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Provincial funding aids town's physician recruitment efforts

JEFF HELSDON

Editor

Efforts to attract more physicians to town received a boost from the Province of Ontario.

Tillsonburg's health care recruitment marketing campaign, aimed at attracting family physicians and other health care professionals to locate in town, received \$29,000 from the province's Rural Ontario Development program. This represents half the \$58,000 cost, with the town paying the remainder.

The funding will support the development of promotional materials, digital and print advertising, and a dedicated recruitment-focused website showcasing Tillsonburg as the ideal community for health care providers. It will highlight available health care opportunities, the benefits of practicing in Tillsonburg, relocation supports, professional growth opportunities, and the community assets that make the town an attractive place to live and work.

Launching later this year, the campaign will be a mix of online advertising, a dedicated website, marketing materials, and promotion across a variety of channels to maximize its reach.

Peter Raji, Tillsonburg's Manager of Innovation and Strategic Initiatives, explained there are different strategies to be deployed to attract medical professionals, depending on whether they are students or established.

"When it comes to attracting established medical professionals, there is significant data available regarding where healthcare providers have been successfully recruited in recent years," he said. "We plan to leverage those insights to target our outreach efforts and focus on regions and audiences where there is demonstrated."

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(JEFF HELSDON PHOTO)

BEACH TIME

Sunny days and long weekends attract southern Ontario residents to beaches in droves. Parking was at a premium on Long Point as people looked for the space in the sand to enjoy the warm temperatures and sunshine on the Civic Holiday Monday. Port Burwell was also busy on the weekend with its Bayham Beachfest, and the Lake Lisgar Water Park had good attendance on Saturday and Monday.

Big events planned for fair next weekend

JEFF HELSDON

Editor

The 172nd edition of the Tillsonburg Fair promises Monster Trucks, a talent contest, movie stars, the annual ambassador contest, and of course, a midway complete with rides, games and food trucks with favourites like candy floss and saltwater taffy.

Running Aug. 14 to 16 at the fairgrounds, the annual

event is put on by the Tri-County Agricultural Society.

Gates open on Friday at 6 p.m. with opening ceremonies and the crowning of the ambassadors immediately following. The Mini King and Queen is open to those ages six to nine, the junior ambassador contest is for those aged 10 to 15, and the ambassador is open for those from 16 to 23, with the additional proviso that the contestant can't be married. All competitors receive a gift bag.

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Monster trucks, talent contest amongst the new fair events

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The winner of the ambassador competition can attend many events representing the fair board, will be part of the Santa Claus parade, and has the opportunity to take part in further competitions leading up to the competition at the Canadian National Exhibition.

"It's a great opportunity to learn about agriculture, get out in the community, represent your community," said Rosemary Dean, society third vice-president. "It's good for your self-esteem."

There is also a senior ambassador competition for those who are 70-plus.

Dean said as of last Friday there were no entries for the ambassador competition.

The Special Olympics versus first responders basketball game starts at 6:30, an event Dean said is always fun.

Tractor pull enthusiasts can get their fill of horsepower at the event that starts at 7 p.m.

The Copper Mug's beer tent has local entertainers on tap, as well as beer. Ian

BW, Trevor Kostyria and the Half Smokes will be performing on Friday night, starting at 7.

Think your baby has the longest hair, or will excel in the many categories of the baby show? Saturday morning starts with the perennial favourite in the Lion's Auditorium. Registrations open at 9 a.m. and are open until 15 minutes before the competition starts at 10 a.m.

The baby show is followed by the pet show at 11 a.m., which is aimed at youth, and lets them showcase their pet's attributes, including best trick. Those wanting to see livestock in action can check out the 4-H livestock show, which starts in the cattle barn at 11 a.m.

An ice cream eating contest, sponsored by Shaw's Ice Cream, is slated for 2 p.m.

The monster truck show is new this year, and runs between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday.

"We haven't had them here in a long time," Dean said.

Pre-show pit party tickets are available online at ticketpro.ca

Smashes and crashes will be a good thing as the demolition derby takes place at 4 p.m.

The finals of Tri-County's Got Talent take place from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, with the winner announced on Sunday. Karaoke will follow in the beer tent from 4 to 6:30 p.m. The Sugar Kings will take the stage at 7 p.m., followed by Attic Apostles at 9 p.m.

The fair may not have Brad Pitt and Julia Roberts lined up for appearances, but the Batmobile and Batman will be there both Saturday and Sunday. Lightning McQueen will be there on Sunday only.

Sunday will open with the Monster Trucks from noon to 1 p.m., followed by the demolition derby at 2 p.m. Dean said the derby always brings participants from across Southwestern Ontario.

Kickin' Kountry will heat things up in the beer tent on Sunday from noon to 2

p.m., before the announcement of the winner of Tri-County's Got Talent at 2 p.m.

Midway passes

Magical Midways will again be supplying rides for the event. All-day ride bracelets are available before Aug. 13 for \$25 from Chrissy's Store, or by contacting fair board members at tillsonburgfair@outlook.com.

In addition, Dean said a little tyke area will be set up for kids under five who can't ride many of the rides, with a parent seating area next to it.

"They can sit there while their kids play in their area," she said.

The fair also features the return of Doty the Clown for face painting, the home-craft building, vendor area, and much more.

Dean also gave credit to the event attendees, donors, and sponsors, pointing out the fair couldn't occur without the financial support.

Funding received for campaign aimed at attracting medical professionals to Tillsonburg

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Recruitment efforts for students are already underway. Earlier this year, town representatives attended Western University's Family Medicine Resident Retreat to speak to medical residents about the advantages of locating in Tillsonburg.

"We will continue building relationships with educational institutions and future healthcare professionals as part of our broader recruitment strategy," Raji said.

Mayor Deb Gilvesy was grateful for the province's support for the initiative.

"These funds will help create high-quality promotional content that showcases everything our community has to offer,

and highlights why Tillsonburg is a great place for primary care providers to build their careers, raise families and put down roots," she said. "This is another positive step toward strengthening health care access for our residents."

"Access to quality health care starts with making sure communities can attract the professionals they need," said Ernie Hardeman, MPP for Oxford. "This investment will help Tillsonburg strengthen its recruitment efforts and continue building a strong local health-care system for residents today and into the future. I'm pleased our government is supporting this important initiative."

The number of residents not assigned

to a primary care provider, such as a physician or nurse practitioner, took a positive step forward earlier this year with the announcement of the opening of the nurse practitioner-led clinic scheduled for this year. The May announcement, which included the Tillsonburg clinic, also included other locations in Oxford to provide health care for a total of 13,000 patients. Still, there are estimated to be 2,900 Tillsonburg residents who will be unattached, the town's release stated. Tillsonburg also supports a broader catchment area into Elgin and Norfolk Counties, with the testimate being more than 160,000 people who rely on local health care infrastructure and services.

There are 13 family physicians in Tillsonburg. However, across the county, 35 per cent of family physicians are more than 60 years of age.

The recruitment initiative is supported by local and regional partners, including Rural Roads Health Services (Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital and Alexandra Hospital, Ingersoll), the Oxford Ontario Health Team, local Family Health Organizations and other partners.

The funding was one of several local Rural Ontario Development program projects announced in Oxford County. In Oxford, the province is investing a total of \$145,318 to support economic growth and long-term prosperity.

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EDITORIAL

Letter to the Editor

Trying a different political system

Respect and courtesy of self, others, other's property and the environment is a traditional Canadian value which is usually taught and modelled by example in the family home and child's school, place of worship and community.

Our politicians provincially and federally have not always shown respect to others during meeting sessions shown on the televised news. Recently, there was a program on TVO implicating disrespect for others during government meetings in Iceland. They tried something. Each Member of Parliament drew a

seat number, which they were to sit for that term. It meant that they did not sit with their party members or cronies; they got to know others with different ideas. This proved to improve the respect of others and efficiency of business at hand in Iceland.

Why don't we try this in Ontario and Ottawa and work together towards a common goal, rather than apart with their own agenda?

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Great Blue Heron.

(JEFF HELSDON PHOTO)

Borrowing books that require note from your mama



**WRITER'S
CORNER**

NORMA COLLIS

Tillsonburg Post Columnist

It was the holidays, and I had created a reading list of all the books I intended to read that summer.

I had just finished Grade 7, and I decided it was time for me to begin to borrow adult books as I had already read most of the books in the children's section of our public library.

I'm not sure how I had learned about the book "Gone with the Wind", but it was top of my list. I entered the library clutching a piece of paper with the title and the authors'

name scribbled on it. I located the book in its proper place in the fiction section and used both hands to remove it from its place as the volume consisted of 1,037 pages.

I lugged that monster of a book to the front desk which was being run by a woman I had not met before. She looked at me and then at the huge book I wished to borrow.

"Oh, my dear" she said. "You will have to bring me a" permission to read" note from your mother before you are allowed to borrow that book."

"What?" didn't she know I had just had my 12th birthday? I was teetering on the threshold of my teenage years and I needed a note from mommy?

Memories of a little girl being denied her first library card rose to the forefront of my mind. I carefully placed the book on the counter and as calmly as possible, I told the woman that I would be right back.

Fortunately, we lived a short walk away from the library, but I had worked up a pretty good head of steam fueled by indignation by the time I reached home. I

stormed into the kitchen and loudly told my mother about the latest library humiliation bestowed upon one of their best customers.

Saying not a word, my mom reached for a piece of paper and her pen. She quickly wrote the required note and with a gentle smile, handed it to me.

It gave me great pleasure to hand over the note to that "ridiculous" woman on the front desk. I walked home once again but this time I was clutching that huge and forbidden book that I really wanted to read now.

I spent many an afternoon, sitting on our side porch, devouring every page of that book. I eagerly awaited the "naughty" bits that the woman had deemed too steamy for my young mind.

At long last, Rhett Butler took Scarlett in his arms. Her bosoms began to heave as he carried her up the wide staircase in the mansion known as Tara.

I eagerly turned the page, chomping at the bit to read about what was going to happen next. What happened was.....nothing. Suddenly it was the next day.

"What?" I thought.

I felt cheated. I needed to know more details. Sadly, those details never ever appeared. Scarlett even got pregnant, and the reader had to use their imagination to figure out how that happened.

Margaret Mitchell, how could you write a book that sold more than a million copies in the first six months without providing we the readers with those longed-for steamy scenes?

Several years later MGM studios re-released the movie and my mother and I went to see it.

"Surely, the movie will fill in those steamy blanks" I thought.

Nope.

More heaving bosoms and romantic climbs up that soaring staircase. Once again, Gone with The Wind, was successful in protecting my young virtue.

Oh well. It was still a darn good "summer read."

Norma Collis is a Tillsonburg author of several books, including "Tales from Holly Cottage".

Celebrating 145 Years of Annandale Farm and the legacy of Tillsonburg's favourite cow

MUSEUM MUSINGS

KATE BAKOS

Cultural Heritage Manager/Curator, Annandale NHS

When Edwin Delevan Tillson, better known as E.D. Tillson, purchased his first Holstein cow in 1886, he likely had no idea he was helping shape the future of Canadian dairying.

Today, Holstein cattle account for approximately 93 per cent of Canada's dairy herd. However, in the late 19th century, the distinctive black-and-white breed was still a newcomer to the country and often met with scepticism. E.D. Tillson was willing to take a chance. In doing so, he helped establish a breeding legacy that would influence dairy farming across Oxford County and far beyond.

As part of the 145th anniversary celebrations of Annandale Farm, Annandale National Historic Site will host the free community event, Party Til the Cows Come Home Festival, celebrating Annandale Farm's and Oxford County's rich agricultural heritage and the animal that became Tillson's favourite.

Before the festivities begin, it is worth looking back at the man and the cattle that helped build a lasting agricultural legacy.

Born in 1825, Tillson grew up on his family's homestead along Old Vienna Road near Otter Creek. His father, George Tillson, established one of the earliest farms in the settlement that would eventually become Tillsonburg. As a typical farm boy of his time, E.D. spent his childhood caring for livestock, working in the fields, and learning the importance of hard work.

These early years fostered his lifelong passion for agriculture and laid the foundation for a vision that would eventually transform the family property into one of Ontario's most respected model farms.

In a letter to his niece, Nancy Chapman, written in 1870, he described the dream he had for the property.

"I should like to see it fitted up for a model farm and remain in the family," he wrote.

That dream became reality. By the late nineteenth century, Annandale Farm stretched across much of the east side of Tillson Avenue and was known as one of Ontario's most progressive agricultural operations.

Based on George Reaman's History of the Holstein-Friesian Breed in Canada, Tillson acquired his first registered Holsteins from Norfolk County farmer S.N. Culver. The story behind this sale has become a well-known part of local agricultural history. Culver had purchased a highly valued Holstein bull and heifer, but when their first calf was born red and white instead of black and white, he reportedly became so displeased that he sold both animals to Tillson. It remains unclear whether E.D. saw the breed's long-term potential or simply recognized a good opportunity. What is certain, is that he soon became one of the Holstein breed's most enthusiastic advocates.

Initially, the Annandale dairy herd consisted largely of Shorthorn cattle. However, through careful observation and record-keeping, Tillson concluded that Holsteins were better suited to dairy farming. He introduced a program focused on selective breeding, keeping detailed production records, and providing careful animal care.

The impact was significant. By 1898, Annandale Farm had a herd of 55 milking cows, with about a quarter being registered Holsteins, and many others being high-percentage Holstein crosses.

During the 1897-1898 milking season, the herd produced an impressive 563,307 pounds of milk, resulting in nearly 23,000 pounds of butter. One exceptional cow provided 17,731 pounds of milk in just over ten months.

Tillson credited this success to careful breeding and innovative feeding strategies, developed alongside farm manager John D. MacLeay. Their methods attracted attention throughout the agricultural community. At that time, agricultural journals frequently featured articles about the Annandale Model Farm and its experimental methods in feeding, herd management, and animal care.

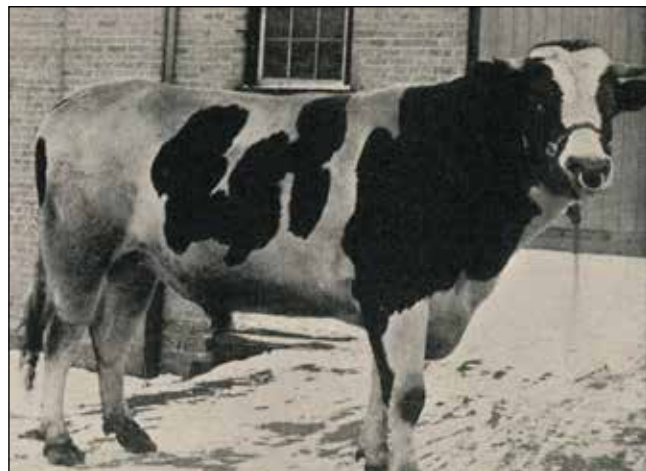
E.D. Tillson's agricultural achievements were cut short by his sudden death in January 1902. The following year, on March 5, 1903, his beloved Holstein herd was dispersed at public auction after the Tillson Estate Company leased the farm.

Although the herd's future ended that day, its impact endures more than a century later. Holsteins remain the dominant dairy breed in Canada, and Oxford County continues to be recognized as the Dairy Capital of Canada.

This year, E.D. Tillson's cherished Holsteins will be highlighted at Annandale National Historic Site, commemorating



Annandale Farm Cow Madonna Butter Girl. (ANHS PHOTO)



Brookbank Butter Baron. (ANHS PHOTO)

the 145th anniversary of Annandale Farm with Party 'Til the Cows Come Home, a free community fair on Saturday, August 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will celebrate Oxford County's rich agricultural heritage with live music, carnival-style games, a bouncy castle, free popcorn, sno-cones and cotton candy, appearances by Mootilda the Milking Cow, and a variety of family-friendly activities. As part of the celebration, guests are also invited to bring non-perishable food items for a food drive in support of the Tillsonburg Food Bank.

A key highlight of the celebration will be the first-ever Search for the Official TillsonBURGer, a new contest inviting local restaurants to craft a signature burger inspired by Tillsonburg. Participants will compete for the coveted Golden Cowbell Trophy and the bragging rights of being named Tillsonburg's Official TillsonBURGer.

For visitors attending the celebration, the event offers more than family fun. It provides an opportunity to recognize how one local farmer's faith in an unfamiliar breed helped shape the story of Canadian dairying and has left a lasting mark on the community he helped build.

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Household food insecurity rising across Southwestern Ontario: Public health units call for action

AMANDA NELSON

Post Contributor

Public health units across the region are calling on all levels of government to address growing concerns about food insecurity in Ontario.

In a recent press release, they said the number of households struggling to afford basic needs, including food, is growing year over year.

In 2024, the release notes that one in four households in Southwestern Ontario experienced food insecurity, meaning they lacked reliable access to enough food due to financial challenges. Rising housing costs and the cost of living also force many families and individuals to choose between paying rent and purchasing food.

"Many residents are having to make difficult choices between paying for rent, utilities, medications, transportation, childcare, buying groceries, and other life expenses to make ends meet," said public health nutritionist Shannon Edmonstone. "Some households are stretching food further than what is healthy by purchasing lower-cost food that may not meet their needs, skipping meals, or relying on emergency food programs for ongoing support.

Edmonstone also said the health unit continues to hear from community partners that they are seeing increased demand from a wide range of people, including employed people, seniors on fixed incomes, people with disabilities, unattached adults, and single-parent families.

Kristin Crane, United Way vice-president of community impact and research, agrees.

"The biggest chunk of a person's income goes toward housing, whether that's rent or mortgage payments," she said. "As you're seeing, both of those have risen quite sharply. Some of those costs have started to level off, although it has taken a bit longer in rural regions because we don't see shifts in demand as significantly as urban centres."

Public Health stresses that household food insecurity is linked to poorer physical and mental health, a higher risk of chronic disease and increased pressure on the health-care system. Among children and youth, it impacts concentration, memory, mood and motor skills, making it harder to succeed in school.

Many households are now relying on emergency food programs or facing impossible trade-offs, such as skipping meals. While many low- and modest-income households face challenges after covering housing and other essential costs, individuals on social assistance programs such as Ontario Works often cannot afford both rent and food, even with careful spending.

The Ontario Dietitians of Public Health also weighed in and said that, in order to

address the root cause of household food insecurity — inadequate income — they propose increasing social assistance rates, including Ontario Works, improving income supports for low- and modest-income households, and improving policies that reduce the cost of housing and essential living expenses.

"We're seeing that the trend is moving in the wrong direction; both local and provincial data show that affordability has become increasingly challenging as food costs, housing, utilities, and other essentials continue to outpace many household incomes," said Edmonstone.

Ontario public health units monitor food affordability by comparing food and rent costs across various household income scenarios. In 2024, these scenarios showed that a single adult receiving Ontario Works in Southwestern Ontario cannot afford both food and rent, facing a monthly deficit ranging from \$301 to \$859.

Edmonstone said that while long-term solutions would need to address affordable housing and other rising costs, increasing income support would have an immediate and meaningful impact for families across Ontario.

"We know that food insecurity is fundamentally an income issue," said Edmonstone. "When people don't have enough money left after paying for housing and other essentials, affording nutritious food becomes very challenging. Improving income adequacy would provide greater stability and dignity, while allowing people to make food choices that reflect their health, culture, and family needs."

Edmonstone also stressed the importance of addressing stigma when talking about food insecurity and said that household food insecurity is a serious but preventable public health issue. She said addressing it requires coordinated action at the municipal, provincial and federal levels.

"It's often viewed as a result of poor choice or a lack of budgeting, but more evidence is showing that it is driven by inadequate income and rising living costs," she said. "More than half of food-insecure households rely on employment income and still struggle to afford essentials such as housing, transportation and child care.

The Ontario Dietitians of Public Health continue to advocate for communities across Southwestern Ontario and are calling on all levels of government to implement social and economic policies that address the root causes of household food insecurity and intentionally shift away from food-based responses toward income-based solutions.

"If we focus on economic conditions that make it difficult to meet basic needs, rather than individual behaviour, we can build greater understanding and support with meaningful solutions," said Edmonstone.

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Tillsonburg man charged with impaired

On July 26, at approximately 6:45 a.m., Oxford OPP responded to a mobile alert of a crash on Mount Elgin Road in South-West Oxford Township.

As a result of the investigation, Andrew Corner, a 47-year-old resident of Tillsonburg was charged with:

- Operation While Impaired
- Operation While Impaired - Blood Alcohol

Concentration (BAC) 80 plus

The accused has been released from custody and is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice, in Woodstock, on Sept. 8.

Oxford OPP would like to remind the public that no amount of alcohol is safe to consume and drive.

Please drive safe, drive smart and drive sober.

Oxford OPP investigating mischief in Tillsonburg

The Oxford detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is investigating a mischief at a residence in the Town of Tillsonburg.

At approximately 12:45 a.m., on Thursday, July 30, Oxford OPP was called to an address on Tillson Avenue for the report of a mischief in progress.

An unknown individual vandalized a vehicle and then fled on foot from the area.

The suspect is being described as a male, wearing a grey sweatshirt with the hood up, a mask covering most of his face and dark-coloured pants.

Investigators are asking neighbouring businesses and residents to review any video surveillance from that night. Police are looking for footage that may show suspicious vehicles or individuals in the area.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Oxford OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

Those wishing to remain anonymous can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit information online at www.oxfordcrimestoppers.com

Updates will be provided as new information becomes available.

Fatal motorcycle crash in Oxford County

One individual is deceased after a collision between a motorcycle and a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) on Plank Line in Oxford County.

On Tuesday July 28, at approximately 9:30 a.m., members of the Oxford detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), along with fire, and emergency medical services responded to a collision on Plank Line in South-West Oxford Township.

A motorcycle and a CMV collided and came to a stop in the ditch.

The motorcycle operator was pronounced deceased at the scene. The CMV driver was uninjured.

Plank Line was closed at Prouse Road and Duffy Line and is expected to be

closed for several hours to accommodate the investigation.

Oxford OPP, along with members of the West Region OPP Traffic Incident Management and Enforcement Team, investigated the collision.

Updates will be provided as they become available.

Investigators are asking members of the motoring public to check their dash camera footage in the event that they captured the collision.

Anyone with information is being asked to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS)

OPP investigating fatal crash on Simcoe Street

A fatal motor vehicle crash has closed Simcoe Street in Tillsonburg between Westtown Line and Goshen Street on Monday.

On Aug. 3, at approximately 5:06 p.m., members of the Oxford Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), along with Fire and Paramedic Services responded to a collision involving a motorcycle and Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV).

It has been determined that a motorcyclist collided with the rear of an SUV. A 38-year-old of Oxford County was ejected, suffered serious life-threatening injuries, and was transported to a local area hospital where the person was pronounced deceased. The driver of the SUV did not sustain any injuries.

West Region OPP Traffic Incident Management Enforcement Team is assisting with the investigation and is asking anyone who may have been travelling on Simcoe Street and witnessed the collision - or has any relevant information such as dash camera or video surveillance footage that captured the involved motorcycle and SUV - to contact the Oxford OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or visit ontariocrimestoppers.ca where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

Simcoe Street remains closed, and it is anticipated that the roadway will remain closed for the next several hours while officers continue to investigate.



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LEGION ENTERTAINMENT

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Southern Belles, which brought the music of some of country's top singers to the local stage, appeared at the Legion on July 25. Jackie Grainge performing as Reba McEntire was part of the Go With the Flow Events show. She was backed by the North of 49 band while performing in tributes to iconic country singers. See the Legion web site for upcoming shows.



FORM 6
SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER
Municipal Act, 2001
Ontario Regulation 181/03, Municipal Tax Sale Rules

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF TILLSONBURG

Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on August 19, 2026, at the Tillsonburg Municipal Office, 10 Lisgar Ave, Tillsonburg, Ontario

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Tillsonburg Municipal Office, 10 Lisgar Ave, Tillsonburg.

Description of Land:

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According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$197,000

Minimum tender amount: \$34,567.94

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 per cent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/ money order payable to the municipality.

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New daycare opens in Tillsonburg

JEFF HELSDON

Editor

Eyes Child Care is open and has room for students.

Located at 361 Quarter Town Line, the new facility has 98 spots and creates the first new daycare spaces in more than a decade.. The modern, bright building is used to teach a child-centered daycare approach. The building is divided up into different areas, designed to meet the needs of age groups ranging from six

weeks to six years.

“Our curriculum is designed to help children develop strong roots of character, values and belonging while providing wings of confidence, creativity, and curiosity,” said supervisor Jessica Champeau.

Naila Saeed, founder and CEO of Eyes, was in attendance at the opening. Asked why the business located in Tillsonburg, she answered, “Tillsonburg is a beautiful city. It needed a quality day care.”

Eyes' curriculum was developed over



(JEFF HELSDON PHOTO)

Naila Saeed, founder and CEO of Eyes Child Care, stands among staff, franchise owners, development owners, and municipal representatives to cut the ribbon on the new daycare. The facility is the first new daycare spaces in town in more than a decade.

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Zane Folland, two, a future student at Eyes Child Care, was entertained by a ring game while touring Eyes Child Care.

the last 10 years, drawing on practices from around the world.

The 5,500 square-foot facility will employ 18 to 22 people when it's fully operational. The first students started last week. More are gradually being added over the coming weeks. It's a franchise location, owned by Sam Qasmi and Tazeen Khan.

The hours will be Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

“If the community needs extra hours, or weekends, and if there's the need, we will provide that service,” Saeed said.

The big question for many parents is

whether Eyes qualifies for the \$ 10-per-day daycare. Saeed said an application has been filed with the county for subsidization, and they are waiting for an answer.

Tillsonburg Mayor Deb Gilvesy, who was at the ribbon cutting along with other council members, said the child care spaces are needed in Oxford County.

“The Town of Tillsonburg is lucky to get this branch new facility to open up more spaces in the community,” she said. “It's an exceptional, well-designed space that's developed appropriately for the age of the children.”



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Pool receives numerous updates during shutdown

JEFF HELSDON

Editor

What was done during last month's closure of the indoor pool?

The answer to that question, and a behind-the-scenes look at how the pool operates, reveals some exciting updates and technical insight.

The most obvious difference pool patrons will see when entering the pool this week is the new diving board that was added. A similar board was there prior to the renovations. The pool is also brighter, with the previous T8 fluorescents being changed out for LED lighting.

Shutting down the pool for summer maintenance takes place every two years. This time it was needed 14 months after the pool renovation was completed to finish some updates that weren't done at the time due to escalating costs during the renovation from Covid pricing.

To understand the remainder of the updates, is where a trip into the basement filter room for the pool is needed, and some insight into how a home pool filtration system operates helps. While home pools have a pump and sand filter, a similar but different system, is used in pools the size of the one in the Tillsonburg Community Centre.

The main pump looks similar to a home pool pump, but is much larger. Those who have changed the sand in a sand filter at home are aware of the slotted laterals in the bottom and the cleaning ability of the sand. The complex pool has similar laterals, but in a large tank. Perlite, a specialized diatomaceous earth, is put in the tank.

"It's a very fine powder that gets sucked into the filter screen, and then water is

pulled through it," explained Adam Kannawin, Manager of Parks and Facilities. "That eliminates any hair or debris."

He said the big difference between a home pool is the turnover rate. According to health regulations, the water in the pool must be turned over four times per day. Subsequently, the pipes attached to the pump are much larger.

Chemicals are added to the pool, but it is all done with an electronic chemical controller.

"It takes the guess work out of it," Kannawin said. "It tests the water and adds the chemicals automatically."

Still, lifeguards must manually check the pH and chlorine every hour, using a pool test kit that is similar to those used by home pool owners. Total alkalinity (water hardness) must be checked daily. Backwashing of the filter system is done every seven to 10 days, along with changing the Perlite.

During this year's shutdown, there was a full rebuild of the pool's mechanical systems. This meant all electrical sensors, chlorine feed lines were replaced, piping was updated and the installation of a new pool pump. Much of the electrical and control panels were original to when the pool was built in the 1970s. The filter tank was retained and a few tile deficiencies from the renovation were also completed.

A new heat exchanger, which is part of the heating system, was also installed. The pool is heated by a heat recovery system that repurposes waste heat from the Community Centre's natural gas turbines.

With the pool opened yesterday, the month-long updates were completed. However, in two years, the pool will be

drained again. With the next emptying of the pool, an acid wash will take place to clean up the walls and get rid of any loose grouting, and routine maintenance will be performed.

"Over the years, pool water will eat

away at the grout," Kannawin explained. "the acid wash and regrouting keep the pool basin clean and watertight."

This procedure was not done this time as it was completed during the renovation.



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Adam Kannawin, Manager of Parks and Facilities, stands near the newly updated pool pump and filtration system in the utility room.



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Chumbawamba's Danbert Nobacon brings punk, protest and storytelling to Buddies Fest



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MUSIC CORNER

The name Danbert Nobacon immediately brings back memories of Chumbawamba's unforgettable 1997 global hit Tubthumping, however, millions know the band for its chart success, those who followed Chumbawamba's career know the group was always far more than a one-hit wonder.

This weekend Tillsonburg will once again have the rare opportunity to experience one of the band's founding voices when Nobacon performs at Buddies Fest.

Born Nigel Hunter, Danbert Nobacon helped form Chumbawamba in Leeds, England in 1982. Throughout the band's 30-year career they blended punk, folk, pop and political commentary into a catalogue that challenged authority, questioned capitalism and championed grassroots activism. Even at the height of their commercial success, Chumbawamba

remained fiercely independent, using their platform to support social causes rather than chasing mainstream acceptance.

Outside of music, Nobacon has become an accomplished author, artist and performer. Now based in Twisp, Washington, in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains, he continues creating music that mixes folk traditions with punk.

His newest album, "KOCHTOPUS'S GARDEN—NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL CAPITALISM—THE MUSICAL" continues that tradition with satirical songs examining politics and modern society. His latest single titled "We're All Antifa Now!" tackles the rise of authoritarian politics and reflects the outspoken approach that has defined much of his career.

"A few months back, the Trump admin issued National Security Presidential Memo #7 designating Antifa as a terrorist organization," Nobacon explains where the idea of the song came from. "A presidential memo has much more force than an executive order, and usually they are not made public, but this was as an announcement that the government were going to target leftists and progressives who critique capitalism, or live in ways that do not match 'traditional' family values."

For many reasons politics remains impossible for him to ignore. While his message has evolved over the decades, Danbert believes musicians have always found new ways to tell stories that matter.

"I think artists are still wrestling with the same core, but find new and different ways to express it. I come from punk and now play what is called 'punk-folk' but my style and storytelling is not far removed from some of the folk reviews slides of the 1960s," Nobacon says. "Some of the younger folks today are very inventive incorporating electronics, rap and you name it. It is all good."

That evolution has brought him back to the politically charged songwriting that first made Chumbawamba famous.

"I was exploring others themes like science and human evolution in my songwriting and storytelling, but when Trump got elected the first time the sleeting punk rocker in me was awakened," Nobacon remarks. "I realized I cannot not write about what is going on and now we are ten years down the line, and though I am close to retirement age, I feel like I have to see this one out."

Long before becoming an underground folk troubadour Danbert became part of one of the most talked-about moments in Brit Awards history. In 1998, his band Chumbawamba made international headlines when he poured a bucket of ice water over then-British Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott during the ceremony as a protest against the Labour government's political direction. The stunt cemented the band's reputation as artists willing to put their convictions ahead of their careers.

Today, his performances have become more

intimate than the arena shows of the late 1990s by performing sets that combine music with storytelling with a mix of humour and sharp political observations. Fans can expect songs spanning his solo catalogue alongside songs and stories from his years with Chumbawamba.

At Buddies Fest, his appearance offers something increasingly rare, which is a chance to see a musician whose career has never separated art from conviction. Nobacon continues to challenge audiences to think as much as they listen.

"I have played in Tillsonburg a couple of times in recent years, and dates in wider Ontario," Nobacon says. "Always-welcoming folks, and fun times, and good to get out of the USA and see how our neighbours view things."

Buddies Fest takes place Friday, August 7 to Sunday, August 9 in Tillsonburg with a main stage at The Mill, side-stage at Paddy's Underground and after-party shows at The Copper Mug. Nobacon performs on Day 3 of the festival at Paddy's Underground, hitting the stage at 6:20 p.m.. A full artist and band line up with set times can be found at www.buddiesfest.com.

Day tickets and weekend passes are still available to purchase at The Mill and online at <https://buddiesfest2.eventbrite.ca> and at the gates of the festival when they open at 3 p.m. The event is all ages and kids under 12 are free.

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The stories behind five of the vehicles at the Cruisers car shows

JEFF HELSDON

Editor

Each of the 150-or-so cars on display at the Tillsonburg Cruisers' weekly car shows has a story.

The event draws car enthusiasts from across southern Ontario, with people coming from London, Tavistock, Aylmer, Simcoe and further afield. While the journeys down the back roads to get to the event on Simcoe Street can be tricky, it adds another element when the driver is trying to do it without gaining a stone chip, and is sometimes traveling at less than the speed limit.

Gerland Sandham's 1951 Lincoln Sports Sedan has an interesting story. He purchased it after it was found by a worker in the warehouse of a company he was working with.

"It was in an old warehouse, covered up in packing blankets," he said.

Sandham bought the car in 2008. Restoration was half completed at the time, and he completed it.

Mike Pfeiffer of Belgrave has a different story with his 1970 Ford Mustang Mach 1 that looks like it just came out of the showroom. He purchased the car after seeing it advertised in AutoTrader 40 years ago and restored it with a friend. 'Restoration' included overboring the engine to add a little more zip to what was already a fast car.

When Alan Courtois of St. Thomas purchased his 1956 Chevrolet 3200 truck, it was literally in pieces. The vehicle belonged to a friend of his who started on the project, tore the truck apart intending to rebuild it, and then passed away. Courtois said the vehicle came home with him on a truck, with the axles and cab off, amongst other parts being disassembled.

It took him about three years to reassemble and paint it. Along the way, he switched the original 256 cubic-inch engine out for a 283.

Dale Preston of Tillsonburg had the opposite situation with his 1936 Chevrolet Standard Coupe. It was complete when he bought it from Foldens, but he put about 100 hours into further restoration. Set up as a hot rod, it had no brakes, which he had to change. It had a six-cylinder 250.

The 1919 Ford Model T Touring owned by Mark Hill of Vienna was likely the oldest vehicle on the lot that day. Cruising at 50 km/h, it took him 40 minutes to travel from Vienna to Tillsonburg. There is no speedometer in the car, and he uses a detachable GPS stuck on the windshield for this purpose.

"They're a very simple, utilitarian vehicle to get you from point A to point B," he said.

Model Ts were built with the same track width as a horse and buggy to take advantage of the roads of the day. Between 1908 and 1927, 15 million of the vehicles were made. Hill's has a 170 cubic-inch four-cylinder flathead engine that generates 20 horsepower.

The weekly shows will continue every Tuesday evening until mid-September.



(JEFF HELSDON PHOTO)

Mike Pfeiffer of Belgrave's 1970 Ford Mustang Mach 1 shines in the sun with its black paint and chrome.



(JEFF HELSDON PHOTO)

Dale Preston, right, tells a couple of car show attendees the history behind his 1936 Chevrolet.



(JEFF HELSDON PHOTO)

This 1919 Ford Model T was the oldest car in the show. It took driver Mark Hill 40 minutes to take the trip from Vienna at 50 km/h.



(JEFF HELSDON PHOTO)

Alan Lecourtois of St. Thomas looks at the 283 engine in his 1956 Chevrolet pick-up, accentuated with the addition of some chrome. He assembled the vehicle from pieces.



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Gerald Sandham with his 1951 Lincoln Sports Sedan, a car from a day when hood ornaments were prominent on vehicles.

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SPORTS

Tillsonburg residents readying for Special Olympics nationals in Medicine Hat, Alberta

JEFF HELSDON

Editor

Two Tillsonburg residents have been busy preparing for the Special Olympics Nationals.

Held in Medicine Hat, AB, Aug. 9 to 16, William Ypma will be competing in golf at level 5 and Jamie VanParys in bocce.

VanParys qualified for the nationals by finishing with a silver in last summer's provincials in Brantford. This is his fourth year playing.

"I'm really excited," he said in preparation for the nationals experience. He added he is also excited to go to Alberta.

"I've never gone anywhere like that before," he said.

VanParys' coach is in Brantford. He practices two to three times per week, and said focus is essential.

"You have to be able to judge your weights, if there's bumps in the grass or other issues," he said.

One change for VanParys, and the majority of the competitors, is that the event will be held indoors on artificial turf. This is the first time the Special Olympics na-

tionals have been held indoors. While the artificial turf will eliminate some of the irregularities of outdoor surfaces, it has a different speed. VanParys has done some indoor practice in preparation.

Ypma also qualified in the provincials last year, after more than a decade of experience golfing. He went to the nationals in 2018 for bocce and placed fifth in his category. Golf doesn't have handicaps, but the players are divided into divisions.

"It's more challenging," he said of the difference between the two events.

Golf competitors will have three full days, with 18 holes each, and a half-day of training.

"It's four full days, and it's hot out there," said Carolyn Mulholland, Ypma's coach and caddy. "We're walking it; there are no carts out there."

While Mulholland has previously attended as a parent, this is her first time at the nationals as a coach/caddy.

Special Olympics competitions are set up in a four-year cycle with local, provincial, national and international competitions following in consecutive years. The top two from the nationals will represent Canada at the international level.



(JEFF HELSDON PHOTO)

William Ypma, left, and Jamie VanParys will be competing in the Special Olympics nationals in Medicine Hat, AB next week. Ypma will compete in golf and VanParys in bocce.

Third annual Jimmy Hart Invitational this Saturday

JEFF TRIBE

Post Correspondent

Jimmy Hart's golf game typically followed one of two trajectories.

"He was either crazy drives straight down the fairway or being angry," smiled his son Greg. "And I think that's everyone who plays golf."

Whether soaring or 'teed off', his dad never did take the game too seriously, Greg continued, an approach he will again be carrying into the Third Annual Jimmy Hart Invitational, a fund-raising tournament in honour of his late father.

The Saturday, Aug. 8th event does respect Jimmy's mixed enjoyment of the game in conjunction with Greg's sideline business involving golf-related apparel and gifts, but moreso says his son to his father's lifelong affinity for minor baseball.

"I think the first thing was, the amount of time he spent with Tillsonburg Minor Baseball, working in the commu-

nity. That's what kind of got this whole thing started in my head."

An event which celebrated its inauguration at Tamarack and shifted to Oxford Hills is transitioning to the Otter Creek Golf Club this year.

"(Otter Creek Director of Golf) Taylor (declrecq) really came through for us," credited Greg.

A field of around 120 golfers (there may be a late spot or two still available by emailing jimmyinvitational23@gmail.com) is scheduled to tee off at 2 p.m.

There are 'tons of prizes' says Hart, as well as recognition for first, second and third place, the longest drive, closest to the pin, most accurate and best dressed, a tongue-in-cheek term.

"We have anything but golf apparel going on," said Greg, noting year one honours went to a pair of teams who dressed as KISS, in respect for Jimmy's affinity for the rock band.

"Face paint, wigs and everything," Greg laughed.

The Hart family, Greg, his

mom Cathy, sisters Hillary and Melanie and wife Kristen share a majority of organizational duties. A lengthy list of sponsors supports the event including Future Transfer where Jimmy worked and his brother Rick's company. Cost per golfer is \$150, \$600 per team, with ranks featuring friends, family members, a strong contingent of Oxford Hills Hillbillies and former Tillsonburg Red Sox teammates.

"Old Sox now, Greg smiled.

The tournament donated \$5,000 to Tillsonburg minor ball in each of its first two years, and will be again says Greg, bringing its running total to \$15,000. In discussion with family members around broadening its scope, an effort to expand the tournament and its supportive potential is being considered, along with an additional donation for members of the community facing physical or medical challenges, on a rotating basis.

"But always back into the community to people who need it the most."



(JEFF TRIBE PHOTO)

Greg Hart (right), pictured here with Otter Creek Director of Golf Taylor Declrecq, will be looking to find the green at the Third Annual Jimmy Hart Invitational tournament, teeing off Saturday, August 8th at 2 p.m. in Otterville.

In conclusion, a tournament in his name and its ongoing impact are a constructive way for Greg and family to pay tribute to a man they lost too

soon.

"He really did treat everyone the same, regardless of money or your background," Greg concluded, adding a

final invitation to the 'Invitational.' "Come out and golf, have a few drinks, some fun and know the money is going to a good cause."

Jays still unbeaten in slo-pitch ladies' division



EYE ON SLO-PITCH

DAVE WEAVER

Post Columnist

Some local teams were faring quite well this past weekend at the nationals in Dorchester. The 50 Cent 50's rec team was undefeated heading into playoffs Monday. Trevor Fleet is a member of the team. Grass Roots 50's are headed to the semi finals in the rec division as well. Mike Schmeltz is a member of the Woodstock-based team.

Tim Morgan's 35d team was undefeated after three games. Doug Falkins, Johnny Epp, Nick Joosse, Chris Hass, Steve Derks and Jason Carlisle are members of the team.

Ladies' Division

The Monday slate of two games were canceled due to wet playing fields. Cooks Concrete Jays and second-place Simmonds Mortgages met on the Wednesday, and the Jays won by five to remain unbeaten. Sunspace/Bill Klyn Carpentry pulled into a

tie for third place after knocking off previous third-place-holder Foldens Machine Works. Wildcats swept a doubleheader against Queen Bees. The race for second, third and fourth will come right down to the wire, with two of the three avoiding a matchup versus the unbeaten Jays.

Sunspace/Bill Klyn Carpentry-16, Foldens Machine Works-12

Sunspace-Nicole Morgan 4-4, HR; Gemma Ladosz 4-4.

Foldens-Andrea Deblaire 3-4; Roxy Dekeyser 3-3.

Game Synopsis-Sunspace broke this close game open with a five-run fourth, Nicole Morgan hit a three-run homer in the rally to go along with her first-inning triple, Gemma Ladosz reached and scored four times.

Cooks Concrete Jays-15, Simmonds Mortgages-10

Cooks-Hilary Stoop 4-5; Melissa Hughes 4-5.

Simmonds-Tena Bueckert 3-4; Shannon Oneill 3-4.

Game Synopsis-A five-run fifth pushed Cooks into a big lead, with everyone in the winner's order scoring at least one run. Kirstie Jones had a strong defensive game in right field.

Wildcats-17, Queen Bees-5

Wildcats-Ashley Anderson 4-4; Ling Wong 4-5; Ashley Anderson HR.

Queen-Deziray Legg 3-4; Emma Ferris

3-4.

Game Synopsis-Ashley Anderson reached and scored in all four plate appearances for the winners.

Wildcats-21, Queen Bees 13

Wildcats-Rebecca Buday 4-4; Krystal Sivyer 4-4.

Queen-Randie Dailey 3-3; Jayden Han-niman 4-4.

Game Synopsis-Wildcats scored six in three of their five at-bats, Rebecca Buday scored four runs for the winners.

Men's Division One

The Mill edged out 1,2 Seal Insulation Hawks by one, handing them their second loss in their last three games. The Mill also won by forfeit over SunSpace/Bill Klyn Carpentry to move into a second place tie with Hit N Run. Hawks won a close one over the Cubs. Cobra Chickens won by one over Sunspace and Cubs evened their week with a one-run decision over Leeswood Construction Dirty Mitts.

The Mill-23, 1,2 Seal Insulation Hawks-22

The Mill-Jeremy Roy 5-5; Kevin Harrop 4-6; Josh Stubbs HR; Bob Evans HR; Tim Morgan HR; Bryan Deblaire HR; Ryan Black HR.

Hawks-Ben Bueckert 4-4, HR; Jesse Hiebert 4-4, HR; Cam Bueckert HR; Johnny Klassen HR; Johnny Epp HR; Evan Bueckert HR.

Game Synopsis-Bob Evans had the walk-off hit for the eight-men Mill squad, everyone in their order scored at least two runs.

Cobra Chickens-19, Sunspace/Bill Klyn Carpentry-18

Cobra-Ethan Fehr 4-4; Marcus Peters 4-4, HR; Wyatt Blatz HR; Caleb Reimer HR; Ethan Froese HR.

Sunspace-Alex Dalby 4-4; Kyle McDougall 4-5, HR.

Game Synopsis-Cobra Chickens scored seven sixth-inning runs in the win, they hit four doubles in the rally.

1,2 Seal Insulation Hawks-11, Cubs-9

Hawks-Johnny Klassen 4-4, HR; Peter Epp 3-3; Jesse Hiebert HR.

Cubs-Joel Dyck 3-4, 2HR; Johnathan Dyck 3-4, 2HR; Ivan Dyck HR.

Game Synopsis-Hawks scored four sixth-inning runs to pull out the win. Johnny Klassen hit a two-run homer in the rally and Peter Epp had a run-scoring triple.

Cubs-13, Leeswood Construction Dirty Mitts-12

Cubs-Marcus Enns 4-4, HR; Leonard Fehr 5-5; Joel Dyck HR; Chris Dyck HR; Jamie Teichroeb HR.

Leeswood-Travis Nikin 4-5; Tim Townsend 3-4, HR.

Game Synopsis-Joel Dyck had the walk-off base hit, Marcus Enns had a big night doubling three times and homering.

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COOKS CONCRETE JAYS	20	0	0	40
SIMMONDS MORTGAGES	14	5	0	28
SUNSPACE/BILL KLYN CARPENTRY	12	6	1	25
FOLDENS MACHINE WORKS	12	7	1	25
RESTING PITCH FACE	6	14	0	12
WILDCATS	5	16	0	10
QUEEN BEES	0	21	0	0

MEN'S DIVISION 3	W	L	T	PTS
SLUGGERS	14	4	1	29
BEER BOMBERS	9	7	1	19
JOHN BEERE	9	7	1	19
SANDY SHORE BREW JAYS	8	8	0	16
NAPA/COWARD'S PHARMACY MAULERS	7	9	0	14
BIRD'S GOLF	5	9	0	10
WOLFPACK	4	12	1	9

Men's Division Two
Mavericks won a pair of games last week, walking off Underhill Farm Supply and defeating At My Playground/IQT Logistics. Strike Force remained in second place after a mercy win over All Seasons Estate Care Bandits. Sticky

Bandits recorded a lopsided victory over Designated Drinkers. ,

Mavericks-8 Underhill Farm Supply-7
Mavericks-Dom Falkins 3-3; Chris Hass 3-4. Underhill-Dave Phipps 3-4 Ben Fehr 4-4 . Game Synopsis-Ryan

MEN'S DIVISION 1	W	L	T	PTS
1,2 SEAL INSULATION HAWKS	13	2	0	26
THE MILL	8	6	0	16
HIT N RUN	8	7	0	16
LEESWOOD CONSTRUCTION DIRTY MITTS	7	8	1	15
COBRA CHICKENS	7	9	0	14
CUBS	6	8	1	13
SUNSPACE/BILL KLYN CARPENTRY	3	12	0	6

MEN'S DIVISION 4	W	L	T	PTS
N.I.M.	17	1	0	34
BRICKHOUSE BOYS	11	5	1	23
R.L.P. MELANIE LUKSYS	7	10	2	16
DIAMOND KINGS	7	12	0	14
SMOKIN BASES	6	13	0	12
TORNADOES	5	12	1	11

Landry had the walk-off base hit for Mavericks in their two-run seventh, Brett Sinden and Dom Falkins each scored two runs for the winners.

Mavericks-19, At My Playground/IQT Logistics-15
Mavericks-Dom Cunningham 4-5; Brett Sinden 4-5. AMP-Keenan Coderre 5-5; Trent Lamb 5-5. Game Synopsis-Mavericks scored six in their final at-bat, Brett Sinden helped his own cause by scoring four runs.

Strike Force-23, All

MEN'S DIVISION 2	W	L	T	PTS
PELICANS	12	3	0	26
STRIKE FORCE	11	6	0	22
MAVERICKS	10	6	0	20
ALL SEASONS ESTATE CARE BANDITS	9	6	1	19
AT MY PLAYGROUND/IQT LOGISTICS	8	5	1	17
STICKY BANDITS	7	8	0	14
QUACKHEADS	6	10	0	12
PAPA'S AUTO SPA	5	9	1	11
UNDERHILL FARM SUPPLY	4	12	1	9
DESIGNATED DRINKERS	4	11	0	8

Seasons Estate Care Bandits-7
Strike-Henry Teichroeb 4-4; Peter Klassen 4-4. Bandits-Nicholas Klassen 2-3; Alex Friesen 2-3. Game Synopsis-Jake Friesen and Peter Klassen each had a bases-clearing run, scoring doubles.

Sticky Bandits-19, Designated Drinkers-5
Bandits-Tyson Krahn 5-5; Austin Reddekopp 4-5. Drinkers-Warren McCallister 2-3; Johnny Abele 2-3. Game Synopsis-Lead-off batter Bowen

Thiessen scored four runs for the winners.

Men's Division Three
The only game to report on was Wolfpack defeating Bird's Golf.

Wolfpack-22, Bird's Golf-18
Wolfpack-Rick Klassen 4-5; Terry Jones 3-3; Kevin Hmeil HR . Bird's-Matt Townsend 5-6; Tyson Glazer 5-6. Game Synopsis-Wolfpack plated seven runs in three consecutive at-bats, Ethan Diechert had a single, double and triple in each inning.

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Kruz Finch, left, of U-13 McFarland and Rolands watches to see where his fly ball goes while Access Flooring catcher Rory Attridge tracks the ball for a possible catch.



A Tillsonburg runner safely tags up while Simcoe Giants baseman is still waiting for the ball during a U-9 game.



It was a close call as Tillsonburg Otters Hogarth Insurance U-15 third baseman waits for the ball just as a Simcoe player arrives at the bag.



Roulston's Pharmacy runner Cam Stephens gets to first in plenty of time in a U-15 rep game against the London Nationals.

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"Opening our newest WINNERS store

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Notices

Sportsfield Project Public Information Centre | Review Concepts and Share Your Feedback

The Town of Tillsonburg invites residents to attend the second Public Information Centre (PIC) for the Sportsfield Project.

Review concept plans for the Annandale Ball Diamonds and Mall Road sites, ask questions, and share your feedback to help inform future planning. A final Public Information Centre will be held on September 9.

Learn more at www.tillsonburg.ca/SportsfieldProject

Date: Thursday, August 13, 2026

Time: 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Location: Marwood Lounge, Tillsonburg Community Centre.



Did You Know?

According to Parks By-Law 2024-073, motorized vehicles are not permitted in most park areas. By keeping trails vehicle-free, we can protect natural landscapes and create a safer, more peaceful experience for all visitors.



Have you ever wondered what Decoration Day is?

Decoration Day is a cherished tradition that brings families, friends, and community members together to honour and remember loved ones who have passed away. By placing flowers on graves and reflecting on the lives and legacies of those who came before us, we help preserve our community's history and maintain meaningful connections across generations.

Join the Tillsonburg Legion for a Decoration Day Service at Tillsonburg Cemetery on Sunday, August 16, at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring a lawn chair and take part in this special afternoon of remembrance, reflection, and community.



2026 Municipal Elections Nominations

Nominations are now open for the 2026 Tillsonburg Municipal Election. If you're considering putting your name forward, you can pick up a hard copy of the nomination paperwork at the Customer Service Centre, 10 Lisgar Ave.

Candidates are encouraged to call ahead to schedule an appointment, ensuring a member of the Clerk's Department is available to assist with the nomination process.

A full list of offices open for nomination, along with candidate qualifications, required forms, and appointment details, is available on the Town's website: www.tillsonburg.ca/election



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Pet adoption program was a success

JEFF HELSDON

Editor

The North Bay Animal Rescue and Relief Transport assisted with finding new homes for several dogs and cats through a unique partnership with Pet Valu.

Run by the North Bay and District Humane Society, the transport is a trailer designed to bring animals up for adoption to other locales. It was at the Pet Valu store at the Norfolk Mall on July 25 and 26.

“One of our primary goals is to ensure every healthy, adoptable animal has an opportunity to find a loving home as quickly as possible. While our local community is incredibly supportive, adoption demand can vary significantly from one region to another,” said Liam Cullin, executive director at the North Bay and District Humane Society. “By joining forces with Pet-Valu stores and rescue organizations across Ontario, we're able to connect animals with families in communities where there is often a greater demand for adoption.”

“It helps our animals get

seen by more people,” said Katelyn Asselin, an animal care attendant with the society.

There were 14 dogs and six cats available for adoption. Mid-morning on July 26, there were only three dogs and three cats left. Those wanting to adopt pets had to pay a \$495 fee to cover the society's costs for vaccines, spaying or neutering, and microchipping with puppies.

Adult dogs are less, and cats even less.

Asselin said many of the animals in the North Bay shelter were transferred in from Thunder Bay, some were local strays, though, and one was even from Kentucky.

Pet Valu doesn't sell animals.

“It's all based on supporting rescues, said Allison Diagre-Grubb, who owns the

location with her husband Michael Grubb.

“When a pet finds a loving home, its life is changed, and it also creates much-needed space in the Humane Society's shelter so they can continue to accept and care for animals in need from North Bay and across Northern Ontario,” Michael said.

Diagre-Grubb was impressed with the turnout for the event.



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Norfolk County residents, from left, Neelie Mills, Addilynn Lamky and Hope Lamky play with the puppy they adopted through the North Bay Humane Society's Animal Relief and Rescue Transport.



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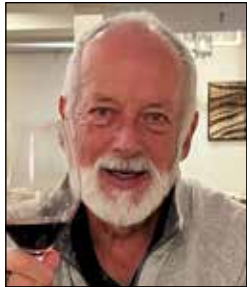
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Discovering Greek civilization in Italy



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PAUL KNOWLES

Tillsonburg Post Columnist

Let's be honest: it is not unexpected when, during your travels in Italy, you stumble upon yet another Roman ruin. After all, this is the country whose capital is Rome, and most of whose most famous sites are remnants of the Roman Empire. The Colosseum is just one of thousands of buildings left us by the Romans.

What you might not expect, is to find a lot of physical evidence of Greek civilization here in Italy. But especially in the south of Italy, in Calabria and Sicily, Greek civilization was the dominant culture in the centuries before the ascendancy of Rome.

And today, visitors will find a number of destinations in Calabria offering ample evidence of the centuries when this part of Italy was known as Magna Graecia. And even today, there are remote villages high in the hills of Calabria where a variety of Greek – called Calabrian Greek or Griko – is the common language in daily use.

So it is not surprising that there has been a concerted effort here to protect the remaining evidence of that period, which started in the 8th century B.C. and lasted for about five centuries.

Our time in Calabria saw us visiting several of the sites connected to Magna Graecia. Chief among them is the National Museum and Archeological Park of Locri. Locri is a town on the eastern or Ionian coast of Calabria. The name Locri dates back to the

Greek era; the town was founded by Greek newcomers about 680 B.C., and a century later, had a population of 40,000. The good news is that the modern town of Locri is located slightly north of the Greek era settlement – which means a wealth of archaeological ruins are still there to be found.

And today, a modern museum – and an archaeological site – can tell visitors almost all they would want to know about those ancient times. The archaeological ruins are exactly that – ruined. Like many sites that were abandoned for centuries, most of the walls of the temples and other buildings are missing.

Well, actually, they are not precisely missing, because everyone knows where they are – in the 19th century, a lot of the stone blocks were plundered and used in building projects elsewhere in the area. There are plenty of Locri buildings that have a touch of Greek history in their foundations and walls.

But what remains is fascinating – clear remains of a Greek temple and associated buildings, including the impressive carved base of one enormous column.

The site has some helpful interpretive plaques, but the thoroughly modern museum, opened in 2022, offers a treasure trove of information. One of the most intriguing features of the still-being-discovered site is the temple of Persephone. It is apparent that a very significant cult devoted to Persephone, Queen of the Underworld, flourished here, and a complex ritual involving brides-to-be was carried out here.

In the museum, visitors can see hundreds of artifacts from the Greek era, including many bits of evidence of the Persephone cult.

What you can't see here are two sculptures that are two of the most important finds in Locri. They are life-size statues of mythological heroes Castor and Pollux. They were the twin sons of the Greek goddess Leda, but oddly, Pollux was considered divine while Castor was mortal. That's because



(PAUL KNOWLES PHOTO)

Ruins of a Greek temple and other buildings in Locri, dating from the eight century B.C.

Leda put it about a bit – Zeus was the father of Pollux, but a human, King Tyndareus, fathered Castor.

At any rate, both were venerated at Locri, but modern-day powers that be decided to move these important sculptures to another – and frankly, pretty darned impressive – museum, the National Museum in Reggio Calabria. That city is an hour and a half away on Calabria's west, or Tyrrhenian Sea, coast.

And there is no doubt that Reggio's museum is also a must-see for anyone exploring Calabria's Greek connections.

But let me suggest that after you have sated your intellectual hunger with all this historical knowledge, you give a thought to your physical appetites. Especially (this won't surprise regular readers), for wine.

Because a wine-making tradition that dates back to Magna Graecia is alive and delicious in modern-date Calabria. We were introduced to this unique wine by winemaker and vineyard owner Flavio Latella.

His small winery – 3.2 hectares of vines, all harvested by hand – produces 20,000

to 25,000 bottles annually. And in pride of place is his award-winning Greco di Bianco wine, a dessert beverage made from grapes grown on vines that may date back millennia. Wine-makers have been reproducing the same variety of plants using slips to create new vines, for time immemorial.

The wine is made using the "passito" method in which the grapes are dried before they are made into wine. During our Senior Discovery Tours visit to the winery, we enjoyed a tasting – which including sampling some unique, home-made pastries as well as the excellent wine.

One warning: Greco di Bianco has a minimum alcohol content of 17%, which is significantly higher than most wines we buy here in Canada. However, you can't actually buy this unique wine in Canada, so you'll just have to go to Calabria and drop in on Flavio.

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(PAUL KNOWLES PHOTO)

Exhibits in the Locri Museum tell of ancient rituals, including wedding rites connected to the goddess Persephone.



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This statue of the Greek hero Castor (with one of his brother Pollux) were found in Locri but moved to Reggio Calabria.



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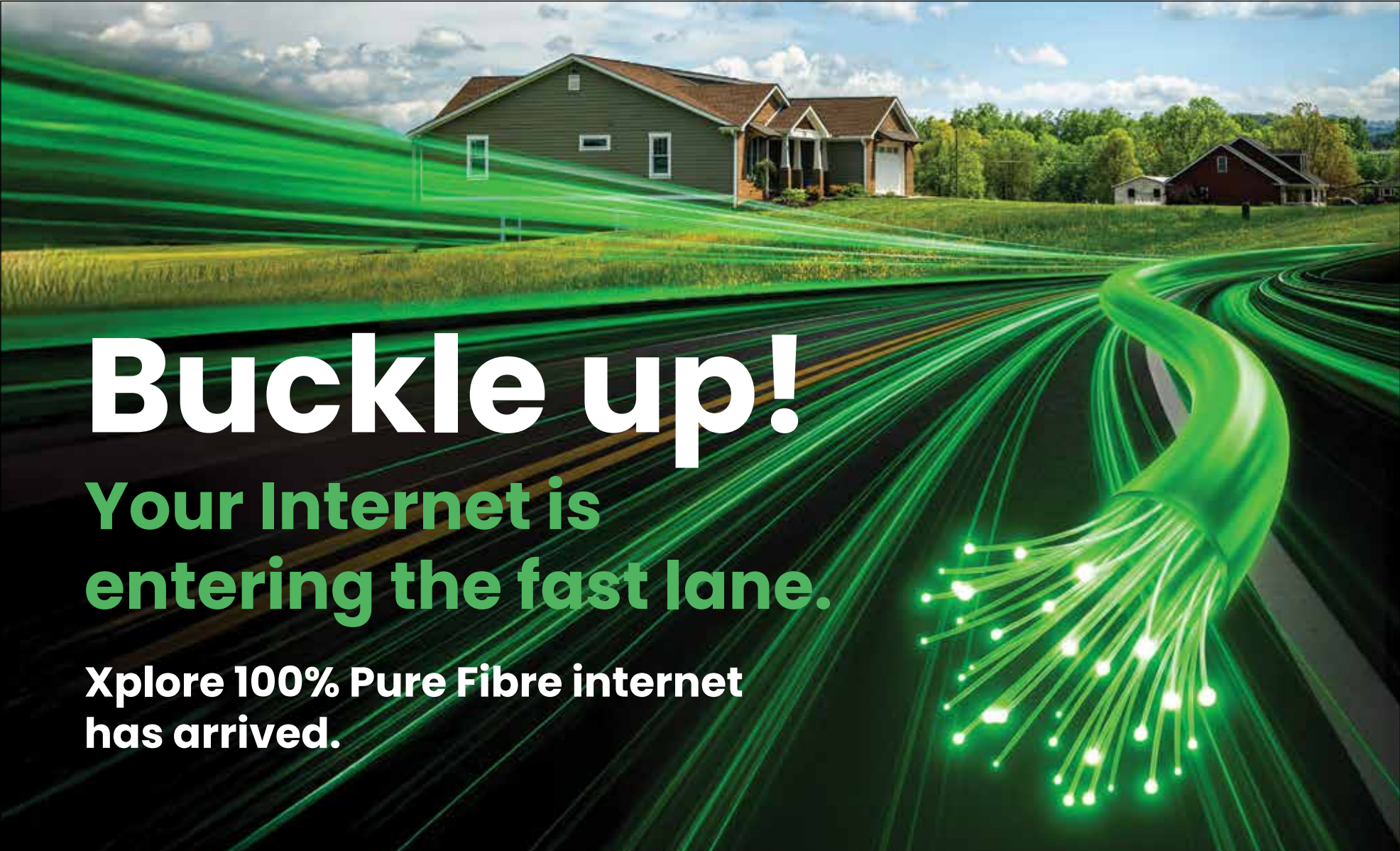


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AUGUST 16 | 2 PM

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Tillsonburg Cemetery

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SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 12 | 9 AM - 4 PM

(Rain Date: Sunday, September 13)

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ONGOING CLASSES, CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

3RD TUE. OF MONTH | 6:30 - 8:30 PM

CAREGIVER CONNECTION

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STARTS 7 PM

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AUGUST 9 – “Kickin Kountry”

AUGUST 16 – “North Shore Ramblers”

BEGINNING AT 6:30 PM

AUGUST 23 – “George Fulop”

AUGUST 30 – “Blue Sky” – Archie Wright

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2ND TUES. OF MONTH (SEPT. TO MAY) |

2 - 4 PM

4TH TUES. OF MONTH (SEPT. TO MAY) |

7 - 9 PM

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SATURDAYS | 10 AM - 12 PM

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1ST WED. OF MONTH | 7 PM

WAGNER MEMORIAL TEETERVILLE LEGION BRANCH 526 - MEMBERS GENERAL MEETING

The Wagner Memorial Teeterville Legion Branch 526 - 3890 Teeterville Road, Teeterville, ON

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT ONE OF OUR EVENTS? WE WELCOME YOU!

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10	9	1
5	3	20

Solution

Get Scrambled
Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.
LCESI FO MNOEL

Answer: Slice of melon

CANADA
MONTH
HISTORY
1863
The Chesapeake Affair takes place. The incident sees Confederate sympathizers from the British colonies Nova Scotia and New Brunswick capture the American steamer Chesapeake off Cape Cod.

NEW
WORD
HYDRATE
cause the body to absorb water



Health FACT!
This refreshing fruit is an excellent source of lycopene, which helps keep the heart healthy.
Answer: Dog

How they say that in...
English: Watermelon
Spanish: Sandía
Italian: Cocomero
French: Pastèque
German: Wassermelone

Did You Know?
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OBITUARY

PHILIP A. HEYE

(JUNE 7, 1966 - JULY 7, 2026)



Philip Alois Heye, 60, of Upton, MA passed away on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, after suffering from sudden cardiac arrest while out for a morning run. Born in Tillsonburg, Ontario, Canada, he was the son of the late Astrid (Van Damme) Heye and Alfons Heye. He was the beloved husband of Karen (Sugalski) Heye; they were blessed to share 30 years of marriage together.

Born and raised in Ontario, Phil graduated from University of Western Ontario with a Bachelor's degree in Honors Biochemistry. He met Karen at Winners – TJX in Canada in 1993 and got married in July 1996. After the birth of their three children, Alexander, Samuel, and Lauren, the family relocated to Upton, MA in 2005. Phil worked at Gordon Brothers in Boston for over 20 years, most recently as the Director of Global Information Technology.

He lived an active lifestyle through biking, hiking, and fitness. He enjoyed his weekends experimenting in the kitchen, caring for his home and garden, and watching sports. Phil valued traveling with his family and exploring new places, including Greece, Italy, London, and Portugal. He always loved spending his summers on Cape Cod at Skaket Beach.

Phil lived his life by finding joy in each day and valuing experiences with his loved ones. He had a willingness to help others and lend a hand when needed. Everyone he met was touched by his genuine warmth and humor. Phil will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

In addition to his wife, Karen, Phil is survived by three children, Alexander Heye of South Boston, Samuel and Lauren Heye of Upton; his sister, Mary-Lynn Heye of Oakville, Ontario; his Aunt Marie "Keeko" Van Damme of Langton, Ontario, Uncle André Heye of Stekene, Belgium; his in-laws, Joseph and Ann Sugalski of Thompson, CT; brother-in-law, Leonard Sugalski and his wife, Shannon, and their daughter, Emmy of Attleboro; sister-in-law, Melissa Buckley and her husband, Benjamin, and their children, Jackson and Brennan of Phoenix, AZ; and many cousins in Canada and Europe. He also leaves his cats, Rosie and Finn. He's predeceased by several beloved family members.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, July 15, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Chesmore Funeral Home of Hopkinton, 57 Hayden Rowe St. A funeral Mass was celebrated on Thursday, July 16, at 11:00 a.m. at Saint Gabriel Parish in Upton, 151 Mendon St. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Grafton Community Harvest Project <https://community-harvest.org/donate/37> Wheeler Rd., North Grafton, MA 01536; The Greater Boston Food Bank, www.gbfb.org or to UMass Memorial Health, <https://www.ummhealth.org/giving/ways-to-give>, where you can click to make a donation. Select "Heart & Vascular Center of Excellence" as the area of support. Memorial donations can also be made to the charity of your choice by contacting the Maurice J. Verhoeve Funeral Homes, Langton (519)842-4238.

OBITUARY

GERTRUDE ("TRUDY") (NEE MAKINSON) TREPANIER

(JANUARY 2, 1944 - AUGUST 2, 2026)



It is with sadness that we the family of "Trudy" (nee Makinson) Trepanier, wish to announce her peaceful passing, after a life well lived, on Sunday, August 2nd, 2026, at the VON Sakura House, Woodstock, at the age of 82. Trudy was born in Buchans, Newfoundland, daughter of the late Norman Makinson and Teresa (nee Duff) Makinson. In her working years, Trudy was a dedicated Registered

Nurse at Lakeshore General Hospital, Montreal for 10 years, retiring in 1975. Trudy is survived by her much loved husband Yvon Trepanier, of Tillsonburg. Together, they relocated to Tillsonburg approximately 25 years ago to retire. Trudy was a dedicated member of St. Mary's R.C. Church and St. Mary's Catholic Women's League.

Lovingly remembered by her husband Yvon and their son Donald Trepanier (wife Diane), of Montreal, Quebec. Trudy is survived by her sister 'Peggy' Horan (late Jerry), of St. Thomas. Predeceased by her brother Thomas Makinson (late wife Victoria). Also survived by several nieces, nephews and their families.

In keeping with Trudy's expressed wishes, cremation has taken place. Friends, neighbours and relatives are invited to attend a Funeral Mass of Christian Burial on Wednesday, August 12th, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary's R.C. Church, 51 Venison St. W., Tillsonburg, by Rev. Fr. Seejo John. Inurnment follows in Tillsonburg Cemetery Columbarium 9. All funeral attendees are invited to join the family for a reception (held immediately after Mass) in St. Mary's Church Basement Hall. Everyone who knew Trudy is invited to share favourite memories and photos, express personal condolences or contribute memorial donations to the "Von Oxford" (for Sakura House) or to "St. Mary's Church" or to the "Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital Foundation" via Trudy's online tribute page at www.verhoevefuneralhomes.com or by contacting the Maurice J. Verhoeve Funeral Homes- Burial and Cremation Services Inc., 262 Broadway, Tillsonburg (519) 842-4238.

"The family would like to acknowledge the wonderful care that Trudy received at Sakura House. Thank you to the wonderful staff for their care and for keeping her comfortable. It will always be appreciated."

WEEKEND QUIZ

by Jake Grant

- Who played Allie Hamilton in The Notebook (2004)?
- Two lines that never intersect are said to be what?
- What year was WestJet founded?
- What crop was known as maize?
- Heidelberg is a city in what country?
- Name the big three parent grocery companies in Canada?
- What sensory organ do starfish have at the end of each arm?
- How many musical families are there in a standard orchestra?
- What is Africa's oldest continuous democracy?
- What kind of fruit juice is used to mix a Tom Collins?

This week's answers are found on pg. 27

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Library staff picks for summer reading



OCL BOOK TALK

HEATHER MATHERS

Community Librarian, Oxford County Library

It may come as no surprise that the staff of the Tillsonburg Library are avid readers. This month, we're sharing a list of some of the books we've recently read and enjoyed.

Diane recommends *This Book Made Me Think of You* by Libby Page

"This was a lovely book about Tilly Nightingale, who receives a final gift from her late husband—12 books to read over 12 months. Her visits to the bookstore and conversations with the bookseller bring her comfort, while the stories inspire her to embark on adventures and healing. The journey she took over the course of the year and the things she learned helped transition her from mourning to living again. I thought that was a really great concept. While there were a lot of sad moments, there were also a lot of joyful moments."

I recommend *The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt

"Whether you agree or disagree, Haidt brings forth thought provoking arguments. He argues that the excessive use of smartphones and social media, along with overprotective parenting has resulted in a 'rewiring' of childhood and a rise in mental illness. His writing is clear, engaging, and a true call to action. I found the book to be very enlightening and informative."

Katelyn recommends *You Shouldn't Have Come Here* by Jeneva Rose

"This thriller has an exciting twist that I didn't see coming! The story introduces itself as a city girl meets country boy

romance; however, that couldn't be further from the truth. New Yorker Grace Evans goes on a vacation to rural Wyoming that takes a dark turn. The book kept me on the edge of my seat until the very end ... very end."

Matthew recommends *Tinderbox* by Robert W. Fieseler

"Tinderbox is an historical non-fiction exploration of one of New Orleans's most unknown disasters – the Up Stairs Lounge fire. This tragedy has only just begun receiving the attention it deserves. Fieseler has written a book that is so compelling and so well written, it is like you're there. The amount of research that went into this book is phenomenal. It is one of the best popular, on-academic books about history I've read in a while."

Kristy recommends *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah

"The Nightingale tells the story of two sisters in France during the Second World War. I really enjoyed the dynamic between the two sisters and how different they were. It reminded me of my relationship with my younger sister and made me wonder what sort of roles we would have taken during the war and how we would have reacted during that time."

Tiffany recommends *The Unselected Journals of Emma M. Lion* by Beth Brower

"I have just finished Volume 2 of this series and am absolutely enamoured with the charming cast of characters, and delightful neighbourhood setting. These short, 'slice of life' journals set in Victorian London would please any lover of Jane Austen and cheeky heroines with gumption!"

All highlighted titles are available at any branch of the Oxford County Library and can be reserved by visiting your nearest branch or online at www.ocl.net.

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Consider This: Many people choose to preplan their funeral at Verhoeve Funeral Homes.

Thinking about final wishes doesn't mean that a person's sad, depressed, or looking forward to death. Individuals preplan because they want to give their family and friends as much comfort as possible on that difficult, yet inevitable day. Whatever their reason may be, preplanning is a logical decision that a rapidly growing number of people make each day.

4 Key Benefits To Prearranging Your Final Wishes:

- Your wishes are known to your family
- Urgent Decisions Are Completed Now
- Your Peace of Mind
- Addressing Funeral Costs

Benefit 1 - Your family and friends are the most important parts of your life, but without your clearly expressed final wishes, it will be up to them to come together to try to reach a consensus during a difficult time. Flowers, music, readings, and other simple decisions now can create feelings of animosity and disunity. **Preplanning eliminates the guesswork** and lets your loved ones have peace as they focus on their own healing and remembrance.

Benefit 2 - Prearranging aims to take care of urgent decisions now and protect your family from unnecessary pain and expense. When that inevitable day arrives, **you want your loved ones to be focused on the truly important things – remembrance, family support, and healing** – not making arrangements and decisions about your funeral. Preplanning prevents them from having to make considerable financial and logistical choices while under emotional duress.

Benefit 3 - There is peace of mind that comes with knowing that you will say goodbye in a way that uniquely reflects you and your life. By prearranging your specific final wishes you ensure that your family will be guaranteed to have the service you would have wanted on that important day. **Your decisions can shape how your family and friends remember you** and can help their healing process with a personalized service that truly reflects your individuality and unique personality.

Benefit 4 - Preplanning and prefunding your funeral addresses funeral costs today and lessen the financial burden for your family down the road. Many people assume savings or life insurance will cover their final expenses. By funding your funeral in advance, **you lock in the price of your specific wishes at current prices**, avoiding rising costs caused by inflation. You can then enjoy the rest of your life confident in the financial relief you'll give to your loved ones. Furthermore, there is no risk to prefunding your funeral; all prefunded trust monies remain in trust for the purchaser until services are rendered. **These funds are also fully transferrable** to another funeral home, such as in the case your wishes change or you relocate.

In short, prearranging your funeral allows you to show your love in a way your family will never forget. By taking care of all the details yourself – and well in advance – your preplanned funeral will exemplify the selfless love and generosity you have shown your loved ones throughout your life. Nobody is eager to reach the day of their funeral, but taking control of that inevitable step and organizing your final wishes is simply the right thing to do for yourself and for your family. Completing the preplanning process will create a great sense of clarity, joy, and pride.

Getting started is easy. Turn to your local professional funeral directors at the Maurice J. Verhoeve Funeral Homes - Burial and Cremation Services Inc., Maurice or Robert would be pleased to talk or meet with you, without obligation, to answer any questions that you may have. The Verhoeve family has been serving the Langton and Tillsonburg communities since 1958, we are 100% family owned and operated with the goal of putting your family first.



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