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Pictured from left are Barbara Nowak, Beth Schlueter and Wendy Richardson, some of the volunteers who spearheaded the Wellesley Township Poppy Project, in front of the Wellesley Township offices recently. Full story on page 17 of our Remembrance Day pages. Photo by Gary West

## Authors of upcoming book about New Hamburg's built history win ACO award

GALEN SIMMONS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Even before its publication, the authors behind a soon-to-be-released book about New Hamburg's many historic buildings – those still standing and those that have been torn down – are being recognized for their exhaustive research and documentation of the town's history.

Twelve years of work by three New Hamburg authors and historians – one of whom was New Hamburg's last mayor and Wilmot Township's first mayor, the late Ernie Ritz – has resulted in the upcoming publication of a five-volume book on New Hamburg's built history, *The Historic Buildings of New Hamburg and the People Who Lived in Them*, which was acknowledged last month by the Architectural

Conservancy of Ontario (ACO) with its Stephen A. Otto Award for Research and Documentation.

"Ernie and I started it," said co-author Marie Voisin, who researched and wrote the book with Ritz and co-author Kristen Hahn. "We wanted to know which were the original houses in New Hamburg and who built them and who lived in them. So, we started

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## Wilmot ready to take another look at controversial Prime Minister's Path

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Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wilmot Township is launching what it hopes will be a new and improved public consultation into the controversial Prime Minister's Path.

The project began back in 2013 when a group of citizens raised money to honour Canada's political history by erecting statues of some of Canada's top elected officials. Council voted in the summer of 2021 to remove the four remaining statues located on public land in Baden, but a new process has been implemented and will shape what happens to the statues going forward.

The township issued a request for proposal which was awarded to Land Use Research Associates Inc. (LURA).

"LURA bring a wealth of experience to this engagement process, including a highly qualified team to lead and support the township with this project," a news release from the township said.

Coun. Kris Wilkinson said while he wasn't totally in favour of the approved process, it was a decision made by council.

"Personally, I was hoping for something slightly different, but this was a council decision to move forward with a working group. I respect that. The consultant hired is well versed with the issues and has a good plan for consultation. I think the most important thing is that they really focus on getting as much involvement as possible," Wilkinson said.

He added all sides need to be heard from, but the process needs to be focused on Wilmot citizens only, meaning no interest

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groups and no outsiders.

"This is ultimately not an Indigenous issue but rather a question of does the town want the statues or not. If yes, then how? If no, then what do we do with them?"

First Peoples Group, hired by the township in 2021, advised council to consider immediately removing existing statues related to the Prime Minister's Path and to discontinue any future expansion or investment in it as it existed. When council voted in favour, Wilkinson, who delegated as a private citizen in favour of keeping the display, said he decided to run in the 2022 election.

"The final decision will remain with council, but I hope (the new consultant) produces an extensive report that provides more depth than the previously engaged advisor who did not do a thorough consultation with the public. They seemed to focus on special-interest groups, went to schools and gave biased presentations, then asked for feedback and really focused on the media reports of the time," he said.

He added First Peoples Group was not impartial in any way and the result was what they wanted it to be, not what the public wanted.

The Gazette also reached out to Coun. Lillianne Dunstall who admitted she would rather look ahead than regurgitate the past.

"I don't want to go down that road," she said. "A lot of people were hurt, it divided the community and the township was



**The statue of former Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King was removed from the Prime Ministers Path following Wilmot Township's 2021 decision to take down the statues. A renewed public consultation process is now underway to determine the future of the installation. Contributed photo**

painted with a brush of colonialism. That's done now. By far, the number one thing when I knocked on doors (during the 2022 election) was this. People in New Hamburg felt they weren't heard."

She added the issue is so contentious, the end result needs to come from the public and said it is a learning opportunity.

"I personally believe we missed an amazing opportunity to educate Canadians and show you can actually disagree on something but come to a rational consensus. I think we could have used those statues.

Now whether they come back or not, I don't know."

Like Wilkinson, Dunstall agreed many people felt they weren't heard during the first public consultation but added there will be plenty of chances this time around.

"We are coming at this from all angles so we can give everyone an opportunity to be heard. In my personal opinion, a referendum would be the way to go, but that's just me."

Dunstall also said the report from First

People's Group was worth less than the money the township paid for it. This time around, she hopes it will be a positive experience where people on any side of the argument can remain calm and come to a consensus. She added if anyone wants to have their say, now is the time.

"Residents told every single councillor they did not have an opportunity to have their voices heard without fear of being labelled. However it turns out, they want to be heard. We are going to have constituents on both sides – those who want the statues and those who don't," Dunstall said.

The township is creating a working group to ensure broad and fair representation in the Prime Minister's Path discussion. This group will form part of the overall engagement process.

The township will also develop a community engagement plan based on the findings of the working group and include visioning and value discussions with the objective of providing council with information that can support members in moving forward with next steps for the Prime Minister's Path.

The township said the engagement phase will be completed in 2025 followed by recommendations, though no detailed timeline has been released. The first community meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 12 from 4:30-8 p.m. at the Wilmot Recreation Centre.

More information is available at [www.wilmot.ca/en/living-here/prime-ministers-path-public-engagement.aspx](http://www.wilmot.ca/en/living-here/prime-ministers-path-public-engagement.aspx).

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researching that and then from there, we went on to, 'Let's go back into the newspapers and find out what we can about all the people who lived in these houses.' That's how it became a five-volume tome."

"After Marie compiled all the research, it was 1,450 pages just of research notes," added Hahn, who joined the project in 2019 to help interview current building owners and take photos. "That's information she got from the existent issues of the New Hamburg Independent, and then all of this was checked with census records and death records and parish certificates; all of that to kind of form what ended up being not only the story of the people of this town and who built these buildings, but almost like a genealogy of a town."

In the early years of the project, Voisin worked closely with Ritz, who had a perfect memory of all the history he had researched for his own authorly endeavours, the stories he had written as editor of the New Hamburg Independent, the stories he had heard as a lifelong resident of New Hamburg and the stories his mother – who lived to 106 years old and had a memory that rivaled her son's – had told him over the years.

"Ernie was the best," Voisin said. "He

didn't have to write anything; we would just call him or email him and say, 'Ernie, who lived at 75 Shade St. back in 1955?' And he'd have the answer. He knew everybody, he knew all the stories, he knew about their parents and grandparents because his mom also had a photographic memory and she lived to almost 107. She told him everything about the history, so he remembered all of her things, all of his things."

"He was also a historian," Hahn added. "He wrote the first book about New Hamburg, so it wasn't just he remembered all these things. He was deeply invested in the history of New Hamburg and Wilmot."

After she had compiled most of her research, Voisin said she visited each of the 379 buildings in the book, or at least those that are still standing, and Ritz accompanied her on some of those trips. By 2017, she began writing and, thanks to the help of Hahn, a proofreader and a graphic designer, as well as numerous visits with Ritz, many of which were through his window at Nithview Home during pandemic lockdowns, she had completed a 1,174-page manuscript by 2021 and layout of the book began two years later. Currently, the team is proofreading the book's fourth volume and proofreading of the fifth volume – a massive

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**Pictured are the authors of The Historic Buildings of New Hamburg and the People Who Lived in Them, Kristen Hahn (left), Marie Voisin (right) and the late Ernie Ritz (front). The three authors were recently recognized for their exhaustive work by the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario with its Stephen A. Otto Award for Research and Documentation. Photo courtesy of Marie Voisin**

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index of all the information contained in the first four volumes – will begin after that.

The final version of the book is expected to be sent off to the publisher early next year.

Voisin said Ritz often joked that if they didn't finish the book soon, he wouldn't live to read it. Sadly, Ritz was right and he passed in March earlier this year. While Ritz couldn't be at the recent ACO award presentation physically, Voisin and Hahn made sure he was there in both spirit and in cardboard.

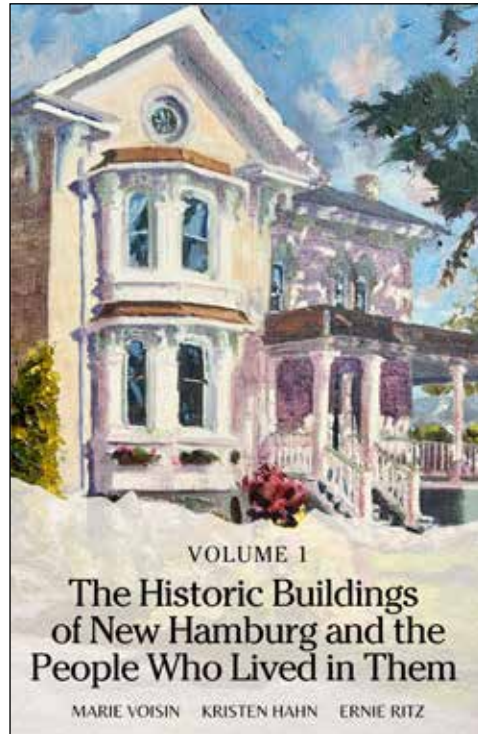
"I think he would have been just so pleased and happy and excited to go to Toronto to get this award," Voisin said.

"He would have been so proud," Hahn added. "Marie did a wonderful thing; she had a cutout made of Ernie so Ernie did come along with us to Toronto. ... It's such an honour (to receive this award). It's a very respected organization and certainly with the organizing principle of the book being the built heritage of New Hamburg, there's no better body to get these accolades from than the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario. It really is a huge, huge honour."

Voisin and Hahn hope their and Ritz's work will become a reference point for anyone looking for historical information on individual buildings and properties in New Hamburg or the town as a whole, whether they're realtors looking for information on

an old house, journalists in search of background for a story or even local politicians considering the future of a heritage building.

Information about how to purchase the book once it is published next year will be posted at [www.historicbuildingsnewhamburg.com](http://www.historicbuildingsnewhamburg.com).



The front cover of Volume 1 of The Historic Buildings of New Hamburg and the People Who Lived in Them. Image courtesy of Marie Voisin

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# Oxford OPP officer celebrating 50 years of women in policing

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Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has reached a milestone of half a century employing female police officers and, locally, one cop decided to put her thoughts to paper to pay tribute.

Randi Crawford is the Oxford OPP detachment's community safety and media relations officer and the overwhelming pride she feels as an OPP officer led her to write a poem, "50 Years Proud."

"I was trying to think of what I could say to capture this. It's a remarkable thing. I went back to my Grade 11 English days and thought I could write a poem. I sat down and wrote it in maybe 20 or 25 minutes."

She added it just flowed from pen to paper because of the immense pride she has in her role with the OPP and being a woman in policing.

"It was to thank those women who came before me and to celebrate those I am with now and also to pave the way for the those coming in the future," she said.

Crawford is regularly out in the Oxford community at various events and the Gazette asked if girls and young women ever ask her what it's like to be a police officer.

"You gave me goosebumps by asking that question," she said. "One of the reasons I took the community safety and media relations role was because I love talking to people about this career. I try to make myself available to anyone who has questions."

She said girls and women from across the age spectrum ask her what it's like to

be a police officer and what they have to do to join the ranks.

"I am also a recruiting ambassador for the organization and I want to get as many people hired as possible, and everyone has such a unique skillset they can bring to the role."

As to her future with the OPP, Crawford said she is focusing on her current position for now but there are many opportunities to advance in the future.

"I am loving what I am doing so I haven't thought too far down the road. One thing I do say in the poem is women are in so many different roles in the OPP and that's exciting."

The Gazette asked Crawford where she sees her career going with the force. She explained there are women in a number of command roles, something she now sees as an opportunity.

"Fifty years ago, I wouldn't have had as many options to choose from and now, because they are endless, it's hard for me to give you an answer."

On Oct. 30, the OPP unveiled a new mural at an event for members to honour the anniversary at its general headquarters in Orillia. On May 27, 1974, 15 women reported for training to the OPP Academy and one month later, they were counted among the OPP's provincial constable graduates. By the end of that year, 39 women had been selected to serve. Over the last 50 years, close to 2,500 female recruits have been sworn in.

There are a total of 97 officers in total at the Oxford OPP and 30 of them are women.

"We have other wonderful roles here like our administrative clerks, special



Crawford credits her 21-year-old daughter, Melanie, as one of the reasons she traded a health-care career for policing. Contributed photo

constables in our court office and auxiliary officers so there are women in those roles as well," said Crawford, who added

the first uniform for female officers wasn't exactly conducive to the job.

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"The first women graduates wore skirts, blouses, heeled shoes and they carried a purse with a built-in holster. They soon discovered the women were not able to perform their duties so very shortly afterwards, they were given uniforms closer to what the men were wearing. Today we wear the exact same equipment."

Crawford is approaching her 12th year in policing after leaving her first career as a physical and occupational therapist. She explained it was time for a change and a new way to make a difference.

"I was helping people and, without sounding like a cliché, I helped people in health care but I wanted to do even more. My daughter at that time was 11 and I had a goal of creating the safest Ontario I could for her. What better way to do that than become a police officer."

She said the roles and responsibilities for officers are endless.

"We provide safety for all our communities in Ontario. That is such an honour but it's also a big responsibility and an amazing accomplishment."

Frontline officers work shifts and Crawford readily admitted policing is a career where family support is necessary, especially when children are involved.

"Everyone questioned me. My husband, mom, sister and my friends. I told them I

had a humungous drive to do this. I wanted to give as much of myself to the community as possible and I was willing to take the risks involved to keep you all safe."

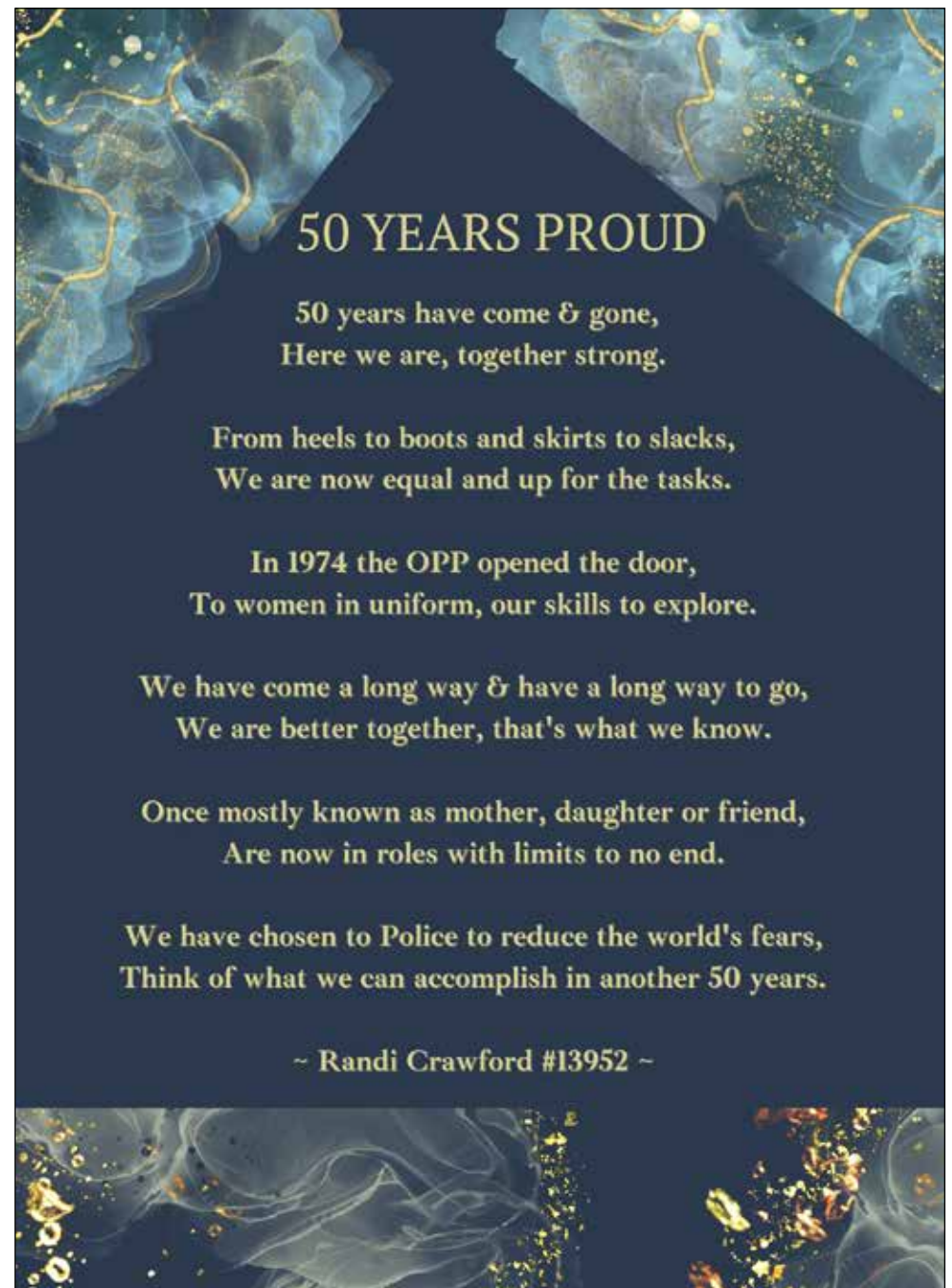
Provincial police detachments across the province have recently held recruitment events in hopes of getting more people interested in a policing career, and that includes women. Crawford said there are several reasons people have doubts about joining the ranks.

"Sometimes I think people are hesitant because they have younger children and they aren't sure how to make a career change. Child care is a big concern but when we talk about equity, it's not just women taking care of the kids any more. It's becoming much more, even in our generation."

By 2005, the number of women in the OPP stood at 15 per cent and today that figure has jumped to 21.5 per cent.

Anyone interested in a career in a policing can reach out to Crawford at Randi.Crawford@opp.ca to learn more.

"I see (The Gazette) as an ally. You really want to see the best for our community. You are out there and want to showcase these types of stories. Maybe it will reach a young girl who is 16 and isn't sure what she wants to do. Maybe this story will help her say, 'Hey, I do want to do this or at least ask about it.'"



Oxford OPP officer Randi Crawford wrote a poem to celebrate 50 years of women in an OPP uniform.



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# Area residents attend OAAS District 7 meeting

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Gazette Correspondent

The Ontario Association of Agriculture Societies (OAAS) holds district meetings every fall and District 7 held its meeting

on Saturday, Nov. 2 at the Elora Raceway. There were ambassadors from Arthur, Burford, Embro, Erin, Fergus, Harriston-Minto, New Hamburg, Palmerston, Paris, Tavistock and Wellesley fall fairs and agricultural societies.

The District 7 ambassador program was organized by Joanne Stewart and Wendy Richardson from the Wellesley Township Fall Fair with a high energy, hands-on public speaking workshop led by Ben and Darlene from Christopher leadership.

All fair ambassadors and junior ambassadors who attended said the day was a very worthwhile one and an experience they will never forget and use for many years in the future.



Local ambassadors, from left, are Manni Hayer (junior ambassador Wellesley), Madilynn Cressman (New Hamburg), Katie Musselman (Wellesley), Natalie Dodd (Embro) and Lily Pullen (Tavistock). Contributed photos



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# OFA kicking off Cultivating Local workshops

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Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

If anyone is thinking about selling agricultural products directly to consumers and wondering how to get started, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) can help.

The Cultivating Local Workshop series gets underway next week and comes in response to demand and growing interest in seizing local selling opportunities.

Nine workshops have been scheduled and will run until February to provide key experts and resources for producers and prospective producers to learn more about the opportunities to sell in-demand products in Ontario.

Tracey Arts is the OFA representative for Oxford and Elgin counties and said they are giving people what they asked for.

"It has been an ask from our members and comes out of a survey we did in August and September. It's not just for farmers, but also for those interested in getting into some sort of farming. They can ask questions and meet people who can help them start up."

She added the sessions will also be useful for farmers looking to diversify and will help participants connect with the right people.

"There are nine different and free workshops covering a wide range of topics. There will be different expert speakers related to each topic. Even



if people can't watch them live, they will be recorded and be available on the OFA Hub to view. You don't have to be a federation member to attend or watch after the fact."

Workshop topics include market trends and in-demand local products, getting started in value-added agriculture, food and beverage as well as selling at farmer's markets and selling to restaurants. Arts added the OFA has partnered with several stakeholders to provide the best available information.

"We have partnered with Farm Fresh Ontario and Farmer's Markets Ontario and others. They are the experts and can help with questions participants may have. Some people sell at their farm and others are markets, but many don't know how to get into one side of the business."

The concept of food to table at restaurants is one that has taken off over the last decade or so, something Arts said needs to be fully taken advantage of.

"That is that niche at some restaurants. They support local and get products close to their doors. It's a great thing to be able to have an

establishment highlight their beef is sourced from Bob's farm just down the road. It's great to see restaurants try and boost the local economy this way."

She added the goal is to help get people who want to get into farming the information they need to make that happen and assist those currently in the business to expand their sales opportunities.

Arts said while she isn't looking to add to her dairy operation in Oxford, she is committed to purchasing from local suppliers as often as she can.

"I work very hard to make sure that's what I do. We know what our (food) regulations are. We know our food is safe and healthy and I want to make sure I feed my kids the best. It's their nutrition we are talking about. I take them to the grocery stores and markets with me to teach them how to pick our good meat and produce."

Sessions run on Thursdays from November 2024 to February 2025 with the first one set for Nov. 14 from 10 a.m. to noon. More information and registration details are available at [ofa.on.ca/cultivatinglocal/](http://ofa.on.ca/cultivatinglocal/).

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# Tavistock Home and School Association continues fundraising for new playground

GARY WEST

*Gazette Correspondent*

Home and school associations in area schools play an important part in ensuring students get to have outdoor activities on equipment that is not paid for by the school board.

Members of the Tavistock Home and School association is in the second year of raising money for a new playground at a cost of \$130,000 at Tavistock Public School.

Association president Fiona Patten and vice president Ashlie Weicker said they have had two awesome fundraising events so far this school year.

On Oct. 7, they had an open house at the school, where the Optimist Club of Tavistock donated their labour, food truck and supplies with all the money collected from the night going to the proposed new playground.

It was a record turnout and 500 pounds of fries were made. The association thanked everyone for coming out to their first fundraiser of the new school year.

The second event that occurred just recently was their first annual family Halloween dance at the end of October when 100 kids came to dance and enjoy some Halloween activities.

According to Weicker, everyone had a great time and the money raised brought them even closer to the goal. The association thanked those who participated for coming out. Weicker says they are now at close to \$50,000 raised and she thanked the community for all the help with donations so far.

Weicker says their next event is a ladies DIY Christmas Centrepiece night on Nov. 29 at the Tavistock Legion. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased on their website.



The Tavistock Optimist members came out in full force with their food truck at Tavistock Public School Oct. 7 and donated 100 per cent of the proceeds from selling fries to the school's playground fundraiser.

She said they have also had many community donations lately which are helping the association reach its goal.

Donations from businesses will be the key to getting to that goal in the end, and



Tavistock Public School students having fun at the Home and School Halloween dance recently, held to help raise money for the new school playground. Contributed photos

they are so appreciative for all the support the Tavistock community has shown.

If readers would like to help, their email is [tavipshsa@gmail.com](mailto:tavipshsa@gmail.com) and their website is

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## Promoting bacon and eggs at Halloween



Shown dressed in their Halloween attire are Kathy Bender (jam and toast), Paulette West (sunny side up egg) and Dianne Satchell (bacon). Photo by Gary West

GARY WEST

*Gazette Correspondent*

There are many costumes at Halloween that can sometimes be scary, but these three young New Hamburg area women are only dressed up at Halloween to promote good eating.

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# Celebrating 50 years of Lions in Hickson

GARY WEST

*Gazette Correspondent*

The Hickson Lions Club recently celebrated a half century of service to the Hickson community.

It turned out to be a special evening for two longtime Lions members.

Lions Diane Clark and Brad Smith were both bestowed the honour of being named a Melvin Jones Fellow for their years of loyal service to the community.

Here's a little history on this prestigious award. In 1917, the founder of the Lions Club, Mel Jones, asked a simple and world-changing question: "What if people used their talents to improve our communities?"

The Hickson Lions club is the answer to this question! They are a small, hardworking, creative group that tries to improve and help the community of Hickson and surrounding area.

The club also depends on loyal, non-member volunteers to lend a hand during events, and they could not do it without them.

Smith says they are always looking for new

members. Their current members include Heather Lovie, Jim Harmer, Valerie and Brad Smith, Sarah Mason, Diane and Lawrence Clark, Geraldine Claessens, Marie Bohner, Heather Mckim and Jim Butt, along with the newest member of the club, Erin Shrigley, who is Butt's granddaughter.

Along with celebrating 50 years of Lions in Hickson, the evening of celebration included district governor Bill Robinson, accompanied by his wife and past district governor Tracy Robinson, who also brought greetings from Lions International.

Phil Schaefer, the Mayor of East Zorra-Tavistock, and Oxford MPP Ernie Hardeman both brought congratulations to the club for achieving this 50-year milestone.

Oxford MP Arpan Khanna could not be there but also sent greetings and congratulations from Ottawa.

The Hickson Lions Club continues to be a very important part of the fabric of Oxford County, and the community looks forward to another 50 years of various Lions activities and programs.



Receiving their Melvin Jones plaques of recognition for their years of service to Hickson Lions are Diane Clark and Brad Smith. Contributed photo



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# A Journey to Bethlehem in North Easthope Township

GARY WEST

*Gazette Correspondent*

There are only a few rural churches in North Easthope Township that have driving sheds beside their church building, but not many that have been kept up the way St. James Lutheran Church members have kept their shed, which is still in excellent condition.

On Saturday, Nov. 30, the congregation will again be hosting their 27th annual Journey to Bethlehem with the Christmas season fast approaching.

Church members recreate the Nativity scene in Bethlehem with live farm animals.

The times are 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the red shed next to the church, used many years ago by settlers able to stable their horse and buggy while attending church services.

Everyone is welcome and the church is located at the corner of Perth Line 45 and Perth Road 106 in Perth East, southwest of Wellesley, with refreshments to follow the program.

Visitors are reminded to dress warm and bring a blanket.



St. James Lutheran Church in North Easthope Township is hosting its annual Journey to Bethlehem Nativity scene on Nov. 30. Vecteezy image

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## 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.*

**November 6-13, 2019, Edition (5 years ago)**

Bill Ferguson waited until his 66th birthday on Nov. 8, 2019 to claim the family's prize from the Sept. 25 Lotto 649 jackpot. Bill and his wife, Linda, and their four children travelled to Toronto to the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corp. centre to collect the \$1 million. Bill purchased his ticket at the Shell station, Tavistock Gas and Variety, for the Sept. 5 draw. Bill's family says he has bought tickets on and off through the years since they were kids.

East Zorra-Tavistock Township firefighters were pleased to accept a cheque last week for \$7,500 from Ken Hall, Enbridge senior advisor, public affairs. The money was obtained through the Safe Community program established by Enbridge in Canada in 2009. "Local fire services never seem to get enough funds," Mr. Hall said. Awarding this money is "by far the highlight of my job," he added.

The Tavistock Braves remain in first place, one point ahead of the Wellesley Applejacks, after a gruelling three-game

weekend. The Braves tied New Hamburg 2-2 on Friday night, edged the Norwich Merchants 2-1 on Saturday night, then took their first loss in 13 games, losing 5-2 to the Wellesley Applejacks on Sunday afternoon.

**November 4-11, 2009, Edition (15 years ago)**

The Perth County OPP is investigating a \$30,000 theft of a New Holland Farm tractor and tandem hydraulic flatbed trailer from Stratford Farm Equipment on Road 101 west of New Hamburg. The equipment was removed from the locked compound on Oct. 22 at about 4 a.m.

Over 100 former players for the Tavistock Braves attended Alumni Night at the Tavistock and District Recreation Centre on Friday night. Original yellow leather jackets from the 1969-70 year were on display along with news articles, programs and other memorabilia from the Braves' organization. With well over 100 alumni in the building, and close to a full attendance from the 1982-83 OHA Championship team, it was a very special atmosphere in the Tavistock Arena.

Hickson Central Public School students had a once-in-a-lifetime chance to talk with a Stanley Cup winner last week when Mr. Jay Heinbuck, Pittsburgh Penguins di-

rector of amateur scouting for Canada and Europe, was the special guest at a school assembly. School principal Laurie James told the assembly, "You will think back to this day. You may never have this opportunity again."

**November 2-9, 1994, Edition (30 years ago)**

Residents of the Township of East Zorra-Tavistock will decide on a new mayor on Monday, Nov. 14 as the municipal election draws near. Two candidates, neither of whom are strangers to the local political realm, will be seeking the post. Mrs. Betty Yeoman and Mr. Dave Oilphant are actively seeking the position which will be vacated by present Mayor Mrs. Nell Hostetler.

A dedicated group of individuals gathered at Chesterfield and Bright United Churches, and later at the Tavistock Legion Branch 518 Hall in Tavistock on Sunday to honour those who served and died in the great wars, as well as to remember those who lost their senses, limbs and reason, so that we could live in freedom. Rev. Normal Morton conducted the service of remembrance, held indoors this year, and gave a message of hope and thankfulness to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our benefit. Lest we forget.

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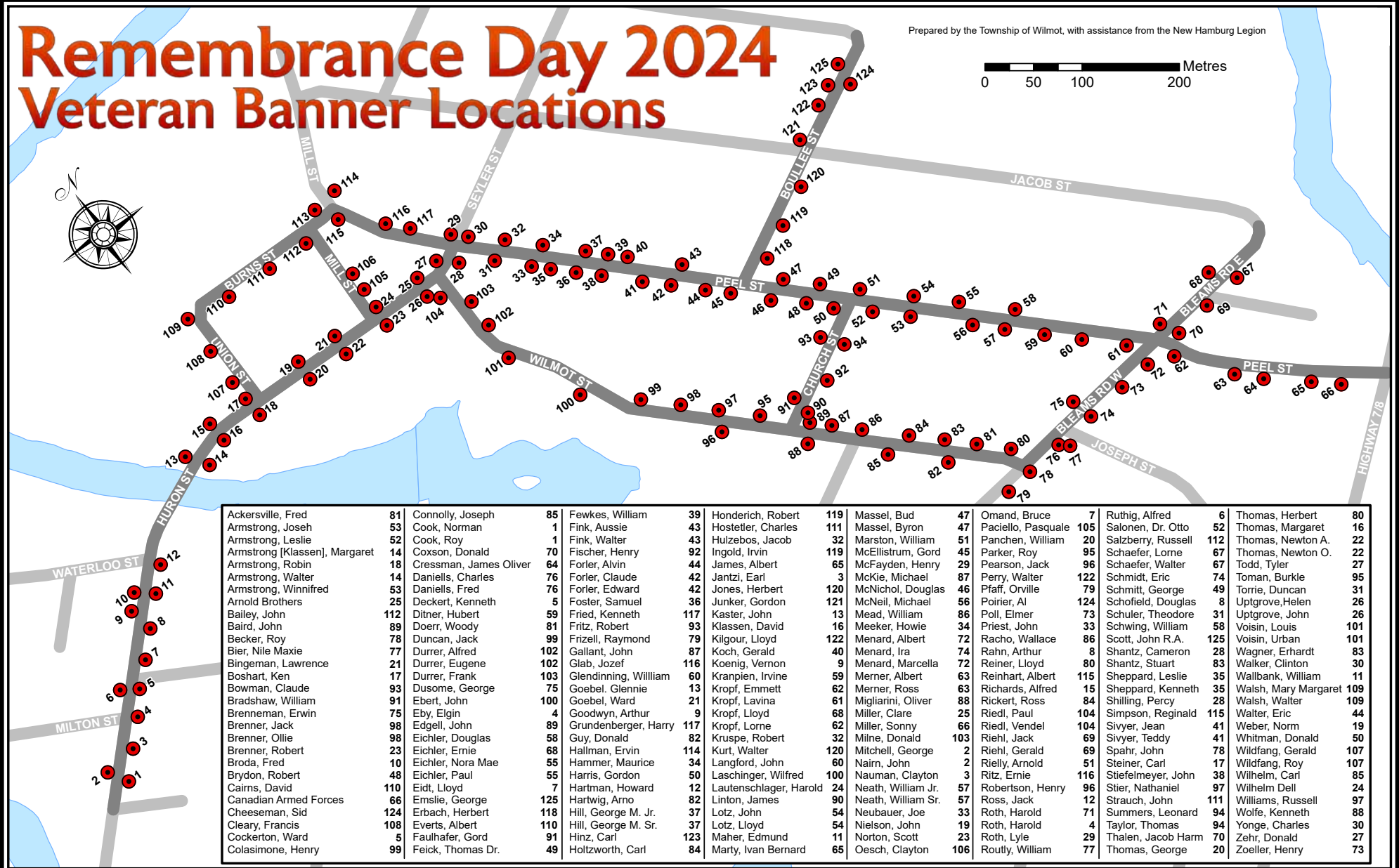


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## Wearing a poppy not just about honouring veterans, but supporting them in the community

GALEN SIMMONS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

For most, wearing a poppy during Remembrance season every year is a sign of respect and a way to honour the sacrifices made by veterans and current members of the military. That poppy, however, is also a symbol of the support we as Canadians have pledged to veterans in our communities as they transition back to civilian life and as they age.

As previously reported in this paper, the poppy has become widely recognized as the symbol of Remembrance with the Royal Canadian Legion managing its distribution in communities across Canada. In Wilmot, the Poppy Campaign is organized by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 532, New Hamburg. On Oct. 25, poppy boxes were placed in local businesses and community spaces, and the wearing of poppies will continue until Nov. 11.

The funds generated during the campaign help provide immediate assistance to servicemen and women who are in need. This may include food, shelter or medical attention for them or their families. Locally, much of the funding raised also goes to:

- Educational bursaries;
- Comforts for veterans in hospital;
- Community medical appliances;
- Medical research;
- Medical training specific to veterans; and

- Awards for local students competing in the annual poetry and poster competitions that has Remembrance as the subject matter.

"There's certain things our Legion Command tries to do to make sure veterans that are in need do get looked after," said New Hamburg Legion poppy chair Gary Bender. "Sometimes it's hard to find those veterans (in need of help), but we do have Leave the Streets Behind for homeless veterans. ... Our local Legions don't do anything with that except support it (with poppy campaign funds) or, if there's anybody that we come across or find out about, we help refer them."

The Legion's Leave the Streets Behind program provides support to homeless veterans and those at risk of homelessness by providing them with immediate financial assistance and support and connecting them with the social and community services they need to establish a long-term solution.

Poppy campaign funds raised locally and across the province also go to support the Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Provincial Command and Wounded Warriors Canada's Operation Service Dog, a program that aims to pair as many injured veterans as possible with trained service dogs.

Among the many other programs and supports provided for veterans through the funds raised during the annual poppy

campaign each year, the campaign also supports the provision of comforts for veterans and their surviving spouses who are hospitalized and in need.

"The money we collect at the branch goes to support veterans and things that support veterans," Bender said. "Even at the local hospitals, we (contribute) to the Stratford hospital, Kitchener-Waterloo – both hospitals there – and those things are directed to veterans' care. That's the main thing."

The New Hamburg Legion goes one step further, hosting regular supply drives to collect donated hygiene products for veterans at the Parkwood Veterans Care Hospital in London. Currently, the Legion is asking for donations of toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouth wash, low-fragrance deodorant, soaps and shampoo, diabetic stockings, socks with non-slip soles, moisturizer, denture cleaner, disposable razors, men's and women's underwear, t-shirts and jogging suits, which Legion members Ross and Jane Eichler will deliver personally on Nov. 15.

"The strange thing is, they have to buy their own (hygiene products)," Ross Eichler said. "A lot of them that are in there don't have the funding to do that. The other thing with it is, in London for instance, there's about 100 beds and right now there's about 80 to 90 veterans there with an average age of 90."

The poppy funding also helps get


local Legion members in area schools to spread awareness of the importance of Remembrance and the importance of supporting veterans in the community.

"Ross' wife, Jane, has done this for years through the educational program," Bender said. "They're trying to get kids in schools to understand Remembrance. ... Because we don't see marches locally and we don't see people dressed in their military fatigues locally, people might not realize there are people in their community who are in the military and serving their country."

Every year, the New Hamburg Legion runs the Poppy Campaign leading up to Remembrance Day on Nov. 11. This year, a memorial parade and service will take place at the New Dundee Cenotaph on Nov. 9. On Nov. 11, a memorial parade will be held in New Hamburg, featuring a moment of reflection at the New Hamburg Cenotaph followed by a full service at the New Hamburg Arena. A reception and fellowship will be held afterwards at the New Hamburg Legion in the main hall.

A special feature this year will be the Tudor Squadron 822 Cadets, who will stand guard at the New Hamburg Cenotaph from 8 p.m. on Nov. 10 until 10 a.m. on Nov. 11.

At this time of year, please take a moment to reflect on the sacrifices that have been made for our freedom and the protection of our families and consider wearing a poppy.




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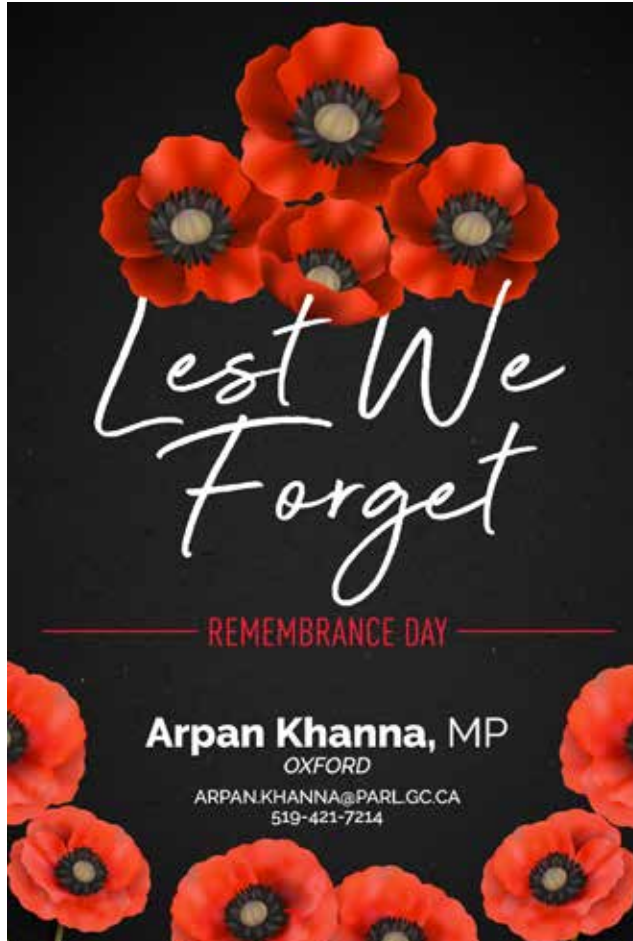
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# Thousands of poppies adorn the Wellesley area as Remembrance Day approaches

GART WEST

Gazette Correspondent

Many residents in the area young and old should not pass up the chance to visit Wellesley Township, including Linwood and St. Clements, to see literally thousands of homemade, red, knitted poppies.

The Wellesley Township Poppy Project was installed recently in honour of veterans in the area who gave the ultimate sacrifice as Remembrance Day on Nov. 11 approaches.

The poppy project began in 2021, when a group of area ladies came up with the idea to display veterans banners made out of poppies on local bridges and other prominent, public locations.

What started four years ago at the Linwood Cenotaph has now grown with poppy banners being placed in

Linwood, St. Clements and in the Village of Wellesley. The committee also put 26 swags on two bridges, and installed a display at the Wellesley branch of the Waterloo Region library.

Committee member Barb Nowak says this suits their original goal of a township-wide poppy project.

She said in the first year they started with a display at the Linwood Cenotaph and their group has given a few hundred poppies each, over the past two years, to those leading poppy project efforts in Linwood – Laurie Hanley – and in St. Clements – Bonnie Gaudet.

She said all displays are sponsored by families in the area and she really hopes young residents will educate themselves about Remembrance Day and continue long into the future with the Wellesley Township Poppy Project.



Beth Schlueter and Barbara Nowak put the final touches on the 500 poppies that will be displayed in front of the Wellesley Township offices on Lobsinger Line in Crosshill. Contributed photo



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The homemade poppies were displayed last week by the hardworking group at the Bill Gies Recreation Centre. They included, from left, Hudson Gushue, Liam Good, Luke Hancock, Wendy Richardson, Grace Jantzi, Manni Hayer, Ava Stagat, Scarlett Hayter, Beth Schlueter and Barbara Nowak. Contributed photo



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## Tavistock Public School displays war artifacts from the Tavistock and District Historical Society

GARY WEST

Gazette Correspondent

With Remembrance Day approaching, students and staff at Tavistock Public School have been admiring a display of war artifacts at the entrance to the school donated by veterans and their families and set up by members of the Tavistock and District Historical Society.

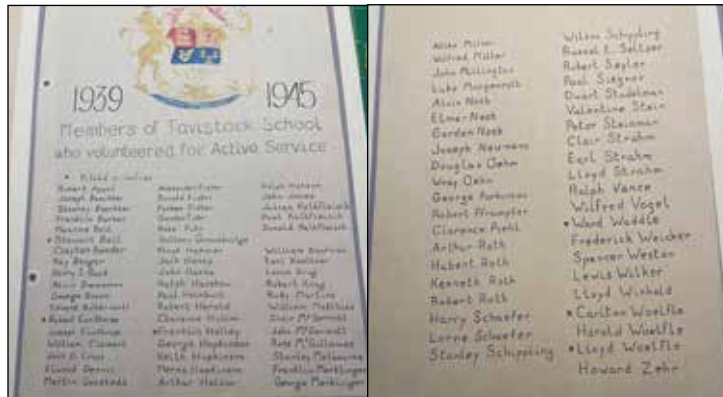
Historical society member Susan Pellow said most of the photos in the front-hall case come from the Lemp collection and were printed by Roy Erb.

She said more information and pictures can be seen at the Tavistock and

District Historical Museum at 32 Maria St. in Tavistock, which is open the third Saturday each month from 1-4 p.m.

Area residents are reminded that Remembrance Day services in Tavistock will take place on Sunday, Nov. 10 at 10:30 a.m. at Grace United Church and later that afternoon at 1 p.m. when there will be a public service with dignitaries at the Tavistock Royal Canadian Legion Branch 518. On Monday, Nov. 11, there will be a service at 10:30 a.m. at Tavistock Public School.

Information on the Tavistock District Historical Site can be found at [www.tavistockhistory.ca](http://www.tavistockhistory.ca).



Pictured left are the names of former Tavistock Public School students who volunteered for active military service during the Second World War. Those with stars next to their names were killed in action. Photos courtesy of Tavistock and District Historical Society



Pictured from left in the entrance to Tavistock Public school are Tavistock and District Historical Society members Susan Pellow, Tom Zimmermann and Marilyn Pearson, who take the display to various venues in recognition of Remembrance Day Nov. 11. Missing from photo is society member Donna Dickson. Photo by Gary West

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# Lest We Forget - REMEMBRANCE DAY 2024

## Crocheted and handknitted poppies honour Remembrance Day in Plattsville and Bright

GARY WEST

*Gazette Correspondent*

There are hundreds of bright-red poppies brightening up the areas of Plattsville, Washington and Bright during this season of Remembrance.

Local organizers say they all got together in making poppies and poppy banners in what they are calling their first poppy project.

The Plattsville Poppy project was approved at the Feb. 27 meeting of the Plattsville and District Heritage Society. Denise Tew and Denise DeJonge lead the project and the first poppy get-together was at the DeJonge's home on March 6.

North Blenheim Mutual Insurance provided a \$300 donation to make starter kits for students at the Plattsville Public School.

The group had 14 enthusiastic students who met with the volunteers at lunchtime and learned how to crochet poppies.

The Poppy banners were completed by the end of June and they met weekly at Peace United Church in Plattsville.

They have had a large group of keen and energetic neighbours who have been crocheting and knitting poppies, and another group of volunteers who worked on the banners.

Banners of poppies are now on display at the Plattsville Memorial Gates, Bright Memorial Gates, Chesterfield Cenotaph, Ratho Church, Washington Bridge, Bright Fire Hall, the Tyler Todd plaque at Plattsville Gates, the public-school cairn and also at Peace United Church, Plattsville Missionary Church and Plattsville Public School.

The enthusiastic group also hung 76 Remembrance banners recognizing veterans – 51 in Plattsville and 26 in Bright.

All are invited to attend the Remembrance service this Sunday Nov. 10 at 11:30 a.m. at the Chesterfield Museum west of Plattsville, followed by refreshments and a time to visit.

Organizers of the Plattsville Poppy Project thank the many volunteers with the Wellesley Poppy Project for their guidance and advice to get their project off the ground in their first year.



Plattsville Poppy Project organizers, from left, Denise DeJonge, Bev Todd – whose son, Tyler William Todd, is memorialized by the plaque in this photo after he lost his life in Afghanistan in 2010 – and Denise Tew. Contributed photos



Poppies at the Plattsville Gates.



Poppies on the Washington Bridge.



Poppies at the Chesterfield Cenotaph.



Poppies at Ratho Church.

# PJHL Roundup: Braves snap losing skid with five-point weekend

LEE GRIFFI  
Gazette Correspondent

The Tavistock Braves were able to end a seven-game losing streak last Friday with a 5-2 win over the Woodstock Navy Vets. The Braves led 2-1 after 40 minutes and outscored the Navy Vets 3-1 in the third period. Nicholas Hambly and Tyler Brezynskie had a goal and assist each with single markers from Marc Dionne, Grady Murphy and Blair Stokes. Lander Hartley stopped 29 of 31 shots to earn the win.

Head coach Zac Berg said the team stuck to the game plan for a full three periods and created momentum for the rest of the weekend.

“The boys played hard and made the simple plays. You could really just feel a sense of relief after the win. When you go through a losing streak like we went through, it can really weigh on guys. For us to dig our way out of that the way we did and carry it right into the game on Saturday and Sunday was a big step in the

right direction.”

Tavistock travelled to Paris Saturday and came away with a 4-2 victory. The Braves outshot the Titans 50-33 and Murphy led the attack with a pair of goals. Hambly added two assists while Tanner Hunt and Trent Davie each scored once. Kaden Lange stopped 31 of 33 shots to earn the win.

Sunday, Tavistock skated into Dorchester for the third game of the weekend and jumped out to a 2-0 lead after 20 minutes but couldn’t hold on and lost 3-2 in overtime. Jack Hodge and Carter Arsenault found the back of the net in the losing effort.

Berg said the team’s legs were definitely getting heavy halfway through game three on Sunday.

“A three-game weekend is never easy, but I thought we did a good job of battling right until the end of that game.”

He added it’s always tough to lose in the extra period but he reminded the team how

productive the weekend was.

“Obviously, the instant reaction of losing in overtime is disappointment but we made sure to address that. Picking up five points out of six in three nights in a tough league like ours is something to be proud of.”

The Dolphins scored the game-winner following a too-many-men-on-the-ice penalty, something Berg said is just a part of the game.

“It was a tough way to lose the game. Mishaps like that happen in hockey and we just have to put that one behind us and move on.”

The Braves have given up the most goals against in the division, but Berg sees improvement between the pipes thanks to Kaden Lange and newcomer Lander Hartley.

“We are confident in our goaltending; bringing in a veteran goalie like Lander is going to help us out in a big way. He has fit in with the guys seamlessly. As for Kaden,

he puts in the work and is very motivated to get better. He had a big game for us on Saturday and I think he is only going to build off of that.”

**Firebirds remain in first**

New Hamburg won its only game of the weekend, a 4-3 win in Dorchester. Owen Bruder scored a pair of goals, his eighth and ninth of the season, with single markers going to Aydan Burns and Keegan Metcalfe. Antonio Pasqualino added two assists while Liam O’Leary stopped 34 of the 37 shots he faced.

**Applejacks**

Wellesley split a pair of weekend games, starting with a 4-1 home loss to Norwich. The Merchants jumped out to a 4-0 lead before Even Silveira cancelled the shut-out with a goal at the 19:34 mark of the third period, his ninth of the season. The Applejacks bounced back Saturday downing Hespeler 3-1. Kelsey Wilson, Nolan Stickland and Owen Stoddard scored for Wellesley.

Royals drop lone weekend matchup

LEE GRIFFI  
Gazette Correspondent

The Tavistock Royals Ontario Elite Hockey League record dropped to three wins and a pair of losses after dropping a 4-3 decision in Ripley.

The Wolves score the game-winning goal with just 53 seconds left in the third period. Ripley jumped out to a 2-0 lead but second-period goals from Patrick

Vulgan and Lucas Bast tied the game before Jeromy Munro gave the Royals a 3-2 lead. Graham Noye stopped 33 of the 37 shots in the Tavistock goal.

Next action for the Royals is at home Saturday night as they host the Creemore Coyotes. The game is the annual Minor Hockey Day where any child attending is entered into a draw for free minor-hockey registration next season. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

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2 Norwich Merchants	15	11	4	0	0	2	0	22	0	55	35	20	0.733	202	9	9	0-1-0-1	0.611
3 Wellesley Applejacks	15	9	4	1	0	2	1	20	0	53	39	14	0.667	325	7	7	1-0-0-0	0.576
4 Woodstock Navy Vets	14	9	4	0	0	0	1	19	0	51	42	9	0.679	192	9	9	1-0-0-0	0.548
5 Dorchester Dolphins	14	6	6	0	0	0	2	14	2	39	44	-5	0.500	266	4	6	1-0-0-0	0.470
6 Tavistock Braves	16	6	9	1	0	1	0	13	0	55	69	-14	0.406	384	5	5	2-0-1-0	0.444
7 Hespeler Shamrocks	14	3	9	1	0	0	1	8	0	36	54	-18	0.286	224	3	3	0-5-1-1	0.400
8 Paris Titans	15	3	10	2	0	0	0	8	1	39	61	-22	0.267	233	2	3	0-1-0-0	0.390

# Wilmot girls' hockey growing despite ice-time equity challenge

LEE GRIFFI

*Local Journalism Initiative Reporter*

A recently released Hockey Canada report on girls' and women's hockey may paint a bleak picture of the sport in the country, but not all is bad according to the president of the Wilmot Wolverines Minor Hockey Association.

The report identified six key barriers which will be crucial to overcome in order for the sport to lead the way with grassroots programming in Canada.

Holly Bast is the president of the association and she explained while not everything is perfect, a recent boost in female hockey and sports in general can at least partially be attributed to the Professional Women's Hockey League.

"Thanks to the positive media coverage PWHL is generating, we are continuing to grow. We are excited our youngest age group, U7 Timbits, has the biggest numbers in years. We had 18 last year but that has jumped to 32 this season. We are definitely seeing the popularity of female hockey growing," Bast said.

The association has held Esso Fun Days in recent years, designed to be a free, safe and fun introduction to hockey for girls and women. Hockey Canada and Esso have had the program in place since 1998 and it has grown to become an incredible recruitment tool. It was designed to help thousands of first-time players step on the ice and start their hockey journeys. Bast said it has worked for them.

"We made a commitment to run it every year when we came out of COVID to reignite the participation in hockey. Thanks to that program, we have girls this year new to hockey in the U7 program and even some girls who have never played before but are on our U15 local league team."

The event is held at the end of March before registration opens for the following season.

"Out of this year's program, we had 28 new girls try hockey and 17 of those registered for the current season. That's a really strong response and we are thankful for the sponsorship."

The Hockey Canada report's barriers list the structure of women's and girls' hockey, policy and governance, equity in resource allocation, education and training, data and visibility and celebration. Bast said the document represents how much more work there is to do.

"There will always be more to do when you are growing a program. (Hockey Canada) has a really ambitious goal to get to 170,000 female players by 2030 given we have crossed the 100,000 threshold."

The Wolverines formed in 2007 when the Wilmot Recreation Centre first opened and Bast explained obtaining equal ice time opportunities has been an issue with weekend ice the main option.

"That's the year Wilmot went from having one ice pad to two ice pads. As we have grown, we have had to pick up any ice that's available. Today, a third of our ice is during the week and the rest is on the weekend. It is really challenging for us to run our program when we are so heavy in weekend ice."

She added a big part of minor hockey is the ability to play in tournaments, including the massive Stratford Aces tournament later this month. Since many of the associations are playing in it, the problem is what to do with the existing ice time.

"It is a real challenge because that's what was available to us as we grew. The prime-time ice during the week was never there. We have picked up bits and pieces but because of the popularity of hockey here in general, we are extremely short on ice here."

Wilmot Township is currently in a poor financial situation and a proposal for a third pad was turned down in early 2023 after a split vote by council. The municipality recently launched a community services master plan and Bast explained it identified one ice pad serves 450 minor hockey registrants. Between the boys and girls along with figure skating, the number sits at over 1,300.

"We should be looking at a third and fourth ice pad here. The ice shortages in addition to the inequities with how the ice has been allocated to us is a real challenge."

Bast added the U15 boys also get longer period times during games as compared to the U15 girls, but she noted

there is a push to even things up.

"That is a part of the conversation at all levels of hockey, but here in Wilmot, we would have to reduce the number of players we offer space to. Our hands are tied there," she said.

The Wolverines program looks to area arenas such as Tavistock, Plattsville and Wellesley for additional ice during the week throughout the season.

Many smaller centres, for both boys and girls, have decided to amalgamate minor hockey programs meaning they have more ice available, but Bast mentioned larger cities like Kitchener and Waterloo push back on the idea of longer games for girls because they don't have that extra time.

The association would also like to see improved training opportunities geared specifically for female hockey programs. Currently, the Ontario Women's Hockey Association (OWHA) mandates what courses need to be taken for bench staff. Bast would like to see more targeted opportunities.

"There was a program developed a few years ago called Keeping Girls in Sport. I took it last year and it dealt with how females learn versus males, and other differences in a number of areas. It isn't mandatory but we have encouraged our coaches to take it. However, it's a challenge when you are asking volunteers to commit more time to something."

The retention rate in girls' hockey sits at around 81 per cent, three per cent less than boys.

The OWHA, like other hockey associations, has several mandatory education modules for volunteers. Bast added the course would help coaches see past some of the stereotypes between male and female sport.

The Hockey Canada report can be found at <https://cdn.hockeycanada.ca/hockey-canada/Hockey-Programs/Female/Downloads/womens-and-girls-paper-e.pdf>.

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# Dancing around politics with Americans

## FROM THE PUBLISHER'S DESK

By Stewart Grant



It's been over a year since I've set foot in the United States, but last week Laurie and I attended a travel industry event in South America that was comprised of about 70% Americans and 30% Canadians.

There wasn't much political talk on this trip. Everyone is generally smart enough to steer clear of politics in business settings, but the retreat offered a few opportunities to gain some insight as to where people stood heading into the Nov. 5th presidential election.

In Punta del Este, Uruguay, we

enjoyed a wonderful sightseeing day with a couple from Michigan and another couple from Tampa. These were four of the nicest people that we could ever hope to meet. One of the gentlemen is not only a travel agent owner but also a pastor. At lunch, he opened the door to a political discussion by saying, "Up until this week, I had never thought much about the impact that our election has on other countries. I've been talking to some Canadians this week who follow this closer than I do."

"For sure, the election affects everyone in some way," I replied,

and gave an example of how I worried about the U.S. pulling out of NATO and how that could affect Canada at some future point.

The table seemed to agree that NATO was a good thing, and our Tampa friend said, "Yeah, I don't think he [Trump] would really do that, it's a lot of bluster with him." He added that Trump had been President once before and everything hadn't fallen apart.

"He won't have any guardrails this time though," I replied. "All those people who kept him in line last time won't be there this time around and he'll surround himself with yes-men."

"He will still have to get things through the Senate and the House," the Tampa man replied. I thought about pursuing it further by saying that Trump could circumvent those checks by issuing Executive Orders, but decided it was enough. The Michigan man also resigned, saying that he already voted anyways.

We then talked generally about

the election impacting the travel industry, as they are finding that some of their clients are pushing back their decisions until after the votes are counted. I joked, saying, "Maybe you'll see a surge of people wanting to buy one-way tickets to Canada."

Overall, we had a nice and pleasant conversation, and while we soon shifted to other topics like family and vacations, I couldn't help but privately assume that our new friends probably voted for team "R" like they probably have done in the past. After all, Fox News has warned them about the dangers that Kamala Harris, and the millions of dangerous illegal immigrants, would inflict on the nation.

At dinner earlier in the trip, we sat with a couple from Florida (formerly from Indiana) who felt they were in a safe space speaking with two Canadians and shared their fear and distaste regarding a possible Trump presidency. They talked about the abortion issue and how it worried them. They

also talked about January 6th and how Trump was a threat to democracy.

Our third and final political discussion was on a shore excursion in Brazil with five Canadians and two Puerto Ricans. The woman representing Puerto Rico tourism was telling us all about the positive attributes of their region and I joked that "wow, it sounds much nicer in Puerto Rico than that comedian at the Trump rally made it out to be a few days ago." Despite being a representative of Puerto Rico, she had not heard of the controversial comments. Everyone gets their news from different places I suppose.

Although political discussions were rare at the travel industry retreat, the few that we had reinforced the fact that this is a truly divided country, with people basing their voting decisions on completely different information, or in many cases lack of information.

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# Smart home technology: How it is changing the value of real estate

## EXPERT REAL ESTATE ADVICE

By Isabel Livingston



Smart home technology has been rapidly transitioning from a futuristic luxury to a more mainstream fundamental in the real estate market.

Beyond convenience and comfort, these innovations are able to provide security, cost savings and are making an impact on the real estate market. With buyers looking for these types of upgrades and sellers increasing attention to them, how is smart home technology shaping real estate trends, enhancing property values and

influencing the buying and selling process? Let's get into it!

Smart home technology is a growing trend driven home primarily by the Millennial and Gen Z demographics due to their prioritization of convenience, energy efficiency and security. The ability to control a home's features through voice activation and smartphone apps is increasingly in demand for things like lights, thermostats and security systems.

It is no secret that smart homes

are more energy efficient. Set the thermostat to a specific temperature and you never have to worry about the furnace or air conditioner running too long, appealing to those buyers seeking long-term savings and environmental awareness. Smart home appliances are becoming increasingly popular with their offerings of cost savings and environmental awareness with temperature regulation, water conservation and automatic power-down modes for things like microwaves, dishwashers, and televisions to promote lower energy consumption when not in use.

As smart homes become the standard, buyers are viewing these things as essential rather than optional. Homes with these features are commanding premium prices while in certain markets.

Not only does a smart home appear more beneficial in a buyer's eyes, but these upgrades and

features can actually increase your home's appraised value. Owners of homes with energy efficient windows and doors or solar panels can opt for added value when getting an appraisal. While individual devices may not add a whole lot of value to a home due to their mainstream popularity, a more comprehensive smart-home system such as integrated lighting, security system and climate control can be seen as a value-added feature in the same way that a kitchen or bathroom might be.

As smart home technology has evolved, so has the real estate marketing to promote it showcasing "smart home tours" to demonstrate to prospective buyers how this technology works and the value that it comes with. Smart home certifications or badges are also becoming an asset to helping these homes stand out from the competition. Having these sorts of marketing working

for you and your home can help to catch the eye of that tech-savvy buyer who is interested in owning a home that possesses these features.

Smart home technology is no longer a fancy futuristic idea; it is becoming a selling point that increases value in many of the homes that are utilizing this type of advancement. Is it crucial that you as a homeowner run and integrate this technology into your home? No! But next time you go to upgrade, consider the long-term benefits of choosing a smart home option even beyond your time living in the home!

For questions or future article inquiries, reach out and let's chat! 226-232-4236, ilivingstonsells@gmail.com.

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The Wilmot Lions/Lioness Club invites you to join the New Hamburg Concert Band for our 41st annual Tree of Light Ceremony at Centennial Fountain by the post office.

Complimentary hot dogs and hot apple cider are being served and we invite everyone to join us in singing carols and lighting our tree. A \$5 donation lights a bulb on our tree with all money raised going to our community.

Once again, we invite all children to enter our Snowman colouring contest. This colouring page has been distributed to our local New Hamburg and Baden public schools as well as the New Hamburg and Baden libraries and post offices. Bring it along with you on the night of the Tree of Light Ceremony and drop it in the Christmas wrapped box by the stage. Five coloured pages will be drawn from the box and a cash prize awarded to the winners.

In 1983, the Lions and Lionesses held their first Tree of Light Ceremony to raise money to support many local groups and

needs within the community. The Tree of Light ceremony is a Christmas tradition where our community gathers to welcome the Christmas season.

Last year, we unfortunately had to cancel due to steady rain late in the afternoon and we were unable to have the usual public gathering at the fountain for the lighting of the tree. This year, we are pleased to once again welcome the community to our Tree of Light Ceremony at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 29 at the Centennial Fountain by the post office.

Funds raised, go directly back into our

community, as always.

We are proud of our accomplishments in the community and invite you to support us so we may continue to make a difference. The proceeds of the Tree of Light will help to support the Wilmot Family Resource Centre, Interfaith Community Counselling Centre, Community Care Concepts, Aldaview Services as well as many other community projects.

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# LETTER TO THE EDITOR: Time to consider wartime housing as affordable option

I would like to propose a sensible idea for affordable housing to developers and government officials dealing with housing.

After World War II, many Canadian cities built “wartime housing” for the military returning home. These homes were smaller with the necessary basics in which a family could comfortably live without builder’s upgrades as they are known today.

The housing lots may also have been a smaller size. The cost of building a smaller house has to be more economical than the larger, million-dollar versions that few people can actually afford. I know that the younger people wish to have a home as

large as some of their parents, but it took them 40-50 years to get there.

Perhaps the municipal fees for home builders and developers could be lowered as an incentive to build smaller homes. Let’s build these smaller starter homes or bungalows for first-time homebuyers. There is also a shortage of these homes for retirees who want to size down, but still want to own their own home.

What goes around comes around! I strongly feel that these ideas will make housing more affordable for more people of all age groups.

*Anya Donaldson,  
Hickson*

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR: Clarification on Wilmot Farmland Expropriation

Dear sir,  
I would like to elaborate a bit on Anne Loeffler’s letter of Oct. 31.

She mentions that industrial development may be necessary. I think that many people have been conditioned to automatically accept that industrial development is beneficial and necessary. In reality, that concession is like a knee-jerk reaction. It is inevitable only if it is accepted blindly and without thought.

Does Wilmot really need extensive industrial development of the magnitude being pursued by the region?

Wilmot has never been industrialized and the residents have always lived in a highly rural area. Compared to all my years of living in Mississauga, my life as a resident of Wilmot has been idyllic without industrial development. Many of my neighbours have moved to Wilmot to enjoy a rural lifestyle, not to live beside factories. In conversation with people in the area, I hear complaints about the federal and provincial governments, inflation, health care, housing and homelessness. Never has there ever been one word of concern about the lack of industrial development in Wilmot. The urgent desire to industrialize Wilmot is not coming from the residents of Wilmot.

As Doug Ford stated, the factories should only be built in willing communities.

A word of warning to those communities: The factories may be related to the electrification industry (EVs, EV batteries, solar panels, wind energy). Despite

overwhelming government support for many years, the electrification movement has stalled, far before displacing ICE vehicles and conventional electrical-power generators in the market. For example, Tavistock-Zorra recently rejected a proposal for a wind farm by ProWind. In the EV industry, the Ford Motor Company recently suspended opening an EV assembly plant to 2027, and Umicore Rechargeable Battery Materials has ceased construction of their EV battery factory near Kingston. Also noteworthy are the delays and tribulations in the construction of the Stellantis EV plant in Windsor. The electrification industry is on shaky ground and may ultimately never achieve the market penetration to satisfy investors.

Even if the industry starts to do well in the future with automation, there is no guarantee that the jobs will be numerous, well paying and stable enough to satisfy the workers. Like many industrial operations around the world, the benefits to the workers could be miniscule and the damage to the community could be huge.

Adding this argument against the expropriation to concerns about transparency, democracy and the rights of the farmers and local residents, the case against the expropriation is solid.

Regards,  
*Paul Sedran,  
New Hamburg*

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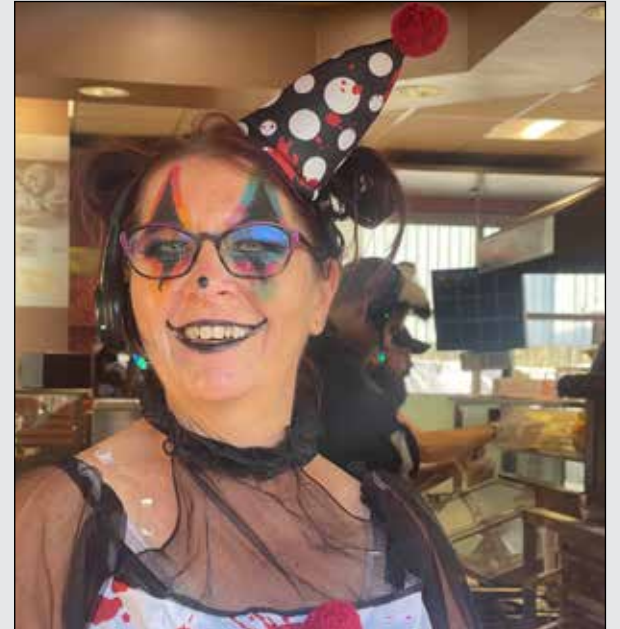
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# Perth County beef farmers enjoying a great, dry harvest season



The corn harvest continues in the Perth County area, and if the fences are good, these beef cows with this past spring's calves are cleaning up what might be left behind by the combine. Crop farmers are reporting above-average yields with dryer corn than they thought. Photo by Gary West

# Service with a smile at Tavistock Tim's



Cathy loves Halloween and dawning a new costume every year, with makeup help from her daughter, seems to do the trick. She was at the drive-through window Oct. 31 serving coffee early in the morning at Tavistock's Tim Hortons, and always has a smile and a welcoming "good morning." Other customers at the popular meeting place also enjoy the hometown atmosphere that the staff, who were also in costume, foster, which makes them feel like they are right at home, no matter the occasion.

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# Ready, set, Zen Den is open for healing help

## HEAPS OF HEALTHY TIPS

By Mercedes Kay Gold



Back In September, this holistic-health advocate discovered the benefits of infrared and light therapy. Melody Junker is the owner of the Zen Den Light and Healing, a tranquil sanctuary transforming local lives. She is thrilled to move her quaint, in-home business to its new and sensational space conveniently located in the heart of New Hamburg.

On Saturday, Nov. 2 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., the community had the opportunity to visit Junker's healing space at 179 Union St. for a meet-and-greet, and the response was overwhelming. Junker was overjoyed at the turnout to say the least, and lucky winners of her draw were Yvonne Martin, Valerie Fink and the grand prize went to Heather Wilson. She will enjoy three healing sauna sessions, three foot soaks, an Adam Brenner gift certificate and candles from Peace Love and Kesim.

The successful grand opening marks a huge win and beginning of a new chapter on the path of Junker's own health journey. As a wellness expert, I am delighted

to see Junker's homegrown business literally outgrow her home. The community's desire for holistic wellness is heartwarming. The Zen Den is a tad less traditional than modern medicine to say the least, and the ancestral vibes are a huge attraction to a growing audience.

Junker was on hand at the opening to answer questions and offer insight on how the Zen Den could play an important part of living that best life. It's never too early or too late to start preserving health. Changing day-to-day habits is challenging but curing a disease is daunting.

The Zen Den offers services in a stress-reducing space supporting overall health inside and out. Infrared-sauna spa therapy is soothing. Saunas have been around forever but infrared saunas are something new and different. They are a bounty of body-boosting benefits. Radiant light warms the body directly, but at a lower temperature than conventional saunas. Sweating it out is old school.

We face an onslaught of toxins 24 hours a day from the foods we eat to body care products to pumping gas and the water we drink. Unplugging and recharging in the Zen Den are therapeutic. The den offers a secluded, stress-free space. Heat penetrates at the cellular level, alleviating pain, eliminating toxins and trust me when I say you will enjoy a deep sleep that night.

Junker also offers chromotherapy or colour-light therapy. Choose a color that speaks to you and enjoy the positive, feel-good mind and body vibes. From sunshine, optimistic-inducing yellow to the stillness of blue, the visible wavelengths of the colour-light spectrum support the growing number of studies linking rainbow colors to reducing inflammation, swelling and pain.

Essential oils are another way to enhance that happy, holistic experience. Floral, citrus and woody scents are mood-changing and transformative, evoking a cascade of feelings.

This personal trainer's soul is transformed through her soles. Sitting still, soaking and soothing is simply stupendous as the body releases toxins into the foot bath. It's a fascinating experience with proof to ponder just how toxic life can be.

Packages are available and can be tailor-made with scents and colours to support overall wellness.

To support detoxifying afterwards, this holistic nutritionist



The Zen Den in New Hamburg hosted the grand opening of its new location at 179 Union St. on Nov. 2. Photos by Mercedes Kay Gold

encourages the addition of a super smoothie to daily life. My go-to is a wealth of health. Beets are a bonanza of health. From their blood building iron and immune boosting vitamin C to inflammation reducing betaine, this sweet root veggie is ruby red rewards. Add an array of berries but focus on wild blueberries to help eliminate heavy metals without adding sugar. Cranberries are low calorie, high fiber, and this top-notch tart ball is loads of love for the

urinary tract. Last but not least, go for the goodness of ginger. Awesome anti-inflammatory, anti-nausea and digestion delight plus, thanks to gingerol, the bio-active compound helps reduce oxidative stress throughout the body. There's even growing studies supporting weight loss.

Congratulations, Junker on embarking on a wellness journey to support the community. Happy Holistic alternatives are now in New Hamburg!



Melody Junker, owner of Zen Den.



A body-boosting super smoothie that supports continued detoxification after a Zen Den visit.

# The quest for the holy puffin

## OH, THE PLACES WE'LL GO

By Paul Knowles



I will admit, it's not up there with Indiana Jones' quest for the Holy Grail, or even Monty Python's hilarious attempt at the same feat, but it was truly a quest, nonetheless, and it did take years, and I finally realized my goal, which King Arthur never actually managed to do.

The object of my search was not a sacred vessel; it was a small, multi-coloured bird. To be specific, a puffin.

I have long wanted to see a puffin in its natural setting. It became something of an obsession. Over the years, I have visited a number of places that promised puffin sightings. I visited my sister who lives in St. Anthony, on the northern tip of Newfoundland. I saw whales and icebergs and guillemots. I even patted a beluga whale that had come into a small outport and was hanging around the docks (until a whale scientist told us to leave the whale alone), but no puffins.

I travelled to Ireland three times and hung out on the Atlantic coast at astonishing places like the Giant's Causeway and the Cliffs of Moher. I saw plenty of posters advertising the availability of puffins, but no puffins.

I visited Yarmouth and the Acadian Shores region of Nova Scotia and fell madly in love with the whole area. It quickly became

one of my favourite destinations in the world, except no puffins.

I have spent a lot of time in much-loved Cornwall, England, exploring coastal towns like Fowey, Marazion and Mousehole (pronounced Mawzel), travelling by boat along the shore, enjoying amazing destinations like Saint Michael's Mount and Tintagel, but no puffins.

So, when I started to plan my trip to St. John's, Nfld., earlier this year, I was determined not to get my hopes up. After all, every one of those places I have visited boast about their population of puffins. Every one of them post pictures of these cute, little birds. Every one offered nothing but disappointment to me.

So, I was not optimistic.

What took me to St. John's was the annual conference of the Travel Media Association of Canada. At these events, we work hard – really – but our hosts also treat us like royalty. One of the features of the conference was an afternoon whale-watching trip with O'Brien's Boat Tours.

I was pleased about this because, first, who doesn't want to see whales and second, one of the O'Briens who own the boats is Con O'Brien, also lead singer of the Irish Descendants, a wonderful Newfoundland band that I brought to this area twice when I

was executive director of a local arts festival.

So, it would be fun. But I did not get my puffin-oriented hopes up.

We headed out on the sea, bound for Witless Bay – an interesting name for a destination for writers, bloggers and public-relations professionals.

Perhaps an hour into the voyage, I spotted a couple of small birds floating on the waves. Could they be? Yes! I was actually seeing my first two puffins. I was very excited and then I realized I was actually seeing my first 200,000 puffins or so. The air was filled with oddly shaped, brightly coloured little birds. They were fishing, they were flying, they were floating, they were pooping on or near us; they were making an aged and jaded travel writer very, very happy.

The O'Brien trip was terrific. In addition to literally thousands of puffins, we saw lots of other sea birds – guillemots (old hat to me, of course), terns, kittiwakes, murrelets. They were interesting, of course, but they meant little to me because I was watching puffins.

On the trip back, we also saw whales. I enjoyed that too, but I have to confess I was still savouring the puffin sightings. After all, I had been years on the quest!

A few days later, I was part of a small group of travel journalists who got to tour the Irish Loop – the part of Newfoundland nearest St. John's. We stayed in terrific accommodations at Cliff's Edge Retreat, overlooking Witless Bay.

As I stood on my balcony taking in the amazing view, I realized I was yet again spotting puffins swimming near the shore and darting through the air. This time, it felt like they had come to



A quartet of quirky, charming puffins. Photo courtesy Destination St. John's. All photos by Paul Knowles, unless otherwise noted in the captions

me. Clearly, the puffins understood how hard I had worked to establish first contact and they were now feeling a bond with me.

Or maybe the attraction was the fish they were feeding on in Witless Bay.

Witless Bay, by the way, is a well-protected ecological preserve, so it is guaranteed that if you go there at the right time (I was there in June), there will be all manner of seabirds, as well as whales and perhaps icebergs.

I have found that Newfound-

land and Labrador is high on many travellers' bucket list, and Canada's newest province deserves to be. So, do go, and if you go, be sure to say hi to the puffins for me.

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The view of Witless Bay from Cliff's Edge Retreat.



A puffin in flight. Photo by ucephoto



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The motoring public is always able to tell when the corn harvest is in full swing because the loading of trucks from combines and grain buggies to transport crops to local elevators and dryers can occur anywhere. This picture was taken on Perth Road 106, east of Amulree in Perth County.

Crop farmers say it's been one of the driest harvest seasons they can remember with corn in Perth County coming off in record speed with above-average yields and corn moisture levels where they like them to be, at 20-25 per cent moisture. Photo by Gary West

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**After School Hangout: Succulent Planting | Drop by after school to decorate a pot and plant a succulent to take home**  
4 - 5 p.m.  
Tavistock Public Library  
40 Woodstock St., Tavistock

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**Tales for Tots at peopleCare | Join Miss Kathy at the new peopleCare facility for an intergenerational storytime!**  
10 - 11 a.m.  
peopleCare  
28 William St S, Tavistock

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**The Wilmot Ecumenical Working Group on Indigenous/Settler Relationships is hosting a free screening of Walking Through The Fire at Zion United Church**  
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Zion United Church,  
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### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

**LWF 4th Annual Christmas Market**  
5:30 - 8 p.m.  
See ad on page 26  
Living Water church,  
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### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

**Tavistock & District Historical Society Open on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 1 p.m. to 4 pm**  
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Living Water church,  
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### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16 CONT

**Holy Family Church Christmas Bazaar**  
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### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

**After School Hangout: Sphero Derby | Get your hands on little robots!**  
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### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

**Wilmot Council meeting**  
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### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

**Wellesley Council meeting**  
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**Deadline: Tuesday prior at 3 p.m.**  
**Contact: thewtgazette@gmail.com**

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- The Community Calendar allows non-profit organizations to promote their free admission community events at no charge. Event listings can include your event name, date, time and location as well as contact information (ie phone number, email address or website).
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  - Coming Events Word Ad in Classified section (50 word max.) - \$10 + hst
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|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Topaz and Citrine | 6. India                  |
| 2. 2019              | 7. Aphrodite (Venus)      |
| 3. Nov. 11           | 8. Mind & Behaviour       |
| 4. Velma             | 9. John Lennon            |
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