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A FRIGHTFULLY GOOD IMAGINATION!

Thirteen-year-old Tyler Reain stands among the spooky characters in the elaborate Halloween display he created outside his family's Garden Crescent home. With recycled materials, a little help from a friend and a whole lot of imagination, Tyler has transformed his front yard into a haunted masterpiece. Proud of his creation, he decided it deserved some media attention — but The Paris Independent wasn't his first call! Find out which major news network turned him down and why we couldn't resist sharing his story on Page 6.



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Filmmakers find a little piece of Europe in Paris

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Paris is preparing for its moment on the big screen as a Canadian film production company explores the town's historic architecture, cultural traditions and community character for an upcoming feature-length documentary.

Europe in Ontario, produced by MARKD Productions, is taking filmmakers on a journey through southwestern Ontario to uncover the European influences that have shaped commu-

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PDHS Celebrates Class of 2026

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Paris District High School celebrated the achievements of its 2025-26 graduating class during its annual commencement ceremony held Oct. 15 at the Sanderson Centre in Brantford.

The ceremony brought together graduates, families, educators and guests to recognize students' academic accomplishments and mark an important milestone in their educational journeys.

Superintendent of Education Dina Atanas addressed those in attendance, while Principal Kristy Johnson delivered the principal's message, acknowledging the graduating class as students prepared to embark on their next chapters. Mazin Yosif delivered the valedictory address.

In addition to celebrating the graduates, the ceremony recognized students for outstanding achievements in academics, leadership and community involvement through the presentation of commencement awards.

Among the evening's top honours, Canaan Sherbino received the Principal's Leadership Award, donated by the Paris Lions Club. The award recognizes a graduating student who has demonstrated exceptional leadership within PDHS and the broader community, contributed to student organizations and maintained an

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New documentary traces the European roots of Paris and beyond

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nities such as Paris, Stratford, Cambridge, Waterloo, Kitchener and London.

The approximately two-hour documentary will explore more than historic buildings and familiar European place names. Through interviews with local historians, community leaders and residents, filmmakers hope to uncover the stories of migration, identity and belonging that continue to shape these communities today.

For Paris, that means looking beyond its picturesque streets and cobblestone architecture to discover the people and traditions that give the town its character.

Kevin Huhn, co-founder of MARKD Productions, has visited Paris several times this year alongside his production team, capturing footage at the Paris Fair and the popular Paris Butter Tart Festival.

Those visits, he says, have already left an impression.

"At first, Paris seemed like a quaint town that was modest and reserved. But as we walked the street and entered buildings, we quickly found charm with its hidden gems. Like Wincey Mills: historic building that hosts a variety of eatery and little shops. Or the Arlington Hotel with its distinctive European character, elegant interior and architectural detail. And history like in the Paris Bakery. Then there is the Grand River that flows alongside town which gives it that charming feel to stop and just take in the moment," Huhn told the Paris Independent.

He also credited the County of Brant's economic development and tourism team for helping the filmmakers establish connections within the community, including opportunities to capture footage at local events.

The production team has been connected with the Paris Museum and Historical Society, the Arlington Hotel and Paris Wincey Mills, with additional filming and interviews planned over the coming months.

Although the filmmakers are still in the early stages of researching Paris's history, Huhn said they have already discovered some of the stories that distinguish the community, including its reputation as the Cobblestone Capital of Canada and the gypsum deposits that gave rise to its name.

The film's creative outline identifies Paris as a community where filmmakers will explore the contrast between a romanticized identity and the everyday experiences of those who call it home. It's a theme that fits into the documentary's larger question: What is the root of Europe in Ontario?

Rather than simply examining how communities acquired their European names, the production aims to explore how generations of immigration, cultural traditions and changing identities have influenced life in modern Ontario.



(MARKD PRODUCTIONS PHOTOS)

MARKD Productions co-founders Kevin Huhn (right) and Robert Crowley Smith (left) are pictured during filming in Uptown Waterloo for Europe in Ontario, an upcoming feature-length documentary exploring the European heritage, culture and community stories of southwestern Ontario.

The documentary will also examine the intersection of European and Indigenous histories, recognizing the layers of heritage that contribute to the province's identity.

Each destination will offer a different perspective. Stratford, for example, will explore the arts as a form of cultural inheritance, while Kitchener will examine its German heritage and evolving modern identity. Paris will provide an opportunity to look at how a community's historic image compares with the experiences of the people who live there.

For Huhn, the project also represents a personal return to southwestern Ontario.

From 1998 to 2001, he scouted for the Kitchener Rangers, developing connections throughout the region through hockey. Nearly three decades later, he is returning to many of those same communities, this time with a camera and a different story to tell.

Huhn brings an extensive background in business and media production to the project. Before entering filmmaking, he spent more than 30 years working with businesses of various sizes and produced The Hockey Source, a television program for NHL Network and FOX Sports.

In 2021, he pursued film production studies at Toronto Film School, where he connected with fellow filmmakers who would establish MARKD Productions in 2022.

The company has since produced several short films and documentaries that have received international film festival recognition.

Huhn is working alongside MARKD co-founder and director Robert Crowley Smith, who lives in Stratford. The production team also includes executive producer Ayla Johnston, who has family connections to the Paris area.

Helping guide audiences through the documentary will be Kitchener's Kat Callaghan, widely recognized as the voice of TikTok's text-to-speech feature. Callaghan will serve as host and narrator, introducing viewers to the communities and people featured throughout the film.

Canadian actor Colm Feore and television personality Chef D are also confirmed contributors, while discussions have taken place with actor Victor Garber.

The project has attracted support from businesses and organizations across southwestern Ontario, including the historic Walper Hotel in Kitchener, The Queen's Cue in Stratford, the Uptown Waterloo and Downtown Kitchener business improvement areas, and Rheo Thompson Chocolates.

According to Huhn, municipal officials in the communities being featured, including Paris, have also helped establish local connections.

Filming is expected to continue until late January or early February 2027, allowing the production team to capture seasonal events and experiences throughout the region.

In Paris, the next phase will include additional interviews and visits to historic sites as filmmakers work to better understand the town's heritage and contemporary identity.

"We believe that another part of the story (apart from visuals, events, archives and site visits) will be revealed through the interviews.

They will be taking place shortly," said Huhn.

The filmmakers are aiming to complete post-production in time to submit the documentary to the Toronto International Film Festival in May or June 2027.

Huhn said the project has secured an exclusive theatrical release arrangement with Cineplex, while additional distribution opportunities are being explored.

For Paris residents, the finished documentary could offer an opportunity to see their hometown through a different lens, one that celebrates its historic charm while uncovering the stories and people behind the scenery.



James Carter captures footage of photography exhibits at the 2026 Paris Fair for Europe in Ontario. The production team also visited the Paris Butter Tart Festival and has plans to return for additional filming and interviews exploring the town's heritage and character.

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Paris District High School celebrates graduates at commencement ceremony

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academic average of at least 80 per cent.

Aris Motrea was presented with the Governor General's Academic Medal for achieving the highest academic average across Grade 11 and 12 courses, while Violet Lamont received the Lieutenant Governor's Community Volunteer Award in recognition of exemplary contributions and outstanding achievement through volunteer service.

Sydney Kipp and Aris Motrea were also recognized as Outstanding Graduates, an honour awarded by school staff to students who have attended PDHS for at least two years, maintained an average of 80 per cent or higher and actively participated in extracurricular programs.

The following is a complete list of the 2025-26 Paris District High School graduates and commencement award recipients, listed in alphabetical order.

Evan Ahronov: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll

Ryan Airdrie: OSSD

Jack Amos: OSSD

Erin Anger: OSSD, Honour Roll

Bhavanroop Aujla: OSSD

Blake Aulsebrook Smith: SHSM, Honour Roll, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate of Recognition for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement)

Armani Bailey: OSSD, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate of Recognition for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement)

Myles Bailey: OSSD

Meghan Balog: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll, Gold Seal Minister's Certificate of Recognition for Community Involvement (200+ hours of community involvement), Beth Doherty Memorial Award for graduate entering into nursing or medical sciences, donated by Rosslyn Doherty

Jessica Barandich: OSSD, Ontario Scholar

Ethan Barnett: OSSD

Nadalene Beeaudin: OSSD

Issaac Bingeman: OSSD, Honour Roll, Muslim Association Award recognizing student who lives the values of inclusion and respect every day, donated by the Muslim Association of Brantford

Ava Birch: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honours with Distinction, Paris Optimist Club French Award in memory of Gord Simons, The Grade 12 Brantford School of Instrumental Music Award

Jackson Birley: OSSD, Ontario Scholar

Payton Boast: OSSD

Zachary Boone: OSSD

Dylan Boudreau: OSSD

Marco Brewer: SHSM, Honours with Distinction, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate of Recognition for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement)

Nathan Brewster: OSSD

Abygal Brown-Elliott: SHSM, Ontario Scholar, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate of Recognition for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement), Woodworking Carpentry Award donated by Glen Morris District Lion's Club

Madeline Brunson: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate of Recognition for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement), St. George Lion's Club Scholarship award to graduate in the CAA+ program attending college

Ashley Cain: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate of Recognition for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement)

Quinn Carpenter: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll, Paris Lion's Club Award in Memory of Mel Sharpe award to graduate pursuing Business Administration or Industrial Management Technology, Paris and District Chamber of Commerce Award to graduate pursuing studies in business

Alexander Champagne: OSSD

Josh Charlton: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate of Recognition for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement), H.A. Garner Award in Geography, donated by the H. A. Garner Trust

Adeline Cherry: OSSD, Honour Roll

Austin Christian: OSSD, Honour Roll

Eshal Chughati: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honours with Distinction, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate of Recognition for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement), Tom Flack Memorial Art Scholarship donated by Student Council

Nicholas Churaaman: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honours with Distinction

Sophie Ciommo: OSSD

Mackenzie Coates: OSSD

Bennett Cochrane: COA

Jordyn Coles: OSSD, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate of Recognition for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement)

Natalie Corbett: OSSD, Honour Roll

Rogan Cormier: SHSM, Ontario Scholar, Honours with Distinction

Paxton Crawford: OSSD

Natalie Culler: OSSD, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate of Recognition for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement)

Seth Daniel: OSSD, Skilled Trade Bursary, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate of Recognition for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement), Equity Action Award recognizing student who demonstrates strong allyship characteristics donated by Grand River Equity Action Team

Kya Davidson: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honours with Distinction, Senior Drama Award donated by Drama Department, Grade 12 University English Award, donated by Lynn Johnston, Compass Group Canada Scholarship award to top graduate excelling in culinary arts and cuisine studies

Chase Deeg: OSSD

Levi DeGraaf: OSSD, Honour Roll, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate of Recognition for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement)

Matthew Denison: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Silver Seal Minister's Certificate of Recognition for Community Involvement (100-199 hours of community involvement), St. George AppleFest Award to graduating student from the St. George Community or one actively involved in AppleFest

Natalie Deverell: OSSD

Eden Dey: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll, Kindred Spirits Art Award donated by Anca Zeitler, Brant Arts & Culture Art Award

Rabneet Dhaliwal: OSSD, Honour Roll

Jackson Dicks: OSSD

Joseph Draper: OSSD

Taylor Drinkle: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honours with Distinction, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate of Recognition for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement), Larry R. Jones & Norma E. Dynes Award to graduate pursuing technical or university studies in food planning and preparation

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SHSM- Specialist High Skills Major Diploma
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Nathan Duff: OSSD

Madison Dunn: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honours with Distinction

Temperance Ellis: SHSM, Honours with Distinction

Holden Fairbairn: OSSD

Natalie Fanceett: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honours with Distinction, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate of Recognition for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement), H.A. Garner Award in French, Grade 12 Technological Design Award donated by Dufferin Aggregates, Grade 12 Architectural Award donated by MMMC Architects, Engineering Diversity Award, donated by John Stphenson

Colton Farrugia: OSSD

Hira Fasih: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honours with Distinction, Engineering Diversity Award

Anfal Fazal: OSSD, PDHS Eco Club Leadership Award in Memory of Jack Kempert, donated by the Paris Optimist Club

Eira Feairs: OSSD

Corbin Fisher-Macdonald: OSSD

Brianna Flewelling: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate of Recognition for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement)

Amelia Flint: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate of Recognition for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement)

Reese Foster: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll

Johnathan Foubert: OSSD, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate of Recognition for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement)

Ashley Fox: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honours with Distinction, Grade 12 University Social Science Award donated by Paris Southern Lights Inc

Connor Fox: OSSD, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate of Recognition for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement)

Maxwell Gamble: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll

Kaitlyn Gatward: OSSD, Honour Roll, Gold Seal Minister's Certificate of Recognition for Community Involvement (200+ hours of community involvement), Grade 12 Co-Operative Education Award donated by Niki Bales, Kyla Anne Casey Memorial Award to graduate showing academic commitment, community involvement, compassion, humour and resilience

Claire Gauvin: SHSM, Honours with Distinction, Silver Seal Minister's Certificate of Recognition for Community Involvement (100-199 hours of community involvement), Grade 12 Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program Award donated by Co-Op Department, The Gary Wright Memorial Scholarship awarded to graduating woodwork student who exemplifies a strong dedication to the craft and desire to pursue career in the skilled trades, donated by Heidi Wright, Paris Construction Company Ltd

Morgan Gibbons: OSSD

Layla Giles: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honours with Distinction

Colton Gloade: OSSD

Isaac Graham: SHSM, Honours with Distinction, Paris Optimist Club Technological Excellence Award

Sophie Gramenz: OSSD

Lukas Greenwood: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement).

Corbin Grunkel: SHSM

Rory Gunn-Pereira: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honours with Distinction, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement), Grade 12 Instrumental Music Award, H.A. Garner Award in Music, Meeting Waters Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star awarded to a graduate who is entering the Christian ministry or medicine

Leah Halabecki: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honours with Distinction, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement), Women in Business Award donated by Sarah Kirby, Paris Optimist Club Scholarship in Memory of Carson Luke.

Ashton Hall: OSSD, GrandBridge Energy Award to student pursuing a career in the electrical industry

Addison Haller: SHSM

Reese Halliday: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Hannah McCosh Scholarship awarded to female student exhibiting outstanding leadership and athletic ability donated by Mildred Barrie Trust

Sophia Hammer: OSSD

Wyatt Hart: OSSD, Honours with Distinction

Aidan Henwood: OSSD

Ian Henwood: OSSD, Honour Roll, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement)

Scout Hergott-Leader: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honours with Distinction

Evelyn Hodge: OSSD, Honour Roll, J. St. Clair Memorial Scholarship award to student enrolling in a university program in medicine, dentistry, nursing, agriculture, home economics or Christan ministry

Brady Houliston: OSSD

Carter Hunt: OSSD, Silver Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (100-199 hours of community involvement)

Kaden Hurley: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honours with Distinction, Home Hardware Paint and Home Products Division Award

Aiden Hutchinson: OSSD

Leighton Hutchinson: OSSD

Quinn Hutchinson: OSSD

Addison Hyland: OSSD, Honour Roll

Waleed Irshad: OSSD

Hayley Jackson: SHSM, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll, Silver Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (100-199 hours of community involvement)

Kalen Johnson: OSSD, Ontario Scholar

Hayden Johnston: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll

Keylan Kaczmarek: OSSD, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement)

Zoha Keyes: SHSM, Honour Roll

Jordan Keyes: SHSM, Honour Roll

Aliah Kingswood: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll, Gold Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (200+ hours of community involvement)



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Paris District High School recognized its top graduating students during its commencement ceremony on Oct. 15 at the Sanderson Centre. Pictured are Principal Kristy Johnson; Aris Motrea, recipient of the Governor General's Academic Medal and Outstanding Graduate Award; Mazin Yosif, valedictorian; Sydney Kipp, Outstanding Graduate Award recipient; Canaan Sherbino, Principal's Leadership Award recipient; and vice-principals Laura Perrin and Jeff Brinson. Absent from the photo is Violet Lamont, recipient of the Lieutenant Governor's Community Volunteer Award.

Brandon Kinnaird: OSSD

Sydney Kipp: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honours with Distinction, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement), Athletic Leadership Award donated by the Physical Education Department, H.A. Garner Scholarship in Physical Education Award

Faith Kirkwood: OSSD, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement)

Easton Koen: OSSD

Will Koeslag: OSSD

Nora Kovacs: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement)

Jacob Kreager: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll

Taras Kulmatycky: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement), H.A. Garner Award in Business, Spirit of Optimist Award

Dardan Lamallari: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honours with Distinction

Violet Lamont: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honours with Distinction, Gold Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (200+ hours of community involvement), Brant Mutual Insurance Award to student with highest mark in Grade 12 University Geography, Paris Horticultural Society Bursary to student entering horticulture, agriculture or environmental fields, The Glen Morris & District Lions Club Scholarship to graduate with highest number of community service hours, The Bruce & Velda Cochrane Family Award to graduating student pursuing engineering at university

Lily Lauzon: OSSD

Owen Lavallee: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honours with Distinction, The Grade 12 Brantford School of Instrumental Music Award

Connor Lemke: OSSD

Felicity Lewis: OSSD, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement)

Zoey Liverance: OSSD, Honour Roll, Gold Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (200+ hours of community involvement)

Danny Livingston: OSSD, Honours with Distinction, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement), H.A. Garner Award in Technology, Whitelaw Automotive & Industrial Supply Award, Netchem College Physics Award

Jack Lovelock: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll

Ava Macaulay: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement)

Harrison MacDonald: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement)

Ella MacGregor: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement)

Jeorga Madore Waters: OSSD

Matthew Mahlman: OSSD

Hudson Martin: OSSD

Meaghan McCormack: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honours with Distinction, Brant County Federation of Agriculture/Bountiful Brant Award

Olivia McDonald: OSSD, Honour Roll, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement)

Kayla McLean: OSSD, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement)

Keith McRuer: OSSD

Ryan Miller: SHSM, Honours with Distinction, Paris Optimist Club Scholarship in Memory of Helen Shipp, Second Place Graduate in Memory of Joseph Downey, awarded to student with second highest average in Grade 12

Daisy Moffat: OSSD

Leah Moffitt: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement), Kindred Spirts Art Award donated by Anca Zeitler

Bryer Mollink: OSSD

Elizabeth Monrad: SHSM, Learn to Work Bursary Recipient, Dufferin Aggregates Award to the most improved Environmental & Resource Management graduate, William Blackmore Perseverance Award to student who shows exceptional perseverance, resilience, and commitment to growth donated by Melissa Blackmore

Ella Morissette: OSSD, Ontario Scholar,

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Kyle Morris: OSSD, Honour Roll

Aris Motrea: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honours with Distinction, I.B. Webster Engineering Scholarship donated by Bruce Webster, Grade 12 University French Award, C. Ward Butcher Memorial Scholarship awarded to student with highest achievement in Data Management, Dr. Geoffrey Bell Memorial Award to graduate with highest achievement in one of the university sciences, namely biology, physics or chemistry, H. A. Garner Award in Science

Eva Mudford: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement)

Isaac Muskiluke: OSSD

Jenna Muwafi: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll, Silver Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (100-199 hours of community involvement)

Tyler Neamtu: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honours with Distinction, Silver Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (100-199 hours of community involvement), Waterous, Holden, Amey, Hitchon Law Award, R. G. Enticknap Scholarship awarded to graduate with outstanding academic achievement, combined with dedication to promoting the school within the community, donated by Jane Enticknap.

Aubree Noonan: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll, Learn to Work Bursary

Luca Oakes: OSSD, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement)

Kayla Padusenko: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honours with Distinction, Silver Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (100-199 hours of community involvement)

Jaelynn Parkins: OSSD

Kadence Parkins: OSSD

Jackson Parkinson: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll

Hannah Peori: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll, Silver Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (100-199 hours of community involvement)

Andrea Perrin: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honours with Distinction

Emily Perry: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement)

Will Pizzuti: OSSD, Honour Roll, Grade 12 4E English Award, donated by Shelagh Finnigan

Miley Power: OSSD

Ethan Pragnell: SHSM

Wilson Preszcator: OSSD, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement)

Breanna Punter: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honours with Distinction

Dexter Quesnel: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honours with Distinction

Heidi-May Radmore: OSSD

Kylie Rainford: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, H.A. Garner in Art

Riya Ramjee: OSSD, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement)

Nate Reain: SHSM, William Kusch Memorial Award to student with the highest academic achievement in Grade 12 manufacturing technology donated by CoorsTek Advanced Material Hamilton ULC

Logan Reavely: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll

Zack Reese: OSSD

Kalem Riley-Brown: OSSD

Rustin Robbins: OSSD, Honours with Distinction

Cooper Robinson: OSSD, Honour Roll, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement), School Spirit Award donated by Dufferin Aggregates

Caleb Rogers: OSSD, Honours with Distinction, Les Clarke Motors Memorial Award to the student with the highest achievement in technological co-operative education donated by Norman Mulloy

Riley Roordink: OSSD

Mckenzie Rosebrugh: SHSM, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement), Paris District High School Commitment Scholarship in Memory of Wilton Dawdy, donated by the Paris Optimist Club

Ava Ross: SHSM, Honour Roll, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement)

Case Ruttan: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll

Brooklynn Sainsbury: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement)

Mateus Santos: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll

Aurora Sauinier: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honours with Distinction, Silver Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (100-199 hours of community involvement), Brant Arts & Culture Theatre Arts Award to graduating student who has demonstrated outstanding creativity, imagination, and achievement in drama performance or production, Beth Doherty Memorial Award, to student entering into nursing or medical sciences, donated by Rosslyn Doherty

Bennett Savory: OSSD

Eva Sayles: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement)

Desiray Schermerhorn: OSSD

Elliott Schiedel: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll

Izzy Scott: OSSD, Honour Roll, Gold Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (200+ hours of community involvement), Preceptor Alpha Tau Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Award to female graduate in recognition of here dedication to volunteerism and community service

Graceyn Searle: OSSD, Honour Roll

Nathan Seepersad: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement)

Dani Seibert: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll

Abigeal Sharp: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement)

Addison Shaw: OSSD

Stavan Shelat: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honours with Distinction, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement)

Canaan Sherbino: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll, Athletic Council Award, Sportsmanship Award, donated by Sarah Kirby, The Masons of Paris Community Service Award, donated by the Masonic Lodge

Harley Shuart: OSSD

Kane Silverthorn: OSSD, Honours with Distinction and Grade 12 College English Award donated by Lynn Johnston

Cole Smith: OSSD

Ethan Smith: OSSD, The Peter Coates Optimist Award to the graduating student entering a skilled trades program who has demonstrated dedication, optimism, and a commitment to both personal success and the success of others, donated by the Buford Optimist Club, The Whitelaw Automotive & Industrial Supply Award.

Grant Smith: OSSD, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement)

Quinn Sonnenberg: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll, Post-Secondary Success Award to the graduating student to support their transition to post-secondary education, donated by James Swanson

Ian Souliere: OSSD

Christian Sousa: OSSD

Hayden Sousa: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll

Amber-Lee Stahlbaum: SHSM, Ontario Scholar, Honours with Distinction, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement), True Grit Award in Memory of Julie Nichols-Clements award to graduate who demonstrated resilience and determination throughout school donated by the Paris Optimist Club

Mason Steedman: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honours with Distinction, Silver Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (100-199 hours of community involvement)

Shyeanne Stelpstra: OSSD, Silver Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (100-199 hours of community involvement)

Charles Stevenson: OSSD, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement)

Mya Stewart: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honours with Distinction, Create Well Award that celebrates student whose artistic talent merges with a commitment to advocating for mental health and wellness, donated by Sarah Kirby and Katlyn Simpson

Ava Stuart: OSSD, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement)

Liney Swart: OSSD

Kaylie Swayze: OSSD

Maya Thompson: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll

James Thulmann: OSSD

Piper Thulmann: OSSD

Elizabeth Tinnes: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honours with Distinction, David Moore Memorial Art Scholarship, Grade 12 Communication Technology Award donated by Dufferin Aggregates, First Place Graduate in Memory of Jack Thomas, awarded to graduate with highest overall average in Grade 12, donated by the Paris Optimist Club

Wyatt Toms: OSSD, St. George Lion's Club Scholarship awarded to graduate of the CAA+ program pursuing post secondary studies at college

Neveah Trajanovski: OSSD

Ryan Truman: OSSD

Lincoln Tucker: OSSD

Zak Vey: OSSD

Anireth Virk: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll

Dylan Wallis: OSSD, Honour Roll

Jack Ward: OSSD

Shlok Wavhal: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement)

Connor Wenzlawski: OSSD

Thomas Whitney: OSSD, Brant Arts & Culture Theatre Arts Award, Post-Second Success Award

Isaac Wiatowski: OSSD

Austin Wight: OSSD, Bronze Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (50-99 hours of community involvement)

Nathan Williams: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll, Silver Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (100-199 hours of community involvement), Douglas & Sandra Hanna Scholarship

Cole Williamson: OSSD

Conner Williamson: OSSD

Farrah Wilson: OSSD

Ella Winchester: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honours with Distinction, Silver Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (100-199 hours of community involvement), H.A. Garner Award in English, Derrick History Scholar to graduate with the highest mark in history course at the Grade 12 university level

Nathan Winter: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honours with Distinction, Gold Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (200+ hours of community involvement), PDHS Musicianship and Citizenship Award to graduate who has demonstrated strong performances in music donated by Jim Stonham, Paris Lions Club Citizenship Award

Jacob Woloshin: OSSD

Max Wood: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honours with Distinction, Silver Seal Minister's Certificate for Community Involvement (100-199 hours of community involvement)

Rowen Worrall: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honour Roll, School Spirit Award donated by Dufferin Aggregates

Eoin Wright: OSSD, Ontario Scholar, Honours with Distinction

Nathan Wylie: OSSD

Mazin Yosif: OSSD, Ontario Scholar Honours with Distinction

Evan Yurkiw: OSSD, Ontario Scholar Honours with Distinction

Quinn Yurkiw: OSSD, Ontario Scholar Honours with Distinction

CNN said no, but The Paris Independent said yes! Meet North Ward's Halloween mastermind

Thirteen-year-old Tyler Reain turns his Garden Crescent home into a haunted masterpiece, proving that a little imagination — and a lot of Halloween spirit — can go a long way.

CASANDRA TURNBULL

Managing Editor

Last week, we introduced readers to the spooky tradition of the South Ward Scare, where Halloween enthusiasts are transforming their homes into frightfully fantastic displays. But what about the North Ward scare?

While there's no official competition in the north end of town, that doesn't mean residents aren't getting into the Halloween spirit. In fact, one Garden Crescent home is giving the South Ward a run for its money, thanks to the creativity, ambition and slightly twisted imagination of 13-year-old Tyler Reain.

And how did we find out about Tyler's haunted masterpiece? Well, he called us, of course! But apparently, we weren't his first choice. When I asked Tyler what inspired him to pick up the phone and contact The Paris Independent, his response was priceless.

"Well, I tried CNN first – they said no!"

Their loss, our gain!

After striking out with the international news network, Tyler turned his attention to something a little closer to home. He Googled The Paris Independent, found our phone number and left a message, hoping someone would take an interest in the Halloween display he'd worked so hard to create.

Tyler, like most kids his age, loves Halloween. And when asked what he loves most about the spooky season, he didn't hesitate. It's the candy, of course!

While the Reain family decorates their home every year, usually with the help of Tyler's parents, Dan and Kristen, this year he decided to take matters into his own hands. And he wasn't settling for a few pumpkins and a skeleton on the porch.

Armed with decorations he gathered from a Halloween bin in the house, some recycled building materials and a vision, Tyler got to work.

He repurposed wooden pallets from his treehouse to construct a wall leading up to the front door, enlisting the help of his friend Colton Robinson along the way. His parents also pitched in, obtaining cornstalks through a family friend to add to the eerie atmosphere.

And while his parents were away, Tyler's imagination really took flight. He even climbed a ladder onto the roof to position one of the display's most important characters - the killer!

Yes, there's a storyline behind all this madness.

"I have a little storyline," he shared. "There's a mass killer on the loose. Up on the roof is the killer. As we go along, there's people tied up, we have a clown, a cow, the baby on (taped to) the window."

A clown, a cow and a baby in the window? We didn't dare ask how they all fit into this terrifying tale! But Tyler's attention to detail doesn't stop with the characters. He's added lighting to bring the display to life after dark, along with music, an animated witch and a smoke effect to complete the creepy experience.

His mother, Kristen, says decorating for Halloween has always been a family tradition, but this year's display is something different.

"We have a bin of stuff, usually I have the chairs out front with a family - a lady, a man and two kids. We do something every Halloween, but this year's a wee different," she said.

And being the good sport she is, Kristen has agreed to become part of the attraction herself, dressing up and taking her place among the frightening figures on Halloween night.

As for Tyler, he'll be out trick-or-treating, leaving his parents to hold down the haunted fort and hand out candy to unsuspecting visitors. But don't think for a second that means he'll miss all the action.

"I'm going to get a security camera," he announced. Clearly, this young entrepreneur has thought of everything!

And speaking of entrepreneurship, Tyler's ambition doesn't end with Halloween decorations. He's the kind of kid who's always dreaming up his next project, finding creative ways to stay busy and, if possible, make a little money along the way.

Earlier this year, he started his own business, Surge Power Washing, offering services such as cleaning sidewalks, decks and general outdoor cleanup.

But right now, Halloween is his main priority. His hope is that all his hard work will attract plenty of visitors to Garden Crescent on Oct. 31. And while that might mean his parents will have to dig a little deeper into their pockets to keep the candy bowl stocked, Tyler seems perfectly fine with that arrangement. After all, what's the point of creating a haunted masterpiece if nobody comes to see it?

Stories like Tyler's are exactly why I love community journalism. Sure, we cover the big issues, municipal elections, school boundaries, construction projects and the decisions that affect our community. Those stories are important, and we'll always be there to tell them.

We love it when readers reach out, invite us into their world and share the things they're proud of. It doesn't have to be a major event or a groundbreaking achievement to deserve a little recognition.

In the meantime, if you're looking for a little Halloween fright, take a stroll down Garden Crescent and check out Tyler's handiwork. Just keep an eye on the roof. Apparently, there's a killer on the loose!



Tyler Reain's haunted masterpiece takes on a whole new level of spooky after dark, with eerie lighting, music and special effects bringing his Garden Crescent Halloween display to life

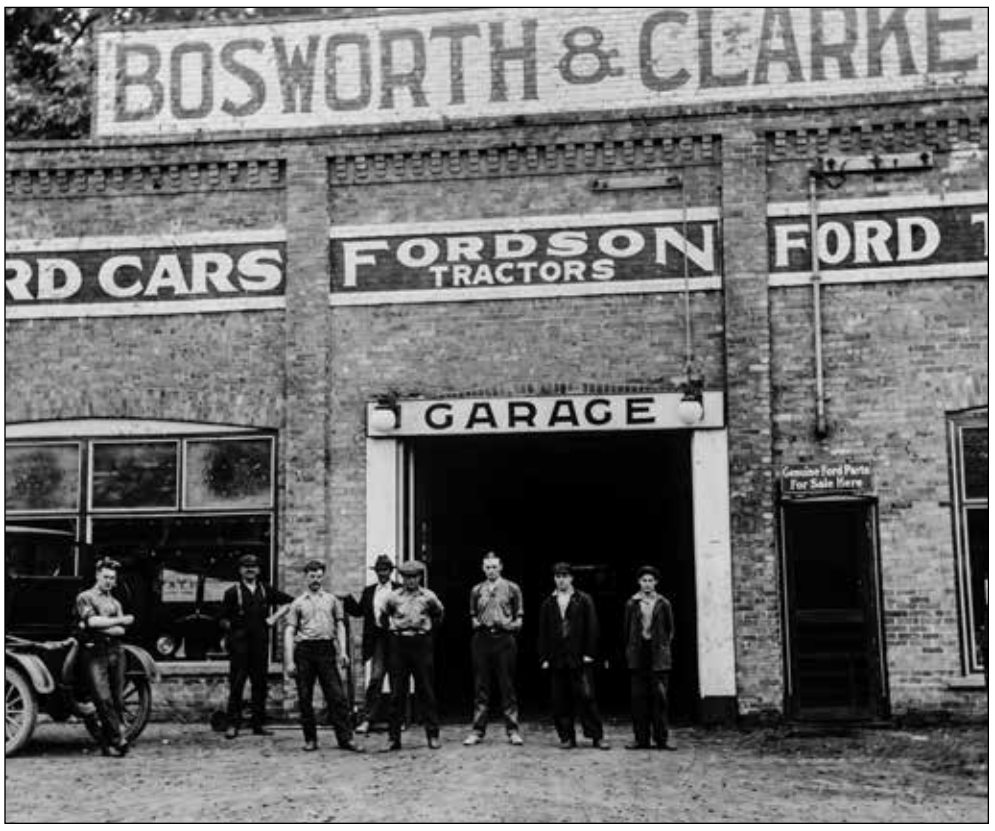


HISTORIC PARIS

PARIS PAST: Down the Hill for Penny Candy



By Chris Whelan



Bosworth and Clarke ca 1922 Paris Museum & Historical Society

Last time we stopped at Paris Variety on Dundas Street. This week, pockets jingling with pennies and a pop bottle or two, we head down the Grand River Street hill. We'll make three stops: the old Kwikie at the Nith River bridge, the Palms downtown, and Mrs. McCombs' little store on West River Street.

Stop one: the Kwikie

At the bottom of the hill, at the entrance to the Nith bridge, sits 1 Grand River Street South. Today it's Wendy's General Store, but the building began as a garage. An old photograph shows "BOSWORTH & CLARKE" across its brick front, with signs for Ford Cars, Fordson Tractors and Ford Trucks. A Model T sits at the curb.

George L. Foulds later sold Fords there as Paris Motors, until he closed the dealership around 1957. Customers remembered taking a new car home for the weekend to try it out.

The old garage was then split into small shops. A coin laundromat and a dry cleaner shared the building with, at various times, a pizza shop, a soft ice cream stand and a pinball arcade. At the far end was the Kwiki Minit Mart, the Kwikie to everyone. The Sowden family took it over around 1973.

The Kwikie meant penny candy, pop and chips for a quarter, and the only place to buy batteries on Christmas Day. Dave Govier and his wife Wendy later opened Wendy's Variety. It is still selling treats today, one of the few stores of our childhood still open.

Stop two: the Palms

Cross the bridge into downtown and you reach 21 Grand River Street North, home for decades of the Palms. People bought ice cream cones there as far back as the 1930s. The Brockbank family owned it from 1946 to 1950, and later Harry and Don Munn ran it.

The Palms made its own candy: candy canes, humbugs, homemade popsicles and chocolate rabbits at Easter. At the soda fountain you could order a cherry Coke, a root beer or lemon float, a milkshake or a tin roof sundae. A big jukebox stood near the front. Hit a home run in Little League and you won a free banana split at the Palms.

It was where you went after school, after choir practice, after Saturday baseball and after hockey. In April 1967 it was advertised for sale. Later it became the Palm's Chinese Canadian Restaurant, and today the building is home to Jades of Paris.

Stop three: McComb's

Our last stop is a very small store on West River Street, run by Frank McCombs and his wife. Mrs. McCombs handed you a little paper bag, and you walked along the candy aisle filling it yourself. She seldom checked to see if you took more than you paid for.

One reader remembers going home with too many candies and crying over them. Her father marched her back to the store to pay, and she never did it again.

Frank McCombs was also the ice cream man. Six days a week in summer, his horse-drawn wagon clopped through the Upper and Lower Town, the Flats, the Junction and the Victoria Survey, with a bell on the horse announcing he was coming. Kids ran for their parents' change, and some families even had their bath first and waited on the veranda in pajamas. A cone cost a nickel, with a two-cent "baby" cone for smaller pockets. The horse got plenty of carrots and pats, and nobody forgot the smell of ice cream mixed with horse.

The wagon survives: the Paris Museum has it and brings it out to local events like the Paris Fair.

Mail Bag

After my first corner store column, long-time Parisian Susan Buck wrote in about stores of her own memories.

"Growing up in Paris (mostly Coney Island and then in the flats), I recalled many of the old stores that were listed in the article. Many memories flashed before me as I remember attending those stores with my friends. We would have pop bottles to return or a few coins in hand to purchase the best sweet treats we could find. My grandparents lived on West River St. so we would often go to Frank McCombs little store to buy candy. He also had the Ice Cream Wagon (Horse drawn) that would visit the neighborhoods selling popsicles, ice cream and other cold treats.

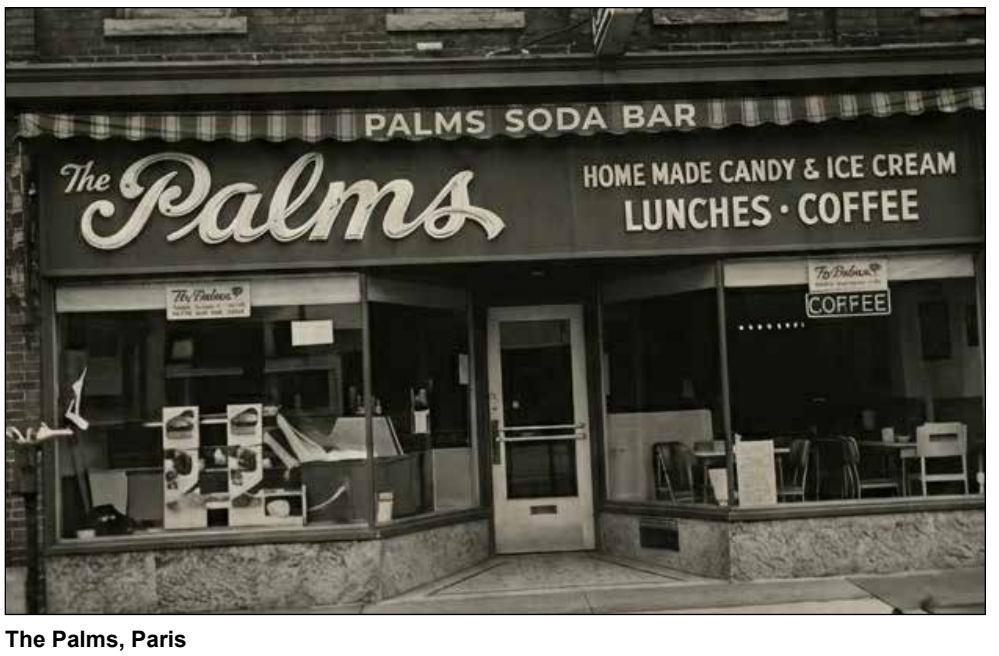
Fergie's in the junction had rolled ice cream bars that seemed like such a treat. Saturday's we would ice skate at Syl App's Arena and on the way home if we had change left over, we would often stop at "Ernie Fish and Chips" for the best fries going.

Stewart's and Stedman's Variety stores were always good to shop for gifts for any occasion when I was a youngster. "

Those may be stops for another day. Until then, if you have memories or photos of these stores, send them along to: editor@theparisindependent.com



Wendy's Variety Store ca 1980s



The Palms, Paris

From Grand River Street to the Trenches of the First World War

HOMES of HEROES
Discover Their Stories

NEIL EDWARDS
Paris Independent Contributor



Private Walter Rowe of Paris, pictured with a dog, was just 19 years old when he was killed during the First World War on June 16, 1916.

Walter Rowe was born on May 3, 1897 in Nottingham England, the son of Walter Rowe Sr. and Elizabeth Allgood. (Members of the family have their surname spelled either Rowe or Row.) He emigrated to Paris with his parents in 1907, probably in response to the Penmans recruiting drive. When he enlisted, he had three brothers and five sisters, and they lived at 29 Grand River Street South. He was a member of the St. James Anglican Church choir as well as the Bible class.

Walter first tried to enlist when he was too young, was turned away, and later returned when he was 18. At the time of his enlistment, he was working as a shoe repairer in his father's shop on Grand River Street North. Walter attended Paris military camp in 1915 with 65 others, and in July 1915, he enlisted with the 38th Dufferin Rifles. When he arrived in England, Walter was transferred to the Canadian 24th Battalion (Victoria Rifles of Canada). The battalion had arrived in France in September 1915 and was fighting in the Ypres Salient. These transfers of Canadian soldiers immediately after their arrival in England were common and done in order to fill the places of soldiers at the front who had been killed or wounded.

The Ypres Salient was a heavily contested bulge in the Allied lines around the city of Ypres, Belgium, during World War I, where German forces held advantageous high ground on three sides. This area saw intense fighting, including the first major use of chlorine gas in April 1915, shortly before Walter arrived, during the Second Battle of Ypres, in which Canadian troops earned recognition for their determined defence. The Ypres Salient became a symbol of brutal warfare, resulting in a desolate landscape and numerous casualties on both sides. The battles in the Ypres Salient were characterized by harsh trench warfare in difficult conditions due to the mud and low-lying ground of Flanders.

The Battle of Mount Sorrel (June 2–13, 1916) was a localized but exceptionally brutal World War I engagement fought in the Ypres Salient. It pitted the Canadian Corps, including the 24th Battalion, against the German 4th Army, resulting in over 8,400 Canadian casualties. On June 2, the Germans had unleashed a terrifyingly dense artillery bombardment, described by survivors as a "hurricane of shellfire", on Canadian positions. Following an unsuccessful counterattack on June 3, Major-General Arthur Currie, leader of the 1st Canadian Division, took over a week to meticulously plan a massive, coordinated strike. At 1:30 AM on June 13, under a pitch-black sky and torrential rain, the final Canadian assault was launched. The plan worked perfectly. Driven by intense artillery coordination, Canadian troops rushed up the slopes, caught the Germans by surprise, and recaptured virtually all lost positions within a single hour.

Because the attack was successful, the German retaliation was severe. The 24th Battalion remained stuck in their open, flattened positions, absorbing heavy shellfire while trying to fortify the newly won ground. They had been actively pushed into these heavily shelled sectors to secure the re-established front lines. These deadly artillery barrages claimed Private Walter Rowe's life on June 16.

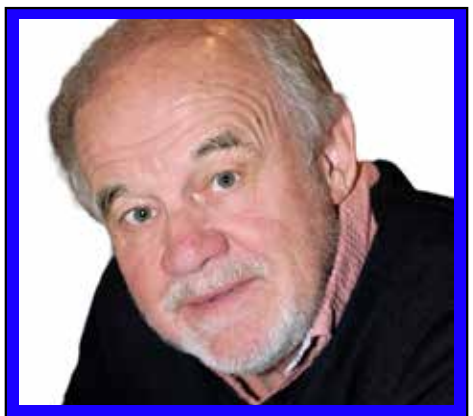
In the horrifying and desolate conditions of the battlefield, Walter's body was never recovered. His name can be found inscribed among the other fallen soldiers of his battalion at the Menin Gate Memorial, situated at the eastern side of the town of Ypres (now Ieper) in the Province of West Flander. It bears the names of 55,000 men from the British Empire who were lost without trace during the defence of the Ypres Salient in the First World War. The dead are remembered to this day in a simple ceremony that takes place every evening at 8:00 p.m. All traffic through the gateway in either direction is halted, and two buglers (on special occasions four) move to the centre of the Hall and sound the Last Post. Two silver trumpets for use in the ceremony are a gift to the Ypres Last Post Committee by an officer of the Royal Canadian Artillery, who served with the 10th Battery, of St. Catharines, Ontario, in Ypres in April 1915. When he died, Walter was 19 years old.

Walter's parents are buried in the St. James Anglican Church cemetery and Walter's death is memorialized on their headstone. In 2006, Brant County, honouring members of the community who gave their lives in the First World War, named a new street, Row Lane, after Walter. Homes of Heroes believes that all our veterans need to be remembered. You can read more of their stories on our website, www.homesofheroes.ca.



Canadian soldiers endured harsh conditions in the trenches of the First World War. Walter Rowe lost his life following the Battle of Mount Sorrel in Belgium.

LIVING RETIRED: 'Carpool Conundrum'



By Gary Chalk
Non-Pulitzer Prize Winning Columnist

Living Retired

Living Retired should not be this difficult. I'll explain…

Six mature baby boomers — okay so that's an oxymoron! — decide to squeeze into an SUV to carpool to an evening concert.

It's a full-size vehicle with four doors and three rows of seats that glide forward with the press of a button. The salesperson at the dealership said, "Gary, these seats are easy entry: designed for baby boomers' bum knees. Easy access to the third-row seats." They sounded like a Living Retired godsend. I was sold.

We are standing in our driveway. All four doors are swung wide open. We have a problem: for the life of us we cannot figure how to tilt the second-row seats forward so one couple can climb into the third row.

The six of us look hopeless — the same as Toronto Maple Leaf fans.

We are not stupid people. We have university degrees — information technology professionals, project management, engineering, communication, even a librarian. We raised children who now enjoy successful careers complete with mega-mortgages. We even have experience lifting our grandchildren into their car safety seats — while being kicked in the groin!

All six of us are stymied. Finally, one of the men scrunched himself up and climbed in behind the second row of seats when it happened: he got sandwiched between the second row and third row — his head and shoulders are in the third row, but his legs are still out on the driveway!

Without missing a beat his wife sarcastically quipped, "Why did you have to open your mouth and suggest we all go in one car? You do this stuff every time!"

Standing in the driveway all that is visible is his bum sticking through the side doorway, with a seatbelt wrapped around his neck. It isn't pretty.

It is tense. Everyone has an opinion of what to do which make things worse...

The retired librarian is talking some gibberish about the Dewey Decimal System would have the answer in 306.7!

My wife Jan figures she has the solution. "Gary. It's your vehicle. You should know how to operate the seats!"

My glare silenced everybody! But not for long...

HONK! HONK! HONK! HONK! HONK! HONK!

OMG! I triggered the security alarm on the key fob! Now the neighbours are peering at us through their California shutters!

Immediately one woman realized things had taken a turn for the worse! Instinctively, she grabbed her iPhone and posted a picture with 'LOL!'

Jan complained a migraine is coming on! The guy who is stuck half in and half out of the vehicle is perspiring. He needs his inhaler when he has difficulty breathing. All this leads Jan to take control of the situation, "Gary, now what have you done! Can't you turn off that ear-piercing horn?" The other couple takes a run at it and leaps overtop the guy still stuck in the door to the back seat — who's gasping for breath so much you'd think he's in need of the Heimlich maneuver. The couple smack their heads. OUCH! They aren't talking — until they get home later tonight. That won't be pretty.

The next day I pulled out the manual that came with the vehicle. The index says to turn to pages 175-178 for 'Convenient Folding of Second & Third Row Seats.' However, there is another problem: the itty-bitty font is impossible to read for anyone Living Retired!

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EDITORIAL

The votes are in, but did Brant show up?

CASANDRA TURNBULL

Managing Editor

By the time you're reading this, the ballots have been counted, the campaign signs are coming down and we know who will be occupying the seats in County of Brant council chambers for the next four years.

We'll have a new mayor, maybe some familiar faces and a few newcomers ready to take on the responsibility of representing our communities.

Unfortunately, the timing of our Monday morning press deadline means we can't share those results with you just yet. With polls closing at 8 p.m. Monday, long after this edition was sent to print, you'll have to wait until next week's issue for our post-election coverage, including interviews with our newly elected mayor and councillors.

But while we can't tell you who won, we can share something equally important: how many residents were exercising their right to vote in the days leading up to the election.

And the early numbers leave me feeling cautiously optimistic, with a little disappointment mixed in.

As of 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, a total of 5,349 residents had cast their ballots, representing 14.6 per cent of the County's 36,627 eligible electors.

To put that into perspective, voter turnout in the 2022 municipal election was approximately 27 per cent. By Friday afternoon, we were already more than 50 per cent of the way toward matching that turnout, with three full days of voting still remaining.

On one hand, that's encouraging. On the other, I had hoped we'd be further along. After all, this election was arguably one of the most accessible in the County's history.

For the first time, residents could vote online or by telephone, without having to leave their homes. Voting opened Oct. 19 and continued for an entire week, giving residents plenty of opportunity to participate on their own schedules.

Many residents I've spoken with have commented on just how easy the process was. No lineups, no rushing to a polling station after work and no need to rearrange a busy schedule. Just a few minutes and your civic duty was complete.

And for those who weren't comfortable voting online or by phone, the County established 13 in-person Voter Assistance Locations throughout the municipality.

The County also made a considerable effort to get the word out. There were social media campaigns, paid advertisements, newspaper ads, mobile signs, mailouts and promotional materials displayed at municipal offices and community centres.

Behind the scenes, five dedicated Council Services staff members were supported by nearly 60 additional County employees and hired election officials to help deliver the election.

"Recognizing that this was the first year with online and telephone voting, we understood the importance of having the in-person assistance locations available. At these locations staff were also available to attend to those that may have accessibility challenges with parking-lot voting available at all locations. Elections Staff also visit long-term care locations," a County spokesperson told The Paris Independent.

Following the election, the County plans to review how many residents used each assistance location to help guide future election planning and accessibility improvements.

It's a significant undertaking, and one that deserves recognition.

But it also raises a question worth asking: If we make voting easier than ever before, will more people actually vote? Convenience removes barriers, but it doesn't necessarily create interest.

By the time this newspaper lands in your hands, we'll have the final turnout numbers. Perhaps the last three days delivered a surge of voters. Perhaps the convenience of online and telephone voting helped bring new people into the process. Or perhaps we'll discover that making voting easier wasn't enough to significantly change participation.

Letters to the Editor

Reader questions lack of coverage of Allison Inquiry

To the Editor:

The Allison Inquiry, an independently organized event, was held on Parliament Hill, in Ottawa, from September 8 through 11, and was broadcast nationally. This event was organized by Conservative MP Dean Allison, lawyer Shawn Buckley, and his wife Teresa. It featured testimonies from 50 Canadians, who indicated that their lives had been adversely affected by the COVID-19 injections. Some of the participants were diagnosed by medical professionals as having suffered vaccine injuries, but not all. Over 1400 people applied to testify, but only 50 were chosen, due to time restraints.

Testifying under oath, many of the participants related the catastrophic vaccine injuries that they had suffered, and how they had been refused treatment from Canadian doctors and hospitals, who rejected any possibility of "COVID vaccine injuries." One participant indicated that she had to sell her business in order to pay for medical treatments in the USA, after being refused treatments in Canada. To me, such is absolutely deplorable and inexcusable.

Individual testimonies can be viewed on YouTube: most of these are absolutely heartbreaking. The extent to which the participants claim to have suffered is almost unfathomable. One young man, now 35, had previously played on two softball teams and participated in a dance performance, during halftime, at a Toronto Raptors game. This person is now confined to a wheelchair, with two feeding tubes, and can neither eat or drink anything.

That the federal Liberals want no part of a National Inquiry is absolutely shameful, but not surprising. Shouldn't these matters be fully investigated and brought to light?

What is exceedingly disturbing is that the mainstream media paid little attention to the proceedings, and offered little or no sympathy or support for those who testified, often under great duress and discomfort. Only "alternative media outlets," like Rebel News, Juno News and Druthers, provided adequate coverage. One must wonder why the mainstream media virtually ignored the Allison Inquiry.

Very disturbing to me is the fact that only eight MPs (all from the Conservative Party) bothered to attend the Allison Inquiry. Did the absentee "elected representatives" have no concern for a group of Canadians who are suffering immensely. Shame on the 335 MPs who lacked the integrity and compassion to support the participants.

The Allison Inquiry, an important component of recent Canadian history, has come and gone. Instead of acknowledging the sufferings of those who testified, it seems that the mainstream media and most MPs simply want to "bury the truth," and ignore their fellow Canadians who are struggling immensely. How shameful is that?

Harley Whitlock | Brantford, Ont

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Preserving Paris history takes community support

To the Editor:

I recently attended a senior's presentation by the Paris Museum and Historical Society.

I learned that they could receive, archive and preserve one's family history or family home, as well as save community history for future generations.

They had a small wish list that would help this non-profit, volunteer-led organization operate better—a digital camera would prevent the use of personal phones, a video camera would enable living histories of young and old and a monitor in which to display them.

What can we do to support our Museum and Historical Society? We can buy membership, donate, we can volunteer (three hours a week)—something to ask ourselves.

Debbie Smith | Paris

Weekend Quiz

By Jake Grant

1. Leonardo da Vinci's "Mona Lisa" hangs in what museum?
2. What is the only food that can never go bad?
3. Nearly all fossils are preserved in what type of rock?
4. What is the fifth sign of the Zodiac?
5. Who is Barbie's little sister?
6. Which month of the year is National Ice Cream Month?
7. The first iPhone was released in what year?
8. Whitney Houston went to the top of the music charts in 1992 with which Dolly Parton song?
9. What is the name of Elvis Presley's Memphis home?
10. Who wrote "To Kill a Mockingbird"?

This week's answers are found on pg. 18

Paris Legion joins regional initiative for 110th anniversary of Vimy Ridge

MEDIA RELEASE

Local students, families and veterans invited to take part in educational pilgrimage to Europe in April 2027

Students and families from Paris will have an opportunity to walk in the footsteps of Canadian soldiers next spring as the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 29 joins several neighbouring branches in supporting an educational pilgrimage to Europe to commemorate the 110th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

The nine-day trip, scheduled for April 4 to 12, 2027, will bring students, cadets, educators and families from communities across southwestern Ontario to some of Europe's most significant First and Second World War sites.

Organized in partnership with EF Educational Tours, the pilgrimage will include stops in Paris, France, Juno Beach, Vimy Ridge, Ypres, Beaumont-Hamel and Amsterdam. A highlight of the trip will be attending the official 110th anniversary commemorative ceremony at the Canadian National Vimy Memorial, organized by Veterans Affairs Canada and expected to be broadcast nationally.

Paris Legion Branch 29 is among seven regional branches supporting the initiative, alongside St. George Branch 605, Waterloo Branch 530, Kitchener Branch 50, Elmira Branch 469, Preston Branch 126 and Stratford Branch 8.

The participating branches are helping promote the trip through community events and awareness campaigns, while exploring potential subsidies to help offset travel costs for students.

The initiative is intended to provide young Canadians with a deeper understanding of the country's military history and the sacrifices made by those who served, while strengthening connections between younger generations and their local Legion branches.

As part of that effort, EF Educational Tours will fund two years of complimentary Royal Canadian Legion membership for each student traveller upon turning 18, encouraging continued involvement in remembrance activities and community service. Although the pilgrimage has a strong educational focus, participation is not limited to students. Adults and families are also welcome, including grandparents interested in sharing the experience with their grandchildren.

The tour is being promoted as an all-inclusive package covering airfare, ground transportation, accommodations, meals, travel insurance, gratuities, local guides, priority access to historical sites and a dedicated tour director. Pricing will vary depending on booking arrangements.

Families interested in registering can take advantage of early booking incentives. Registrations completed by Oct. 31 qualify for a $500 rebate, while those made between Nov. 1 and 11 qualify for a $400 rebate.

An online information session will be held Tuesday, Nov. 3, at 7 p.m., offering prospective travellers an opportunity to learn more about the itinerary, safety measures, costs and potential funding assistance.

Those interested in attending can register using the QR code on the promotional flyer or contact the program liaison for additional information. More details about EF Educational Tours are available at www.eftours.com.

The Battle of Vimy Ridge, fought from April 9 to 12, 1917, is widely regarded as a defining moment in Canadian military history. It marked the first time all four divisions of the Canadian Corps fought together as a unified formation. More than 10,600 Canadians were killed or wounded during the battle.

The 2027 pilgrimage will offer participants an opportunity to commemorate that history at the site where it unfolded, while helping ensure the stories and sacrifices of Canadian service members continue to be shared with future generations.

Four decades of Service



(PARIS LIONS CLUB PHOTO)

Paris Lions Club member Lorne Reid was presented with a 40-year service chevron by First Vice-District Governor Paul Anstett during the club's monthly meeting on Oct. 20. Reid, a longtime member and dedicated community volunteer, has served as club secretary since at least 2002. He was also among four members recognized during the club's 95th anniversary celebrations in July. The milestone honours Reid's four decades of commitment to the Paris Lions Club and the community it serves.

Kindergarten registration now open to all Grand Erie elementary schools

MEDIA RELEASE

The Grand Erie District School Board has opened Kindergarten registration for the 2027-28 school year.

Parents and caregivers can now register children born in 2023 for Kindergarten online or at any of Grand Erie's 58 elementary schools across Brantford, Brant, Haldimand and Norfolk.

"Kindergarten at Grand Erie gives children the opportunity to explore their interests, ask questions, solve problems and learn alongside others. Through purposeful play and engaging learning experiences, children build the confidence, curiosity and skills they need to think critically, be creative, collaborate and adapt as they grow," said Dr. JoAnna Roberto, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Education Officer.

"We're delighted to welcome our youngest students and their families as they begin their K-12 journey with Grand Erie and to create learning experiences where every child feels a sense of belonging and is supported to thrive."

Families can visit granderie.ca/kindergarten to learn more about the registration process, including how to find their child's home school, required documents, transportation options and an overview of the Kindergarten program.

Once registered, families can sign up for Kickstart to Kindergarten events to help children prepare for the transition to school.

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Riverhawks make franchise history with thrilling 9-7 victory over Tilbury

GEORGE LE GRESLEY

Sports Correspondent

The Brant County Riverhawks may not have had to endure a 16-game losing streak like the CFL's Ottawa Redblacks, but their first victory was no less sweet. After dropping their first two games of the season, the Riverhawks made franchise history with a thrilling 9-7 win over the Tilbury Bluebirds on home ice at the Burford Community Centre.

Trevor Lord and Dylan Wardell opened the scoring for the Riverhawks, giving them a 2-1 lead. The Bluebirds scored on a power play, but Owen Allan responded with a power-play goal for the Riverhawks.

After the first-period intermission and a 3-1 home lead, the Bluebirds scored to narrow Brant's lead to one goal. Frederick Teeple put the Riverhawks back up, 4-2. Tilbury scored the next two goals, tying the game at 4. Ethan Ingram had other plans, scoring a shorthanded goal to break the tie and give the Riverhawks a 5-4 lead heading into the second intermission.

The Riverhawks carried that momentum into the third period, with Tyson Wassink and Dylan Wardell scoring just nine seconds apart to extend Brant County's lead to 7-4. In what was bound to be a high scoring game, Tilbury recorded two power-play goals and an even-strength goal to tie things up at 7. Wardell netted the game-winner and his second goal to take an 8-7 lead. With the Bluebirds' goalie pulled for a tie, Lord scored an empty-netter with 32 seconds left to seal a 9-7 win for the Riverhawks. Jeremy Currie was in net for the Riverhawks' historic win, stopping 53 shots, while Brant took 45 on Tilbury's side.

The Brant Riverhawks will be on the road for their next three games and return home on Saturday, November 21, at Burford Arena, with a 7:30 pm puck drop.



Junior Panthers Football defy the odds to clinch final football playoff spot

GEORGE LE GRESLEY

Sports Correspondent

Girls Fastball

On October 14, the Panthers split their doubleheader, first defeating North Park 11-9, then losing the second game to the undefeated Holy Trinity, 17-1. They also played St. John's in Caledonia last Wednesday, unfortunately, at press time, no score was reported. The girls have a 4-1 record and are tied for second place with St. John's.

Boys Baseball

On October 14, the Panthers split their double-header, beating Valley Heights 11-1 and losing 7-1 to Waterford. Finishing the season with a record of 4-4, they faced BCI in the quarterfinal and were eliminated 5-2.

Football

On Oct. 16, the Junior Panthers blocked a BCI convert attempt following a touchdown to preserve a 6-6 tie. The tie earned the Panthers their first and only point of the season, keeping their playoff hopes alive. Heading into their Oct. 22 matchup against the St. John's Eagles, the Panthers needed to avoid losing by 23 points or more to secure fourth place and the final playoff berth. Despite falling 14-7 in a hard-fought contest, the Panthers accomplished their mission and punched their ticket to the postseason. They will play their quarter-final game on Oct. 29 at 5 p.m. at the Gretzky Centre field, potentially setting up a rematch against St. John's. On October 16, the Seniors put forth a good effort but lost to BCI 35-15. On October 22, the Panthers were shut out by St. John's 35-0 and unfortunately did not qualify for the playoffs. The roster is very talented, but with a short bench, many players had to play both defense and offense. Hopefully, with many juniors moving up, next season will be different.

Girls Basketball

The Junior ladies lost to St. John's at home on Oct. 20, with Gen Carriere, Lauren DeMunck, and Julia Sherren leading in scoring. The team travelled to Assumption and took another loss, with Gen Carriere and Brynn Haverkamp leading points. The Senior side also lost to St. John's and Assumption College.

Boys Volleyball

Last Tuesday, the Seniors who are currently in fourth place in the North Division, travelled to St. John's and defeated the Eagles 3-2. They hosted Assumption and sent ACS back home with a 3-1 loss. They are sitting in third place. The Juniors hosted Assumption College and lost 3-2. They return to action on Thursday when they face Pauline Johnson

Mounties struggle to find winning form after promising start to season

GEORGE LE GRESLEY

Sports Correspondent

After a decent start to the season, the Paris Mounties are struggling to find the win column, dropping three consecutive games, including a heartbreaking overtime loss.

The Mounties' troubles began on the road against the Hespeler Shamrocks, where Carter Mackay and Logan Pipe scored in a 5-2 loss.

On Oct. 16, the team travelled to Norwich to face the Merchants, falling 6-5 in overtime. The Mounties dominated the first two periods, with Lincoln Swerdfeger, Benjamin Easson, Dimitri Eleftheriadis, Austin Christian and Jack Kersey finding the back of the net, while Norwich managed just one goal.

However, the Merchants turned the tables in the third period, mounting a comeback and scoring the tying goal with just 30 seconds remaining in regulation. The Mounties couldn't hold on, and Norwich completed the comeback with the overtime winner.

Back on home ice Oct. 17, the Mounties faced another tough opponent, falling 5-2 to last year's champions, the Tavistock Braves.

The Mounties will look to turn their fortunes around on Halloween night when the Hespeler Shamrocks come trick-or-treating at the Brant Sports Complex. Puck drop is set for 7:30 p.m.

Downtown Paris is open again as traffic returns following months of construction

CASANDRA TURNBULL

Managing Editor

After a long summer and fall of construction, downtown Paris officially reopened to traffic on Friday, Oct. 23, marking a welcome milestone in the County of Brant's Downtown Dig project.

For the first time in months, vehicles travelled through the downtown core and across the William Street Bridge, bringing a sense of normalcy back to the heart of Paris.

But it was Saturday that truly showed just how much people had missed their downtown. Despite the road being fully open, traffic was moving at a crawl as visitors flocked to the area. Sidewalks were bustling with shoppers, pedestrians and families enjoying the beautiful fall weather and the charm of downtown Paris. It was a welcome sight following months of construction disruptions.

Before the road reopened Friday, some residents took advantage of one last opportunity to walk along the freshly paved street, snapping photos and enjoying the unusual experience of standing in the middle of Grand River Street without traffic.

The downtown transformation also includes two decorative crosswalks: a rainbow Pride crosswalk celebrating inclusion and a Remembrance Day-themed crossing honouring local veterans and those who served.

While the reopening marks a significant milestone, a little more patience will be required. A temporary closure near the Nith River Bridge is scheduled to begin Tuesday, Oct. 27, for several days while crews complete final paving on Grand River Street North between Mechanic Street and the bridge.

That work will conclude this phase of the Downtown Dig, with the county planning a pause in downtown construction for 2027.

Attention will now shift farther north, where work on a new roundabout will bring partial closures to Grand River Street North.







(FRAN LEPKA PHOTO)

A little Gremlin took advantage of the traffic-free streets of downtown Paris for one last photo opportunity before Grand River Street officially reopened to vehicles on Friday, Oct. 23, following months of construction. Even the littlest visitors got to enjoy the calm before the return of downtown's hustle and bustle!

GrandBridge Energy seeks customer input on future electricity grid investments

MEDIA RELEASE

GrandBridge Energy is asking customers to help shape the future of the local electricity system through a new survey focused on reliability, infrastructure investments and future energy needs.

The utility has launched a Customer Engagement Survey as it develops its next five-year Distribution System Plan, which will guide investments to maintain and modernize electricity infrastructure as communities grow and energy demands change.

The survey gives residential and business customers an opportunity to identify their priorities and provide feedback on how GrandBridge Energy should plan for future electricity needs.

"Planning for the future of our electricity system means understanding the needs and priorities of the customers who depend on it every day," said Christie Stemmler, Director of Customer Experience, GrandBridge Energy. "We value our customers' feedback, and this survey is an important opportunity for them to have a voice in how we plan for future investments.

Their input will help us make informed decisions as we work to maintain a safe, reliable and resilient electricity system for our growing communities."

GrandBridge Energy has partnered with UtilityPULSE, an independent utility research firm, to conduct the survey. Randomly selected residential and business customers may be contacted by the firm and invited to participate.

Participation is voluntary, and customers do not need to wait to be contacted to share their feedback.

Two surveys are available. The Residential and Small Commercial Customer Survey focuses on electricity service, reliability and future infrastructure investments, while the Large Customer Survey seeks input from commercial and industrial customers about their operational needs, service expectations and future electricity requirements.

Feedback collected will help inform the utility's long-term distribution planning and investment priorities.

The surveys are open to customers in Brantford, Cambridge, the Township of North Dumfries and the County of Brant until Nov. 30, 2026.

Customers interested in participating can access the surveys at grandbridgeenergy.com/our-company/distribution-system-planning/.

GrandBridge ENERGY

Your Voice is Helping Shape Our Energy Future

We're launching a customer engagement survey to help shape future investments and planning for our electricity grid.

To conduct the survey, we've partnered with UtilityPULSE, an independent market research company with more than 25 years of utility-sector experience. In October and November, UtilityPULSE will be inviting randomly selected GrandBridge Energy customers to participate.

Scan the QR code to participate in the survey!



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Nostalgic for a Feeling

RACHELLE ROUSSEAU

Rousseau Rares Vintage

My daughter once told me I was lucky to have grown up in the 1990s.

She imagined Friday nights at Blockbuster, wandering around the mall with friends, long conversations on the landline, and summer days spent outside with nowhere particular to be.

To her, it sounded like freedom.

And I suppose, in a way, it was. But at the time, it was just life. We weren't thinking about how things would change, or that one day we'd look back on those ordinary moments with a kind of longing.

We were just living them.

Funny how that works.

I've been thinking about that conversation lately, and how we can feel nostalgic for a time we've never even experienced. We see old photographs, walk down old streets, or step into a little shop, and something about it feels familiar. Comforting. Almost like we've been there before.

Even when we haven't.

I get that feeling walking around downtown Paris.

There's something about the old buildings, the shop windows, and the little details you notice when you're not in a hurry. You start to wonder what the street looked like fifty or a hundred years ago. Who walked here? Where were they going? What did an ordinary Saturday look like for them?

You can almost picture it.

But lately, I've wondered if we're really longing for their lives at all.

Maybe we're imagining our own.

An afternoon with nowhere to be. A little shop you stumble upon by accident. A conversation that lasts longer than expected. The freedom to wander without checking the time or wondering what you should be doing next.

Maybe what we're nostalgic for isn't really the past.

Maybe it's the feeling.

Maybe that's why some places make us feel like we've stepped into a memory that was never ours. They invite us to slow down, look around, and be a little more present than usual.

Downtown Paris has a way of doing that.

You might come in for one thing and leave having discovered something else entirely. You stop to look in a window. You run into someone you know. You find yourself staying longer than you planned.

Nothing extraordinary has to happen.

You just feel good there.

And isn't that how some of our favourite memories begin? Not with a big occasion or a carefully planned day, but with an ordinary afternoon that somehow becomes something we remember.

The buildings remain. The lives have changed.

The past is here, but it isn't standing still.

My daughter will never know what it was like to grow up in the 1990s. I can't give her those Friday nights or those endless summer days, no matter how fondly I remember them.

But she can have her own version of that freedom. Her own places to discover. Her own ordinary afternoons that she'll look back on one day and wish she could experience just one more time.

And so can we.

We don't have to live in another decade to find that feeling. We don't have to recreate someone else's memories or wish ourselves into a different time.

We can make our own.

Maybe it starts with a walk downtown. Taking the long way. Popping into a shop you've never visited. Giving yourself permission to stay a little longer.

Maybe you won't even notice it happening.

But one day, you might look back on an afternoon like that and realize it was one of the good ones.

And maybe that's the wonderful thing about places like Paris.

They don't just take us back in time.

They give us a glimpse of the moments we'll be nostalgic for someday.





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Beyond the Books: Riverside Bookshelf strikes a chord with intimate concert series

RUBYYY JONES
Cultural Correspondent

Riverside Bookshelf is more than just a bookstore. Owned and curated by local writer and organizer Alison Fishburn, the Paris shop celebrates Canadian literature and independently published works while bringing book lovers and community members together through a shared appreciation for literature, arts and culture.

On October 17th and 18th Riverside Bookshelf hosted its first concerts, both featuring Canadian recording artist and music producer Scott Merritt, joined by composer, producer, experimental filmmaker and performance artist Jeff Bird. The concerts were small and mighty with about 50 people in attendance.

From the very beginning, the vision for Riverside Bookshelf extended beyond books, with plans to host a variety of events, from author talks and book launches to workshops and live performances. This vision is reflected in the thoughtful, custom design of the bookstore and its interior space.

Fishburn's husband Tim Richards is a lauded local designer and carpenter, and he created custom shelves and shelving which not only evoke the flow of the river in their curved and wavy edges, but they also transform from shelves into seating for intimate live events, like these concerts with Merritt.

Richards shared, "I literally designed our little blue stage with Scott Merritt in mind, having seen a video of his shows from 10 or so years ago, and then his at-home Covid-lockdown YouTube concert. I wanted our concert series to evoke that intimate at-home, NPR Tiny Desk-style performance, but in a space where the experience can be a shared one, in person, within the community."



(RUBYYY JONES PHOTO)

Canadian recording artist Scott Merritt (right) and musician Jeff Bird (left) perform during an intimate concert at Riverside Bookshelf in Paris, part of the bookstore's debut live music series held Oct. 17 and 18.

His admiration for Merritt's music, however, began long before the bookstore stage became a reality.

"I'd heard his music one morning on CBC Radio, and was instantly drawn in, down a deep rabbit hole, to find out who this guy was and why I'd never heard of him before when he had songs like that playing on the radio. He is also an artist with deep local roots, and a very devoted fanbase, myself among them, who regard him as one of the greatest songwriters out there. We sold out the first night without ever promoting the show, word spread almost instantly through a network of old friends and fans of his."

It was a delightful evening of beloved Merritt favourites alongside exciting new songs, each as captivating as the last. Both nights featured an encore, with the second evening drawing to a close on an especially memorable note: an incredibly delicate and beautifully rendered performance of "Solomon."

For an intimate pop-up concert, the sound was amazing — and not just "for a bookstore," but by any venue's standards. To sit comfortably, eye to eye with the artists, while enjoying such pristine audio was truly spectacular. What more could you ask for from a live performance? The sound tech for the shows, Nik Tjelios was a true professional and kept all the levels perfectly balanced throughout the set.

While Riverside Bookshelf doesn't have any future concerts locked in as of yet, they are planning on Jeff Bird returning to perform some of his solo work and, of course, they have lists of dream artists to book. "I have a few artists that I'm hopeful will be next in the space: Jennifer Castle is a natural fit, the Wooden Sky would be fun, maybe someone like Buck 65 to weave storytelling and performance at an intimate scale."

Get on the Riverside Bookshelf mailing list to hear about upcoming concert dates, movie nights, book clubs and literary meet ups, sign up and find out more on riversidebookshelf.com don't miss out on their next celebration of Canadian culture.



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WEEKLY Horoscope

October 28 - November 3, 2026

ARIES
Mar 21 - Apr 20

An exciting opportunity brings fresh motivation, Aries. A promising conversation inspires new ideas and renewed confidence. Trust your instincts—it encourages progress and reveals rewarding possibilities ahead.

TAURUS
Apr 21 - May 21

A positive change brings renewed happiness and fresh perspective. Stay grounded—it encourages patience and creates lasting opportunities ahead.

GEMINI
May 22 - Jun 21

An unexpected connection sparks excitement, Gemini. A new idea brings inspiration and fresh motivation. Stay curious—it encourages creativity and opens wonderful possibilities ahead.

CANCER
Jun 22 - Jul 22

A heartfelt conversation brings comfort, Cancer. Someone's kindness restores your confidence and inspires fresh optimism. Trust your feelings—it encourages harmony and strengthens meaningful connections ahead.

LEO
Jul 23 - Aug 23

A promising opportunity lifts your spirits, Leo. Your confidence attracts attention and opens exciting new doors. Keep believing—it encourages success and creates rewarding momentum ahead.

VIRGO
Aug 24 - Sept 22

A thoughtful decision brings fresh clarity and meaningful progress. Trust your judgment—it encourages confidence and reveals rewarding opportunities ahead.

LIBRA
Sept 23 - Oct 23

A joyful surprise brings balance and renewed happiness. A meaningful conversation inspires fresh hope and understanding. Stay open—it encourages harmony and creates exciting possibilities ahead.

SCORPIO
Oct 24 - Nov 22

A new beginning sparks motivation and fresh determination. Trust your instincts—it encourages growth and reveals promising opportunities ahead.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov 23 - Dec 21

An exciting discovery brightens your outlook, Sagittarius. A fresh perspective inspires curiosity and renewed optimism. Follow your instincts—it encourages adventure and opens rewarding possibilities ahead.

CAPRICORN
Dec 22 - Jan 20

Your patience brings encouraging results and fresh motivation. Stay focused—it encourages achievement and creates exciting opportunities ahead.

AQUARIUS
Jan 21 - Feb 18

A fresh idea brings inspiration, Aquarius. Trust your vision—it encourages growth and opens exciting possibilities ahead.

PISCES
Feb 19 - Mar 20

A happy moment brings fresh hope and renewed optimism. Trust your heart—it encourages harmony, strengthens meaningful connections, and reveals exciting possibilities ahead.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER 28
Bill Gates, Entrepreneur (71)

OCTOBER 29
Winona Ryder, Actress (55)

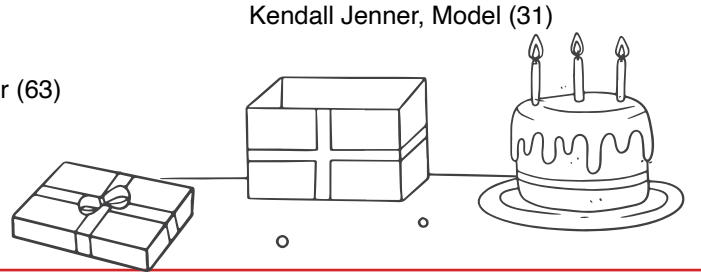
OCTOBER 30
Edge, Wrestler (53)

OCTOBER 31
Rob Schneider, Actor (63)

NOVEMBER 1
Anthony Ramos, Stage Actor (35)

NOVEMBER 2
David Schwimmer, TV Actor (60)

NOVEMBER 3
Kendall Jenner, Model (31)



JOKES

Why didn't the skeleton go to the Halloween party?
He had no body to go with.

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What do ghosts use to wash their hair?
Shamboo!

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What do you call a witch who lives at the beach?
A sand-witch!

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What kind of music do mummies listen to?
Wrap music!

Sudoku

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"It's Halloween, everyone's entitled to one good scare. The trick is to enjoy the mystery, embrace the magic, and remember that sometimes the most wonderful things happen when the world gets a little spooky. Let your imagination run wild, your laughter fill the night, and your spirit shine brighter than any jack-o'-lantern."

—Unknown

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PET OF THE WEEK

MACY

Meet our Pet of the Week:

Macy is anxiously awaiting the arrival of her grandparents from Scotland. She is keeping the bed warm with her highland " coos" pillows. They will be here soon enough Macy and ready for all your cuddles!

Stay tuned for more heartwarming stories every week from Paris Veterinary Clinic.



WORD SEARCH

SPOOKY CREATURES - HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

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QUIZ ANSWERS

1. The Louvre Museum in Paris
2. Honey
3. Sedimentary
4. Leo
5. Skipper
6. July
7. 2007
8. "I will always love you"
9. Graceland.
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

The Little String Orchestra Rehearsals - The Little String Orchestra Rehearsals will be held at the Hellenic Centre, 475 Park Rd. N., Brantford. Junior orchestra is at 6:00 p.m, Senior at 7:00 -8:30 p.m. New members are welcome. For more information visit: www.thelittlestringorchestra.com

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

Brant Plants - Native Pollinator Plants & Trees, hosted by Brant for Nature Group beginning at 10 am at Watts Pond Rd. For more information visit www.brantfornature.ca.

Halloween At the Village - Drop by the Children's Safety Village at 407 Elgin St in Brantford from 10 am to 1 pm for a children's event – no registration required. Free popcorn, treats, candy sorting certificate and movies.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

Cambridge Symphony Orchestra Concert - Please join the Cambridge Symphony Orchestra at St. Paul's for our Halloween 1 hour interactive concert, a fun-filled programme for the whole family! Selections will include great Classical hits appropriate for Halloween along with music from Pirates of the Caribbean, Jurassic Park, Phantom of the Opera, and more. We encourage anyone attending the concert to dress up in costume as we will have a costume parade for the youngsters. Students will also be given the opportunity to conduct the orchestra, and be inspired to hear our Youth Orchestra perform. For many students it will be their first time attending a live orchestra concert, we plan to make it as engaging and memorable as possible!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD, 10TH, 17TH, AND 24TH

Brant Men of Song Choir Practices - at the First Baptist Church 70 West St., Brantford from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. New members are always welcome to attend and enjoy some singing.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Etonia Princeton United Church Dinner - Ham & Scalloped Potatoes Dinner (Cheesecake for dessert) #101 - Hwy 2, Etonia. 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Adults: $25; children (12 and under) $6; preschoolers free. Tickets at the door. Wheelchair accessible. Takeout available.

Paris Horticultural Society Meeting - November 4th at 7 pm at the Paris Fairgrounds. We start with a social time; meet & greet. Our program will begin at 7:30 pm. We are pleased to welcome Bob Wildfong as our guest speaker for the evening, he will talk about heritage gardens. Bob Wildfong is the Teacher/Interpreter, Horticulture, at Doon Heritage Village and Ken Seiling Waterloo Region Museum. Come on out and join us for an informative evening. You may decide to become a member of our friendly garden club.

Catholic Women's League Monthly Meeting - on Wednesday, November 4th at 7 PM in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 17 Washington Street, Paris.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Family Games Night - Free drop-in program at the Paris Baptist Church. Info email office@parisbaptist.org.

NOVEMBER 7 & 8

Annual Holiday Market - Join the Paris Optimist Club for their annual Holiday Market at the Paris Fairgrounds from 10 am to 4 pm. Entry fee is $2 and all proceeds go to the Paris Community Christmas Hamper program. Visit the vendors and their great products to kick-start your holiday shopping.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Brant County Men's Probus Club Meeting - Tuesday, November 10th, 2026 at 10 AM at the Sherwood Restaurant 799 Colborne Street in Brantford.The guest speaker will be Terry Scott, the Harvard Guy. New members are always welcome.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

St. Paul's United Church Soup Lunch - 12:00-1:00PM at St. Paul's United Church 48 Broadway St Paris. ALL WELCOME!

Brant Heritage Quilters Guild: - The monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, November 12 at St. George United Church, 9 Beverly St. E., St. George. Doors open at 6:15pm with meeting start time 7pm. New members welcome. Cost for non-members $5/ meeting

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Gord's Gold - Gordon Lightfoot Tribute - Step into the world of a true Canadian icon with 'Gords' Gold' - an unforgettable tribute to the legendary Gordon Lightfoot At Glen Morris United Church on Friday, November 13, 7:00pm. Tickets are $40 each and will be available starting October 9 at glenmorris.uc@gmail.com or by calling 519-740-7168.

NOVEMBER 13 - 15

35th Annual Christmas in Paris Juried Artisan Market - Don't miss the 35th Annual Christmas in Paris Juried Artisan Market at the Paris Fairgrounds. Loads of handmade treasures. An incredible lineup of talented artisans. And ALL the Christmas vibes. The $2 admission fee supports local high school bursaries. November 13, 1 pm to 8 pm; November 14, 9:30 am to 5 pm; November 15, 11 am to 4 pm.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Sacred Heart Christmas Tea and Bazaar - is being held on Saturday, November 14th in the Parish Hall from Noon to 3 pm. It will feature a bake table, craft table, draws and a light lunch.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

35th Annual Christmas in Paris Jingle Bell Night Artisan Market - Mark your calendar for the 18th Annual Jingle Bell Night in downtown Paris. Entertainment, tree lighting and sales. Details to follow soon.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Season's Greeter Bazaar - At the Paris Community Church, 164 Grand River Street North Paris on Saturday November 21st from 9am to12 noon. New Gift Baskets Ready To Go, Shortbread, Baking, Turkey Pot Pies, Knitting, Crocheting, Crafts, Christmas Decorations, Children's Table, Raw Carrot Soup. Enjoy a coffee or hot chocolate and Christmas Music in the Sanctuary. Enter on Emily Street with W/C accessible ramp. Free Admission, Free Draw Ticket. For more info contact 519-865-5239.

Annual Harmony United Church Christmas Market - 268 Marlborough St. Brantford. On Saturday November 21 from 9-12pm. There will be luscious homemade pies, home baking, Jewellery, Christmas Decor, Giftable items as well as a raffle. We will be making our Christmas pots again. They can be pre ordered and paid for by calling the office 519 752 2912.

13th Annual No Road Back Music Event - at the Paris Legion from 12 pm to 10 pm. Spend an incredible day enjoying live local music in Paris, all in support of a vital cause: the Canadian Cancer Society. Donations welcome at the door.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting - Tuesday, November 24th at 7:30 PM in the Sacred Heart Parish hall at 17 Washington Street, Paris.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

Christmas Party Club - Grades JK-6. Friday Dec. 4, 7-9 p.m at the Paris Baptist Church. Free program, limited spaces. Register at parisbaptistchurch.org.

EVERY THURSDAY

Euchre - Join us for euchre at the St. George Lawn Bowling Club, 8 Thompson St., St. George. Thursday afternoons, beginning October 15th, from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. Admission: $3.00 includes coffee/tea & cookies. Accessible building. For information, call Laura (519) 448-4789.

EVERY OTHER FRIDAY

Ingersoll Country Music Jamboree - Every other Friday, 1-4pm be fall-ish and come to the Ingersoll Country Music Jamboree at Masonic Hall, 190 Thames St. S. Ingersoll. Join us, walk ins welcome. Qualifications - love 50-70's country music. Perform, listen, dance & enjoy! October 2, 16 & 30, November 6 & 20, and December 4.

MONDAYS, THURSDAYS & FRIDAY

SHORT MAT bowling! - The fun doesn't end when the summer is over at St. George Lawn Bowling Club. Join us for "short mat" bowling at the Gaukel Community Centre, beginning October 15th through April 30th. Times available Monday and Friday from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. and Thursday evening from 7:00 - 9:00. For information and to register, contact: Ken Robinson @kenjrobinson48@gmail.com.

MONTHLY

Kiwanis Club of Paris Meeting - The Kiwanis Club of Paris-Brant meets monthly at the Paris Legion #29 at 6:30 PM on the second Monday. Enquiries: kiwanisparisbrant@gmail.com.

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