greet me at the door."

He added it goes without saying that farmland needs to be protected and would bring forward a motion declaring that no non-disclosure agreement affecting Wilmot should be signed without council being informed and calling on the Region to adopt that requirement.

Dunstall said the current council has made a number of positive accomplishments. Council and staff have advanced important community projects, placed greater emphasis on infrastructure and water capacity, and developed a more detailed strategic work plan. Community partnerships have also produced visible results, including the Veterans' Crosswalk and other locally driven initiatives.

"However, residents have lost confidence in how some major decisions were made and communicated. Large tax increases, questions surrounding land acquisition,



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

Scott Dunstall

closed-door discussions and uncertainty about water have left many people feeling unheard. Too often, residents learned about significant matters after decisions were already well advanced."

He added council must restore trust through earlier public engagement, clearer financial reporting and greater transparency. Councillors must also be willing to respectfully challenge recommendations, ask for supporting evidence and remain accountable for the decisions they make.

"I am not entering this election with only one issue. Wilmot faces interconnected challenges involving taxes, water, farmland, economic development, infrastructure and public trust. Addressing them will require sound judgment, preparation and the ability to work constructively with Township and Regional representatives."

Dunstall said he will listen, respond and keep residents informed—not only during an election, but throughout the entire term.

"I am asking Ward 4 residents for the opportunity to put that experience to work for them."

**GRANT
HAVEN
MEDIA**
*Restoring small-town
journalism, one community
at a time!*

The Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette

Publisher

Stewart Grant • stew@granthaven.com

Editor

Galen Simmons • galen@granthaven.com

EZT/Oxford Reporter

Lee Griffi • leegriffi@rogers.com

Wilmot/Wellesley Reporter

Amanda Nelson • amandajanevriter@gmail.com

Graphic Design / Sales Inquiries

Erin Parsons • thewtgazette@gmail.com

Business Development

Heather Dunbar • heather@granthaven.com

Billing Administrator

Cindy Boakes • boakescindy1576@gmail.com

Administrative Assistant

Wendy Lamond • wendylamond74@gmail.com

Contributors

Gary West, Diane Danen, Mercedes Kay Gold, Julia Paul

 36 Water St. St. Marys, ON, PO Box 2310 N4X 1A2
 thewtgazette@gmail.com | 519.655.2341 | granthaven.com

 Funded by the Government of Canada
 Financé par le gouvernement du Canada

massel's marine
 38 Milton Street New Hamburg
 (519) 662-1650 (866) 627-7357
www.masselsmarine.com

 Factory Trained Technicians ~ Accessories ~ Service to all Makes
 Shrink Wrap & Winter Storage ~ In House Financing

**CALL THE
"SNO-PROS"
NOW ACCEPTING
SNOW CLIENTS**
**519-580-6255 or
treefellar@netflash.net**

 PROUDLY SERVING WILMOT TOWNSHIP
 AND AREA FOR OVER 25 YEARS

NOW HIRING SEASONAL AND YEAR ROUND HELP

Optimist Club of Downie Inc.

OPTI-CASH CALENDAR DRAW

Sep. 6 Kasia Wojcik, London	\$50.00
Sep. 7 Kelly Muddle, St. Marys	\$50.00
Sep. 8 Tony Smith, Mitchell	\$50.00
Sep. 9 Doug Thiel, Mitchell	\$50.00
Sep. 10 Scott Savage, Stratford	\$50.00
Sep. 11 John & Leah Verbaan, Thorndale	\$50.00
Sep. 12 Luella Sterling, Port Lambton	\$200.00
Sep. 13 Marlene Gibson, St. Marys	\$50.00
Sep. 14 Joyce Fischer, Stratford	\$50.00
Sep. 15 Kevin Miller, Stratford	\$50.00
Sep. 16 Theresa Roth, Sebringville	\$50.00
Sep. 17 Sarah Sallows, Barrie	\$50.00
Sep. 18 Paul Coates, Mitchell	\$50.00
Sep. 19 Taylor Kells, Dorchester	\$200.00


Franklin E. Hinz

196 Ontario Street, Stratford

519-273-1633

Sprucedale Celebrates New Track at Open House

DIANE DANEN

Gazette Correspondent

Sprucedale Public School in Shakespeare held its annual open house and barbecue on Thurs., Sept. 18, giving parents and families an opportunity to visit classrooms, meet teachers and enjoy an evening at the school.

This year's open house was extra special with the official opening of the school's new running track. The project was led by the Sprucedale Parent Council and spearheaded by council chair Jody Hart.

Steve Smith Construction of Stratford

recently completed the track. The dry summer weather helped the project move along quickly.

The new track is located at the southeast corner of the school grounds, next to the soccer field. It will provide students with another opportunity to be active throughout the school year, and is expected to be used for gym classes and track-and-field activities.

The parent council has plans for further improvements, including a shaded seating and spectator area beside the track. Colourful adirondack chairs purchased from CR Plastics have already been placed

around the track for spectators. The council recognized those who supported the project through donor recognition plaques placed on the chairs.

Support for the track came from Grit Engineering, Steve Smith Construction, Shakespeare Presbyterian Church, the Optimist Club of Shakespeare, the Opti-Mrs. Club of Shakespeare and numerous other community members.

The Hart and Lapointe families helped with the landscaping, while Ed's Concrete generously donated the landscaping rocks. Work on the project will continue in the spring, when the soccer posts will be

moved inside the track area to create a smaller soccer field for primary students.

Principal Lisa Cairncross welcomed guests to the ribbon cutting ceremony and thanked the many donors and community members whose contributions of time, materials and money helped make the track possible.

Grade 5 student Lilah Elliott had the honour of cutting the ribbon to officially open the track. Sprucedale students were eager to try it out, with many taking the opportunity to run a few laps.



(DIANE DANEN PHOTOS)

At the Sprucedale Public School open house barbecue are, from left, Grade 5 student Vanessa Trotter, her mom, Angela, Waterloo-Oxford Grade 10 student Logan Hajdu and Sprucedale Grade 8 student Sydney Robinson.



Enjoying the new Adirondack chairs around the track at Sprucedale Public School are Al Morris of Shakespeare Presbyterian Church, Richard Smelski of the Shakespeare Optimist Club and Jean Smelski of the Shakespeare Opti-Mrs. Club, representing three organizations that supported the building of the new track project.



Varieties available:
Mac's, Gala, Spartan, Gingergolds,
Honeycrisp, Cortlands and Empire

WELLESLEY APPLE CIDER
Fresh local produce, Honey, Jams and Pickles

Kintore Coffee and Deep Purple Lavender

HOURS:

Monday - Saturday - 9 am - 5 pm

Call 519-462-2259 or 519-462-2947

596633 County Rd 59, 3 miles south of Tavistock



Your closet called...

It's ready to let go!



41 Heritage Dr,
New Hamburg

Make room for what
matters most and
donate to MCC Thrift.

ELECT Kris Wilkinson FOR MAYOR

A STRONGER WILMOT STARTS HERE. KRIS4WILMOT.COM

kris4wilmot.com
kris4wilmot@gmail.com

Authorized by the Kris Wilkinson for Wilmot mayor campaign.



Franklin E. Hinz



Donna L. Hinz

Maximize Your Return

Conservative Advice for Intelligent Decisions



**READ US
ONLINE**

GRANTHAVEN.COM/WILMOT-TAVISTOCK-GAZETTE/



peopleCare Tavistock celebrates wellness



(AMANDA NELSON PHOTOS)

Staff members Jade Jones and Camen Fernandez joined in on the jazz dance while participating in the 2026 Walk to Wellness at peopleCare Tavistock Long-Term Care Home last week.



Sisters Lena Mayo and Frieda Hussey pose with Ernie Hardeman after Hardeman presented the pair with an engagement certificate on behalf of the residents of Ontario and the Government of Ontario.



MPP Ernie Hardeman and East Zorra-Tavistock mayor Phil Schaefer smile for the camera alongside certificate recipients at peopleCare Tavistock Long-Term Care Home last week. The Ontario Long Term Care Association (OLTCA) LTC Community Engagement Certificate Program celebrates those who make meaningful contributions to their long-term care home communities. Certificate recipients (not in order): Lena Mayo, Freda Hussey, Marlene Schwartzentruber, Kirsty Plain, June Davis, Judy Elliott, Jim Nicklas, Edward Lantz, Cheryl McRae and Steve Weber (not pictured).



Tammy Smith and Ralph Baker give a thumbs-up during the peopleCare Tavistock Long-Term Care Home Walk to Wellness event, hosted outside on a bright, sunny day.



The Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette
SUBSCRIBE TO THE GAZETTE TO HAVE IT DELIVERED IN YOUR MAIL!
The cost is \$75.00 for a year.
Payment can be made by:
Cheque mailed to: PO Box 2310, St Marys ON N4X 1A2
OR dropped off at:
D&D Homestyle Cuisine & Café, 8 Woodstock St N, Tavistock
OR call: 519-655-2341 with credit card details
OR e-transfer: granthavenmedia@gmail.com

Tavistock Men's Club gets busy making an annual batch of sauerkraut

GARY WEST

Gazette Correspondent

Members of the Tavistock Men's Club were busy last week making a large batch of this year's 2026 Sauerkraut. Club members said the cabbages were some of the biggest and best quality they have ever had the pleasure of working with, in their many years of making the popular and nutritious

vegetable.

With dozens of barrels of local cabbage, they chopped, processed, and sealed it using a German recipe. They donate the cabbage every year from Beanhaven Farms, located southwest of Brooksdale. They have been quality vegetable growers since 1971.

Sauerkraut popularity has grown over the last few years, especially in Oxford, Perth,

and Waterloo County. The fermented cabbage is packed with live probiotics, fibre, and essential nutrients that support overall well-being.

Studies show fermented foods can keep your gut tuned up, and they pair well with pork and pork products, which also pleases Pork Producers in and around Tavistock.

Readers are reminded that tickets will go on sale shortly for the Men's Club annual

Sauerkraut Supper.

This year the date is Wednesday, November 11th, and tickets will be available beginning on Saturday, October 10th, and every Wednesday from 4- 6 p.m. and Saturdays 11 to 2 p.m., at their Kraut House, behind their hall, on Woodstock St. North, or from any Men's Club member.



(BRIAN BOLAND PHOTOS)

Tavistock Men's Club longtime member Jim McGregor is seen last week unloading hundreds of high-quality cabbages that arrived in large boxes on skids to begin the process of making the club's famous homemade sauerkraut.



Ross Schumn is shown sealing the barrels while members in the background continue filling them. Schumn has chaired the Men's Club committee in charge of making its sauerkraut and said the dozens of members who contribute year after year make his job that much easier.


TAVISTOCK
FAMILY DENTISTRY
**BOOK INSTANTLY
ONLINE!**

FLEXIBLE PAYMENT PLANS
DIRECT INSURANCE BILLING
EMERGENCY CARE
CARE FOR ALL AGES

CONTACT US TODAY
(519) 512-9961

55 Woodstock St. N. Tavistock, ON
info@tavistockfamilydentistry.ca

WE ACCEPT THE
CANADIAN
DENTAL CARE
PLAN (CDCP)
NOW AVAILABLE TO ALL CANADIANS

FREE
SPORTSGUARD
FOR CHILDREN!
UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30TH.
LIMIT ONE SPORTSGUARD
PER CHILD.

The "Eyes Of Your House" will
make a statement with NEW

Energy Efficient Windows
+ Doors and Retractable
Screens from


BECHTHOLD
HOME IMPROVEMENTS




Strassburger
WINDOWS AND DOORS


Window Wise


Mirage
Retractable Screen Systems


R
RENOVATION

www.bechtholdhome.com
519-634-5852 Petersburg

Rudy seeking third term on EZT council

LEE GRIFFI

Gazette Reporter

Scott Rudy's name will be on the ballot for East Zorra-Tavistock's Ward 2 in October.

Rudy was born and raised in the Hickson area and worked for his father's business while going through school.

"After graduating as a Civil Engineer, I got a job with a large, international construction materials company and spent the next 31 years there. I started in sales, then road construction, and moved my way up through the ranks to retire as a senior manager. I am married with two children and four grandchildren."

Rudy has volunteered for the Tavistock Braves Junior 'C' hockey team for the last 10 years and sits on the Board of Directors as Treasurer.

"I have been the Ward 2 Councillor for the past 8 years, and I would like to think that I have used my career as well as life experiences to make decisions on council that make this community a better place to live."

He added that, in his opinion, one of the biggest issues the township will face in the upcoming years is



(EZT.CA PHOTO)

Scott Rudy

managing community growth.

"I believe that one of my strengths is to bring a common-sense approach to the issues that council has to deal with."

RWTO celebrate 70 years



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

Pictured are some members of the Retired Women's Teachers of Ontario who attended last week's 70th anniversary event at the Stratford Legion.

AMANDA NELSON

Gazette Reporter

The Retired Women's Teachers of Ontario (RWTO) celebrated their 70th anniversary last week at the Stratford Legion. The organization has grown to include not just teachers, but educational assistants, early childhood educators, child and youth care workers, speech

and language pathologists, audiologists, social workers, psychologists and office support staff.

The Stratford and Area branch has over 80 members from across Stratford, Mitchell, St. Marys, Milverton, New Hamburg, Sebringville, Tavistock and beyond.

Pictured are some members who attended last week event.

NISSAN CLEAROUT EVENT

2026 ROGUE S

2026 ROGUE PHEV

LEASE A ROGUE S FOR \$431 MONTHLY. THAT'S LIKE PAYING:

\$99 WEEKLY* AT **0%** WITH **\$0** OR

FOR 36 MONTHS DOWN PAYMENT

*INCLUDES \$1,200 NISSAN BONUS

GET UP TO **\$12,500**

CASH PURCHASE BONUS ON A ROGUE PHEV**

**INCLUDES \$2,500 FEDERAL EVAP REBATE FOR ELIGIBLE CUSTOMERS

Stratford NISSAN

2001 Ontario Street, Stratford ON

519.273.3119

www.stratfordnissan.com

STORE HOURS SALES: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00-8:00; Fri.-Sat. 9:00-6:00

PARTS AND SERVICE: Mon.-Sat. 8:00-5:00. FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, OUR SERVICE DEPT IS NOW OPEN ON SATURDAYS

STRATFORD NISSAN



McKinnon asking for transparency at TVDSB

Long-time former trustee one of two acclaimed in Oxford County

LEE GRIFFI

Gazette Reporter

Bill McKinnon is no stranger to the Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB), having served as a trustee for 11 years, including a stint as board chair from 2015 to 2021. He will be joined by Benjamin Lampkin.

Dave Cripps, who is vying for a spot on Ingersoll Town Council, and Leanne Hopkins did not run for re-election.

McKinnon, an Ingersoll resident, was first elected as a TVDSB trustee in 2010 and was acclaimed in 2014 alongside Graham Hart. He was elected vice-chair of the board in December, 2014 and became chair in 2015, a position he held until 2021. McKinnon was re-elected as an Oxford trustee in 2018 but stepped down as board chair in the spring of 2021 and resigned his trustee position a few months later.

"I wanted to make sure Oxford County was represented by somebody who knows the ins and outs of public education and who served on the board before," explained McKinnon when asked why he signed up for the role. "I wanted to make sure there was some experience and the right questions were asked."

The TVDSB remains under provincial control, with some meetings being held behind closed doors and others open to the public but not livestreamed, meaning residents must attend in person to observe the proceedings.

McKinnon said one of his biggest concerns is the lack of a budget and financial clarity on the board's financial situation. When TVDSB presented its 2025-26 budget, the board was reporting a projected \$32 million deficit, a figure that received considerable media attention. The province took control of the board's administration on April 23, 2025, following a financial investigation.

"They should have been able to clear this up and hand it back to the trustees. I want to know why that's not being done."

The TVDSB remains under provincial supervision, with provincial supervisor Paul Boniferno overseeing the board's financial and operational decisions. Day-to-day financial administration remains with TVDSB Treasurer Jeff Major, the board's senior superintendent of corporate services. Kevin Auckland is now the board's CEO, a position he took over on July 1, 2026, replacing interim Director of Education Bill Tucker.

McKinnon said he is also worried about the lack of transparency, with meetings being held out of the public eye.

"We do not know what's going on behind the scenes in these in-camera meetings, which are illegal. At least if you have your trustees there, they can make the decisions and know what's going on. That is not being done, and the public is not being made aware of anything happening at the board level."



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

Bill McKinnon

He added that while there was likely a good reason for the province to step in, locking out trustees doesn't make any sense.

"I don't think it was the trustees they should have gotten rid of. Somebody was spending the money, but it certainly wasn't the elected officials who make \$1,100 a month. What are they really trying to do?"

McKinnon said he has already been contacted by several teachers, parents and Oxford County Warden Marcus Ryan, who are concerned about the issues facing the board. Unfortunately, there is little he can do to help at this point.

"They are concerned about what's going on in the classroom, classroom sizes, the area attendance review at East Oxford Public School, and they aren't being heard. They don't have anybody on their side to fight for them."

Before the province took control of the board, McKinnon said, parents would typically receive answers to their questions or see issues resolved quickly. He added that he is also concerned members of the media are not having their questions answered.

This reporter sent two emails to the TVDSB seeking a statement about the board's decision to terminate school bus monitors who assist with the safety of students with special needs. The first email was sent Aug. 21, followed by a second email on Aug. 24. The board did not respond to either request. The story can be found at <https://www.granthaven.com/post/area-school-boards-cut-funding-for-school-bus-monitors-1>.

Lampkin, also an Ingersoll resident, did not respond to Grant Haven Media's request for an interview.



HearingLife

Book your
FREE
hearing test

Be part of every conversation around the table **this fall.**

Whether it's a Thanksgiving gathering or an everyday family dinner, stay connected to the stories, laughter, and conversations that matter most.

A complimentary hearing test is a simple first step toward staying connected with your loved ones.

Save up to \$2,500 on hearing aids

30-day risk-free experience

0% financing



CALL US: 1-888-591-1896

BOOK ONLINE: HearingLife.ca/TGVN

MENTION CODE: NSP-TGV-WTGZ

New Hamburg

10 Waterloo Street, Unit 5

Offer Terms & Conditions: Free hearing assessments are available for adults (19+). Child assessments are available at select clinics for a fee. Results are reviewed during your appointment. Written report fees may apply, depending on province. Not applicable to industrial hearing tests. Offer valid on select hearing aid models only. Cannot be combined with other offers unless stated otherwise. Applies to private purchases only; government funding is deducted before the promotional discount is applied. Subject to HearingLife Terms of Sale. 0% financing with 20% down payment. Subject to eligibility criteria. Equal monthly PAD payments required. See clinic for details. Offer expires November 11, 2026. Applicable member discounts apply to remaining balance after this offer. Offer not available in Quebec.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [GRANTHAVEN.COM/WILMOT-TAVISTOCK-GAZETTE](https://www.granthaven.com/wilmot-tavistock-gazette)



Thank You TO OUR SPONSORS

- A Portuguesa Bakery
- ABC Festival
- Baden Automotive
- Baden Hotel
- Barry Bender Excavating
- Bea & Larry Borsato
- Bio Ag Consultants & Distributors Inc.
- Blacks Mineral
- Brad Brenneman
- Brian Carty
- Brubachers Tack & Harness
- Bruce and Pauline Francis
- B-W Feed & Supply
- Calvin Kuepfer
- CDC Landscaping-Design-Floristry
- Cedar Rose Homes
- Chris & Michelle Martin
- Christina Dyce
- Cloverleaf Farm Food Outlet Deli
- Companions Choice
- Cook's Pharmacy
- Daniel Bisch General Contractor
- David Roth
- Dietrich Plumbing & Pump Ltd
- DJ Kuepfer & Family Inc
- Dolman Eye Care
- Dominos Pizza - New Hamburg
- Erb International Inc
- Frey Building Contactors
- Futher-Franklin Funeral Home Ltd
- Gary and Joanne Stewart
- Gerber Auctions
- Gourmandise French Bakery
- H & E Heavy Truck
- Harald Schneider Law Offices
- Hillier Photography
- Home Hardware Wellesley
- Hugh Cameron
- inSeason Home+Garden
- Jantzi Plumbing
- Joe and Barb Nowak
- Jones Feed Mills Ltd
- Josslin Insurance Brokers Ltd
- Judy Williams
- K & K Liquidation
- Katie & Laurie Mussleman
- Krugs Meat Market
- Lambrini Mantzios RMT
- Larry & Carol Erb
- Laure Leckwold
- Leis Feed & Supply Ltd
- Len's Mill Stores
- Marlene Kuepfer
- Mary Lichty-Need & Rich Neeb
- Mary Maxim
- Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)
- Meredith Schultz
- Mike Harris, MPP
- Millbank Cheese & Butter
- Milverton-Wellesley Veterinary Services
- Moo's Ice Cream Shop
- Mountain Oak Cheese
- My Place Restaurant
- Ninder Hayer
- Nith Valley Butcher and Deli
- Office of the Mayor, Township of Wellesley
- Paul & Jo-Anne Straus
- Pleasant Ridge Saddlery
- Poole Cheese
- Poole Electric
- Promark Window Film & Blinds
- Puddicombe House
- Quehls
- Resolute Smoothie & Espresso Bar
- Richmond Heating & Air
- Ron Fellerton
- Salon W
- Schmidt's Bulk Pantry
- Schmidtsville Restaurant
- Schnurr's Grocery Inc
- Schummer Enterprises
- Scran & Dram
- Shakespeare Pies
- Silver Creek Nursery
- Sobey New Hamburg
- South Easthope Mutual Insurance
- Sprucewood Tack Shop
- St Jacobs Printery
- Stemmler's Meats
- Stoneybrook Elevators Inc
- Stratford Farm Equipment
- Susan Prange
- Sweet Pro
- T&T Power Group
- The Sommer Family
- Theatre Wellesley
- Tim Louis, Office of MP
- TLC Pet
- Total Farm Services
- Township of Wellesley
- Veseys Seeds
- Wellesley Auto Spa
- Wellesley Brand Apple Products
- Wellesley Lions
- Wellesley Veterinary Clinic
- Wendy Richardson
- Wm T Lowes Professional Corp Lawyer
- Yarnspirations
- Zehr Insurance Brokers Ltd
- Zehr's Country Market

Please reach out if you are interested in supporting the Wellesley Township Fall Fair and our various initiatives

Facebook Instagram @wellesleyfallfair Email wellesleyfallfair@gmail.com

www.wellesleynehfallfair.ca

Shakespeare residents enjoy movie night at the park



(GARY WEST PHOTO)

Those who staffed the booth at last weekend's movie night, held at Shakespeare's area ball park pavilion, from left: Paige Fletcher, Perth East township recreation co-ordinator; Hartley Gould, township program co-ordinator; Sam Weber, Sprucedale Parent Council; MacKenzie Lapointe, Sprucedale Parent Council; Jody Hart, chairwoman, Sprucedale Parent Council; and Barb Myers, Adams Building Supply.

GARY WEST

Gazette Correspondent

To keep those in the village of Shakespeare entertained, staff from Perth East invited village and area residents to a special movie night last weekend at the park pavilion.

With a large crowd on hand, the movie

shown was Minions and Monsters, which was the top pick from online voting.

Adams Building Supply, the Men's Club, and the Sprucedale Parent Council also sponsored the night and set up a treat booth for everyone to enjoy.

This is one of many movies Perth East staff helps organize throughout the township during the summer months.

100 ACRE FARM FOR SALE BY TENDER

23796 Valleyview Rd.,
Thorndale, Ontario

**TENDER DEADLINE FOR OFFERS:
OCTOBER 30, 2026, AT 1 PM**

LAND

Consisting of Residential Lot 1 ½ acre (Principal Residence) 53 Acres workable cropland and with 41 acres systematically tiled and 12 acres with alternative draining ready to go. Soil type Bryanston Loam Soil. Non workable land 46 ½ acres consisting of 14 ½ acres bush and 31 acres of Thames River Valley land, and 1 acre of Thames River. Note, year 2007 as part of our Environmental Farm Plan (reforesting 20 acres of the above 31 acres). All acreage is approximate.



HOME FEATURE

1900 sq. foot (Main Floor) beautiful single story brick ranch home nicely landscaped, with attached single car garage (330 sq. ft), and attached 3 season sunroom, full basement – 1620 sq. ft. and the furnace room 286 sq. ft. All square feet are approximate. Driveway Centurian quad block, drilled well 215 ft. (excellent plentiful water). Septic tank and weeping bed, mature north side windbreak.

For further information and info package, and viewing of property for appointments please call:

**GC Boyle Law Firm (519)284-2112
Email: gwendolen.boyle@gcboyle.ca**

Be advised that the highest unconditional offer need not necessarily be accepted by the Sellers.

Wilmot woman pens book documenting cancer survivors' battles

Net proceeds benefit Dense Breasts Canada

LEE GRIFFI

Gazette Reporter

A Wilmot Township woman has published a book telling the stories of 26 cancer journeys.

Tanya Farnan was diagnosed with breast cancer in December of 2025 and in January of this year had a double mastectomy. Close to the Chest tells the stories of brave women and men who have their own unique journey with the disease.

"This book is about more than cancer," said Farnan. "It's about courage, friendship, vulnerability, and the strength that comes from community. I hope these stories remind people they are never alone."

Close to the Chest is a powerful collection of stories from individuals whose lives have been impacted by breast cancer. Each story offers an honest and intimate look at the fear, uncertainty, strength, grief, hope, and resilience that can come with a breast cancer diagnosis.

Farnan said she met several members of the Waterloo Breasties, a cancer survivor group, and at that time her own diagnosis hadn't really set in.

"I listened to their stories. They went through it and all of a sudden they were left with a loss but had to live their lives. They said, 'Now what?' I just felt their stories needed to be recognized. That's where the book idea originated from."

She added she never thought for a moment her idea would have turned into what it did, but the support from those telling their stories was overwhelming.

"Everybody I talked to wanted to be a part of it. One of my friends, Melissa Helm from Melissa Helm Beauty, said we should do a photo shoot, and she would get her people to do hair and makeup for everyone."

Farnan said when she started talking to some of the writers, she asked if anyone knew a photographer and that's when Hilary Gault came on board.

"Everything just fell into place and really snowballed into something a lot larger than I anticipated. In some ways, it's overwhelming in the best possible way."

The book is a fundraiser for Dense



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

A book launch was recently held in Cambridge for Close to the Chest: Stories of Breast Cancer and Courage. The book about survivors is currently available on Amazon

Breasts Canada. All net proceeds received from book sales will be donated to support the organization's work in breast screening advocacy, breast density education, and informed healthcare decision-making. For every book sold, one will be given back into the community at no charge.

"We have over 300 books that will be donated to people who have been newly diagnosed, also doctor's offices and cancer centres."

The book is currently available on Amazon and Farnan is in the process of having it listed on other major retailers like Indigo. Farnan said the support she and her team have received during the process has been incredible.

"We had companies offering to sponsor the event and to donate books. There are so many negative things going on in the world, and like you said before, this is such a negative experience people go through. Being able to turn it into a positive makes a world of difference," she explained.

The launch was held on Sept. 9 at Four Fathers Brewing Co. in Cambridge, where close to 300 people attended. Farnan said the goal is to gain momentum as October's Breast Cancer Awareness Month approaches.

"We are rolling out our media outreach and trying to get different outlets on board, not only within Waterloo Region,

but throughout Southern Ontario. We want people to be aware of the book and the feedback I have received has been very positive from readers so far. Readers say they would recommend it to someone who has recently been diagnosed."

She added the goal was to make the book as inclusive as possible. Stories include men who have gone through the disease, a husband whose wife went through breast cancer to give a family perspective and educate people on the different types of it.

"We tried to cross generations and different races so that way anyone reading it can have a connection with someone in the book."

Farnan said her ultimate goal was to get the book published and now she hopes it will take on a life of its own.

"I feel like it already has. It's kind of surreal since it hasn't been that long since I was diagnosed and going through different treatments. I guess we'll wait and see where it goes."

The book's description on Amazon says, "Although every story is different, the emotions woven through these pages are deeply human and

familiar. Together, these experiences reflect the many ways breast cancer can enter a life, change a family, challenge a person's sense of self, and reshape the path forward."

It added that above all, Close to the Chest is a reminder of the power of shared stories.

"For anyone navigating breast cancer, supporting someone they love, or wanting to better understand the lived experience behind the diagnosis, this book offers compassion, courage, and community."

More information can be found at <https://densebreastscanada.ca/close-to-the-chest/>.

"This book is about more than cancer. It's about courage, friendship, vulnerability, and the strength that comes from community. I hope these stories remind people they are never alone."

TANYA FARNAN

JK HOME SUPPORT
Compassionate Care for a Better Everyday

jkhomesupport.ca
(519) 572-7259
jkhomesupport@gmail.com
Kitchener - Waterloo
New Hamburg & surrounding area

Care Dignity Independence

Personal Support • Companionship • Daily Living Assistance

SURROGATES NEEDED!

Receive Expense Coverage of up to **\$45,000**

Help make a family's dream come true. Your generous gift can help intended parents welcome the baby they've been dreaming of.

Contact us Today!

SURROGACY IN CANADA ONLINE

(519) 527-2404
www.surrogacy.ca
sally@surrogacy.ca

Canadian Law Compliant Experienced Trusted



NEW HAMBURG FALL FAIR



(GARY WEST PHOTOS)

The midway at the New Hamburg Fall Fair always attracts hundreds of area kids to the rides and food they get to enjoy once a year.



Listowel's Lori Carson is seen in the sulky warming up for her next class at the New Hamburg Fall Fair. Her Hackney road pony, known as "Tik Tok," showed very well. Her husband, James Fullarton, says he is always there to help with the training of the high-stepping show horse. The couple attend many fairs, including Paisley, Walkerton, Rockton, and Ancaster, and always enjoy coming to the New Hamburg Fall Fair. That day, Bill Keith is the reputable horse announcer from Stayner.



The New Hamburg Fall Fair would never be the same without the Waterloo County 4-H Dairy Club holding its annual achievement day beside the tie-up barns, on a well-manicured grass show ring. The weather person was surely on the show committee's side Saturday, when only a few drops of rain fell.



Named overall champion showperson was Kali Moore with her Charolais, a Waterloo Beef Club project, while reserve champion showperson was Devin Martin with his Holstein 4-H dairy calf. In front, helping to present the champion and reserve champion rosettes, is Mad-die Lichti, this year's 2026-27 ambassador of the New Hamburg Fall Fair.



Members of the New Hamburg Optimist Club served up hundreds of burgers and fries during Fall Fair weekend and appreciate all the local support for their yearly club fundraiser.



Serving Waterloo
Region since 1983

LOCAL FAMILY OWNED BUSINESS
RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL
24/7 Service Plumbing
PLUS Water Conditioning

519-748-1694



NEW HAMBURG FALL FAIR



(RIAH WAGLER PHOTO)

Madeline (Maddie) Lichti was named the 2026-2027 New Hamburg Fall Fair Ambassador, with Kaelynn Schlegel named runner-up. The six contestants received a loud ovation from the capacity crowd during the Ambassador Competition at the opening of the New Hamburg Fall Fair.



(RIAH WAGLER PHOTO)

Erin Jackson gives her farewell speech to the crowd after completing her year as the 2025-2026 New Hamburg Fall Fair Ambassador. Jackson thanked the community for an amazing year before Madeline (Maddie) Lichti was named the 2026-2027 ambassador, with Kaelynn Schlegel named runner-up. Photos by Riah Wagler.



(GARY WEST PHOTO)

From left, Heidi Danen, a former Tavistock Ambassador; Luke Shantz, a local business owner; and Samantha Wagler, a former Ambassador at the Western Fair in London, served as judges for the New Hamburg Fall Fair Ambassador competition. The judges interviewed the six contestants in the week leading up to the fair and heard their speeches during the opening ceremonies.



(FARM BOY PRODUCTIONS PHOTO COURTESY OF THE NEW HAMBURG FALL FAIR FACEBOOK PAGE)

The Demolition Derby 4 cylinder is always a popular event at the fair.



(FARM BOY PRODUCTIONS PHOTO COURTESY OF THE NEW HAMBURG FALL FAIR FACEBOOK PAGE)

Following the Demolition Derby, the Toilet Seat Races entertained the crowd at the grandstand.



(GARY WEST PHOTO)

The New Hamburg Fall Fair wouldn't be the same without the music of the New Hamburg Concert Band. Band members were out in full uniform at the fall fair's opening ceremonies and ambassador competition Friday night. With a busy summer and fall of fairs and exhibitions, the band members have to be congratulated for always bringing their music to their hometown fall fair every September.

Waterloo Shifters Supports Hands-On Learning at Waterloo-Oxford

DIANE DANEN

Gazette Correspondent

Eight small engines are giving auto shop students at Waterloo-Oxford (WO) District Secondary School a chance to get their hands dirty and gain valuable hands-on experience, thanks to a partnership between the Waterloo County Shifters Car Club and the auto shop at WO.

The Waterloo Shifters recently delivered the engines to the school's auto shop. The proceeds from the annual Father's Day Breakfast and Car Show in Petersburg made the donation possible.

The Father's Day event has become a popular community tradition, attracting about 1,000 people for breakfast and bringing between 200 and 300 classic, vintage and exotic vehicles to the car show. The event also features a 50/50 draw.

Sandor Dosman, a member of the Waterloo County Shifters Car Club, helped connect the car club with the school through his cousin, Chad Dosman, a shop teacher at Waterloo-Oxford. "It's a great partnership," said Sandor Dosman.



(DIANE DANEN PHOTO)

Members of the Waterloo County Shifters Car Club delivered eight small engines to Waterloo-Oxford District Secondary School. The engines are displayed on tool cabinets previously donated by the club. From left: WO shop teacher Chad Dosman, Wayne Howald, Mark Stahley, Tim Macpherson, Gary Collins, Dennis Dietrich, Sandor Dosman and WO shop teacher Dave Quast.

The partnership has been in place for a few years and has resulted in several donations to the school's auto program,

including tool cabinets for students and teachers as well as a snowmobile lift.

The auto shop has also benefited from

other donations. The Shriners donated a miniature car, which students brought into the shop, modified, and got running again. The shop now uses it at special school events.

Dave Quast, an auto shop teacher at WO, said vehicle and equipment donations give students valuable opportunities to learn by working on real projects.

Donations of vehicles, motorcycles, and snowmobiles are welcome as potential projects, and arrangements can also be made for owners who want to retain ownership of a vehicle while having students work on it.

For Sandor Dosman, supporting the auto shop is about more than donating equipment. He hopes students will get to know the Waterloo County Shifters Car Club and perhaps become involved with the club themselves in the future.

"There's an ulterior motive," Dosman said with a smile. "We hope the students will learn about our club and maybe, one day, want to become members. We want to keep positive things like this happening in our community."

Only 30 years ago, Canada's last Indian Residential School closed

**September 30 is the National Day
for Truth and Reconciliation**

Understand the history and
commit to the ongoing process
of reconciliation

ontario.ca/TruthAndReconciliation

Paid for by the Government of Ontario

Ontario 

OBITUARY

Eleanor “Jean” Wagler (Newcombe)



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the peaceful passing of Eleanor “Jean” Wagler (Newcombe) on September 6, 2026, at Waterloo Regional Health Network Midtown, surrounded by the love of her family, following a brief battle with pancreatic cancer.

Jean was born 77 years ago on July 20, 1949, in Chatham, Ontario, and was the beloved daughter of the late Gordon and Beatrice (Speed) Newcombe.

Jean was a cherished and loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Her two sons and their families were truly the centre of her world, and she lived her life with an unwavering love and devotion to them. She will be deeply missed by her sons, Trevor Wagler and his children Sydney (Brad), Kolton (Kelly), and Leah (Nik), and Jeremy Wagler (Andrea) and their children Emily and Grace. She was a proud great-grandmother of Mia. Her love for her family was evident in the countless little ways she cared for them, supported them, and treasured every moment spent together.

Jean will also be lovingly remembered by her dear husband and the father of her children, Dale Wagler; her sister Julie (Ross Hooper); her sisters-in-law Mary Anne Newcombe, Judy Wagler, and Brenda Wagler; and by her many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends.

She was predeceased by her sisters, Doreen Penner and Marjorie (Gord Pfaff); her brother Harold Newcombe; her nephew Terry Newcombe; and her brother-in-law Clare Wagler.

Jean was a longtime attendee of Hillcrest Mennonite Church. She enjoyed the idea of travelling and dreamed of seeing more of the world, although she did not have the opportunity to travel as much as she would have liked. In many ways, however, Jean was happiest at home. She was a true homebody who found her greatest joy in the comfort of home and, most importantly, in having her family close by.

Jean enjoyed the simple pleasures of home and quiet time. She loved to get lost in a good book and could often be found doing word searches, enjoying the peacefulness of these little pastimes. She also had a special love for her dog, Bella, who was a cherished companion and brought her much comfort and happiness. These simple moments, spent in the comfort of home with Bella nearby, were among the things that brought Jean the greatest joy.

Her sons, grandchildren, and great-granddaughter were her greatest treasures. They were the centre of her world, and there was nowhere she would rather be than surrounded by the people she loved. Her gentle presence, caring heart, and unconditional love will remain in the hearts of her family forever.

Jean leaves behind a lifetime of love and memories that will be treasured by all who knew her. Though she will be deeply missed, her family takes comfort in knowing how profoundly she loved them and in the beautiful legacy of love she leaves behind.

“She made a home wherever her family was, and her greatest joy was simply being together.”

Cremation has taken place. A memorial visitation will be held at the Mark Jutzi Funeral Home, 291 Huron Street, New Hamburg, on Friday, September 25, 2026, from 5 – 8 p.m. A celebration of life will be held at the Puddicombe Banquet Hall on Sunday September 27, 2026, from 2 – 6 p.m. with words of remembrance spoken at 2:30 by Pastor Kevin Peters-Unrau. Interment will be held at Riverside Cemetery, New Hamburg.

As expressions of sympathy and in lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be given to Operation Smile, or National Service Dogs through the funeral home website and personal condolences can be left for the family by going to www.markjutzifuneralhomes.ca

OBITUARY

REMEMBERING BILL EBEL,
Former Principal of Tavistock Public School



It is with profound sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of William “Bill” Ebel on September 2, 2026, at the age of 77.

Bill was a devoted husband to Marjann, a loving father to Kathryn Ellis and Bill (Kim) Ebel, and a proud grandfather to Brayden, Payton (Kyle), and Sydney (Chayce).

Family was the centre of his world, and he took great joy in the lives and accomplishments of those he loved.

He will be deeply missed by his brothers Larry (Judy), Gerry (Sharon), and Ted (Kathy), and by his sisters-in-law Maureen Wildfong (the late Dave) and Lois Costello (Ben).

Bill will be remembered fondly by former students and staff as a principal from 1990-1995. As an educator, Bill was compassionate, fair and patient. He was a leader in technology, introducing computers and new programs. Under his leadership, a new addition to the school was accomplished in 1994. This addition enabled the school to enjoy events, such as graduations, student Christmas dinners as well as community functions.

A Memorial Service and Celebration of Life were held September 8, 2026. In honour of Bill’s memory, donations may be made to Parkinson’s Oxford or Sakura House.

May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Sorry For Your Loss

OBITUARY

BAUMAN: Erma (Martin)



Born August 16, 1928 in Waterloo Township, died September 18, 2026 at Sakura House, Woodstock, Ontario.

Wife of the late Gordon Bauman whom she married June 9, 1951. Mother of Marilyn and John Cressman, Paul and Debbie Bauman, Karen and Tom Elliott, Rick and Louise Cober Bauman, and Delphine Bauman Gaulton and Dave Werry. Grandmother of Kyle Bauman and Rishell Gallant, Ben Cressman, Tara Cressman, Nicole Bauman and Cait Schneider, Jesse Bauman and Marichka Galadza Bauman, Jared Bauman and Justine Rodrigues, Samuel Brock Fooks and Layla Aydemir, and Nicholas Fooks. Great-grandmother of Huxley, Oscar, Austin, Avery, Chace, Elah, Frida, Hugo, Raissa, Ori and Teddy. Erma will be remembered by brother Orvie Martin, in-laws Clara and Leonard Bauman, Violet Beringer and many nieces and nephews.

Erma was predeceased by her parents, Jesse and Selina [Shantz] Martin, a daughter Reta Mae and a son Wilbur James both in infancy, son-in-law Terry Bauman Gaulton, her siblings Elsie Ilan, Minerva Bauman and Melvin Martin, parents-in-law Milton and Susannah [Martin] Bauman, sisters-in-law Esther Bauman, Annie Bauman, Elma Bauman and Reta Martin and brothers-in-law Bill Ilan, Elias Bauman, Robert Bauman, Bruce Bauman and Leonard Beringer. Also predeceased in infancy by grandson Jeffrey and great-granddaughter Thea.

Erma grew up happily on a farm near St. Jacobs, enjoying skating on winter ponds, visiting with her dear grandmother at the other end of the farmhouse, and learning the many skills she would practice later in life. She excelled in her studies at Martins School where she met Gordon during an interschool baseball game with neighbouring Beringer School.

Erma spent her early married life as a devoted and skilled homemaker, tending large and bountiful gardens, preserving abundant harvests, and sewing many of the pants, shirts, dresses and coats needed by her five children. As her children grew, she engaged more deeply in her role as the spouse of a pastor and also had time to work as a cook and supportive care worker in several nursing homes. Later she would have time to volunteer faithfully at the MCC Thrift shop in New Hamburg, and to piece and perfectly stitch award winning quilts which then brought warmth and colour to her extended family. Still later, with children launched she studied tole-painting and soon added beautifully decorated hand saws, cream cans and pieces of slate to the homes of her children and grandchildren.

For much of their married life, she and Gordon spent many summer weeks exploring parts of Canada and the U.S., first with children, later grandchildren, always towing their tent trailer and fostering in their family a

love for the natural world. In their early retirement years, Erma and Gordon served two years with Mennonite Central Committee in Courtenay, B.C., and later made hundreds of new friends from around the globe as they hosted guests in their Hendershot House Bed and Breakfast.

As our community learned of her death we have heard often how widely Erma was loved and respected as we knew her, a gentle, kind and loving woman who lived her Christian faith.

Visitation is planned at the Tavistock Mennonite Church on Saturday September 26 from 2 to 4 pm and 6 to 8 pm. On Sunday, September 27 at 3 pm the family will gather for a graveside committal service at the East Zorra Mennonite cemetery. Funeral service to follow at 4 pm at Tavistock Mennonite Church with Pastor Julie Ellison White officiating. The funeral will be livestreamed at www.tavistockmennonitechurch.ca

Erma's family wishes to thank the skilled and compassionate staff at The Maples Retirement Home and at Sakura House for the excellent care Erma received.

In lieu of flowers Erma has invited you to consider a donation to Mennonite Central Committee or Sakura House and would be appreciated by the family.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Francis Chapel of the Glendinning Funeral Home, 77 Woodstock Street N, Tavistock. Personal condolences can be shared at www.gffh.ca

OBITUARY

Patricia Frances Summers (Duddridge)

April 9th, 1930 – September 15, 2026



It is with great sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Patricia Frances Summers (nee Duddridge) on September 15, 2026, at Freeport (Chicopee) Palliative Care Unit. Patricia was 96 years old.

Born in Southampton, England, Patricia made her home in New Hamburg in the Stonecroft area for many

years, where she built a life filled with family and friendships.

Patricia is now united with her beloved husband Leonard Summers (2011) who she dearly missed.

Patricia is lovingly remembered by her daughter Frances Scott (Dave) and her son Michael Summers (Tina). She will be dearly missed by grandchildren Rebecca Pragnell (Tyler), Bradley Scott (Katerina), Sean Summers and Dustin Summers. As well as her great grandchildren; Wyatt Pragnell, Reese Pragnell, Rita Scott and Llana Scott.

Patricia especially enjoyed the companionship and friendship she found through the Knit and Chat Group and the Fun Ones Group. These activities and the people she shared them with brought her much happiness through the years.

Thank you to Dr. Trussler, Dr. Kim, and nursing staff, and Freeport (Chicopee) Hospital who took incredible care of Patricia during her final days.

Cremation has taken place. A private burial will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Patricia's memory may be made to SickKids Hospital.

Patricia will be remembered with love and missed by all who knew her.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Mark Jutzi Funeral Home, New Hamburg.

Personal condolences and donation information can be placed for the family on the funeral home website, at www.markjutzifuneralhomes.ca

The (very) Old Gazette!

STEW GRANT

Gazette Publisher

In the process of moving our St. Marys office from 36 Water Street South to our new location at 143 Queen Street East, we stumbled across this Tavistock Gazette newspaper which, by chance, is 130 years old (to the day) as of today!

Zooming in on the old newspaper, the September 24, 1896 Gazette included an advertisement in the top left of the grand Commercial Hotel in Tavistock, a community which at the time was a village of 1000 population, "beautifully situated in a magnificent farming section". Tavistock of 1896 boasted "a large woolen factory, 150 barrel roller mill, extensive flax mill, two furniture factories, saw mill, cheese factory, planing mills, machine shops, etc., besides a first-class representation in all the lines of business."

The big news of the day was a glowing review of the TAVISTOCK FALL SHOW, which was "Bigger and Better Than Ever. The directors of the United Agricultural Societies of South Easthope and East Zorra have just cause for the happy smiles they are wearing since the Show days. They have enjoyed a success in every sense of the word this year. The entries in every department were unusually numerous, while the exhibit was of the highest order. The outside show attracted much attention. Sheep and pigs were represented by the finest animals ever shown here, while the poultry department, although missing John Pletch's fine exhibit, was of a first-class order. In cattle only was the show behind any other year in number of entries. The horse show was a magnificent one and the judges had an arduous task...."

When I purchased the Tavistock Gazette six years ago, one of the very first changes made was to introduce "The Old Gazettes" column that have been done every week either by myself or by my kids. It is always inspiring to look back at the old newspapers to see the depth of coverage. As well, it is a weekly reminder that our newspaper is not just for the people of today to enjoy, but also for the people of the future.



(SCANNED IMAGE)

A 130-year-old copy of the Tavistock Gazette, dated Sept. 24, 1896, was discovered during the move of the St. Marys office. The issue offers a fascinating glimpse into Tavistock's past, including a glowing report on that year's Fall Show.

I can only imagine the astonishment of the 1896 publisher of the Tavistock Gazette to learn that this issue was being revisited some 130 years by this futuristic society.

THANK YOU



To our dear friends
and loyal customers of
**D&D HOMESTYLE
CUISINE AND CAFÉ**

Thank you for every coffee served, every meal shared, every celebration you entrusted to us. You became more than customers, you became family. Serving this community has been an honour.



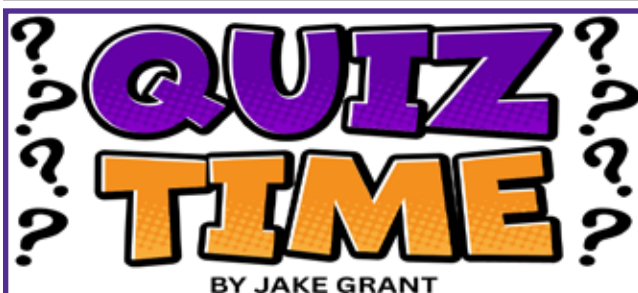
Doug & Dianne Sparling
Chantelle, Blair, Delaney & Copeland Sparling
& Staff

THANK YOU



I would like to thank everyone who came to my surprise 90th Birthday Open House. Thanks for the beautiful flowers, cards, gift cards, telephone calls and best wishes. A great big Thank you to my granddaughter Delaney for the beautiful and delicious cakes and cookies and to my 11-year-old great-grandson Blake for designing the invitation. Thanks to my family for planning and organizing the day and to Quehls for providing the tasty snacks. I enjoyed the afternoon once I was over the shock!

**Thanks again,
Ruth Albrecht**



BY JAKE GRANT

1. Who was the first emperor of Rome?
2. Which African country is known as the "Rainbow Nation"?
3. How many brains does a leech have?
4. What is the longest-running American sitcom?
5. Where did mahjong originate?
6. What was the first billion-dollar movie?
7. What creature holds the record for the world's largest eyes?
8. Who was the legendary king with the golden touch?
9. What type of acid gives grapefruit its tartness?
10. What is the national animal of New Zealand?

Answers found on classified page



**READ US
ONLINE**



GRANTHAVEN.COM/WILMOT-TAVISTOCK-GAZETTE/

The Old Gazettes

By Sydney Grant

Slowly but surely, I'm reading through the past pages of the Tavistock Gazette (est. 1895). Within this weekly column I'd like to share with you some of my findings.

September 14 - 21, 2016, Edition (10 years ago)

Despite overcast skies, some rain Saturday, and threatening weather Saturday, this year's Tavistock Fall Fair was a success. From the midway to the car show, tractor and mini-chuck wagon races, to the baby show, talent night and parade, there was lots of activity throughout the weekend to keep families entertained. Victoria Ramseyer wove a light-hearted story of her family in the 1950s with excerpts from her grandmother's diary to entertain the audience and earn the title of 2016 Ambassador of the Fair on Friday night, Sept. 9, 2016.

Six delicious soups were entered by local cooks in the annual Soup Cook-Off event at the Tavistock Fall Fair on Saturday afternoon following the parade. Organizers said there was a good crowd in the Tavistock Memorial Hall sampling diverse recipes, enough so that most ran out of soup. The winner of the People's Choice Award was D&D Homestyle Cuisine and Café of Tavistock, winning for the second year in a row. Their beef vegetable soup received the most ballots.

Plant a seed and it will grow. But you never know to what heights. Village Manor resident Garry Jenkins recently found his row of sunflowers had grown to great heights with the tallest around 12 feet. Mr. Jenkins planted two different variety rows of sunflower seeds this spring. Growing up in Bancroft, he said they wouldn't put the seeds in the ground until after the May 24. He was told the land to the east of the manor, behind the house owned by the administrators, once contained a chicken barn and maybe that's why the soil produced such a good crop of sunflowers this year.

September 13 - 20, 2006, Edition (20 years ago)

Sunday afternoon seemed to be the saving grace of this year's event as hundreds of fairgoers took advantage of the pay-

one-price and ride all day midway with Townsend Amusements. The car show in Queen's Park, Baby Show in the Memorial Hall, Pet Show and Lawn Tractor Races at the track behind the arena were all well attended. Saturday's parade featured a five-minute downpour of rain, but an overall success with many "beefy" entries. Friday night began with the Fair Ambassador competition, which crowned Carlee Smythe with the title of 2006 Tavistock Fall Fair Ambassador.

Some good news for Tavistock residents came last Tuesday when a sign was posted at the former Sobey's Tavistock Foodland grocery store location at 70 Hope St. W that reads "Valumart Coming Soon." Loblaw's bought the site in mid-August and there has been some activity around and inside the building ever since. Coun. Dave Oliphant said he was relieved that another grocery store chain has stepped in to open a local outlet. "I'm extremely pleased. We just have to encourage everyone to support it," Oliphant said.

September 17 - 24, 1986, Edition (40 years ago)

Cattle Show Winners: Vickie Cameron was pretty pleased with her results in the Tavistock Fall Fair. She placed second in the Junior showman special for children under seven years of age. Trevor Smith placed first in this class and Kim Lantz placed third. Vickie is shown with her father, Bob Cameron of RR6, Woodstock. In the Purebred British Breeds, Reuben Brodhagen of Mitchell came away with 11 firsts. In the Guernsey, Ayrshire and Jersey combined classes, Gary West captured seven firsts and six seconds. West won the Beaver Lumber Special with a total of 28 points as well as winning the Dairy Special.

The long-awaited opening of the Becker's store in Tavistock is at hand with the business serving its first customers today, Wednesday, Sept. 24, 1986. The opening was scheduled for early August but had to be postponed due to supplier strikes. The new store will be open from 7 a.m. to 12 midnight, seven days a week and offers the regular convenience store variety as well as a hot foods counter, coffee and hand-scooped ice cream.

✝ WORSHIP
with us!

TOWNSHIP OF EAST ZORRA-TAVISTOCK

GRACE UNITED CHURCH

116 Woodstock St. S., Tavistock

Service starts at 10:30 am

Phone: 519-655-2151

All are welcome

Service led by Rev. Marilyn Arthur
Music by Marilyne Nystrome

TRINITY LUTHERAN (ELCIC)

Sebastopol - Tavistock

2210 Perth Line 29

Pastor Steve Hoffard

Worship In Person or on Zoom

Sundays at 10:00 AM

(519) 655-2372

trinitylcoffice@gmail.com

www.trinitytavistock.com

TAVISTOCK MENNONITE

Pastor Julie Ellison White

131 Wettlaufer St., Tavistock 655-2581

Sunday Worship services begin at 9:45am,
with coffee and fellowship to follow at 11am.

All ages Junior Sunday School will follow
after the service.

All are Welcome

Stream services online at
www.tavistockmennonitechurch.ca

TAVISTOCK BIBLE CHAPEL

32 Oxford Street, Tavistock, Ontario

Questions or Need Help?

Text or Call: (519) 655-2413

tavistockbc.org

Family Bible Hour - 11am Each Sunday

ST. PAUL'S EV LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCC

Regular Service - 2 pm Sunday

19 Wellington St., Tavistock 519 276 0701

stpaulstavistock@gmail.com

Pastor Rev Michael Mayer

EAST ZORRA MENNONITE

677044 16th Line Road, East Zorra

Pastors Ray Martin & Mike Williamson

www.ezmennonite.ca

Service audio recordings available at:

<https://ezmennonite.ca/worship/>

WILMOT TOWNSHIP

ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Corner of Waterloo St and Byron St,

New Hamburg

Weekly Sunday services at 10:15 am.

All are welcome.

<https://www.stgeorgesnewhamburg.com>

St James Chapel of Ease Annual Harvest Service

Sunday, October 4 at 3:00pm

4339 Huron Rd, Wilmot Township

Come join us to celebrate over 170 years of

Anglican Worship in Wilmot.

<https://www.stgeorgesnewhamburg.com/>

ST AGATHA MENNONITE CHURCH

1967 Erb's Road St Agatha 519-634-8212

Pastor Jim Brown

Worship service 10am followed by coffee hour
and sermon discussion.

All are welcome

OASIS MENNONITE CHURCH

66 Mill Street, Baden, ON

Sunday School at 10:15 AM

Worship service at 11:00 AM

Pastors: Richard Bean and Gabriel Jantzi

www.oasismennonite.com

**To have your place of
worship listing included
here, please contact**
thewtgazette@gmail.com

GRANT
HAVEN
MEDIA

Considering running digital
ads on our website to reach a
broader audience?

Let me make it easy for you.

heather@granthaven.com



226.261.1837

St. Mary's Independent The Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette STRATFORD NEWS
Woodstock Ingersoll Echo Exeter Examiner Goderich Sun
Tillsonburg POST SIMCOE/ADVOCATE The Paris Independent
MORRIS FARMS BERRINGTON FARMS NANTICUM FARMS

**SEND STORY IDEAS AND
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR TO
GALEN SIMMONS AT
GALEN@GRANTHAVEN.COM**

The Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette SPORTS

PJHL roundup: Braves off to a perfect start to PJHL season

LEE GRIFFI

Gazette Reporter

If the first three games are any indication of how Tavistock plays in the Doherty Division, the other six teams could be in for a rough ride.

The Braves are three for three on the season, with two convincing wins over the weekend with a 6-2 home win over New Hamburg on Friday and a 6-1 drubbing in Dorchester on Saturday.

Tavistock jumped out to a 5-0 lead over the Firebirds in a chippy affair that saw the Braves pile up 36 penalty minutes compared to just 16 for New Hamburg. Brett Bell led the winners with a goal and two assists with Evan Palubeski scoring twice. Kaiden Cormier and Ezra Fischer found the back of the net for the Firebirds.

Against the Dolphins, Palubeski had four assists to lead the offence, while Jacob Skuta added a goal and two helpers. Andrew Torchia stopped 25 of 26 shots in his first start of the young season.

“Things have started very well so far. Our guys have bought in quickly, and our defensive play has been exceptionally pleasing to watch. We have basically picked up where we left off last season,” said General Manager Brent Lange.

“Our power play has been clicking as well and the new guys have all fit in well so far. All in all, a pretty good start. As long as we stay out of the box, we should be fine. We have taken a few more penalties than I would have liked to see to start,” he added.

Braves captain Keaton Bartlett has a pair



(PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE TAVISTOCK BRAVES FACEBOOK PAGE)

Tavistock Braves teammates Tyler Klein (left) and Leo Lajeunesse (right) each recorded career firsts in Monday night’s win over Dorchester. Klein scored his first Junior C goal, then added a second just seven minutes later, while Lajeunesse picked up his first Junior C point with an assist on Jack Hodge’s second-period goal.

of assists through the first three games and said he’s pleased with the team’s performance to date.

“I feel we are building a lot of chemistry. We are moving the puck well and growing as a team. I think it can only get better from here.”

He added the team’s veterans made a point of getting to know the new faces right from the start of the season.

“Through camp we were hanging out a lot together and getting to know each other off the ice which I feel has helped our

chemistry. We have fun together which has helped us a lot.”

Bartlett said part of the team’s early success can be attributed to how Lange and his staff selected the roster.

“We have a lot of the same personalities which helps mesh a team more quickly. Most of us were already buddies coming into the season and that can only help us.”

He added the players have the confidence of the coaching staff

“They help us when they need to, and when they don’t need to, they just let us

go, and it seems to be working so far. It’s still early, but I would say we are where we want to be at this point in the season. When we face some adversity, then we will see.”

Anyone who follows the PJHL is well aware the quality of players has increased in recent years, partly due to the rule change where teams can sign players who have aged out of Junior B hockey, something the Braves have been successful at doing. Bartlett explained it has only made the parity in the Doherty Division stronger.

“There are no bad teams and it forces us to stay on our toes and always be ready. We can’t take any shifts off. The first games against each team are always fun to see who they have brought in and see how good they are.”

Wellesley kept pace with the Braves and sit in second place with a record of three wins and a loss after a 6-3 home-ice victory over Dorchester on Friday and a 4-2 win in Hespeler on Saturday. Hudson Parker led the Applejacks with a three-goal performance against the Dolphins, with Kyler Morgan adding a goal and two assists. Against the Shamrocks, Ethan Stover scored the game-winning goal with 11 seconds remaining in overtime on a feed from Ryan Choi and Colten Henderson. Stover and Henderson each had a goal and two assists to lead Wellesley.

New Hamburg dropped to a record of two wins and two losses after a 5-3 loss in Paris on Saturday. Tate Davison led the Firebirds with two goals and an assist. Cormier and Redden Hart added a pair of points apiece.

SOUTH - DOHERTY

DIVISION LEADER

 Tavistock Braves
6 PTS

MOST GOALS FOR

 Paris Mounties
18 GF

BEST DEFENSE

 Tavistock Braves
4 GA

BEST PP%

 Paris Mounties
.429 PP%

STANDINGS POINTS

Regulation: Win = 2 · Overtime/Shootout: Win = 2 · Loss = 1

RK	TEAM	GP	W	L	T	OTW	OTL	SOW	SOL	PTS	PCT	RW	ROW	GF	GA	DIFF	STK	PIM
1	 Tavistock Braves	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1.00	3	3	16	4	+12	Won 6	62
2	 Wellesley Applejacks	4	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	6	.750	2	3	17	11	+6	Won 3	125
3	 Paris Mounties	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	5	.625	2	2	18	14	+4	Won 1	88
4	 New Hamburg Firebirds	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	.500	2	2	14	17	-3	Lost 2	65
5	 Norwich Merchants	4	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	4	.500	1	1	10	13	-3	Won 2	62
6	 Dorchester Dolphins	4	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	.250	1	1	14	23	-9	Lost 2	82
7	 Hespeler Shamrocks	3	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	.167	0	0	6	13	-7	Lost 4	52

Applejacks GM pleased with start to 2026-27 PJHL season

LEE GRIFFI

Gazette Reporter

Wellesley finished third in the Provincial Junior Hockey League's Doherty Division with a 27-14-1 record and 55 points in 42 games.

Second-year General Manager Matt Fidlin hopes to improve on that record, and the team is off to a solid start with three wins in four games to date.

The Applejacks opened the playoffs against the Hespeler Shamrocks and swept the series 4-0, advancing to the division semifinals. They then faced second-place Tavistock and were swept 4-0. The Braves would end up reaching the Schmaltz Cup final, losing to Fergus in five games.

"For the most part, we've been pretty happy. We have a lot of returning players and a bunch of new faces, so it's going to take a bit of time," said Fidlin.

Among the team's new additions is Kyler Morgan, who scored the game-winning

goal for the Cambridge Redhawks in the final game of the Greater Ontario Hockey League's (GOHL) Sutherland Cup play-offs. Morgan is off to a great start to the season with two goals and nine points in four games. The 21-year-old Kitchener native tallied 137 points in 127 GOHL play-off games over his career.

"I watched enough of his games last year and everything I was told about, he has gone over and above what I could have imagined both on and off the ice."

Among the other well-known acquisitions this season are Cooper Vickerman, Keegan Metcalf and Ethan Stover, along with a pair of new goalies, James Gall and Brock Schauss.

"Gall was with GOHL's Brantford Titans last year and Paris two years ago where he won the division's top goalie award. Schauss played in Mitchell last year. We have a lot of new faces, a lot of returning guys and it's been a good mix so far."

Vickerman compiled 69 regular season

points for Woodstock last season, while Stover had 31 points in 22 games for Tavistock after being acquired from Ayr. Metcalf, a New Hamburg native, split his time last season with the Braves and Firebirds.

The world of junior hockey has changed dramatically over the last decade or two as coaches and management staff work much more regularly to improve the product on the ice. Fidlin said that is definitely the case in Wellesley as he is engaged with his coaching staff often.

"I speak to most of them every day at least twice, sometimes twice, maybe three times, maybe all day," he quipped. "It honestly depends on each day. We talk about AP's, potential new players and injuries. It will slow down a bit now that the season is going, but in July, August and September we have the players signing cards, and we have to get all the paperwork done while at the same time running camp and scouting players."

He added the teams who consistently have the most success are the ones who consistently put in the effort off the ice, and it shows on the ice.

"There's a very good reason why some teams are consistent year in and year out. I would love to just have all the players come to me, and while that does happen once in a while, you gotta put in the work. It's become a 12-month thing now. There really isn't a quiet time."

The Applejacks have always had strong fan and volunteer bases, something not lost on Fidlin, who resides in Ingersoll.

"The support has been really good so far this year. The game the other night in New Hamburg was one of the busiest I have ever seen there. The volunteer base is what teams rely on and I can't say enough good things about them and the board members, the people who do all the work behind the scenes but don't always get noticed."

The hottest Summer time savings at Stratford Nissan

2016 Toyota RAV4 LE - AS IS



\$12,499 +HST & lic
MILEAGE - 283,770 KM

2018 Cadillac XT5 LUXURY



\$18,988 OR **\$124 B/W**
MILEAGE - 115,218 KM +HST & lic

2025 Hyundai ELANTRA PREFERRED



\$23,495 OR **\$153 B/W**
LOW KMS - 36,204 KM +HST & lic

2025 Nissan Sentra SR



\$23,495 OR **\$153 B/W**
LOW KMS - 19,060 KM +HST & lic

2025 Nissan Kicks



\$24,488 OR **\$175 B/W**
LOW KMS - 40,455 KM +HST & lic

2026 Toyota Corolla LE



\$29,888 OR **\$221 B/W**
LOW KMS - 13,803 KM +HST & lic

2024 Toyota RAV4 XLE



\$32,888 OR **\$214 B/W**
MILEAGE - 93,721 KM +HST & lic

2025 Nissan Rogue SL



\$32,888 OR **\$214 B/W**
LOW KMS - 28,540 KM +HST & lic

2023 Mercedes-Benz CLA 250



\$33,888 OR **\$253 B/W**
MILEAGE - 57,463 KM +HST & lic

2024 Toyota RAV4 XLE



\$33,888 OR **\$253 B/W**
LOW KMS - 36,766 KM +HST & lic

2022 Ford Explorer ST



\$36,777 OR **\$295 B/W**
MILEAGE - 104,325 KM +HST & lic

2024 Nissan Pathfinder SL



\$42,999 OR **\$321 B/W**
LOW KMS - 57,477 KM +HST & lic

2023 RAM 1500 REBEL



\$53,888 OR **\$376 B/W**
LOW KMS - 43,913 KM +HST & lic

*While every effort is made to ensure accuracy, we are not responsible for any errors and omissions. Please see your dealer for current pricing. Plus tax and licensing. Bi-weekly payments are based on an interest rate of 7.99% O.A.C. Some terms and conditions may apply.

Find Your Perfect Match: Pre-Owned Cars for Every Taste and Budget!

BAD CREDIT... NO PROBLEM! All Credit Approved with \$0 Down.

T&C APPLY, O.A.C.



Stratford NISSAN

STORE HOURS SALES: Mon.-Thu. 9:00-8:00; Fri.-Sat. 9:00-6:00 PARTS & SERVICE: Mon.-Sat. 8:00-5:00

2001 Ontario Street, Stratford ON

519.273.3119

www.stratfordnissan.com

Our Service Department is Now Open on Saturdays

STRATFORD NISSAN





Answering your call

Changes to emergency medical dispatch

Beginning in October 2026, Oxford County Paramedic Services will use a new system to prioritize 911 medical calls. Police and fire calls are not affected.

The Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS) will help ensure those with the most serious medical conditions are seen first.

911
Emergency Call

WHAT STAYS THE SAME

- When you call 911 for a medical emergency, an emergency communications dispatcher will be there to take your call.
- Calls involving life-threatening emergencies, such as cardiac arrest, stroke symptoms, severe allergic reactions or unconsciousness, will continue to receive the highest priority response — as they do now.

WHAT'S DIFFERENT

- When you call 911 for a medical emergency, you may be asked a few more questions to help dispatchers understand how serious or severe your condition is.
- If your needs are less urgent (flu-like symptoms or sprains) and the demand for paramedic services is high, you may wait longer for an ambulance to arrive.
- You may receive basic guidance over the phone while paramedics are on their way. You may also get a call back to check on your status during longer waits.

LEARN MORE

www.oxfordcounty.ca/medical-dispatch

Shakespeare Falcons U-15 boys bring home league championship



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS)

The Shakespeare Falcons U-15 league champions: front row from left, Ryson Ramseyer, Nash Wynette, Blake Wilhelm, Blaine Follings and Isaac Brenneman. Back row from left, Kyle Wynette (coach), Fred Follings (coach), Nash Follings, Liam Uniack, Miller Follings, Jake Peters, Elliott Peters, Max Hughes and Dan Brenneman (coach). Missing are Colton Evanski and Jensen Gruber.

GARY WEST

Gazette Correspondent

The Shakespeare Falcons U-15 boys brought home the league championship to Shakespeare after winning the South Perth U-15 League championship tournament.

The boys finished the season in second place overall, with a 12-3 record heading into the double-elimination tournament, hosted in Shakespeare over two weekends.

The team played three games. In Game 1, they beat Wilmot 1, 7-0. Isaac Brenneman was the winning pitcher, with Nash Follings and Elliott Peters each

recording two RBIs.

In Game 2, they beat Wilmot 2, 15-3, with Isaac Brenneman again earning the win as pitcher. Blake Wilhelm and Max Hughes each had three RBIs.

Game 3 was the final, where they beat Wilmot 2 again, 14-4. Isaac Brenneman was the winning pitcher, while Blaine Follings earned the hold in relief. Liam Uniack had three RBIs in the game.

The Shakespeare Community Athletic Association (SCAA) and the community congratulated the U-15 boys on a season well played, saying they had made Shakespeare sports fans proud of their accomplishments this year.



At the annual SCAA year-end sports banquet, Blaine Follings, left, received the team's Most Sportsmanlike award, while Blake Wilhelm received the Most Improved award for this year's U-15 Shakespeare Falcons team.

U17 Select Thunder show hearts of champions in provincial bronze win

SPENCER SEYMOUR

Gazette Reporter

The U17 Select Wilmot Thunder continued to display their indomitable spirit when they captured the bronze medal at the OSSTA Provincial Championship, held Sept. 18-20 in North Bay.

Head coach Shawn Bonnick told the Gazette he was overjoyed with the finish for his team, a U15-eligible squad playing up an age group.

"I couldn't be happier with the bronze medal. We came in as the underdogs, but those girls surprise the heck out of me every single time. It's not to downplay their abilities by any means. Obviously, they're an exceptionally good team to even make it to provincials in the first place," Bonnick began.

"But the fact that they really had the deck stacked against them, being a U15 team, being a junior team, and going up a whole rep class from where they were before. We really took a leap of faith to really shoot for the stars by going up this year. The intent was to prepare them for, essentially, what they just accomplished this year, next year."

According to Bonnick, no one on the team likely would have believed him if he had laid out the path of success this team ultimately found, but when the group did start to truly believe they were capable of something great, their already strong dedication to the game went even higher.

"You could see the change in them when they really started to believe in themselves," said Bonnick. "They worked harder. They practiced longer. We would be at practice from 8:00 to 9:30, and I'd still be pitching them balls at 10:30 at night because they just had the love of the game and wanted to be out there on the diamonds practicing, getting better, and legitimately having fun. They did it because they wanted to, not because they had to, and that's where you just saw it pay off in dividends for the girls."

That led the Thunder, Bonnick stated, to entering the provincial championship with no fear or apprehension.

"There was no doubt in their mind. Going through that tournament, as we got into it, I could see that they were determined. They were going home with a medal, and I think that was the changing of the tide, just sitting back and watching that evolution of these girls who are there and they're doing it for each other. Their mindset wasn't, 'This is amazing, we made it to provincials.' Their mindset was, 'This is amazing, let's get a medal now.'"

In the bronze medal game, the Thunder took on Richmond Hill, a rematch of one of their round-robin games, which Richmond Hill narrowly won 10-8. The fact the game was so close, given how strong Richmond Hill was, further cemented the team's belief, and when the rematch came with the bronze medal on the line, the Thunder were ready to go right from the opening pitch.



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

The U17 Select Wilmot Thunder ended an incredible season playing in a higher age group than they are eligible for with a bronze medal at the Sept. 18-20 OSSTA Provincial Championship in North Bay. Pictured in the front row, from left to right, are Morgan Kraemer, Chloe Phillips, Zoey Sanche, Kinsley Bonnick, and Lily Lloyd-Klooster. In the back row, from left, are coach Denelle Sanche, Dibora Roth, Alexis Hergott, Karlie McCallum, Emma Vale, Bella Ruth, Myla Lewis, Allison Bardwell, Miranda Whiting, head coach Shawn Bonnick, and coach Ryan Bardwell. Not pictured was Kendal Schmidt.

"They came out swinging right from the first inning. They got up 6-0, and they did not take their foot off the gas that entire game. They went into that game with the mindset of, 'We are winning this. That's it. End of story.'"

However, despite a dominant effort by the underdogs from Wilmot, when Bonnick went out for one final mound visit to give his squad a breather as the game neared its conclusion, he was in for a surprise – his girls, leading by 11 runs, had no clue they were on the verge of winning.

"In the very last inning, I went out to the pitching mound, and we had two outs, and we were obviously way up in the score, and I brought the infield in just to give the pitcher one last chance to take a breath, and I let the girls know at that point that one more out and you win the medal. And instead of getting excited, they went, 'Really? I thought we were losing, coach.' I thought, 'I don't know what to say right now.' It's 15-4, and you girls are still pushing as hard as you can because you thought you were down."

"The score didn't matter to them; they didn't know it," continued Bonnick. "They just knew they needed to keep pushing and keep fighting. They fought for that whole game, literally down to that last out and didn't know that they were up 15-4. You can't ask for any more than that in a group of girls."

Bonnick added the entire team delivered strong play that helped pitcher Chloe Phillips turn in a confident performance.

"Our pitcher, Chloe (Phillips), really shut the other team down. But honestly, the bronze medal game was a full game where every player contributed. Everybody hit, everybody fielded a ball, everybody caught a ball. Everybody contributed to that win. Richmond Hill is a really good team, so for us to stop them from even getting on

base for four of the five innings because of a full team effort was amazing. It takes the weight off of our pitcher. She can just focus on pitching because anything that gets hit, she knows the team has her back. It's a beautiful thing to see."

Bonnick further stated that his group truly only cared about competing for one another.

"Those girls left it all on the line. Emotions were across the board because girls were upset with themselves when they felt they were letting their team down. I'd have girls, in a game where we are way ahead, and a girl would hit a ball and the other team would catch it, and our girl would be running to first as fast as they can with tears coming down because they were upset that they felt they let their teammates down by hitting a ball that the other team could catch."

"You're so far ahead in this game, and

that's what you care about. You care about your teammates, and that you could have let them down, because you're all in this together. It's amazing to see how well they support each other the entire time, regardless of what was happening on or off the field."

Bonnick also noted the group already has their sights set on moving up to an even stronger division next year in the Provincial Women's Softball Association.

"They finished on this note, and they already want to go up to the next level of U17. It's the fact they're not done yet that is so impressive to me. They looked at this year and said, 'Yes, that's cool, we got a medal we were hoping to get in a year's time, but we did it now, so let's go up to PWSA next year.' So, next year, we're going up to the PWSA, which is a level Wilmot has never had a U17 team at."

We Think You Could Do Better.

Ask us how income investments earn you monthly income without monthly fees.

Private Wealth Income Portfolios

Tchabushnig Wealth Group | RAYMOND JAMES®

519.883.6066 • twealthgroup.ca

© 2026 Raymond James Ltd. All rights reserved. Raymond James Ltd. is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Raymond James Financial, Inc., regulated by the Canadian Investment Regulatory Organization (CIRO) and is a member of the Canadian Investor Protection Fund.

Shakespeare sports program celebrates successful season

GARY WEST

Gazette Correspondent

The Shakespeare Optimist Hall was full of baseball and soccer players and their parents last week for the wrap-up of another successful season of play in Shakespeare.

In total, the sports program included eight Learn to Play teams, two soccer teams, and 13 ball teams, including both boys' and girls' teams.

Every team that competed this year named a Most Sportsmanlike (MS) and Most Improved (MI) player.

They are listed as follows:

Soccer 7U: Kate Lynn Urich (MS) and Thatcher Kuepfer (MI).

Soccer 9U: Carly Swain (MS) and Shyanne Kuepfer (MI).

U7 Co-ed Team 1: Brooklyn Harper (MS) and Hutton Martin Meadows (MI).

U7 Co-ed Team 2: Maverik Gruber (MS) and Avery Balfour (MI).

U9 Girls: Savaya Hobson (MS) and Addi Kollman (MI).

U9 Boys: Bryce Bokkers (MS) and Levi Gautreau (MI).

U11 Girls: Hadley Fuhr

(MS) and Emma Milmine (MI).

U11 Boys Team 1: Noah Harper (MS) and Bryce Mosterman (MI).

U11 Boys Team 2: Clark Weber (MS) and Ethan Trussler (MI).

U13 Girls: Anna Neeb (MS) and Alyssia Mosterd (MI).

U13 Boys: Bryce Sebben (MS) and Ben Bell (MI).

U15 Girls: Peyton Rader (MS) and Aline Smith (MI).

U15 Boys: Blaine Follings (MS) and Blake Wilhelm (MI).

Also recognized were the hard-working and successful U15 and U17 rep girls for their accomplishments this year.

The SCAA would like to thank the Shakespeare Optimist Club for sponsoring the year-end banquet again.

A big thank you also goes to the sponsors of the uniforms: Alpine, Grit Engineering, Adams Building Supplies, Jeff Lange Construction, Reis Construction Limited, MNJ Contracting, Shakespeare Men's Club, MTH Construction, Jake Hovius Excavation, Red Oak Dairy, Black Swan and Ross Yantzi's Pavestone Plus.



(GARY WEST PHOTO)

The U11 age group had three ball teams, and each team named a recipient for the Jimmy Roth Memorial Award. From left: Willow Sebben, Joshua Foster and Liam Schumn.

In Stock Home Decor 40% OFF 	BENCHMARK Savings on select snow blowers! 	 Save \$80 on a 4-in-1 Portable Air Conditioner	Cordless Lawn Mower, Trimmer & Blower Combo Kit BENCHMARK	More details in flyer on @yantzihomedesignsmart
Saturday only 10:00-noon face painting & balloon animals 	Free Popcorn and Cupcakes 	 Hamburgers & Hotdogs for sale to support TCHI 	VENDOR BOOTHS all day Friday	Save \$90 on a BENCHMARK Tool Chest & Cabinet
Flooring Sale! Chateau Collection vinyl SPC plank drop bevel \$1.79 sqft Canadian Made Waterproof Vinyl 12 mil \$1.49 sqf and more!	 M18 Cordless Combo Kit SAVE \$100	Door Prizes! Area Rug Gift Cards Artwork Candles Small Appliances & MORE! 	BENCHMARK Savings on select generators! 	10% off all in stock faucets
YANTZI'S HOME DESIGN & SMART 985434 Perth-Oxford Road Tavistock, Ont.	Friday Sept 25th 7:30 - 5:30	 YANTZI 75 Yrs BROTHERS EST. 1951	Saturday Sept 26th 8:00 - 4:00	 Yantzi Home building centre 1 mile East of Tavistock

Corn silage harvesting is in full swing in southern Perth County

GARY WEST

Gazette Correspondent

Gar-N-T Farms, owned by the Pletsch family west of New Hamburg, was making the most of ideal conditions and a better-than-average corn crop to fill one of their three tower silos last week.

Except for one son, Jared, who is in high school, Gary Pletsch, his wife, Tessa, and son Jack were all busy keeping the forage

blower running like clockwork.

Like most dairy farmers in the area, Pletsch was happy the corn was at the right moisture for harvest, and the fields were dry for this annual fall operation to feed the family's Holstein dairy herd.

Area farmers we spoke with said the year provided ideal growing conditions, with abundant moisture and plenty of heat units, creating conditions most farmers in this part of the province favour.



(GARY WEST PHOTOS)

Jack Pletsch, soon to be 19, and his mother, Tessa, paused for a photo but quickly got back to moving wagons so father and husband Gary could keep the forage harvester running as the silo filled by the minute. The Pletsch family also grows crops on farms west of Shakespeare, near the original Pletsch family farm. Jack and Jared Pletsch will be the fifth generation of dairy farmers in both North and South Easthope townships, a tradition that began with Art Pletsch in the early 1900s.



Harvester operator Gary Pletsch had this field beside Highways 7 and 8, west of New Hamburg, off in record time, six rows at a time. These late-model harvesters are also equipped with processors, which essentially means the corn is rolled for better ruminant digestion by their milking dairy herd.

Gazette Puzzles

GOOD TIMES!

B	P	A	N	D	J	C	B	T	R	Q	R	R	M	F	D	Z	K	H	K
L	I	O	I	O	S	E	G	D	K	Q	E	R	D	U	F	G	O	C	D
J	E	R	H	Z	G	L	U	H	S	T	U	B	K	X	S	S	V	S	F
O	D	V	T	C	D	E	O	M	H	C	S	N	P	M	H	I	S	V	S
R	N	B	A	H	N	B	H	G	M	E	M	O	R	I	E	S	C	M	Z
S	E	G	X	R	D	R	U	E	S	I	R	P	R	U	S	G	I	K	E
E	K	N	S	N	T	A	V	K	N	X	W	P	S	K	G	L	H	P	P
M	E	T	S	J	L	T	Y	F	B	J	F	N	N	N	E	N	G	A	R
A	E	E	X	P	V	E	G	D	G	S	G	G	W	S	C	S	L	R	A
G	W	O	U	V	W	F	F	D	B	J	C	K	Y	D	T	Q	D	T	G
L	E	B	D	L	V	Z	C	D	H	D	S	F	J	L	U	H	J	Y	C
A	D	V	E	N	T	U	R	E	A	C	C	A	L	K	C	E	F	O	E
J	H	G	P	X	A	S	D	N	E	I	R	F	Y	M	E	H	I	A	M
B	P	Z	R	I	Y	L	C	N	N	M	J	I	N	V	E	A	O	C	I
T	X	C	M	M	J	E	U	W	U	P	G	M	T	X	O	B	S	U	S
S	M	P	W	I	S	N	C	N	F	F	J	O	R	T	S	A	T	T	L
S	L	D	M	J	I	K	V	D	S	N	S	X	A	N	Q	Q	Z	T	N
X	W	Z	N	L	T	Z	W	K	D	Y	V	D	Z	U	N	X	W	C	B
Q	P	M	D	J	L	Z	H	A	P	D	U	A	N	Y	Z	E	P	N	E
A	X	N	K	B	Z	S	P	W	N	Q	H	C	I	J	I	P	T	H	L

- Adventure
Birthday
Celebrate
Dance
Friends
- Fun
Games
Laughter
Memories
Music
- Party
Smiles
Surprise
Travel
Weekend

SPONSORED BY:

ZEHR

INSURANCE BROKERS LTD.

Since 1954 | www.zehrinsurance.com

PROTECTING WHAT MATTERS TO YOU

59 Huron Street
New Hamburg, ON
519-662-1710

24 Hope Street
Tavistock, ON
519-655-2422

Pet of the Week

VERONICA

Meet Veronica, a friendly two-year-old pup is learning to unpack her worries and discover that she's somewhere safe. She can be a bit nervous with new people or places, but once she gets comfortable, it's easy to see how sweet and affectionate she is!

Veronica is looking for an adult-only family with dog experience who understands that every good adventure starts with taking things one step at a time. She'll thrive with routine, encouragement, and lots of daily activity to help build her confidence.

If you're ready to take the scenic route to friendship, Veronica would love to meet you. Meet Veronica in-person at our Kitchener Centre or online at kwsphumane.ca/adopt/dogs

SPONSORED BY:
TLC PET FOOD

3514 Bleams Rd, New Hamburg, ON
519-662-9500 | www.tlcpetfood.com

A night of ice cream at Pioneer Seeds

GARY WEST

Gazette Correspondent

Every year in late September, when the evenings are still warm, a local Pioneer Seeds dealer invites customers and

neighbourhood families to a night of ice cream and outdoor visiting.

Matt and Emma Drummond never miss a good time, and they are both glad to see their friends and customers for an evening of talking about crops, the weather and

other issues that might need discussion.

Matt has been a Pioneer Seeds dealer for many years, after taking over from North Easthope's Ron Horst. He not only grows corn, soybeans and wheat, but also raises broiler chickens for Sunrise Poultry and

manages an on-farm grain elevator and dryer system.

The Drummonds not only sell Pioneer corn seed, but also soybean and wheat seed to local farmers in the Perth County area.



(GARY WEST PHOTOS)

Emma and Matt Drummond, centre, welcome friends, customers and neighbourhood families to their farm west of New Hamburg for their annual ice cream night. The event gives local farmers a chance to enjoy a summer treat while visiting with neighbours and discussing crops, weather and other farm matters.



Murray Schlotzhauer never misses ice cream night at the Drummond family farm. Here, Schlotzhauer and North Easthope farmer Tyler Harper enjoy some friendly competition to see who can eat the most ice cream during the annual all-you-can-eat event.



Local voices, local choices

The municipal election
is happening on
Monday, October 26



Visit **wrvotes.com**
for everything you
need to know.

Kuepfer sisters top 4-H calf class



(GARY WEST PHOTO)

Shown here heading out of the show ring are 13-year-old Addison Kuepfer, ahead of her 10-year-old sister, Evie Kuepfer. The sisters were named first and second, respectively, in the class of spring 4-H calves.

GARY WEST

Gazette Correspondent

The young Kuepfer girls, who live on the family farm south of Punkey Doodles Corner, are always near the top of their class when it comes to the confirmation

classes at the annual Waterloo County 4-H dairy show at the New Hamburg Fall Fair.

Their parents are Greg Kuepfer, who is also a club leader, and Shelley Kuepfer. Other club leaders include Graham Johnson, John Marten and Val Jones.

Hickson Lions support TCHI fundraising



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

Hickson Lions Club members presented a \$1,500 donation to Tavistock Community Health Inc. to support its fundraising efforts. From left: Val Smith, Lori Hartley, Diane Clarke, Heather McKim, Brad Smith, TCHI chair Greta Riedel, Heather Lovie, Geraldine Claessens, Marianna Krik, Jim Harmer, Laurence Clark and Jim Butt. Missing are Erin Shrigley and Marie Bohner.



*like
& follow*

**ALISON
WILLSEY**

Real Estate Broker

REALTOR® since 2005



**Direct : 519-275-4900
Office : 519-747-0231**

WELCOME HOME



Plattsville

MLS# 40859372 Price: \$799,900
64 APPLEWOOD ST. 3+1 Bedroom, 3 full
bath, fully finished, open concept,
2-car garage



Kitchener-Bridgeport Area

MLS#40863745 Price: \$499,900
102 Bloomingdale Rd. North
3-Bedroom, 1.5 bath, 30 x 285 ft. deep
lot, close to Expressway and 401 access



Tavistock-5 bed, 3 bath, 1/3 acre, det. shop, pool,

MLS#40833529 Price: \$1,139,900.00
355 WOODSTOCK ST. S. 1/3 acre
3+2 bed, 3 full baths, det. shop/garage, pool,
inlaw potential, walk up, spacious lot



Tavistock



East-Zorra Tavistock-I-2 Zoning

MLS#440848351
Price: \$575,000
676241 16TH Line



New Hamburg



Tavistock


willseyalison@gmail.com
www.willseyrealestate.com
www.peakrealtyltd.com

WORKING TO SERVE YOU IN WATERLOO REGION, PERTH AND OXFORD COUNTIES!

Sip on some matcha magic

HEAPS OF HEALTHY TIPS
By Mercedes Kay Gold



Matcha or the powdered green tea powder dates to the 12th century but gained popularity in the west around the mid-2010s thanks to yoga enthusiasts, specialty cafes and social media stars.

This holistic nutritionist is thrilled that the next generation is still sipping matcha, and if you are new to the magic of matcha, it's time to try.

Matcha comes from the Camellia Sinensis plant, the same as green tea, but the nutrition varies due to the difference in farming. Matcha flourishes in the shade. The lack of sun increases chlorophyll production, giving matcha the dramatic, darker-green hue. After the leaves are harvested, the stems and veins are ground and, ta-da, matcha.

Matcha is linked to a decrease in liver disease, and in 2020, experts noted matcha was beneficial to those with non-alcoholic fatty liver disease.

There's research supporting matcha's role in enhanced brain function.

Matcha contains a type of catechin called

epigallocatechin-3-gallate or EGCG linked to powerful properties for fighting cancer.

Matcha is a phenomenal way to support heart health by helping lower blood pressure.

Looking to lose weight? Water is key to health overall, but matcha will enhance.

Not everyone is a java junkie, but matcha offers an option to add pep to your step. Yes, matcha contains caffeine, but due to the L-theanine, a natural amino acid, say so long to jitters and hello to a calmer focus to get through the day.

A standard eight-ounce cup of coffee contains between 95 and 165 milligrams of caffeine where a cup of matcha containing one to two milligrams of green goodness has between 60 and 70 milligrams of caffeine. Coffee can cause a surge of high energy; the crash can hit hard. Matcha is consistent, steady energy lasting as long as six hours.

Time to try! Traditional matcha tea is surprisingly simple but ceremonial. One to two teaspoons of matcha powder with two ounces of hot water, mixed with a bamboo whisk.



(MERCEDES KAY GOLD PHOTOS)

Looking to take a break from those coffee jitters? Try a cup of matcha tea instead to calmly boost energy and focus for up to six hours with a smattering of other health benefits.

Matcha tea is all about finding a consistency to please.

With a few weeks left of warmer vibes, switch your regular cold brew tea for an iced matcha. Combine matcha with milk or plant-based beverage, heat and voila a matcha latte. Still drinking sugar stocked pop? Stop! Health food stores sell

matcha carbonated beverages with fun flavours.

Out and about? There's no shortage of matcha cookies, donuts, bubble teas, chocolate bars, mochi and even matcha dusted almonds. Home chefs, there's lots of ways to be creative in the kitchen from matcha mousse to loafs and

cakes, but this busy bee tosses a teaspoon into smoothies, yogurt and the ice cream machine.

Consistency is key to supporting overall health inside and out, but fueling the cells with an array of antioxidants is the goal. Daily healthy holistic habits keep the body in balance.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR: The Hypocrisy of Premier Ford

Last week I listened to a press conference announcing plans for a new vaccine manufacturing facility in Ontario.

At this press conference, questions were asked of Mr. Ford about the Federal Government potentially involving the private sector at some of the country's major airports including Pearson Airport.

He responded that he thought it was a good idea, but the people most affected by this, the people of the City of Toronto, and the Region of Peel should be consulted.

This is very interesting coming from a Premier who uses MZO's and non disclosure agreements

to push through the agenda of his government regardless of the wishes of the local population.

He also stated that municipalities and cities must buy Canadian and Ontario services and goods or face consequences. This coming from a Premier who uses American companies such as Staples and sees no problem with private American ownership of parts of our health care and Long Term Care services. The hypocrisy is staggering.

Kathryn Murrell

New Hamburg



by PeterS 2026

	5	6	9		4	3	7	
2				5				9
6				3				8
	4	5	1		2	6	9	
3				7				2
	9						8	
		4	6	9	8	1		

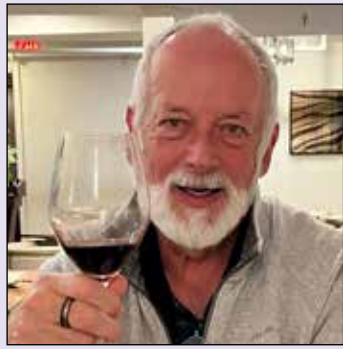
Answers found on classified page

**FOR ADVERTISING INQUIRIES IN
TheWilmot-Tavistock Gazette
CONTACT HEATHER DUNBAR AT 226.261.1837
OR HEATHER@GRANTHAVEN.COM**

"Living in the border": a museum captures the new reality

OH, THE PLACES WE'LL GO

By Paul Knowles



Those of us who live in southern Ontario have become very aware of our proximity to a country that was once our friend, but now, we're not so sure. We are familiar with the border between Canada and the United States, and with the newfound stress of crossing that border... or choosing not to.

But even living this close to our American neighbours, we Ontarians all share one reality – the United States is removed from us by bodies of water... Great Lakes, or the rivers that connect them, or the St. Lawrence. This may provide a certain sense of safe separation.

This is not the case in the communities in Québec's Eastern Townships, where the U.S. state of Vermont is, well... right there. A footstep away. But a footstep that is increasingly fraught with stress.

We learned a lot about this during a recent visit to the town of Stanstead. Stanstead is as far south as you can go in Québec, and still be in Canada. It abuts the American community of Derby Line. There are properties that straddle the border.

Once upon a time – in fact, for most of the history of these communities – they were truly neighbours, able to walk next door for a coffee, shop in stores regardless of border, join together in community organizations, have international family dinners.

Today, it is not so easy.

The story of the not-so-undefended border is told well in an exhibit on the second floor of the library was opened on the Canadian side, and once again, residents from both countries can use the library without enduring a border crossing. Once inside, visitors can access the entire building. For

Ironically, the first-floor exhibits are all about the Colbys – an American family that moved to Canada in 1869, not out of any protest against the U.S., but because business prospects looked better here. They happily lived with a foot in both countries. Several generations of the family owned the house for 140 years, and eventually, the home was donated to the community to be used as a museum.

The exhibits on the first floor are interesting, documenting the changing times experienced by the Colbys through the decades.

But it was the "Living on the

Border" temporary exhibit on the second floor that really caught our attention. There, we encountered the contemporary stories of local residents trying to maintain cross-border friendships in an environment clearly designed to discourage such international conviviality.

Perhaps the best-known example in Stanstead is the Haskell Free Library and Opera House. The library, which straddles the Canada-U.S. border, was opened in 1908, with the expressed intention of providing the border communities with a centre for learning and cultural enrichment. The entrance was in Vermont, used freely by Stanstead's Canadian residents for 117 years... until the U.S. President changed the rules in 2025, insisting that Canadians had to clear customs each time they wanted to enter the library.

Clearing customs is no longer simple – local Canadian residents often find themselves being searched during their crossing.

There has long been a painted line on the floor of the library, marking the international border. It was intended as a symbol of co-operation, but we learned during our visit to the Colby-Curtis Museum that in October 2025, when the new rules came into effect, officers of U.S. Homeland Security stood with one foot in each country and chanted "51st State!"

But the Canadians refuse to abandon the long history of neighbourly cooperation. This summer, a new entrance to the library was opened on the Canadian side, and once again, residents from both countries can use the library without enduring a border crossing. Once inside, visitors can access the entire building. For



Stanstead and Derby Line continue to have mutual cooperation between their fire departments. Here, the department chiefs meet at the border. (Original photo by Léa Grahovac).

now, at least.

You can tell that, even as they strive for community togetherness, the residents on both sides of the border are nervous. One group featured in the exhibit is the Choromondo women's choir, which includes singers from Québec and Vermont. They continue to meet and sing, but it is not always easy. Invited to do a concert in the Opera House that is the second floor of the library, some of the Canadian members were reluctant to set foot in the U.S., and their American colleagues understood.

But the concert proceeded. Choir member Abigail Stockman, an American, is quoted in the exhibit: "We were standing on the stage, because the stage is in Canada... The audience is in the U.S.... we were singing together in defiance of Trump's words, and of the international disrespect that he has paid to our Canadian friends and neighbours."

The exhibit includes a number of examples of ongoing connections, including an international curling club, and mutual cooperation between the fire departments of Stanstead and Derby Line. But concern remains. Museum Director Samuel Gaudreau-Lalande says it is never certain that such mutual efforts will be able to continue. But he expressed hope. "Members of the community say, 'No, we are united, we stand together'... In a time of struggle, you realize what is important to you."

As we left the museum, we drove a couple of blocks south, to an ominous border crossing. We u-turned, and followed our GPS instructions to our next stop. It took us through the village of Beebe, officially part of Stanstead, where on the left side of an intersection there were crossing gates, warning signs, and people in uniform. We turned right.

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



(PAUL KNOWLES PHOTOS)

The Colby-Curtis Museum in Stanstead, Québec – a border town striving to maintain neighbourly connections across an increasingly challenging border.



The museum was created to tell the story of international cooperation over the decades. The first floor exhibits continue to do so; the second floor deals with the current, stressful challenges.



This photo of the Choromondo women's choir, part of the "Living on the Border" exhibition, shows the members of the choir who live in Stanstead, Québec, and Derby Line, Vermont.

U-Turn Ranch building for the future

DIANE DANEN

Gazette Correspondent

U-Turn Ranch, just west of Tavistock, continues to grow, with construction now underway on a new year-round facility. Owners and directors Scotty and Jodie Zehr were thrilled to receive approval for the new facility mid-summer.

The new building will support U-Turn Ranch's summer children's camp programs, as well as year-round retreats and rental groups. It will also help accommodate the ranch's growing wedding business.

The Lodge will include a dining hall, commercial kitchen, offices, washroom facilities, gathering spaces and sleeping accommodations.

Several events this summer reinforced the need for a secure, year-round building on the property, providing a safe place for campers and staff during severe weather and periods of heavy wildfire smoke.

While the new facility is an exciting addition, it also marks the end of an era, as the covered chuck wagons will be retired and become memories of summers past.

Scotty Zehr and son-in-law Blair Sparling will work alongside local tradespeople to complete the build, aiming to have the Lodge ready to serve the community by summer 2027.



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

U-Turn Ranch campers and staff from Week Nine pose for a groundbreaking photo with Bluemont Excavating's excavator, marking the start of construction on the new lodge.





JOIN US ON OUR GROUP TRIP TO

SHAMROCK ROYAL IRELAND

JUNE 25 - JULY 10, 2027

STONETOWN TRAVEL

150 Queen St E, St. Marys, ON N4X 1B4
519-284-2332 agent@stonetowntravel.com
TICO #5003192

210 Mill St., New Hamburg, ON N3A 1P9
226-333-9939 newhamburg@stonetowntravel.com
TICO #5003193

www.stonetowntravel.com

GROUP TRIP HOSTED BY

STONETOWN TRAVEL




RHONE RIVER CRUISE PLUS 2 NIGHTS IN FRENCH RIVIERA

AUGUST 30 TO SEPTEMBER 9, 2027

Cruise the Rhône & Saône Rivers through the heart of Southern France, exploring charming villages, vineyards and historic treasures from Lyon to Avignon.

Experience seasonal delights, wine tasting and the French Riviera on an unforgettable journey through Burgundy and Provence.




St. Marys Branch: 143 Queen Street East, St. Marys, ON N4X 1B4 | 519-284-2332
agent@stonetowntravel.com
TICO #5003192

New Hamburg Branch: 210 Mill Street, New Hamburg, ON N3A 1P9 | 226-333-9939
newhamburg@stonetowntravel.com
TICO #5003193

www.stonetowntravel.com

**Serving
Ontario
Agriculture
since 1966!**



B-W FEED & SUPPLY
BEYOND NUTRITION
WWW.BWFEED.CA • 519-662-1773

**Family owned
&
Operated**

Proud sponsor of the Community Calendar

COMMUNITY CALENDAR - SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2026

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Team Unity Synchronized Skating Teams-Tavistock Skating Club are holding a fundraising drive (bottle and clothing) 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

To raise money to help offset travel costs this season. Donate by curbside pick up (contact a Team Unity skater for details) or drop off at Tavistock arena
Tavistock & District Recreation Centre (Arena), 1 Adam St, Tavistock

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 CONT

CMHA Huron Perth Recovery Breakfast, in recognition of Recovery Month 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

By donation. Eggs, Bacon, Hashbrowns, Toast, Fruit, Sweet Treats, Coffee, Tea Juice
Generous Donations by : Ontario Pork Congress, Egg Farmers Of Ontario, Cobs Bread, The Local Community Food Centre, Festival City Dairy, Joe's Diner, To Bean Or Not To Bean, Zehrs.

Holy Trinity Anglican Church (formerly St. James) 41 Morningson Street, Stratford

The Nith Valley EcoBoosters are hosting another Repair Café

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Contact us at: nvbrepaircafe@gmail.com or check out www.nvecoboosters.com
Zion United Church, 215 Peel St., New Hamburg

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

VENDORS NEEDED: Deadline for vendors for Fryfogel's is Sunday Market is Sunday, September 27 Event date: Sunday, October 4th from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

We are currently accepting applications for vendors. A variety of vendors are welcome, whether you're a knitter, sewer, baker, or painter! For more information email: fryfogeltavern@gmail.com
Event location: Fryfogel's Tavern, 1931 Line 34 Perth East

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Get Pumped! The Nith Valley EcoBoosters are hosting a free information session about heat pumps with local experts 7 p.m.

More information at nvecoboosters.com
Wellesley Rec Centre, 1401 Queen's Bush Rd., Wellesley

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Vigil Service - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

5:30 p.m.
All are welcome for this service of lament hosted by the Wilmot Indigenous Relations Interfaith Working Group. Please bring a lawn chair as this is an outdoor event on Trinity's Peel St. lawn. Attendees are invited to wear orange shirts.
Trinity Lutheran Church 23 Church Street, New Hamburg

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

Native Tree Planting with Let's Tree Wilmot

9 a.m. - 12 noon

Join us for phase 3 of creating a future forest here. For details and registration: <https://letstreewilmot.ca/events/>
Mannheim Carolinian Corner

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

Wellesley Council meeting

6:45 p.m.

Council chambers

4805 William Hastings Line, Crosshill

Perth East council meeting

7 p.m.

Council chambers

25 Mill Street East, Milverton

Ostomy Support Group Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Speaker - Jaci Sinclair, of Gentle Awakenings. Learn about Chair Yoga and it's healing supports. Social time and snacks. Everyone welcome. For more information: (519)273-4327
93 Morgan St., Stratford

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

East Zorra-Tavistock Council meeting

9 a.m.

Council Chambers

89 Loveys Street East, Hickson

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

Pumpkinfest '26

9 a.m. - 12 noon

Free admission and hot cider. Live music, no crowds, Pumpkins, Bake Table, fresh flower centerpieces, small & bulk root veg, apples, kale, Squash.
Morningside Adult Community, 10 Homstead Place, New Hamburg

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

Let's Tree Wilmot is partnering with Stonecroft

9 a.m. - 12 noon

Join us to add more trees to their community and increase Wilmot's tree canopy. For details and registration: <https://letstreewilmot.ca/events/>
StoneCroft, New Hamburg

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

Let's Tree Wilmot is increasing the tree cover on a rural property

9 a.m. - 12 noon

Join us in planting 100 trees offering some of the best opportunities for increasing the tree canopy in our township. For details and registration: <https://letstreewilmot.ca/events/>
Perth Street, New Hamburg

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 CONTINUED

Oxford Philatelic Society Circuit Book (Stamp) Fair

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Free Admission & Parking

Stop in and buy some stamps and meet fellow stamp collectors.

About 8 participating stamp clubs.

Contact: dheaton3e3@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.rpsc.org/chapters/oxford>
Church of the Epiphany, 560 Dundas Street, Woodstock

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

Rescue Junction: Gospel Bluegrass Concert 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Free Will Offering taken.

Rosebank Church

1434 Huron Road, Petersburg

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Wilmot Council meeting

6-7 p.m.

Council chambers

60 Snyder's Road W., Baden

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Free "Explore Your Future" career expo for Gr 7-12 students/parents

5-8 p.m.

bepwr.ca/eyf

Tapestry Hall,

74 Grand Avenue South, Cambridge, ON

EVERY WEDNESDAY

TOPS - Taking off Pounds Sensibly Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Contact Cathie 519-662-9273

St James Church, Baden

Euchre Night

Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

New Hamburg Legion

65 Boulee St., New Hamburg

FREE SENIORS ACTIVITIES

Tavistock Seniors Pickleball

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 12-4 p.m.

Contact: Don Junker 519-535-7052

Tavistock Memorial Hall, 1 Adam St.

Tavistock Seniors Card Games

Monday drop in 1-4 p.m.

Contact: Bob Routly 519-301-2118

Tavistock Memorial Hall, 1 Adam St.

VON Senior Exercise Drop-In Standing Class

Tuesday and Thursday 9-10 a.m.

To register contact 519-539-1231 ext. 6319

Tavistock Memorial Hall, 1 Adam St.

VON Senior Exercise Drop-In Sitting Class

Tuesday and Thursday 10:25-11:25 a.m.

To register contact 519-539-1231 ext. 6319

Village Manner, 98 Woodstock St., Tavistock

TAVISTOCK & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM DISPLAYS

Travelling Museum Display: "Heritage of Hickson's Sports Teams"

Check out the earliest Hickson baseball teams and the display full of vintage equipment.

History and photos of the Hickson Baseball teams dating back to the early 1900's complement the display.

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm runs until the end of September 2026.
EZT Township Administration Building (lobby), 89 Loveys Street, Hickson

TAVISTOCK MEN'S CLUB SAUERKRAUT & BBQ PORK CHOP SUPPER

Supper Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2026

Supper Time: 4:00 7:00 pm

Pick Up Only

TAVISTOCK MEMORIAL HALL

3 Adam St., Tavistock

Tickets are available from club members or call 519-655-3573 or at Tavistock arena booth or email: info@tavistockmensclub.ca or online at www.tavistockmensclub.ca.

Starting on October 10th until November 10th tickets will be available at Men's Club Hall (78 Woodstock St N) every Wednesday from 4-6 pm and Saturdays from 11am-2pm

WILMOT ALL CANDIDATES MEETING - YOUR COMMUNITY, YOUR QUESTIONS, YOUR VOTE

Wilmot Ward 1 & 2: Wilmot Rod & Gun, 2607 Bleams Rd., October 1, 7:00pm

Wilmot Ward 3 & 4: New Hamburg Community Centre, 251 Jacobs St., September 28, 7:00pm

Wilmot Mayor Candidate Debate: New Hamburg Community Centre, 251 Jacobs St., October 7, 7:00pm

Live Stream available.

Contact nvecoboosters@gmail.com

Events submitted for the Community Calendar will be published as space permits. Submission does not guarantee publication, and events may not appear every week prior to the event date. Please submit your events by Tuesday at 3 p.m. to: thewtgazette@gmail.com

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR RENT

Bedroom available in a 3 bedroom semi, separate living room and washroom, perfect for one person or a couple. To view call Stuart 226-220-7807. \$500 per month, plus 1/2 of Hydro.

FOR SALE (New Hamburg)

Hitachi VHS camera/recorder, comes with all the attachments \$110
Sony DVD, Dolby Digital, comes with all the attachments \$110
Sony Digital 8 Handicam, comes with all the attachments \$250
Electric Fireplace, new, 1500 watts, high/low setting, includes remote control \$150
Work tools and accessories and stereo equipment. Call 519-242-7904.

FOR SALE

Shade Trees; Maples, Oaks, Birch, Beech, Honey Locusts, Elms, Magnolia, Hydrangea Tree, Tulip Tree, Crab apples, Ivory Silk Lilac, Chanticleer Pear, Golden Weeping Willows and more. Apples, Pears, Peaches, Plums, Apricots, Nectarine, Blueberry, Haskap etc. Lots of healthy strong Spruce, Cedars and White Pine for your privacy hedges and windbreaks. Hundred of flowering shrubs. Reg Hours 7am- 6pm Mon-Sat at Martins Nursery c/o Emanuel Martin. 42661 Orangehill Rd., Wroxeter, ON

WANTED

I will pay cash for antiques and collectibles. Coca Cola, Pepsi, any pop company, Brewery items Kuntz, Huether Labatts, etc. Old radios and gramophones, Wristwatches and pocket watches, Old fruit jars, Beaver Star Bee Hive etc. Any old oil cans and signs Red Indian Supertest etc Any small furniture. If you are moving or cleaning out stuff please contact me - 519-570-6920.

WANTED

\$ Cash Paid \$ for your RECORDS and LPs. Jazz, Blues, Rock, Pop, Folk, Soundtracks, and more. Selectively buying CDs, Cassettes, Turntables, and Stereo Equipment. For more information: Diamond Dogs Music 114 Ontario St. Stratford / 226-972-5750

**TO PLACE A CLASSIFIED AD CONTACT
HEATHER DUNBAR
AT 226.261.1837 OR HEATHER@GRANTHAVEN.COM**

Quiz Time Answers

- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Augustus | 6. Titanic (1997) |
| 2. South Africa | 7. The colossal squid |
| 3. 32 | 8. King Midas |
| 4. The Simpsons | 9. Citric acid |
| 5. China | 10. The Kiwi |

COMING EVENTS

Team Unity
Synchronized Skating Teams

Tavistock & District Skating Club

SAVE YOUR BOTTLES



Bottle Drive
Sat Sept 26, 2026
9am-12pm



Curbside Pick Up or Drop off outside Tavistock Arena.

Help support our teams travel costs this season by saving and donating your alcoholic or nonalcoholic bottles and cans.

Any Questions, message tavistockteamunity@hotmail.com

**SHOP
LOCAL.
SAVE
LOCAL** 

Support
the local
businesses
that support
your local
newspaper.

 News Media Canada
 Médias d'Info Canada

**ADVERTISE
LOCAL**

SUDOKU SOLUTION

4	7	9	3	1	6	8	2	5
8	5	6	9	2	4	3	7	1
2	3	1	8	5	7	4	6	9
6	1	2	4	3	9	7	5	8
7	4	5	1	8	2	6	9	3
9	8	3	7	6	5	2	1	4
3	6	8	5	7	1	9	4	2
1	9	7	2	4	3	5	8	6
5	2	4	6	9	8	1	3	7

SERVICE DIRECTORY —

ADVERTISING

**GRANT
HAVEN
MEDIA**
CONNECTING YOUR BUSINESS
TO YOUR COMMUNITY
heather@granthaven.com 226.261.1837



AUTOMOTIVE

CSN - E&L
COLLISION CENTRES
374 Hamilton Road,
Unit 4, New Hamburg, T: 519-662-1892
ON, N3A 2K2 E: newhamburg@likenew.ca
Website: csncollision.ca/el
24-Hour Towing Assistance 1-877-700-4CS (4276)

AUTOMOTIVE



**Full Service
Maintenance &
Repair on All
Makes & Models**

272 Snyder's Road, Baden
matt@badenauto.ca

CABINETRY



Specializing in Custom Kitchens, Baths,
Mantels, Bars, Entertainment Centers

Mike Foster • 519-655-2874

www.selectivecustomcabinets.com

e-mail: selective@sympatico.ca

380 Woodstock St. S. Unit 8, Tavistock

COMPUTERS

73 PEEL ST,
NEW HAMBURG
519-662-6720

**NOW SELLING
AUDIO INTERFACES
AND OTHER MUSICAL
ACCESSORIES!!**

 **VIRUS REMOVAL**

 **ON SITE AND IN-STORE SERVICE**

 **NEW AND USED COMPUTERS**

FOCUS COMPUTERS

ASSISTANCE



TAVISTOCK ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**Assistance for people & families in
Shakespeare, Tavistock, Hickson**

519-655-3500

tapisforyou@outlook.com

NEIGHBOURS HELPING NEIGHBOURS



TAPISFORYOU.COM

CHIROPRACTIC

**LAFAY FAMILY
CHIROPRACTIC**

Dr. Stephen M. LaFay (Chiropractor)
New Patients Always Welcome
296 Ontario St. Stratford
519-273-4404

CONSTRUCTION

Agcore
CONSTRUCTION LIMITED

Foundations, Floors, Driveways, Patios
Drive Sheds, Barns & Bunk Silos
General Contracting - Anything Concrete!
www.agcore.ca • bstere@agcore.ca

Brian Stere
519-276-1851

CONSTRUCTION

**RESIDENTIAL
AGRICULTURAL
COMMERCIAL**



**New Buildings
and Renovations.**
Box 250, Tavistock
Ph: 519.655.2355
info@mohrconstruction.com

SERVICE DIRECTORY —

CONTRACTORS

ENTWISTLE
CONCRETE & LANDSCAPE
DRIVEWAYS | PATIOS | WALKWAYS
STEPS | RETAINING WALLS
• EXPOSED AGGREGATE 519-501-5260
• STAMPED entwistlecl@hotmail.com
• SPIN FLOAT
• BROOM FINISH www.entwistlecl.com

FIVESTAR
CUSTOM CONCRETE LTD.
Foundations & Floors
Jon Willsey 519-778-2616 Tavistock, ON
jwillsey@fivestarcustomconcrete.com
www.fivestarcustomconcrete.com

M&G Carpentry
ADDITIONS • RENOVATIONS
REPLACEMENT WINDOWS & DOORS
DECKS & INTERIOR FINISHING
GARY PEARSON 519-655-2825

JW JON WITZEL
CONTRACTING LTD.
Residential • Commercial
Agricultural • jonwitzel.com
519-662-4239

Paving stone (installation & repair), sidewalks, patios,
pool decks, planters, driveways, retaining walls
ZEHR
INTERLOCK & MORE
P.O. Box 979, Tavistock
Kris Zehr Cell: 519-801-1743

DENTAL

Tavistock Dental
DR. KWON KIM
Offering I.V. Sedation,
Nitrous Oxide, Implant Tooth
Replacement and Root Canal
Treatment
48 Woodstock St. N.,
Tavistock, ON N0B 2R0
Tel: 519 655 2101
info@tavistockdental.ca
tavistockdental.ca

Wilmot Smiles
Independent Dental Hygiene Clinic
Where smiles are contagious!
NEW HAMBURG, ONTARIO
SERVICES (all ages welcome): dental
cleaning & polishing (stain removal),
teeth whitening, custom sport
mouthguards, oral cancer screening,
denture cleanings & more!
ONLINE BOOKING @ www.wilmotsmiles.ca
226-880-1648 lisa@wilmotsmiles.ca

To book your space call
Heather Dunbar
at 226.261.1837 or
heather@granthaven.com

E-BIKES / SCOOTERS

Brite Solutions
• E-Bikes
• Mobility Scooters
• Sales & Services
• Battery Replacements & Upgrades
Unit 384-525 Beards Lane, Woodstock
519-602-7545
briteesolutions@gmail.com

ELECTRICAL

Specializing in Agricultural, Solar,
Automation Control and EV Charging
Crescent Ridge
SERVICES
163 Hope St. W. Toll Free: 1-855-655-6802
P.O. Box 495 Local: 519-655-6802
Tavistock, ON N0B 2R0 Email: info@crescentridge.ca

EXCAVATING

JEL-JOE HAULAGE
EXCAVATING SERVICES
Skidsteer and Mini Excavator
Randy Fletcher 519-272-3641

EAVESTROUGH REPAIR

GUTTER GUARD INSTALLATION
SERVICE BY DAVID LEBLANC
SERVING THE REGION SINCE 2009
1001606291
519-635-2375
iamdaveleblanc@gmail.com

HOME SERVICES

Kelly's HAPPY TO HELP Home Services
Ladies - I'm happy to help you thrive in your own home. Whatever your needs are, we can make it work together.
Call Kelly Nabrotzky
519-575-6198
Serving New Hamburg and surrounding areas.

INVESTMENTS

Invest for Income
YOUR LOCAL FAMILY RUN
WEALTH MANAGEMENT TEAM
Jack Tchabushnig
Associate Investment Advisor
Tchabushnig Wealth Group | RAYMOND JAMES®
519.883.6066 • Twealth@raymondjames.ca
Twealthgroup.com

LANDSCAPING

PAVESTONE PLUS LIMITED
THE PLUS STANDS FOR
FIBERGLASS POOLS
Professionally installed.
PAVESTONE.CA

LEGAL

Monteith Ritsma Phillips
PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION
519-655-2900
www.tavistocklawyers.com
Appointments as arranged

REAL ESTATE

ALISON WILLSEY
Real Estate Broker REALTOR® since 2005
(519) 275-4900 o: (519) 747-0231
willseyalison@gmail.com
90C Peel St. New Hamburg, ON N3A 4E5
25 Bruce St #5, Kitchener, ON N2B 1Y4
Serving Oxford & Perth Counties & Waterloo Region for over 21 years
office: (519) 747-0231 www.peakrealtyltd.com

RE/MAX a-b REALTY LTD. BROKERAGE
DEDICATED TO MEETING ALL YOUR REAL ESTATE NEEDS!
Serving Tavistock, Stratford & Area since 1994
88 Wellington Street, Stratford, ON, N5A 2L2
SANDRA EBY, Sales Representative
mseby@rogers.com • www.remaxabrealty.ca
Cell: 519-272-7676
Res: 519-655-2548
Office: 519-273-2821

RE/MAX a-b REALTY LTD. BROKERAGE
INDEPENDENTLY OWNED & OPERATED
Brian Wilhelm BROKER
CELL 519-272-3465
brian@brianwilhelm.com
Kyle Wilhelm SALES REP
CELL 519-574-7244
kyle@brianwilhelm.com

CONTACT HEATHER DUNBAR
AT 226.261.1837
OR EMAIL
HEATHER@GRANTHAVEN.COM
PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS HERE

MASSAGE

Massage Therapy Associates of Tavistock
KRISTY SCHLEGEL, RMT
24 Hope St. W., Tavistock
• Prevent & Treat Muscular Disorder
• Restore & Enhance Physical Well-Being
• Massage Therapy • Reflexology
Ph: 519-655-2512 for appt. or inquiries

REAL ESTATE

KATE GINGERICH
FEEL GOOD ABOUT YOUR NEXT MOVE
Honest advice, start to finish.
226-789-3846
KATE@KATEGINGERICH.COM
KATEGINGERICH.COM

PLUMBING

McKay Plumbing
Commercial - Residential - Agricultural
Mark McKay 63 Hope St. W.
Owner/Operator Box 899, Tavistock
N0B 2R0
519-301-1097 markmckay@rogers.com

STORAGE

STORE YOUR STUFF!
MINI STORAGE: 8x13/8x16/10x11
INTERIOR MINI STORAGE
Call for Pricing!
MOHR STORAGE
114 John St, Box 250, Tavistock
Tel: 519-655-2355 • Fax 655-2715

RENT A BOX
Portable Storage Containers
Sizes 8'x12' to 8'x24'
Store at your place or ours.
Phone 519-625-8510

TRAVEL

STONETOWN TRAVEL
Main office: 150 Queen St E,
St. Marys • 519-284-2332
210 Mill St, New Hamburg • 226-333-9939
www.stonetowntravel.com

TUTORING

Sylvan of Stratford
Get ahead this summer with Sylvan!
Your child is unique, and our solutions are too!
Whether your child needs to catch up or get ahead, our teachers are ready to help create a one-of-a-kind personalized program that will work for your child. Get support with Sylvan today!
145-103 Ontario Street, Stratford ON
519-657-7323
southlondon@SylvanLearning.com
SYLVANLEARNING.COM

Locally Made, Premium Quality Pet Food Delivered Fresh & FREE to Your Door!



Order online today!

TLCPETFOOD.COM | 519-662-9500

PROUDLY CANADIAN SINCE 1994. 